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### Home Country

You remember 'way back to July last year? I shore do. Hotter'n a chile pepper on a campfire, it was.

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### Training a fruit tree

Espaliered trees bring fruit down to eye level. They allow for easy picking and take advantage of small space

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## Briefs...



Yard chores might seem mundane, but unsafe practices can lead to injury, illness, or even death. Over the past decade, 3.2 million U.S. residents have been injured while working on their lawns or in their gardens. Lawnmower accidents cost patients an average of \$37,000 in medical treatment.

In a survey of over 1,000 U.S. homeowners about their history, habits, and concerns related to lawn care accidents and injuries, key insights were:

\* 21.2% have experienced a serious injury while working on the lawn and landscape, with 7.9% of those respondents seeking off-site medical treatment.

\* Most injuries resulted from picking up debris or heavy items (19.5%), kneeling, squatting, or bending

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The Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB) is inviting job seekers to attend a Job Showcase to learn about one of the most important jobs at EWEB that also serves as an early career entry point to the industry – the utility support worker.

It's scheduled for Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, with one-hour information sessions scheduled at 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. in the Roosevelt Operations Center, 4200 Roosevelt Blvd, Eugene. No registration is required

It's open to the general public ages 18 and over. Employees in this entry-level role can leverage their

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All Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) districts are in fire season. This means that to reduce the risk of human-caused wildfires, fire restrictions may be in place where you live or at a destination you plan to visit or recreate.

ODF protects over 16 million acres of private, county, state, and federal land in Oregon from wildfire. Fire season is declared at the local level when conditions reach a point where the risk of a fire start-

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## McKenzie River Chinook angling closed for the season

### Numbers of returning fish are way below normal

Chinook salmon angling in the McKenzie River ended on Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, and will remain in effect through the end of the year. The Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW) reports it took the step to protect unexpectedly small runs of both wild and hatchery Chinook salmon that have been observed at the Leaburg Dam this year. Biologists say continued angling pressure on the small return of salmon could jeopardize meeting conservation targets upstream of Leaburg Dam and broodstock needs for future hatchery production. ODFW says it does not currently know what factors may have caused this small run.

Factors leading to the decision to close the Chinook fishery on the McKenzie River were related to the upper Willamette spring Chinook return to Willamette Falls near Oregon City. Activity there is normally 80-90% complete by now and the number of Chinook coming over the falls is decreasing. In addition, the wild (unclipped) adult salmon returns over Leaburg typically amount to 1,200 – 1,800 fish per year. The average number of unclipped fish upstream by June 28<sup>th</sup> for the past three years has been 570 fish. As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, however, only 272 were counted, less than half the average.

The numbers of adult Chinook returning to the McKenzie River suggest this year could be the lowest wild Chinook return on record,



The numbers of fish returning to the McKenzie River this year have raised alarms about Chinook salmon.

potentially lower than when Willamette spring Chinook was listed under the Endangered Species Act in the 1990s.

Currently, ODFW has collected less than 60 adults at Leaburg. Hatchery operations require around 225 hatchery spring Chinook pairs (450 fish total, including 225 females) to meet the production goals for the McKenzie River.

## 636 acres added to conservation lands

### McKenzie River Trust's acquisition expands Finn Rock Reach



Steve Smith Photography

The decommissioned Rosboro Bridge is within the new addition to the Finn Rock Reach.

**FINN ROCK:** The McKenzie River Trust (MRT) announced last week that 636 acres had been added to the Finn Rock Reach conservation area. The three new parcels, adjacent to the original property acquired in 2015-16, extend approximately 7 river miles from the mouth of the South Fork McKenzie River to Eagle Rock.

This five-year acquisition project was supported by a mix of funding, with more than \$2 million coming from the Willamette Wildlife Mitigation Program (WWMP), a partnership project funded by the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and administered by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW).

"Projects like this are great examples of how funding partnerships can achieve more than any single funder can achieve independently. As pressures from climate change and other factors increase, these protected habitats will become increasingly important for native species," according to Kelly Reis, ODFW's Willamette Wildlife Mitiga-

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## Tired of seeing Forest debris?

A non-profit group that's made a mark removing trash in other parts of the Willamette National Forest since 2017 is now expanding its cleanup efforts to the McKenzie area. Over the last year, Friends of Fall Creek Watershed (FoFCW) has removed 28 abandoned vehicles and over 143,000 pounds of trash from public lands, mainly in the Oakridge and Fall Creek drainages.

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FoFCW

Volunteers hauled away 9,696 pounds of debris while cleaning up the site of an RV abandoned near McKenzie Bridge.

## Choppers rescue climber

### Multiple agencies responded



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**NORTH SISTER:** A half dozen agencies and rescue response groups worked together early last Saturday to rescue an injured climber stranded high up the North Sister. "This rescue required a great deal of coordination and staff, including the three involved helicopters," officials said.

Authorities were alerted to the emergency by a 911 call from the victim at 4:40 a.m. on July 6th. According to a press release, the man had likely suffered "several broken bones and was on an exposed scree slide taking rockfall."

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# Guest Opinion

## Freedom isn't free

By Brian Lyman

You can't understand the scope of 122,000 names until you see them on a wall.

Stand at the foot of the National Monument to Freedom, recently dedicated by the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, and you'll see all of them, soaring three or four stories above your head.

Each name, taken from the 1870 Census, belonged to a former enslaved person. These are surnames. Family names. Combined, they represent about 4 million people who emerged from bondage.

Each one stands for an American once treated as an animal. Someone who could be abused and assaulted under the law. Who could be stripped naked in front of a crowd of rich men; poked and prodded, and sold away from parents, spouses, and children?

You get a taste of this horror in a park surrounding the monument and along a path leading to it. There are slave cabins. And a rail car that transported human beings like cattle. Surrounding all of it are statistics that measure the toll of human bondage; stories that illustrate it, and carvings of the laws that upheld it.

There's this chilling statistic from EJI: about 6 million Americans died as the property of someone else.

By the time you reach that wall, you know that each name represents not just those who survived, but dozens if not hundreds of people who lived and died as prisoners. Each one stands atop a mountain of pain and trauma, deposited like sediment over generations.

It's led me to think about a phrase that seems inescapable when we approach federal holidays like Independence Day.

Freedom isn't free.

I've heard it invoked many times over the last 23 years. The slogan is usually employed to bludgeon critics of the nation's disastrous military actions following 9/11.

But the National Monument to Freedom gives the phrase a new meaning.

When the United States came into being on July 4, 1776, each of its 13 constituent parts allowed enslavement. Congress struck out a paragraph condemning the slave trade from an early draft of the Declaration of Independence. There was never anything condemning slavery itself.

Human bondage declined during the Revolution, particularly in South Carolina and Georgia. In Generations of Captivity, a history of slavery, historian Ira Berlin writes that the enslaved population in Georgia fell two-thirds between 1775 and 1783. It fell by a quarter in South Carolina during that period.

That was due to chaos, not ideals. In a revolution, state

authority collapses. Without state authority, it's hard to keep people subjugated. And enslaved people took advantage of the opportunity.

But war is a poor liberator. Slavery reasserted itself in both states within a decade. And there was nothing on paper that would have kept it from going on forever.

Except Americans.

Enslaved people resisted in ways large and small, defending their humanity in a system determined to rob them of it.

It was two enslaved people — Mum Bett and Quock Walker — who pushed Massachusetts courts to declare in 1781 and 1783 that the state's new constitution had abolished slavery.

It was Black men and women, aided by white allies, who ran the Underground Railroad and put themselves on the line to get people out of slavery.

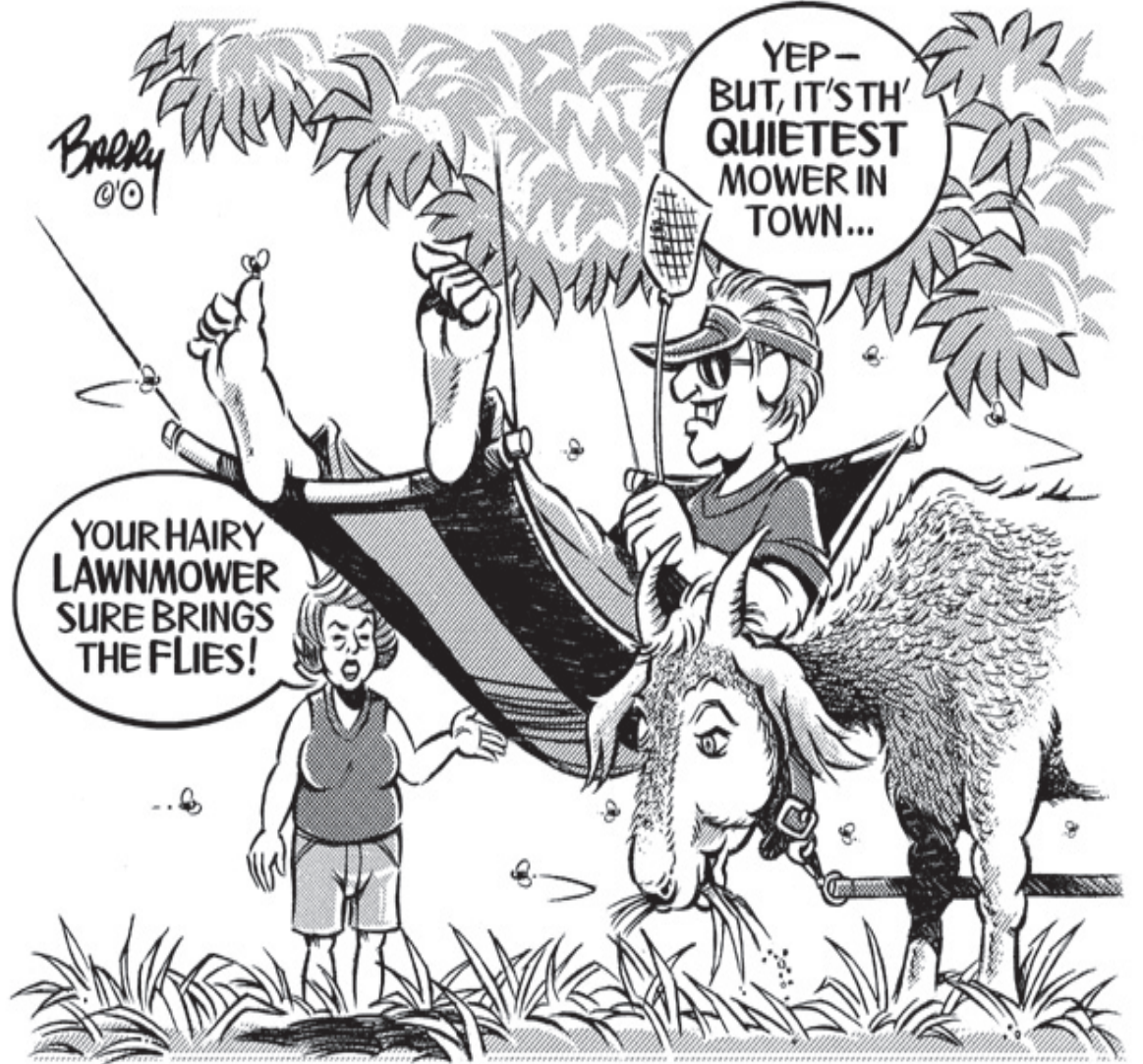
None of this was easy. Success was not guaranteed. It took centuries to end the institution. Every member of every family listed on the National Monument to Freedom knew someone — a parent, a child, a loved one — who lived and died as someone else's property.

But by the eve of the Civil War, the work of brave men and women had broken through in the north. And created a bloc of politicians whose primary goal was putting slavery on the path to extinction, if not abolishing it outright.

That came from people on the margins of society, demanding what had been denied them: respect; the rule of law, and a voice in their governance.

Freedom isn't free. But it's not armed conflict that pushes freedom forward. More often than not, it's the person wounded by power at its most nihilistic who broadens the boundaries of liberty. It's the lawyer who helps register voters in defiance of a regime working to stop it. And it's the people who march for their rights with law enforcement against them.

These men and women push past the inertia of the ordinary to grab



an ideal that seems impossible.

If we can celebrate a free society on Thursday, it's not because of centuries-old philosophers or decades-old battles. It's because Americans who were not free took risks and made sacrifices that lifted this nation higher than it was before.

The 122,000 names on the National Monument to Freedom testify to the enormity of that task. And remind us that the seed of justice is often planted in those who have the least of it.

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over (18.6%), and weed whacking (13.2%).

Other distractions should not be a part of operating lawn equipment, like headphones at a high volume, utilizing cell phones, drinking or eating, or other distractions.

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experiences to advance into various careers within EWEB, including electric line technicians, water distribution technicians, heavy equipment operators, and more.

Attendees will have the chance to meet with current employees

and learn about job responsibilities. For more information about EWEB careers, go to [EWEB.org/careers](http://EWEB.org/careers).

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ing and spreading becomes clear. This year, the Southwest Oregon district was the first to declare on June 1<sup>st</sup> and the North Cascade District was the last to declare on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mid-July and August are known for high fire occurrence due to increased lightning activity, but human activities continue to be the leading source of Oregon's wildfires.

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## WEATHER REPORT

READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM					READINGS TAKEN AT EWEB LEABURG POWERHOUSE				
Date	High	Low	Rain	Releases	Date	High	Low	Rain	Riverflow
7/2	53	79	0	490 cfs	7/2	84	53	0	2,580 cfs
7/3	50	80	0	490 cfs	7/3	83	49	0	3,560 cfs
7/4	53	96	0	484 cfs	7/4	85	49	0	2,500 cfs
7/5	61	103	0	490 cfs	7/5	96	54	0	2,490 cfs
7/6	66	102	0	390 cfs	7/6	101	56	0	2,490 cfs
7/7	58	101	0	304 cfs	7/7	104	55	0	2,250 cfs
7/8	63	104	0	304 cfs	7/8	102	57	0	2,310 cfs

# Sheriff's Report

**June 26: 12:52 a.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 44500 blk, McK. Hwy. A resident believed an ex-spouse was at the location, but determined it was actually a lost driver looking for directions.

**6:03 p.m:** Burglary - 8400 blk, Thurston Rd. A residence was broken into some time ago by unknown suspects and items were stolen.

**11:41 p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - Aufderheide Dr. & Cougar Dam Rd. A camper had an unknown animal outside his tent. He set off his car alarm and elected to sleep the rest of the night in his car.

**June: 28: 3:30 a.m:** Lane County Sheriff's deputies responded to a burglary in progress at an area business in the 42800 block of McKenzie Highway. A truck had backed into the store, damaging the building, and fled with the ATM from inside. Deputies contacted the victim and relayed suspect information to surrounding agencies based on surveillance video. An officer with the Springfield Police Department spotted the suspect vehicle and was able to conduct a traffic stop. The driver, Robert Anthony

Moore, 37, matched the suspect depicted in the video. Additional evidence of the burglary was located in the vehicle, and the ATM was found nearby. Moore was arrested and lodged at the Lane County Jail for Burglary in the 2nd Degree, Criminal Mischief in the 1st Degree, Theft in the 1st Degree, and Tampering with Evidence. Thanks to the Springfield Police Department for their assistance in this case.

**1:27 p.m:** Menacing - 49800 blk, McK. Hwy. A contractor and homeowner disputed over the cost of work performed. They were able to resolve the situation peacefully prior to deputies arriving.

**2:00 p.m:** Request Cover - Lat: 43.963168. Long: -122.617751.

**3:35 p.m:** Burglary - 91900 blk, Blue River Reservoir Rd. The facility was burglarized sometime the week before and several items were stolen.

**3:53 a.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - McK. View Dr. Mp. 1. Deputies responded to the area for a report of a dispute. the involved caller would not provide additional information.

**4:28 p.m:** Dog Bite - 89200 blk, Old Mohawk Rd.

**7:36 p.m:** Illegal Burn - Ross Ln. & McK. Hwy.

**8:34 p.m:** Burglary - Taylor Rd. & McK. Hwy. Deputies responded

to a report of a burglary and dispute at the location. The call was resolved without arrest.

**11:14 p.m:** Burglary - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.

**June 29: 1:03 a.m:** Suspicious Vehicle - McK. View Dr. Mp. 3 A deputy contacted a suspicious vehicle in the area and contacted the occupants.

**2:03 a.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 91800 blk, Taylor Rd. A passerby saw a heated verbal dispute between a male and female on the side of the road. Deputies responded, but were unable to locate the involved subjects.

**June 30: 9:49 a.m:** Strangulation - 48100 blk, McK. Hwy. Deputies responded to the area for a report of a dispute. The suspect, Coty Randall Wheeler, 33, had left in a vehicle. Deputies have probable cause to arrest wheeler for Assault 4 Abuse Prevention Act, and Strangulation APA.

**12:37 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 87100 blk, Cedar Flat Rd. Deputies responded to the location for a dispute. No crime was articulated. Medics provided transport to an area hospital for unrelated medical issues.

**3:34 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - Sunderman Rd. & Keller Ln. Deputies responded to the area for a verbal dispute. They located the involved and provided separate [Continued On Page 10](#)

# State Police Report

**July 6: 15:27:** Crash, Non-Injury - Hwy. 126E, Milepost 19. Vehicle was eastbound negotiating a curve. Passenger stated he unbuckled his seatbelt to reach into the back seat and believes he distracted the driver, causing them to leave the roadway and crash. Both occupants were uninjured. The driver was wearing his seatbelt, the passenger was not. The airbags did not deploy. The passenger was intoxicated, the driver was not. The vehicle was towed. EWEB property damage was present. Involved: black KIA Spectra, 68-year-old male, and 39-year-old male, both from Canby.

**July 9: 01:11:** Pursuit, Vehicle - Hwy. 126E and Collins Lane. Troopers responded to a report of a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy. 126. The reporting party stated they were following a vehicle which nearly caused [Continued On Page 5](#)

# McKenzie Fire & Rescue

**July 1: 6:37:** 7700 block, Thurston Rd. Medical, General. Cancelled.

**16:25:** 89000 blk, Old Mohawk Rd. Medical, Trauma. Disregarded En Route.

**19:42:** McK. Hwy./Ross Ln. Illegal Burning. Legal Campfire Found.

**0:41:** 43000 blk, Greenwood Dr Medical, General. Patient [Continued On Page 11](#)

# Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

**July 2: 09:06:** Medical - 48000 block, McK. Hwy. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

**July 4: 18:14:** Medical - 91000 blk, Mill Creek Rd. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

**July 6: 06:48:** Check Smoke - 91000 blk, Blue River Reservoir Rd. Smoke billowing, smoldering in the trees north of the intersection near helicopter landing zone.

**July 6: 18:26:** Medical - Horse Creek Rd./FS 2638 Rd. iPhone user requesting assistance with "sickness or injury."

**July 7: 01:34:** Subject Down - McK. Hwy./Milepost 52. Male on ground, caller doesn't know if he's been hit.

**10:28:** Illegal Burn - Blue River Dam Rd./Marbrook Ln. Large campfire, lots of people, road blocked off by their vehicles.

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# Legendary aviator survived five crash-landings in two days

Continued From Last Week

By Finn J.D. John

The Waco's engine droned on. Ted couldn't understand why it was still running. It should have sipped its last drop of gasoline several minutes ago. Sooner or later it would run out, and Ted would have to do his best at a dead-stick landing in the black, gusty night, unable to see the ground below. The most likely outcome would involve him thinking he was just above the ground when he wasn't — it's very hard to deliberately fly into the ground, and the instinct to pull back on the stick would be virtually impossible to resist. Then he'd try to flare, the plane would stall 15 or 20 feet off the ground, and spin into the ground. A wingtip would strike the ground first and the plane would flip over and tumble. The plane would be destroyed and he would be at least injured, probably killed.

A betting man would probably have given him about a 5 percent chance of making it. For all practical purposes, he was a dead man flying, grasping at every second. His life would end with his gasoline supply.

Then he saw something — or rather, the shadowy outline of something — that gave him a glimmer of hope. It was a little copse of trees — the kind that people plant and cultivate around ranch houses in eastern Oregon. Peering into the darkness, he thought he saw a house there as well — but it was hard to see. In these pre-Rural-Electrification days, nighttime in the country was lit only by the stars.

If it was a house, crashing in front of it would be far better than crashing anywhere else.

He circled the copse of trees, trying to get a better look. Then a light went on in a window.

When Ralph Grove heard the engine droning outside, he knew exactly what that meant. It was the middle of the night, and some stormy weather was coming in. Nobody would be out flying on a night like this unless he was in



Ted Barber

Pioneer Central Oregon aviator Ted Barber in his Waco 9 biplane in the 1930s.

serious trouble.

He lit a lantern and hurried out to the shed, in which he kept his automobile. He knew just the field that the pilot should land in.

Several dozen feet overhead, Barber was praying for gasoline, hardly daring to hope. He'd spotted a lighter patch of darkness that looked like a cultivated field, which would mean no big rocks to smash into. He was trying to keep in position so that if the engine quit, he could reach that field.

He watched Grove's lantern moving from the house and disappearing — apparently into a shed. Then lights came on and he saw an automobile come out of the shed and drive onto the road.

Down below, Grove was hurrying down the road to the field in his car. He whipped it into position and let the light of its headlights spill out over the stubbly field, lighting up a row of willow trees at its end. Overhead, Barber lined up on the field, grabbing for the lifeline, not sure even if he'd make it through the final turn without running out of gas. Then he was on the ground, bumping to a stop, shutting off his engine — safe.

"I never enjoyed a bed so much in my life as the one in the spare bedroom of that ranch house," Ted recalls, in his memoir. "As I

laid my head into the large fluffy pillow and spread out to get as much of my body as possible in contact with that soft but solidly earthbound mattress, I enjoyed a peaceful comfort that I had not known existed."

The next morning, Ted learned two things. First, the field he'd been lining up on when he saw Grove's house was the Grove family's vegetable garden. It was just 150 by 300 feet, fenced and — for good measure — cross-fenced. He would not have survived an attempt to land there.

Second, when he put his dipstick into the gas tank to see how much was left, the end that thumped the bottom of the tank, at the lowest corner, wasn't even moist when he brought it back up. All the fuel left in the plane was just what was in the fuel lines — and the OX-5 engine burns nine gallons an hour. He'd landed with about 30 seconds' worth of fuel left in the airplane.

Ted Barber's crazy weekend of crash landings wasn't quite over, though. The next day, while flying back to the Henry ranch, a piece broke off one of his propeller blades, causing the engine to start vibrating furiously. Ted cut the power. Luckily, he had enough altitude to glide to a

reasonably uneventful dead-stick landing in one of the fields by the ranch. When he climbed out of the cockpit, he found the engine was hanging onto the airplane by just two badly frayed cables. It had broken everything else, and if he'd been two seconds slower chopping the throttle it would have probably torn itself out of the airplane. It is highly unlikely that Ted would have been able to control it if that happened because with 400 pounds suddenly gone from the nose, it would behave like a badly made paper airplane. Ted Barber would have tumbled out of the sky like a falling leaf.

Five crash-landings, three of them seconds away from a near-certain fatality. If Ted could have taken that string of luck to Vegas, he would have left a millionaire.

Ted Barber went on to become a flight trainer during World War II and later became a well-known "barnstorming mustanger" — using an airplane to round up feral horses on the range in Nevada. Despite dozens of close calls and crashes over the years — including, at one point, jumping out of his plane head-first while it was falling off a Nevada mountain — he was still around in 1987 to write his memoir.

"It is hard to understand why some people are allowed only one mistake (and are killed by it)," he wrote. "I don't have fingers and toes enough to count the really tough spots I have survived."

(Sources: *The Barnstorming Mustanger*, a book by Ted Barber published in 1987 by Ted Barber Industries)

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By Slim Randles

When Windy Wilson joined us for coffee down at the Mule Barn coffee shop, we smiled. Windy doesn't show up for too many of the b.s. coordinations and we think it's because he doesn't like the competition.

"You boys seen that sun this mornin'?"

"Sure did, Windy," said Doc. "Looked about like the one we had yesterday."

"See, that's just my point. You heard on the radio 'bout that climatic change stuff, right?"

"Right."

"Well, you remember 'way back to July last year? I shore do. Hotter'n a chile pepper on a campfire, it was. So what we got now? Hey, it's still a-boilin' hot out there. Oughta be somethin' we could do 'bout it."

"Don't get ya, Windy," said Steve. "Like what would you do?"

"Maybe sue 'em," Windy said. "Who?"

"Why, those lyin' snakes that oppertuned us to 'spect cooler weather. What's the sense in havin' another hot summer if we are supposed to climatohoosically change? Ain't right."

Loretta refilled the coffees. We all took a grateful sip.

"You might have a hard time finding someone who is responsible for the weather, Windy."

"I know it, Doc. But hey, I'll prepostterate to you guys right now, I'm ready for that change to cooler days."

"You just have to wait a little longer, Windy," Steve said. "'Til about September, I think."

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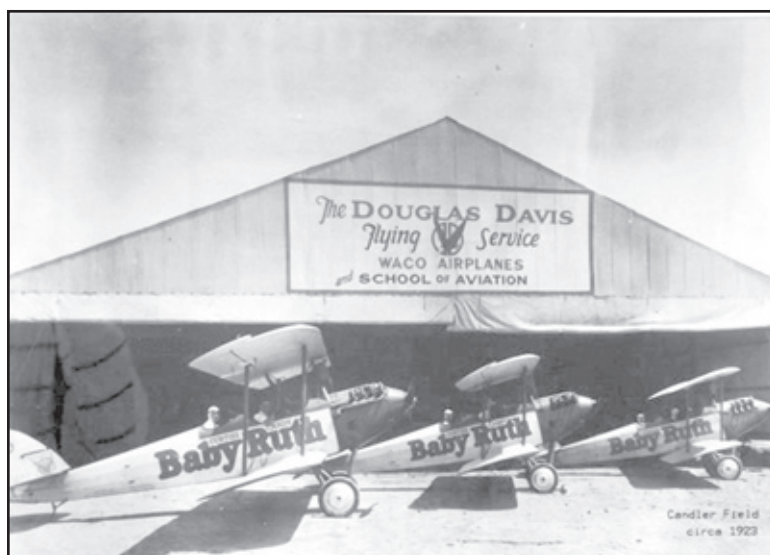
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Kurt Vonnegut



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# Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



Oregon State University

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## Training a fruit tree into an espalier



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Espaliered fruit trees are typically supported along straight, horizontal lines.

Espaliered trees bring fruit down to eye level. They allow for easy picking and take advantage of small spaces.

But don't kid yourself into thinking espaliers are any easier than regular-sized trees, said Cody Copp, an Oregon State University's Extension Service horticulturist.

"Espalier is one of many ways to prune - or design -- a fruit tree," he said. "It's beautiful, it doesn't take up a lot of room in the yard. There are a lot of reasons to do it, but it takes dedication and time. It's like growing grapes or wisteria correctly."

In espalier, tree branches are typically trained flat along the wires of a trellis, which may be of several types, depending on how difficult an espalier project you want to attempt. In addition to a trellis, trees can be supported by

a wall, wooden fence, or deer or cattle fencing.

If the trellis will be attached to a building, consider how it will look. Even though the trellis may be removed once the tree has reached its final, rigid state, it will need to remain in place long enough to support the tree, which can be up to 10 years.

The most important aspect of growing an espaliered tree, which can be any type of fruit but is usually an apple, is pruning. Unlike an open canopy tree, Copp said, an espalier must be pruned several times during the growing season in order to keep in control.

"That's a lot of cutting," he said. "Most people don't know how to prune, so it's important to do your research before beginning."

Copp offers the following instructions for the simplest way to espalier an apple tree:

\* Build a trellis by setting posts 8 feet apart and stretch 12-gauge or heavier galvanized wire between them 18 inches from the ground. At that time you can add more levels of wire, typically three, each 18 inches taller than the other. Alternatively, you can wait until the following years when it's time to train another level to add additional wires.

\* Buy a 1- or 2-year-old tree, preferably a dwarf variety, and plant in the middle of the trellis, usually in February. Attach two supple branches, which are called laterals, to the first level of wire, one going left and one going right. Prune out the thickest branch, which is generally in the middle and called the leader, and any other branches.

\* As the season goes on, weak branches - called suckers - will grow straight up. These need to be removed regularly. If they are young enough, rub off with your thumb or, if too thick, cut them off. Also appearing will be stubbier shoots - called spurs. Leave one about every 6 inches and cut off the rest. As they begin to grow, prune the spurs down to three leaves. This is where fruit will form after two years.

\* The year after beginning the espalier, start another level by training two lateral branches along the next level of wire and cutting off any additional branches. The following year, add another level.

\* After four years, cut off all spurs along one of the branches along the bottom wire to allow new ones to form. The next year, prune off spurs on the other branch on that same wire. In subsequent years, do the same thing, working your way up each level of the espalier.

\* For more information on espaliering, check out the Extension guide called "Training and Pruning Your Home Orchard."



# Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



## SAVING FAMILY STORIES

"Mary, I came across a newspaper article you wrote" a friend remarked. "It was about writing down family stories and saving them. I'm retired now and have time to do this."

I'd encountered Judy in the local grocery store and hadn't seen her for a while. It was delightful to learn that something I'd written had encouraged her to save stories of her heritage and her life to share with future generations.

Our family stories are to be cherished and shared. They're to be passed along to current and future generations. They bind families together.

### Keeping a Journal

"Keeping a journal about our children is one of the best gifts we can give them," a mother once remarked to me.

She said she was trying to preserve her family's experiences. Recently I discussed journal keeping with another friend, the mother of two young boys, and gave her tips and samples of what works for me.

Many of us have good intentions of keeping a journal about the joys and challenges of raising our children. With the first child, we often begin a baby book, then with more children, or as the years go by, we do less and less.

### Finding Time

The same happens with a journal. I began writing about our daughter in detail, then found that life became busier, and my journal writing often tapered off. I got caught up in a quilt making business, writing assignments, and helping my husband with his business, caring for ailing parents.

However, I did squeeze in some writing time...jottings in notebooks, letters to my mom (which she thankfully saved), and incidents related in my newspaper columns or travel articles. As I look back, I'm so glad I found

time to write something down about my daughter and later my grandchildren..

I've also come across old letters written by my ancestors. Letters were precious communication in "olden" days and people kept them. These tell the stories of their lives.

### Adding Recipes

You may want to incorporate recipes of favorite foods into your journal. I often collect recipes as I travel.

NAVAJO TACOS - On a trip several years ago to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, my husband and I were introduced to this dish. Instead of using traditional tacos, friends prepared "fry bread," then added taco ingredients of ground beef and beans, shredded lettuce, chopped tomatoes, diced onions and green pepper, and shredded cheese.

Mix together 2 cups flour, 1/2-cup instant dry milk, 1/2-teaspoon salt, 1-tablespoon baking powder. Cut in 2 tablespoons shortening until coarse crumbs appear. Then stir in 1/4-cup water and mix until the dough forms a ball.

Put the dough on a floured board and knead 2 to 3 minutes. Cut the dough into 6 equal pieces. Shape each portion into a ball and pat out until it's about 6-inches round. Cover with plastic as you wait to fry.

Heat salad oil to 375 degrees F. in a pan at least 9-inches in diameter and 2 inches deep. Oil should be about 3/4 inch deep. Cook each round of dough in this, turning once, until puffy and browned. Place cooked dough on paper towel lined cookie sheets and keep warm in 200 degree F. oven until ready to serve. (You can make these ahead, chill in air tight package, then heat on baking sheet at 375 degrees F. about 5 minutes.)

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(Mary Emma Allen writes from her NH home. E-mail: me.allen@juno.com.)

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multiple collisions and was unable to maintain its lane of travel. Troopers observed the vehicle and attempted a traffic stop. The vehicle lead troopers on a 1-mile pursuit before the vehicle came to a stop on the right shoulder of the highway. The driver consented to SFST's and was found not to be impaired. Involved: white GMC Sierra, 43-year-old male from Bend.

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## High Fire Danger

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A campfire should be contained in a pre-existing or robust fire ring with a shovel and water in reach. The campfire should be kept small and at least five feet away from any flammable material, including overhanging tree limbs. Never leave a campfire unattended and ensure any burning material is cold to the touch before leaving the area.

Please be aware of current restrictions before you head out and share information with others who may be unaware of the restrictions. As fire restrictions change, information will be available at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/willamette/fire>. Go to Facebook and Twitter @WillametteNF for the latest updates. <https://www.fs.usda.gov/willamette/>

To report a wildfire, please call 9-1-1.

## AA Meetings

AA meetings are held on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. and Sundays at 5 p.m. at the McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church in Waltherville. plus in McKenzie Bridge at 6 p.m. on Thursdays at the McKenzie Bridge Christian Church.

## July - Aug. 20

### Free Summer Meals

Free Summer Meals will be served from 8 a.m. to noon at the McKenzie Community School, 51187 Blue River Drive.

No sign-up, paperwork, or cost is required! Just show up and enjoy nutritious meals: Breakfast: 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Lunch: 11 am to noon

## July 11

### Morning Meditation

Morning Meditation, from 9 to 10 a.m. at 91241 Rose Street in Blue River. Bring a chair or sit on a picnic bench. No experience is necessary. Guided & Silent Meditation, usually 20 to 30 minutes. \$5 (no one is turned away for lack of \$) We have a little time for getting to know each other and socializing and I think it's safe to say that everyone leaves feeling better than before. - Miche Meizer

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## July 11

### Summer Camp

The OSU Extension Service is hosting a 4-H Summer Camp at the McKenzie High School Gym in July for grades K through 8th. Activities will include Arts & Crafts, STEM focused hands-on activities, and Team collaborations.

## July 11

### Watershed Council

The McKenzie Watershed Council will meet from 5 to 6:30

p.m. Its mission is to foster better stewardship of the McKenzie River watershed resources, deal with issues in advance of resource degradation, and ensure sustainable watershed health, function, and use. Location varies, please contact Melanie Giangreco, McKenzie Watershed Council Operations Assistant (458-201-8150) [melanie@mckenziwc.org](mailto:melanie@mckenziwc.org)

## July 11

### VMCC Board meeting

The Board of Directors of the Vida McKenzie Community Center will meet from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at 90377 Thomson Lane.

## July 12

### McKenzie Yard Sales

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## July 12

### Yoga In Leaburg

Yoga in Leaburg meets from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at McKenzie Fire & Rescue's Training Center, 42870 McKenzie Hwy, every Friday.

## July 12 - 14

### Lavender Bloom

The Join us for the McKenzie River Lavender Farm's 2024 Lavender Bloom at 40882 McKenzie Hwy. featuring U-pick lavender, fantastic vendors, lavender products, live music, food, and more!

## July 11

### Art Walk

The 2nd Friday Art Walk is scheduled from 4 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., starting at the Emerald Art Center, 500 Main Street in downtown Springfield.

## July 13

## Living River

Join the McKenzie River Trust and take a walk near the place the Willamette and the McKenzie Rivers meet. Observe 15 years of tree-planting work on Green Island, a habitat for beaver, river otter, and over 150 species of birds. If you're looking for a special place to connect to nature from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 31799 Green Island Rd, Eugene in Eugene.

## July 13

### Dime At A Time

The Bottle Boys are busy from 10 a.m. to noon at the Leaburg Store, 42840 McKenzie Hwy. for Saturday morning sorting sessions. Donations can be dropped off at the Leaburg Store and maybe help us bag up the containers! Funds from plastic, glass, and aluminum containers go toward the rebuilding of the O'Brien Memorial Library in Blue River, McKenzie River Clinic, and the Vida McKenzie Community Center - all destroyed in the Holiday Farm fire.

## July 15

### McK Fire

The McKenzie Fire District Board will meet from noon to 1 p.m. at the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McKenzie Hwy. Call 541-896-3311 for more information.

## July 11

### Upper McK Fire

The Upper McKenzie Fire District Board will meet from 7 to 8 p.m. at 56578 McKenzie Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge. For more information, call 541-822-3479.

## July 15 - 18

### Soccer Camp

The Do you have a 3rd - 12th grade Eagle interested in the exciting game of soccer? Check out our Soccer Camp! Join us July 15th - 18th from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., at 51187 Blue River Dr, where students will be in an active class of running, learning, and practicing the basics of soccer skills. Students will also learn the game and practice common training drills while scrimmaging in teams daily—no experience is necessary.

Transportation from home to school will be provided daily, and breakfast and lunch will also be served.

Space is limited, so secure your spot with Lacey Joy at [lacey.joy@mckenziessd.org](mailto:lacey.joy@mckenziessd.org) or Lindsie Cline at [lindsie.cline@mckenziessd.org](mailto:lindsie.cline@mckenziessd.org). For additional information, call (541) 822-3315.

## July 16

### Family Story Time

The Family Story Time will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Fellowship Hall, 37529 Upper Camp Creek Rd. Some special FUN at Camp Creek Church for children

5 and under (with their adults) to enjoy stories, singing, laughter, and friendship!

## July 16

### Walt Grange

The Waltherville Grange #416 will meet from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at 39259 Camp Creek Rd. The second monthly meeting is on the third Tuesday of each month, and starts at 7:30 p.m. that night and includes a nice dessert.

## July 17

### Board of Commissioners

Lane County Board of Commissioners. Harris Hall, 125 E 8th Ave, Eugene. The Board of Commissioner meetings begin at 9 a.m. in Harris Hall, unless otherwise noted on the published agenda. Regular Board Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday. Wednesday Board meetings are on an as needed basis.

## July 17

### Watershed Wednesday

Join McKenzie River Trust every Wednesday morning from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Green Island to help care for this special area where the McKenzie and Willamette Rivers meet! Projects vary based on the season but typically include invasive species removal, habitat care or planting/tree establishment. Green Island is a 1,100 acre preserve located just outside of the city of Coburg, Oregon.

## July 17

### Cornhole League

The Upper McKenzie Cornhole League meets from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Upper McKenzie Community Center, 54745 McKenzie River Dr. Join us for some free Cornhole fun at the Upper McKenzie Community Center! We're tossing bags on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 5 p.m.! Bring some snacks to share.

## July 11

### McKenzie School Bd.

The McKenzie School District board of directors will meet from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

at 51187 Blue River Dr. The meeting will be live-streamed viewing available at:

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# Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mitchell

## All In The Family



I am 22 and the oldest of four children. I have a brother, 17, who is the second oldest. He's been in a "committed relationship" with a girl, also 17, for over two years. However, he is currently speaking on the phone with other girls and going on dates with them.

Once a school friend told my brother's girlfriend he was seeing another girl. My brother's girlfriend came to my house, took my brother to the other girl's house, and confronted them both. My

brother denied everything and painted another picture for his girlfriend. She ate it up.

Needless to say, they are still together, and he is still seeing another girl. I am bothered by his lack of respect for women. I've tried to speak with him about treating women the way he would want to be treated, but my words are wasted.

I'm confused about what to do. His girlfriend has become a member of our family. She comes over all the time, and I feel guilty not telling her the truth. Should I tell her? Should I tell the other girl? Or should I stay out of it? I don't want to be like my dad's family who cover up infidelities for years.

I think I have a responsibility to all women, since I am a woman, to tell the truth. I also feel the need

to teach my brother a lesson about women and how he should treat them. What do you think I should do?

Sheila

Sheila, where did your brother learn this behavior? Where most people learn their behavior--from their family. Normally the advice would be to give your brother an option: either tell your girlfriend, or I will tell her. In this instance that won't work. He is willing to lie when confronted, and she is willing to believe a lie.

You want your brother to treat women better, but you are not capable of teaching him that. As long as he experiences pleasure in what he is doing, he will continue doing it. Often a man who cheats never learns the lesson, because the pleasure for him is multiple women, and there will always be women who allow him to do this.

If you tell either of his girlfriends, they may resent you, and not seek the truth about him. But the one thing

telling does is to let your brother, his girlfriends, and your family know you do not approve of his behavior. Silence indicates acceptance, and you do not accept this behavior.

Go ahead and tell. But do not expect your brother to change, his girlfriends to thank you, or your parents to stand behind you. When people openly flaunt bad behavior, you damage yourself when you keep silent. Each time you speak up, you express your character. Speaking up strengthens your sense of self and makes you less vulnerable to abuse by others.

Wayne & Tamara

## From The Heart

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Mac and Aileen

Mac and Aileen, if you want your guests to donate to a certain charity, give them the story that leads them to that conclusion. Tell them, from your heart, why you feel passionately about the cause. Tell them what it means to you, but give them the option to give to a cause that matters to them.

In that way, all the gifts will be given in a spiritual manner that commemorates the spiritual connection between the two of you. Don't fuss about the wording. Write from the heart to connect with other hearts.

Tamara

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### Blonde Bombshell

By Lynn Emanuel

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retrograde, obscurantist hum and drum of it

needs to be swept away. So, night after night,

we sit in the dark of the Roxy beside grandmothers

with their shanks tied up in the tourniquets

of rolled stockings and open ourselves, like earth

to rain, to the blue fire of the movie screen

where love surrenders suddenly to gangsters

and their cuties. There in the

narrow,

mote-filled finger of light, is a blonde,

so blonde, so blinding, she is a blizzard, a huge

spook, and lights up like the sun the audience

in its galoshes. She bulges like a deuce coupe.

When we see her we say good-bye to Kansas.

She is everything spare, cool, and clean,

like a gas station on a dark night and the cold

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 43. West African country  
 45. \*Chuck \_\_\_\_\_, first to break speed of sound  
 47. Genetic info carrier, acr.  
 48. City near D,sseldorf  
 50. Short for Dorothea  
 52. \*First artificial satellite (2 words)  
 55. Clay and silt deposit  
 56. Marine eagle  
 57. Mercantile establishment  
 59. Singer Piaf  
 60. Concert series  
 61. Indian nursemaid  
 62. Craggy peak  
 63. Little troublemaker  
 64. Solitary

**DOWN**

1. Give in to gravity  
 2. Weaver's apparatus  
 3. he "I" in "The King and I"  
 4. Carrots or peas, slangily  
 5. French soldier in WWI  
 6. Speed gun  
 7. \*First horror film about Damien Thorn, with The  
 8. Supernatural life force  
 9. Capital of Latvia  
 10. Canny  
 12. Han Solo's "Millennium \_\_\_\_\_"  
 13. Prenatal test, for short  
 14. \*The first one helped combat smallpox  
 19. Tedium  
 22. 120 mins.  
 23. #8 Down, pl.  
 24. Martini garnish  
 25. Pine product  
 26. Midterm, e.g.  
 27. a.k.a. Tibetan wild ass  
 28. Feel the same  
 29. Timider  
 32. Deadly challenge  
 33. Military moves  
 36. \*Mount first conquered by Hillary and Norgay  
 38. 10 to 12-year-old  
 40. Ewe's cry  
 41. Half-shell delicacy  
 44. Grind with teeth  
 46. Fauna member  
 48. Erasable programmable read only memory  
 49. Break of day  
 50. List of chores  
 51. Prince of Wales to King  
 52. Searching for E.T. org.  
 53. Boxer's last blow  
 54. Azerbaijan's southern neighbor  
 55. "\_\_\_\_\_ the wild rumpus begin!"  
 58. "\_\_\_\_\_ one and only"

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1. Croat or Moravian, e.g.  
 5. Paid player  
 8. Not Miss or Ms.  
 11. First-rate  
 12. Mattress with memory?  
 13. Be of use  
 15. "It's time!" signal  
 16. \_\_\_\_\_-de-camp  
 17. Like an unhealthy dog  
 18. \*First one to circumnavigate globe, almost  
 20. March Madness org.

21. Bring upon  
 22. Orange Lavaburst drink  
 23. \*Rita \_\_\_\_\_, first Latina to win Academy Award  
 26. Winter rides, in Russia  
 30. Brewery order  
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 34. Nearly  
 35. One born to Japanese immigrants  
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### A Moment in Oregon History

By Rick Steber  
(www.ricksteber.com)

**July 10** - The Oregon Journal newspaper came into existence when Sam Jackson, publisher of the Pendleton East Oregonian, purchased a Portland campaign newspaper in 1902. The Journal sponsored a campaign to "Get Oregon Out of the Mud," with a system of paved roads and also advocated for pure milk, better management of Oregon timberlands and dredging the Columbia River navigation channel. Circulation peaked after World War Two, but the newspaper never recovered from a lengthy strike and was sold to the Oregonian, the competing daily newspaper. The final edition of the Journal was published in 1982, and the last publisher was William Knight, father of Nike co-founder Phil Knight.

## Fishing Report

**McKenzie River:** All hatchery rainbow trout released into the McKenzie River are marked with an adipose fin clip and anglers must release all non fin-clipped (wild) trout in the mainstem river. The lower 11 miles of the McKenzie River below the Hayden Bridge - and the McKenzie River upstream from Forest Glen Boat Ramp at Blue River - are restricted to angling with lures and flies only, and all trout must be released.

**Trout Stocking Schedule:** Trout stocking is underway on many lakes and reservoirs throughout the state. Releases of 8" to 10" hatchery fish this week were: McKenzie River below Leaburg Dam - 2,500, McKenzie River above Leaburg Dam - 5,500, Leaburg Lake - 1,000, and Clear Lake - 3,000.

### Fish Counts

**July 2, Willamette Falls**  
Spring Chinook - 18,295  
Summer Steelhead - 16,859

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tion Program Manager. "Kudos to McKenzie River Trust."

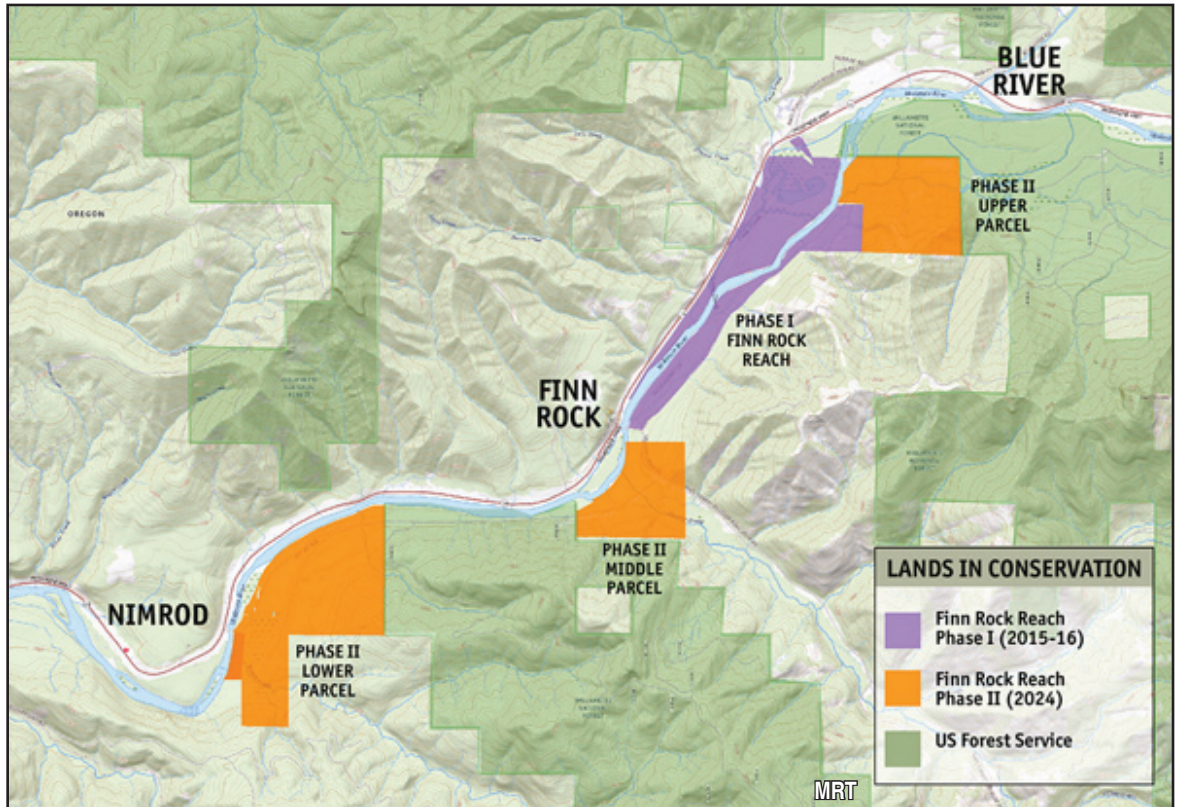
MRT Executive Director Joe Moll noted that "Since acquiring the original 278-acre footprint of Finn Rock Reach from Rosboro Company in the winter of 2015-16, we have been in quiet conversation with their successors about the potential to extend protection on lands upstream and downstream. Our rivers emerge from a patchwork of land ownership and stewardship. As our communities adapt to shifts in climate, the coordinated stewardship of those headwaters is truly in the public interest. We are thankful for the committed persistence and flexibility of our partners at Franklin Clarkson and Campbell Global in completing this deal for the good of the river."

Eli Tome, Director of Conservation for the Trust, shared that "The continuous protection from the valley floor to upland slopes provides us an opportunity to restore both floodplain and forest communities. Over the years ahead, our team will work to increase tree and plant diversity in the uplands to shift the area from timber production toward a more naturally functioning landscape."

With the added acreage, the McKenzie River's south side is now buffered by federal and McKenzie River Trust lands. The area, which burned during the 2020 Holiday Farm Fire, was salvage-logged and replanted with Douglas fir by the previous owners. Much of the

# Conservation lands

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The Finn Rock Reach, and Finn Rock Reach Phase 2, encompass an area that stretches from Blue River to Nimrod.

new conservation land is in the McKenzie River's floodplain, but it also includes nearly 450 acres of upland forest.

The transaction also includes the confluence of Quartz Creek and the McKenzie River. In 2021 and 2023, McKenzie River Trust partnered with the US Forest Service (USFS), McKenzie Watershed Council (MWC), and Eugene Water and Electric Board (EWEB) to restore 150 acres of floodplain on the original property footprint near Blue River. Planned restoration ef-

orts include Quartz Creek, which has been a regular source of large sediment loads to the river during heavy rain events. In the coming year, plans call for work to restore nearly two miles of Quartz Creek using a similar approach that was applied upstream.

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to restore both floodplain and forest communities," according to Eli Tome, Director of Conservation for the Trust. "Over the years ahead, our team will work to increase tree and plant diversity in the uplands to shift the area from timber production toward a more naturally functioning landscape."

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# Northwest ecosystems changed dramatically when wolves were nearly exterminated

Wolves kept other species in check and maintained a healthy environment

By Alex Baumhardt

Oregon Capital Chronicle

Ecosystems in the Northwest were heavily shaped by wolves before they were nearly wiped out of the region, a new study finds.

By the 1930s, gray wolves were nearly gone in Oregon and the rest of the West, leading to the multiplication of animals the wolves hunted and creating an imbalance in the environment, researchers at Oregon State University found.

But the full impact of their disappearance isn't fully understood because ecological research from the last century largely left out the role of wolves on the landscape. Most of the research wasn't done until the wolves were nearly gone.

This means our understanding of natural ecosystems in the Northwest is flawed, according to William Ripple, an Oregon State ecologist and the lead author of the study. He said that hampers habitat restoration projects in the Northwest and moves, for example, to reintroduce more gray wolves in the West.

"Since the presence or absence of wolves can dramatically affect ecosystem structure and function, we believe this is a major issue for restoration, conservation and management," Ripple said in an email.

The study was published recently in the journal BioScience.

Gray wolves are listed as endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act in most of central and western Oregon. Oregon's population of gray wolves has only recently returned and grown following decades of absence. The



Gray wolves can be found in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Alaska, Michigan and the Yellowstone area of Wyoming, according to the National Wildlife Federation.

first gray wolves to return to Oregon wandered into the eastern part of the state in the late 1990s, more than 50 years after they had been effectively hunted and pushed out of the U.S. By 2009, the wolf population in eastern Oregon became more established, but growth has leveled off.

The analysis looked into ecological studies between 1955 and 2021 at 11 national parks to see whether they mentioned or explored the effect of the wolves' disappearance. Less than half – 39 of nearly 100 studies – included such data.

"We found that the historical presence of wolves was not considered in the majority of relevant publications that we analyzed," he said.

Ripple said this lack of research has created a false baseline, with many scientists measuring ecosystem health based on the degraded conditions that spread after the wolves were gone. Without them,

elk populations grew, leading to overgrazing; coyote numbers grew, shrinking populations of the small animals coyotes hunt; even trees struggled due to changes in animal populations and plant functions once the wolves were gone, the researchers found.

"The historical loss of wolves from Western landscapes is a major ecological issue," he said.

Ripple and the researchers suggest more historical data needs to be identified and studied across the region to better understand the effect wolves and other large predators had on ecosystems in the Northwest and to adjust expectations of their health.

"It is important that we do not forget what ecosystems looked like before the loss of wolves. We need to document the shifting baseline and remember that we might now be studying landscapes that are a sick patient," Ripple said.

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# Forest debris

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"We recently cleaned to the north end of Aufderheide Drive and just completed removing an abandoned RV," according to FoFCW president Steve Allaway. The group also removed an SUV found down an embankment above the McKenzie Bridge transfer station.

A grant from the Forest Service funds dump fees, along with asbestos tests and mitigation, as well as the towing cost for removing things like that discarded vehicle. Allaway and Mac Flood took on that project and spent 38 1/2 hours working on the site above King Road, along Forest Road 410. Tasks there ranged from safely testing and disposing of the RV's contaminated roof, walls, and decking, to hauling other debris to Lane County's Short Mountain Landfill and recycling several metal components.

If people are interested in helping "return the Forest to a state we all can enjoy," Allaway says an opportunity is knocking. "It's not glamorous work, but we would like to invite everyone to show up and help us out," he says. "We handle all the hazmat, so it's just the trash."

There are plenty of options, starting with just opening trash bags or taking photos. Other entry-level assistance could come in the form of being on the lookout for abandoned vehicles and campsites in the Forest and letting the FoFCW know about them, Allaway says. "We'll get them cleaned up as soon as we get volunteers organized."

For more information contact Friends of Fall Creek Watershed at 541-357-8411, info@fofcw.org, and facebook.com/fofcw

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For FoFCW volunteers a full load of trash headed out of the forest is cause for a celebration.

## Sheriff's Report

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courtesy transports into town.

**July 2: 3:55 p.m:** Shots Fired - 41100 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

**4:46 p.m:** Subpoena Service - 92200 blk, Alcorn St.

**10:11 p.m:** Civil Problem - 48000 blk, Conley Rd.

**July 3: 11:30 a.m:** Citizen Contact - 38600 blk, Natures Garden St.

**2:12 p.m:** Citizen Contact - 48100 blk, McK. Hwy.

**3:56 p.m:** Citizen Contact - 44600 blk, McK. Hwy.

**4:23 p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - Lat: 44.1326. Long: -122.58228.

**July 4: 1:49 p.m:** Civil Problem - 45600 blk, McK. Hwy.

**4:27 p.m:** Subpoena Service -

89000 blk, Marcola Rd.

**4:40 p.m:** Subpoena Service - 92200 blk, Alcorn St.

**4:57 p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - 40100 blk, McK. Hwy.

**8:38 p.m:** Foot Patrol - 44600 blk, McK. Hwy.

**9:00 p.m:** Illegal Fireworks - 38300 blk, McK. Hwy.

**July 5: 6:05 a.m:** Alarm - 39200 blk, McK. Hwy.

**1:37 p.m:** Warrant Service - McK. Hwy. & Cedar Flat Rd.

**1:57 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - Marcola Rd. & Alder Branch Rd.

**2:33 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 88900 blk, Ross Ln.

**3:40 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - Marcola Rd. & Alder Branch Rd.

**4:14 p.m:** Assist Oregon State Police - McK. Hwy. Milepost 15.

**5:33 p.m:** Assist Public - Lat: 44.05801. Long: -122.8011.

**8:29 p.m:** Foot Patrol - 39500 blk, McK. Hwy.

**9:31 p.m:** Attempt To Locate

Drunk Driver - McK. Hwy. & Flowerdale Dr.

**July 6: 4:48 a.m:** Rescue Operation - Lat: 44.165297. Long: -121.77304.

**9:20: a.m:** Assist, Follow Up - Marcola area.

**9:35 a.m:** Suspicious Conditions - 49500 blk, McK. Hwy.

**10:46 a.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 38800 blk, McK. Hwy.

**11:08 a.m:** Restraining Order Service - 41800 blk, Madrone St.

**11:08 a.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 37300 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.

**12:36 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - 42800 blk, McK. Hwy.

**12:37 p.m:** Citizen Contact - 42600 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

**12:48 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - 42800 blk, McK. Hwy.

**3:25 p.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - 42400 blk, McK. Hwy.

**5:33 p.m:** Assault - 90600 blk, Sunderman Rd.

**5:52 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Mp. 27.

**6:05 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK.

Hwy. & Mp. 27.

**6:05 p.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injury - 44500 blk, McK. Hwy.

**7:16 p.m:** Unattended Boat - Paradise Campground.

**8:23 p.m:** Illegal Burn - 45300 blk, McK. Hwy.

**10:14 p.m:** Illegal Fireworks - 93200 blk, Paschelke Rd.

**11:04 p.m:** Incomplete 911 Call - 37300 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.

**July 7: 1:49 a.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 92500 blk, Marcola Rd.

**12:59 p.m:** Alarm - 36700 blk, Keller Ln.

**3:52 p.m:** Theft From Vehicle - McK. View Dr. Mp. 1.

**7:48 p.m:** ATL Drunk Driver - Deerhorn Rd. & Madrone St.

**9:28 p.m:** Hit & Run - 39300 blk, McK. Hwy.

**9:28 p.m:** Driving Under Influence of Intoxicants - 39300 blk, McK. Hwy.

**July 8: 11:59 a.m:** Reckless Endangering - Marcola Rd. & HF Williams Rd.

**12:48 p.m:** Disturbance, Dis-

pute - 45300 blk, McK. Hwy.

**4:56 p.m:** Subpoena Service - 89000 blk, Marcola Rd.

**4:45 p.m.** Lane County Sheriff's deputies responded to a report of an arson in the 87400 block of Cedar Flat Road. Fire personnel and witnesses advised a male had intentionally set two fires in dry grass on the property. Deputies deployed a K9, and were assisted by Oregon State Police troopers as well as a Springfield Police K9 and drones from the Springfield and Eugene Police Departments.

Area residents began checking their security cameras and spreading the word to their neighbors as deputies, troopers, and officers searched the area. Eventually, the suspect was spotted in the 8700 block of Thurston Road. Deputies and officers quickly responded and arrested the suspect, identified as Michael David Dinwiddie, 41, of Springfield. He was lodged at the Lane County Jail for Arson in the 1st Degree and Burglary in the 2nd Degree.

Thanks to the many residents who watched out for their neighborhood and assisted with locating the suspect.

Comments, as reported, may not be complete or accurate. If further information is required contact the Lane County Sheriff's Office.

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# Choppers rescue

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area is particularly challenging and claimed the life of another man just one year ago.

Initially, a decision was made to dispatch a LifeFlight helicopter while volunteers with the Deschutes County Sheriff's Search and Rescue boarded an AirLink helicopter. A backup team of SAR volunteers was also deployed to climb to the man's location.

The airlifted SAR personnel and climbers provided medical care and then moved the patient to a more accessible site. From there, an Oregon Army National Guard helicopter transported the man to an area hospital for additional medical treatment, authorities said.

The AirLink chopper retrieved

some rescuers from the mountain, while the backup team of climbers made their way back down the slope and hiked out.

Last July 17th the recovery of an Oregon State University-Cascades student's body was hampered by the terrain. Rescuers said that the area on the North Sister included extremely loose rocks and steep terrain that prevented them from reaching him from the ground.

Crews resumed their efforts the next day with the Civil Air Patrol utilizing a small drone, a high-resolution camera, and a ground team comprised of volunteers combined with Corvallis Mountain Rescue and Eugene Mountain Rescue in a search to locate the victim.

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Assessed, 1 Transported.

**July 2: 9:08:** 44000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Obtained Refusal.

**11:13:** 88000 blk, Keola Ln. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**16:23:** 35000 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Medical, Heart. Deceased.

**18:24:** 39000 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Medical, General. Lift Assist Only.

**22:07:** 390 blk, S. 70th Pl. Mutual Aid. Disregarded En Route.

**July 4: 8:16:** 40000 blk, McK. Hwy. Illegal Burning. Unable To Locate.

**9:28:** 88000 blk, Twin Firs Rd.

Illegal Burning. UTL.

**14:00:** 43000 blk, Greer Dr Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**15:55:** McK. Hwy./Mp 30 Water Rescue. Subject Located, No Help Needed.

**20:09:** 88000 blk, Keola Ln. Lift Assist. Assisted Patient Upstairs.

**July 5: 16:13:** McK. Hwy./Mp. 15 Motor Vehicle Accident. 2 Patients Assessed, 1 Refusal, 1 Transported.

**21:22:** Goodpasture Rd./Milepost 6. Legal Propane Fire Pit.

**July 6: 1:15:** 44000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**1:37:** 35000 blk, Camp Creek Rd. MVA. Non-Injury, Non-Blocking.

**15:24:** 42000 blk, McK. Hwy. MVA. Non-Injury, Non-Blocking.

**20:24:** 45000 blk, McK. Hwy.

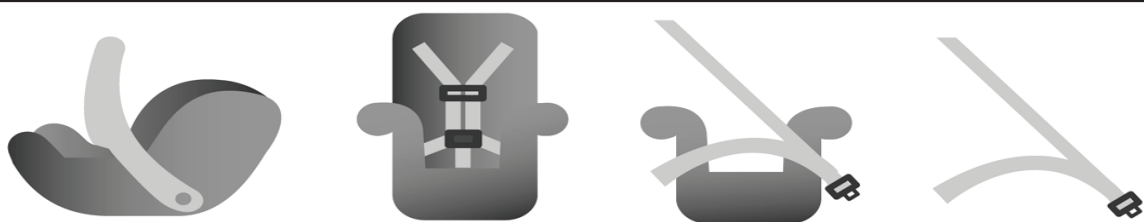
Illegal Burning. Investigate.

**July 7: 3:20:** 88000 blk, Millican Rd. Medical, Heart. Cancelled by Dispatch.

**12:10:** McK. Hwy. Mp. 18. MVA. Blocking, Injury, 2 Transported.

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