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Hand was injured when slammed in the door by her landlord's boyfriend

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Pinball wars?

Pinball was illegal in most large American cities — including Portland

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Easy gardening

Take advantage of raised beds.

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Search is on for another missing man

VIDA: 34-year-old Eric Ray Brazil was reported missing to the Springfield Police Department by a friend earlier this month. He was last seen on March 14th.

After a passerby reported finding Brazil's car unoccupied last Sunday, Lane County Sheriff's deputies responded to a wooded area near the end of Goodpasture Road.. Search and Rescue



Eric Brazil

personnel also went to the scene and have been searching the area for him.

Brazil is described as a Latino male adult standing approximately 5'11" and weighing approximately 170lbs. He has brown hair and brown eyes. Brazil is last believed to be wearing a maroon hooded sweat-shirt, black Carhartt vest, a black beanie hat, black pants and black shoes with white soles.

Police advised Brazil has been acting paranoid recently and may suffer from mental health issues. Anyone with information on his case is asked to contact the Springfield Police Department at 541-726-3714, and reference SPD case #22-1967 when calling.

Clinic sets annual meeting for May 3rd

RAINBOW: People interested in local medical care can learn more when McKenzie Valley Wellness (MVW) holds its 2022 annual meeting next month.

From its start in 1977, the McKenzie River Clinic provided primary health care to the upper McKenzie River Valley. But in 2019 the organization's annual report explained that increased administrative costs, computer expenses, and equipment purchases - as well as changes to insurance reimbursements - had resulted in withdrawals of funds from the clinic's endowment at an un-sustainable rate. The drawdowns from those reserves grew from \$15,000 a year in 2013 to as high as \$161,000 in 2017.

Although individuals had been donating from \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year, estimates were the clinic would need six times those amounts to stay in business. Citing priorities of keeping primary health care local and retaining the clinic's staff, the board approved a search for a potential partnership with a larger medical organization.

That search bore fruit when MVW sold the medical practice - including the furniture, equipment, and supplies - to the Orchid Oakridge Clinic. Orchid also operates clinics in Fern Ridge, and Estacada. Since the Holiday Farm fire, Orchid has been providing services at a temporary site in Rainbow until a new clinic is constructed.

At the same time it got



Little of the McKenzie River Clinic building in Blue River remained during cleanup operations in May of 2021.

out of the primary health care business, the non-profit McKenzie River Clinic changed its name to McKenzie Valley Wellness. Recently, some people have asked who the MVW members are, possibly as a result of a misunderstanding about how health services are provided in the area, according to MVW president Val Rapp.

"Membership is based on past involvement through donating or volunteering," Rapp says. "We've kept members who didn't donate recently, as fire losses made it impossible for many to donate."

Only current members will receive the MVW membership list. "Members who requested the list should have it by Tuesday, April 5th," she says. "They are prohibited by law from publishing, online or otherwise, the list. They are

allowed to use the list only for specific, limited reasons, and were advised on that law when they got the list. MVW will take it very seriously if anyone violates those laws, as it would violate people's privacy."

Plans are moving forward to build a new \$2 million clinic in Blue River, roughly around the same time the O'Brien Memorial Library and the Blue River Fire station - tentatively targeted for 2023.

"MVW got a fair insurance settlement for our clinic that burned - a 1970s-era clinic that was too small and built before computers and internet. Just like the library and fire department, we are very glad to get the state funding to build back better than we had before," Rapp says.

Besides having more room, plans call for an improved health clinic

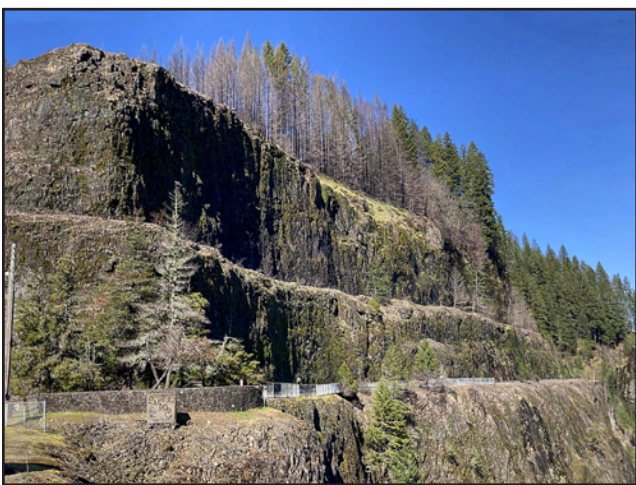
equipped to serve telehealth connections and new services - possibly including dental care and behavioral health offerings.

"In the first year after the fire, we all pitched in to keep essential services going, clean up, and figure out how to rebuild a vibrant, thriving community," Rapp says. "Conflict tears us apart when we need to work together on rebuilding."

The annual meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3rd, at the Upper McKenzie Community Center, 54745 McKenzie River Drive in Rainbow. People can also attend remotely via Zoom, by contacting Rapp at 541-914-2370 for the log-in information.

Donations or requests for membership applications can be sent to McKenzie Valley Wellness, POB 381, Blue River, OR 97413.

USFS Rd. 19 restricted



Forest Service Road 19, along Cougar Reservoir, will be closed until June whiler rock scaling crews stabize the slope.

MCKENZIE BRIDGE: The Willamette National Forest will cloe part of Forest Service Road 19, also known as Aufderheide Drive for fire recovery and safety mitigation. The closure order went into effect on April 4th, and will continue until on June 3rd.

The work will take place between milepost 54.32 and milepost 56.32 near Cougar Reservoir, and a gate will be installed south of Forest Road 1900-408.

Access to several popular recreational day use sites and campgrounds, including Terwilliger "Cougar" Hot Springs, will not be accessible from Highway 126. Other affected recreation sites include the Echo Boat Launch; Sunnyside Campground; Slide Creek Campground; Cougar Crossing Campground and

Boat Launch; French Pete Campground; Hard Rock Group Campground; Red Diamond Group Campground; Roaring River Group Campground; Frissell Crossing Campground; Box Canyon Guard Station; and the Box Canyon Horse Camp.

Officials say that after snow melts, recreation sites will only be accessible from the south side of FSR 19 through Westfir. People with reservations at campgrounds off FSR 19 will be impacted by the closure order.

The Forest Service is recommending that all reservation holders contact the McKenzie River Ranger District at 541-822-3381 one to two weeks prior to their campground reservation dates to check for Road

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Spring arrives along with candidates

RAINBOW: Candidates out to challenge political incumbents made their case last week at Takoda's Restaurant. Seeking a post at the national level is Darin Harbick, who would like to replace Ron Wyden as one of Oregon's two U.S. Senators. Seeking the Eastern Lane seat on the five-member county board of commissioners, Kyle Blain is facing off against Heather Buch, who has filed for reelection.

Harbick, a local resident who owns a number of businesses, would first have to beat six other

Republicans in the May 17th primary election. In the Buch/Blaine match-up, a candidate who receives 51 percent or more of the primary'sd votes would be declared the winner and wouldn't have to run again in November.

During his presentation



Darin Harbick

Harbick cited Oregon's shutdown of businesses for the COVID pandemic as a catalyst for his decision to run for public office. He criticized vaccine mandates that went too far and vowed "to use every tool at my disposal to oppose unconstitutional mandates"



Kyle Blain

that encroached on personal choices.

A fiscal conservative, he voiced support for a balanced budget. He also opposes raising the national debt and said he supported the economic policies of Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul.

Recalling his recent trip to the U.S./Mexico border, Harbick was critical of the amount of drugs and illegal immigrants he believed were making it through gaps in the wall the Trump administration had tried to plug. In another reference to immigrants, he said

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Ridin' the Rapids

By Ken Engelman

Every year when the first of April rolls around I can always count on getting a number of phone calls. Sometimes they're from people upset because they couldn't find Page 9 in an 8-page edition. Others might be upset at extravagant government spending after reading about plans to replace the Goodpasture Bridge with an underwater tunnel or some such scheme.

People who've read this newspaper for a while know what I'm getting at - the annual April Fool's edition. There are a few who hate it but most cut me some slack and allow a once-a-year indulgence in the slightly absurd.

There were a lot more calls this year. They were the result of my coming face-to-face with the reality that COVID has not left the scene.

I didn't catch it but the crew in Albany that runs the press Reflections is printed on did. That put me into a scramble to find another company running a web press that could also plug this paper into their schedule at a

moment's notice.

Luckily a printer in McMinnville did but needed me to finish last week's edition 24 hours earlier. There were more details involving addressing for subscribers and sorting bags for the Post Office. It all worked in the end but meant papers weren't on the news stands last Wednesday and mail subscribers didn't receive their copies on Thursday, as they've become accustomed to.

Unfortunately, our normal press crew is still not able to go back to work. That means there will be similar delays again this week.

And that's no April Fool's.



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Letters to the Editor

McKenzie Valley Wellness

During these past two years as I have worked with organizations and groups in the Valley I have been impressed and moved by the dedication and resilience of them all. I am especially proud of McKenzie Wellness. They have

worked hard and long to make sure there is Health Care available. They didn't let the loss of the building get in the way of finding temporary space in Rainbow to keep services available. Working with Orchid Health they even provided some services in town for the dislocated. As they look

ahead to the new facility in Blue River, their vision of having a modern Health Clinic will be a great addition to our community. I especially want to thank Val Rapp and the McKenzie Wellness Board for their persistence and professionalism as they help us all.

Jeffrey Dehne, President
McKenzie Community
Development Corporation

during his visit to Vale, Oregon, he learned farmers there were giving their asparagus crop away for free because they couldn't find workers to pick it.

Kyle Blain used his opportunity to tell local residents a bit about his background, which includes working with his father's construction company that built custom homes. From there he branched out into real estate financing with an eye on aspects of property development and the housing needs in communities around Lane County. Looking at the delays people have faced getting their homes replaced after the Holiday Farm Fire, he criticized Commissioner Buch for contributing to those sort of restraints.

In particular, Blain said he felt the current board has leaned too far toward the progressive side of the scale in its decisions, citing the majority's support for riparian setbacks that would have property owners move homes away from where they stood before the wildfire.

He also said the board's lack of support for the Sheriff's Office

contributed to dangerously low numbers of deputies out on patrol around the county. That, he said, was one of his key reasons for deciding to make a run for the East Lane seat.

Blain added that as an individual, his one vote wouldn't swing board decisions to the conservative side. He said he hoped if he was elected, voters in the West Lane District would also elect a conservative and, "then there would be real change in the county."

The United State Senate Republican candidates that Harbick is competing against include Jason Beebe, the current mayor of Prineville; Christopher Christensen, of Beaverton, a consumer finance specialist; Robert Fleming, the only candidate who hasn't released biographical information; Samuel Palmer, an EMT and firefighter from Seneca, OR; and Jo Rae Perkins, of Albany (the only woman on the ballot) a semi-retired insurance agent; and the final Republican candidate in the primary race for U.S. Senate is Ibrahim Taher, of Eugene who has taught philosophy in high school.

McKenzie Eagles Sports Report

By Cliff Richardson

McKenzie's Lockart Wins Three Events, Laker Girls Dominate At 1A, SD2 Track and Field Meet

McKenzie sophomore Levi Lockart captured three individual event first place finishes at the 1A-SD2 League Meet held Saturday, April 2, at the Aaron and Marie Jones Community Track. Six Class 1A Boys and Girls Track and Field teams, representing Crow, Mohawk, Mapleton, Triangle Lake, Paisley, and McKenzie, competed on another beautiful Spring day in the upper McKenzie River Valley. The McKenzie Community Track and Field sponsored the meet and thanks go out to the many volunteers that work and support these events.

Lockart's wins in the shot put, discus, and javelin events led his Eagle team to a third place finish score of 87 points. Mohawk won the Boys meet, scoring 123 points and Triangle Lake finished second with 114 pts. Paisley, traveling 3 hours from Central Oregon to participate, took home fourth place with 72.5 pts. followed by Crow in fifth with 44 points and Mapleton sixth with 37.5 pts.

The Triangle Lake Girls team dominated their competition scoring, rolling up 169 points, easily outdistancing second place Paisley, which finished the warm, sunny day with 82 points. The McKenzie Eagle Girls team finished third with 53 points, followed by fourth place Crow with 43 points, fifth place Mohawk

with 40 points, and sixth place Mapleton, which finished with 19 points.

Eagle teammate Cody Morales' eighth place mark of 29 ft. 0 in supported Lockart's first place throw of 35 ft. 5.5 in. In the Discus event, Lockart's winning throw was measured at 92 ft. 1 in. and Morales finished fourth with a throw of 88 ft. 8 in. Lockart won the javelin with a good stick at 117 ft. 6 in. Eagle teammates Trent Peek finished third with a 109 ft. 6 in throw and Thomas Hayes finished eighth at 88 ft. 5 in. Peek's hop, skip, and jump mark of 32 ft. 5 in., earned him a second place finish in the Triple Jump and Morales took the third place finish with a 24 ft. 8 in. leap.

Mapleton's Joseph Shepard won the Triple Jump with a 38 ft. 6 in. jump. Paisley's Victor Mena won both the High Jump and Long Jump events. Mena winning 5 ft. 6 in. jump in the High Jump was impressive in that the Bronco junior had never participated in the event prior and in fact had only jumped a couple of practice jumps going into the meet. Mena narrowly missed at the 5 ft. 8 in height.

McKenzie's Solomon Acevedo finished seventh behind Mena with a jump of 4 ft. 4 in. Mena had a good early season jump of 19 ft. 9.5 in. to win the Long Jump and Eagle teammates Hayes finished eighth at 14 ft. 3.5 in. and Morales leaped 11 ft. 7.5 in. and tenth place.

In the Track events, Eagle Peek finished third in the 100 meters event, posting a 12.68 seconds time and Acevedo finished fourth with a 12.71 second time. Marshall Mather, Triangle Lake, won the 100 m. in 12.31 sec. Mather took home first in the 200 m. as well with a time of 25.55 seconds and McKenzie's Acevedo finished

in third at 26.34 sec. Mohawk's Aiden O'Dea ran the 400 m. in 54.61 seconds and a first place finish and Eagle Hayes crossed the finish line in seventh place, 1 min. 8.79 seconds. Viggo Beck of Triangle Lake was a double event winner, winning the 800 m. in 2 min. 25.36 seconds and the 1500 m. event in 4 min. 41.25 seconds. Randy Turner, representing Mohawk, won the 3000 m. with a time of 10 min. 43.26 seconds and Mustang teammate Aiden O'Dea won the 300 m. hurdles with a finish time of 47.49 seconds. The 4x100 Relay event was won by the Mohawk quartet of Tyler Wallace, Ewan O'Dea, Joseph Sepulveda, and Aiden O'Dea, running the distance in 49.01 seconds. McKenzie's team of Acevedo, Hayes, Peek, and Griffin Withalm took home second in 50.73 sec. The Mohawk foursome of E. O'Dea, Turner, A. O'Dea, and Sepulveda won the 4x400 m. Relay with a posted time of 4 min. 7.5 seconds.

In the Girls competition, Triangle Lake's Ella Mather won three events to lead her Laker teammates. Mather was timed first in the 100 m. at 14.28 seconds, first in the 400 m. with a time of 1 min. 15.36 seconds, and first in the 800 m. with a posted time of 3 min. 5.93 seconds. McKenzie's Adrian Caulley took fourth in the 100 m. with a time of 15.88 seconds and Eagle teammate Hailey Prater finished seventh at 16.73 sec. Paisley's Karin Sztranyovszky won the 200 m. in 32.39 seconds and McKenzie's Rebekah Short finished fourth in 35.28 seconds.

Sztranyovszky also won the High Jump, clearing the bar at 4 ft. 6 in. and Short finished third at 3 ft. 6 in. Triangle Lake's Lyvia Shortt won two events, the 1500 m. in 6 min. 36.70 seconds and the

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McKenzie Valley AM Clouds 20% chance precip High: 59 Low: 38	Santiam Pass PM Showers 30% chance precip High: 49 Low: 25	McKenzie Valley Partly Cloudy 20% chance precip High: 52 Low: 36	Santiam Pass Snow Showers 50% chance precip High: 40 Low: 20	McKenzie Valley Showers 40% chance precip High: 47 Low: 35	Santiam Pass Snow Showers 40% chance precip High: 35 Low: 21

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READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM			READINGS TAKEN AT THE EWEB LEABURG POWERHOUSE						
Date	High	Low	Rain	Releases	Date	High	Low	Rain	Riverflow
3/29	51	48	0	NA	3/29	58	48	0	4,480 cfs
3/30	51	41	0	1,046 cfs	3/30	56	34	0.01	4,460 cfs
3/31	52	41	0	1,074 cfs	3/31	56	34	0.03	4,340 cfs
4/1	64	32	0	1,027 cfs	4/1	56	32	0	4,150 cfs
4/2	58	38	0.18	1,084 cfs	4/2	64	41	0.16	4,150 cfs
4/3	57	36	0.19	1,084 cfs	4/3	62	37	0	4,000 cfs
4/4	NA	NA	1,074 cfs		4/4	61	44	0.61	4,410 cfs

Sheriff's Report

March 24: 7:54 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 39900 block, McK. Hwy. Verbal dispute between a tenant and landlord. Parties were separated and no crime was articulated.

March 25: 9:15 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - 47800 blk, McK. Hwy. Caller reported that a black Nissan Titan pulled into his neighbor's property. The driver got out and began looking around.

8:19 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 89200 blk, Old Mohawk Rd. - Caller reported what sounded like a tree falling on utility lines

March 26: 1:47 p.m: Suspicious Subject - Camp Creek Rd. Milepost 2. Caller reported that a person was spray painting the license plate on a vehicle. Deputies responded and determined that the person was spray painting damage on a vehicle.

March 27: 4:22 p.m: Unattended Children - Camp Creek Rd. & Swearingen Rd. A caller reported that two juveniles were playing a game in the roadway and were

lying near the travel lane at one point. The caller told the children to stop. Deputies responded to the area and the children were gone.

March 28: 1:03 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 54800 block, W. King Rd. A caller reported that a dark teal Honda was on the caller's property on 03/24.

3:09 p.m: Theft From Vehicle - 91000 blk, Leashore Dr.

7:42 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 54700 blk, McK. Hwy.

8:13 p.m: Missing Person - Lat: 44.11955 Long: -122.47420.

8:24 p.m: Impound Vehicle - McK. Hwy. & Vida Park Ln.

March 29: 5:17 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.

11:00 a.m: Alarm - 43100 blk, McK. Hwy.

12:02 p.m: Welfare Check - 7500 blk, Thurston Rd.

1:04 p.m: Reckless Driving - 37300 blk, Parsons Creek Rd. A caller reported that a white work truck had been passing aggressively and almost crashed into a ditch.

1:21 p.m: Traffic Hazard - Hill Rd. & Old Mohawk Rd.

1:28 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 37600 blk, Camp Creek Rd. A caller reported that a white van

parked in front of the caller's house.

4:16 p.m: Warrant Service - 88600 blk, Whitsell Ln.

4:27 p.m: Assault - 39400 blk, Mohawk Loop Rd. A caller reported that her hand was injured when slammed in the door by her landlord's boyfriend.

6:41 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 44800 blk, Leaburg Dam Rd.

7:27 p.m: Illegal Camping - 8600 blk, Thurston Rd.

March 30: 9:07 a.m: Fraud - 46800 blk, Goodpasture Rd. Caller reported that someone opened a fraudulent bank account in the caller's name.

11:40 a.m: Vicious Animal - 88800 blk, Ruby Ln.

12:02 p.m: Illegal Camping - 8600 blk, Thurston Rd.

3:04 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 37600 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Caller reported an unknown white van parked in front of her house.

4:49 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 37800 blk, MJ Chase Rd. Caller reported a dispute regarding stored property. Deputies made contact with the involved and determined the issue to be civil in nature.

8:31 p.m: Drug Info - 91000 blk, Hill Rd.

March 31: 9:53 a.m: Assist Police Dept. - 39600 blk, Howard Rd.

10:11 a.m: Theft - Terwilliger Hot Springs.

2:01 p.m: Civil Standby - 39200 blk, Howard Rd.

3:45 p.m: welfare Check - 87800 blk, Fawn Way.

6:15 p.m: Citizen Contact - 54000 blk, McK. River Dr.

6:45 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - 89200 blk, Old Mohawk Rd. Caller found a bunch of opened mail in her driveway.

April 1: 4:20 a.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 10.

4:37 a.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 10.

5:45 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 38300 blk, Wendling Rd.

7:16 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 40.

7:50 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & N. Bank Rd.

7:59 p.m: Foot Patrol - 38400 blk, Shotgun Creek Rd.

8:00 p.m: Civil Standby - 39200 blk, Howard Rd.

9:36 p.m: Assist Oregon State Police - Marcola Rd. & Hill Rd.

April 2: 7:52 a.m: Safety Hazard - 38800 blk, McK. Hwy.

1:58 p.m: Assist Police Dept. - 88200 blk, Millican Rd.

1:59 p.m: Civil Service - 39200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

6:28 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.

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McKenzie Fire & Rescue

March 27: 14:42: 7900 block, Thurston Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

15:10: 45000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

18:37: 42000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

22:39: 43000 blk, McKenzie Hwy Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal

March 29: 23:27: McK. Hwy. Milepost 11. Motor Vehicle

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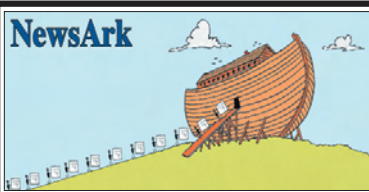
Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

March 30: 11:39: Medical - 55000 block, E. King Rd. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

March 31: 18:08: Fire Alarm - 57000 blk, McK. Hwy. Smoke fire alarm.

April 1: 13:44: Medical - 55000 blk, McK. River Dr. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

The Upper McK. Fire District board of directors will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 20th, at the McK. Fire station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge, at 7 p.m.



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Serving the McKenzie River Valley - Home of Gary & Lynn Mayo of Leaburg - Reflections Subscribers Since 2002

Site found for the Summer Festival

Construction activity will demolish the Summer Festival from the old Leaburg School grounds. Luckily, it will reappear just up the highway in Yalo.

By Lynn & Gary Mayo
The Leaburg Community Festival, sponsored by the McKenzie River Lions' Club, will be held on Saturday, August 13th, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The McKenzie River Lions' Club has graciously offered the use of their grounds in Yalo to host the festival of this year because of the fire department construction taking place on the former Leaburg School grounds.

McKenzie River Lions' Club members had been looking for an alternate site in the McKenzie River Valley area and welcomed the support of the McKenzie River Lions' Club to express gratitude to the

Historic Log Cabin Inn is being recycled

Mike Station Construction has been busy over the last week removing the old structures at the Log Cabin Inn Resort in McKenzie Bridge.

McKENZIE BRIDGE (RH) The "Thruway Home" log cabin inn resort, at the Log Cabin Inn Resort, has at the summer season taken in people can expect in one reconstruction to get under way as well, according to Steve McChesley, president of Mike Station Construction Services. McChesley said workers will preserve as much of the existing vegetation as possible and have made slight adjustments in their site plan to assure good views from the new set of cabins that will be added to the property.

The schedule calls for submitting plans to Lane County next, followed by drilling for the cabin support posts by the third week of July.

Steve McChesley with one of the salvaged log walls that will be reused in constructing a new restaurant at the site.

Work of local USFS biologist recognized

Ray Rivera

Ray's peers made this award based on his many years of service to the McKenzie River Ranger District. Ray has restored many miles of stream, helping in large ways with their non-wilderness, that serve as important fish habitat. The award was placed on a map that also honored the biologic community. Ray worked hard to create a habitat that worked for everyone. Ray has worked cooperatively with the community, private timber management companies, the Eugene Water and Electric Board, Northwest Steelheaders, and the McKenzie River Watershed Council. The award is presented in recognition of his ability to partner with others to bring in thousands of dollars in grant to help one of their employees, Ray Rivera, work.

County payments added to federal energy tax legislation

WASHINGTON, D.C. In a continued effort to provide funding for the nation's local schools and communities, members of the U.S. House of Representatives on Tuesday voted to pass a measure that would extend funding for the Science, Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act through 2011. The amendment is offered by U.S. Senator Bill Willkie (R-OH). Max Baucus (D-MT), Jeff Bingaman (D-NM),

McKenzie Artists' Guild 29th Annual Art Show

April 30 - May 1, 2022 - 10:00 to 4:00 each day

Local artists will be showing their works for sale at the Leaburg Fire and Training Center, 42870 McKenzie Highway, Leaburg. Art includes: Pottery, watercolor, acrylic, lavender products, soaps & lotions, jewelry, quilting, as well as quilting, and general crafts. There will be lots to choose from and remember Mothers' Day is May 8.

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Mob, corrupt union men battled over pinball

By Finn J.D. John

If you were a fan of the classic ABC television sitcom “Happy Days,” you know The Fonz had a special relationship with two particular machines: His trusty ’49 Triumph motorcycle, and the pinball machine in Al’s diner.

But it may surprise you to know that when Fonzie was playing that pinball machine, in 1950s Milwaukee, Wisc., he was breaking the law — and so was Al.

It’s a bit hard for younger Oregonians to believe, but just a few dozen years ago pinball was illegal in most large American cities — including Portland.

When coin-op pinball was first developed, it was mostly a game of chance, not skill — at least until flippers were added in the late 1940s. But even then, authorities still looked at a pinball machine as a straight-up slot machine with some extra gewgaws attached to it to fool players into thinking it was innocuous.

And they may have been right about that — at least, in some cases. But after 1949, the illegal status of pinball was going to have some profound effects on Oregon’s underworld, especially in and around Portland. It would set the stage for a semi-comical battle between two of the Beaver State’s scuzziest racketeers.

Where pinball came from

Games like pinball had been around since at least the 1700s, but the coin-operated game was developed in the early 1930s, and by the end of the Great Depression they were a familiar sight in bars and malt shops pretty much everywhere.

But slot machines of the “one-armed bandit” type were getting to be a familiar sight, too. And as city authorities started cracking down on these in the 1940s, they also took a look at the pinball games.

To be fair, pinball was mostly luck-based at first. That made it great for gambling operators, since it provided protection against some wizardly player coming to the table and using his or her mad skills to take them to the cleaners. So a number of bars had started



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A woman plays pinball in the Alpine Tavern in the town of Alpine as a friend watches. This photo dates from the mid-1960s.

letting patrons place bets and cash in extra games that they might win.

They’d quit doing that by the late 1940s, as improvements to the games had dramatically increased the amount of skill that was involved in the game and decreased the role of luck. But by then it was too late. The public-relations war had already been lost.

So in ’49, when the city of Portland outlawed the silver balls, pinball’s reputation was dark and sordid — and alluring. Authorities considered them “gateway machines” used by wicked, scheming men to lure innocent youths into the underworld of one-armed bandits, covert blackjack tables and other underworld wickedness. Rebellious youths, attracted by the forbidden-fruit effect, considered them great fun.

All of which meant that by the mid-1950s — the beginning of pinball’s glory days — pinball in the Portland area was strictly an outlaw enterprise. Games were supplied by criminal syndicates, sometimes in collaboration with corrupt local officials. And when those syndicates started fighting for market share, things could get pretty exciting.

The pinball wars

The pinball wars in the north Willamette Valley mostly centered around two racketeers, who supplied the machines that restaurants and bars used. There

was Stan Terry, an old bootlegger whose pinball-and-slots syndicate covered mostly establishments south of Portland, in the Milwaukie area; and “Big Jim” Elkins, the self-styled vice boss of Portland itself.

The two of them, in a nutshell, coveted one another’s rackets. They started out in the early 1950s with surprise raids. Elkins, with five or six heavily armed goons, would barge into a bar with Terry’s machines in it, take all the money and as many of the machines as they could haul and disappear into the night. Then Terry would respond in kind. Apparently nobody got hurt in any of these tit-for-tat raids, but then again, they weren’t getting anywhere either.

So around 1955, Elkins escalated the battle by traveling to Seattle and asking the Teamsters Union for help. The Teamsters Union at that time was essentially an organized-crime syndicate, and was already running some machines in Portland under the direction of a short, stocky crook named Tom “Blubber” Maloney.

The Teamster scheme

Elkins couldn’t get an appointment with the head of the Teamsters in Seattle, so he reached out to Maloney instead. Holed up in the Roosevelt Hotel on Park Street, the two of them hatched a scheme: They’d set up a Teamsters-affiliated pinball operators union, lock Terry out of it and shut him down by denying him access to union trucking services and by throwing picket lines around his customers’ joints.

This was soon done, and a few weeks later, the Coin Machine Men of Oregon was formed. Almost immediately, it moved on the enemy: It summoned a picket line of Teamsters around the Mt. Hood Café, a place with a bunch of Stan Terry’s machines in it.

The Vegas Mafia gets involved
It was looking like the end for Stan Terry. Once the Teamsters started shutting down his customers, his remaining

clients would leave in a hurry. In desperation, he went and talked to an old underworld buddy who’d worked for legendary former head Portland racketeer Al Winter before he’d left to open the Sahara Casino in Las Vegas. Terry’s friend had another friend who knew Hy Goldbaum, the pit boss at the Flamingo Casino — the mobbed-up joint in Vegas that had been started by the late Bugsy Siegel. Goldbaum personally escorted Terry to Seattle and introduced him to the head of the Teamsters — the guy Elkins hadn’t been able to get an appointment with.

Some cash changed hands, and then a telephone rang and the pickets were pulled from around the Mount Hood. Just like that, Elkins had lost, and now the Coin Machine Men of Oregon was the group on the outside, facing the prospect of pickets and “hot cargo” restrictions on its slots and pinball machines. At that point, it was checkmate: Elkins had no choice but to sell his machines and routes to Terry for whatever he could get. Terry, with the Teamsters, had run him out of the business.

But Elkins wasn’t done yet. He had another scheme up his sleeve to get the business back. All the business. And it was very simple.

Elkins’ desperate scheme

Elkins had made the acquaintance of a square-jawed goon named Herman “Bugsy” Burns. Now, he called up Burns and told him he had a job for him: He and some associates would pose as pinball-machine repairmen and start making the rounds to every joint with one or more of Stan Terry’s machines in it. Elkins already had the trucks and fake IDs that they’d need, and had lined up a big warehouse in North Portland where the machines could be hidden afterward. Everything was ready to go.

When the crew got to each joint, they’d tell the owner pretty much what The Grinch told Cindy Lou Who in Dr. Seuss’s classic “How The Grinch Stole Christmas”: The machines were being updated, so they were collecting the old ones, and another truck would be along in an hour or so with the new replacements.

Elkins figured if they were efficient, they could collect every single Stan Terry pinball machine before anybody figured out the scam, and then Terry would be out of business.

And it probably would have worked, too. But they’d never find out. Because Bugsy and his friends got bored while waiting for the signal to start the collection run, and decided to while away the time by knocking over a Safeway. Of course, they got caught.

Stan Terry kept his machines, and kept paying the Teamsters for the privilege. Big Jim Elkins was stuck on the outside looking in, perhaps thinking — as historian Phil Stanford wryly comments in his book — that “as ever, good help is so hard to find.”

(Sources: Stanford, Phil. *Portland Confidential: Sex, Crime and Corruption in the Rose City*. Portland: ptown books, 2004; Donnelly, Robert C. *Dark Rose: Organized Crime and Corruption in Portland*. Seattle: UW Press, 2011)

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By Slim Randles

These days we don’t think much about axes. They’re kinda old fashioned and they are too closely associated with manual labor for them to be very popular. It’s a shame, too, because there is lore to an ax. There are proper and improper ways to sharpen one, for instance.

There are proper and improper ways to fell a tree with one, to limb a fallen tree, to split firewood. Replacing the handle on an ax could make the subject of a very interesting small book, even.

Marvin always puts a coating of fiberglass around the handle just below the head to keep firewood from chewing up the handle, for instance. Dud has been known to soak an ax handle in a large tube of kerosene before using it to give it longer life.

In fact, Dud has made ax work into something of an art form. If you need your ax sharpened, Dud’s the guy to see. He has an old-fashioned grindstone with a water drip. He’ll tell you it’s important not to get the steel too hot and therefore take the temper out of it. And when he finishes sharpening your ax, you can shave with it. If you really want to.

But if they gave doctor’s degrees in ax use, ol’ Jasper Blankenship, up in the mountains, would get the first one around here. He built his cabin with just an ax, in fact. The whole thing. It was while Jasper was showing his new cabin to some tourist ladies that his ax became legendary around here.

“You see that ax?” he asked them. “That was George Washington’s ax. Yep, the same one he used to chop down the cherry tree. ‘Course it’s been through 42 handles and six heads since then.”

Brought to you by Home Country (the book), published by Rio Grande Press and now available as a Kindle ebook on Amazon.

Quote of the Week

“The last thing I want to do is hurt you ... but it’s still on my list.”

Anonymous

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Gardening Tips
By Kym Pokorny

15 ways to make gardening easier

When it comes time to garden, which is almost every day, 83-year-old Jerry Anderson stretches to warm up his muscles, picks up an ergonomic trowel and settles himself on a bucket in front of one of his raised beds. He sees no reason to ever stop his routine.

"I've got eight dahlia beds built so I can put one on top of another," said Anderson, who has been an Oregon State University master gardener for 21 years. "That way if I'm in a scooter someday, I can still garden."

On the days he's not gardening, Anderson tends to the Master Gardener Demonstration Garden at the Washington County Fairplex. Or, he delivers talks as part of a team about adaptive gardening for those who, like him, have a reason to alter their methods to fit situations like being in a wheelchair, struggling with lung problems or having arthritis.

Anderson, who was a vocational rehabilitation counselor for 20 years before he retired, said gardeners without challenges can benefit from adaptive gardening as well. Warming up, taking breaks and using ergonomic tools applies to everyone.

At the demonstration garden, various techniques are displayed, including a variety of raised beds, containers and vertical gardening options.

Anderson offers his tips for gardening made easier:

Take advantage of raised beds. They can be anything from traditional beds made of wood (regular or manufactured), concrete blocks or thick pavers. Make them 3 to 4 feet wide so you can easily

reach into the middle. Anderson said kits for raised beds are often available at Bi-Mart, Wilco and Coastal Farm and Ranch.

Recommended heights for raised beds are 36 to 40 inches for ambulant men; 25 to 30 for men who are seated but can get up; and a maximum of 24 inches for men in wheelchairs. For women, build beds 25 to 36 for those who can stand; 27 for those who are seated but can stand, and a maximum of 24 inches for those who are in wheelchairs.

Garden in containers. They can be placed on the ground or tables, whatever is a convenient height. Containers are easier to weed and water than gardens in the ground. They also take much less work to fill with soil than adding compost to in-ground gardens. Containers with wheels are easy to move around. Anderson likes to use water troughs made of black plastic that warm the soil sooner in spring and allow for a longer gardening season. Be sure to drill holes in the bottom. There are also galvanized versions. Look for them at feed and seed stores.

Use a pulley system for hanging baskets, which reduces the weight of the basket by half, and allows



it to be pulled down for watering and planting. Find them at larger garden centers or online.

Use ergonomic tools: Women should seek out tools made for smaller hands.

If needed to protect wrists, look for tools with braces.

Choose tools with curved handles and indentations for fingers. Buy tools with padded handles or modify them with water pipe insulation, bicycle handles or tape used to wrap golf clubs.

Anderson is partial to a tool called a Trak that has a trowel at one end and a hand rake at the other, with an ergonomic handle in the middle.

Sit on a bucket or seat made for gardening.

Buy a kneeler with handles that will help you get up. There are some versions that can be turned over and used as a seat.

Pick the smallest watering can for your abilities – a 1- or 2-gallon instead of the usual 3.

Warm up and take breaks. Anderson periodically stops pruning to sharpen his pruners with a diamond file for fish hooks to give himself a breather.

Keep pruners sharp to make cutting easier. Use a sheath to protect yourself from accidentally sitting or kneeling on them.

Try vertical gardening. Build or buy a trellis that's at an appropriate height for you. At the demonstration garden, you can see an example of one that is made of PVC pipe and netting and hinged at the bottom so it can be pulled down for harvest.

Start small. Biting off more than you can handle means more work and more chance of overdoing it.

Consider succession gardening. Planting crops at staggered dates keeps you from being overwhelmed. Plants will come ripe at different times so you'll do less work all at once. "You can do a little bit at a time," Anderson said.

Experiment with square foot gardening, an intensive method that uses the appropriate amount of plants per a certain size block of garden. "You know the plants' requirements and plant them according to that," Anderson said. "So instead of having a 6-

foot-long row of carrots that takes forever to thin and weed, you have 16 carrots in an easy-to-maintain square. It breaks the task down." Blocks are planted in succession rather than all at once to keep maintenance at a reasonable level.

Make wide paths if you use a wheelchair or scooter or if there is the possibility that you may someday.

Have garden and tools close to the house so you don't have to walk far.

Refer to eight OSU publications on making gardening easier for

those in a wide range of situations from arthritis to lung and heart problems.

Visit the demonstration garden at the Washington County Fairplex in Hillsboro if you're in the area. Master Gardeners are there every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to noon year round.

Pick up one of the books Anderson recommends: "Raised Bed Revolution, Tara Nolan;" "The Vegetable Gardener's Container Bible," Edward C. Smith; "All New Square Foot Gardening II," Mel Bartholomew; and "Slow Gardening" Felder Rushing.



Country Kitchen
By Mary Emma Allen

MEMORIES OF KITCHENS

Kitchens often make up the heart of a family's home. That's where meals are cooked and served, families gather to play board games, do homework, or work on craft projects. Even when a kitchen's small, it might have a counter with stools where youngsters sit when they come home from school and chat with mom as she serves a snack.

Throughout our lives, the kitchens change from those of our childhood, to career apartments, homes of newly weds, larger living space as youngsters grow, then empty nests, and eventually perhaps a retirement home. No matter where we've lived, we'll have memories of the kitchens of these homes to share with family.

Kitchens of Childhood

The kitchen of my childhood was the gathering room in a farmhouse. With its wood fired cook stove, large oval table, couch along one wall, sink in another corner, and pantry off one end, this room offered space for many activities besides cooking and eating.

My childhood was spent at one location, so involved one kitchen. During my daughter's growing up years, we lived in four states and nine homes. So her memories of the kitchens of childhood

would have many settings, from California, Colorado, and New York State to New Hampshire.

These included a mobile home, apartments, a small house, two 1800s houses, two houses under construction as we lived in them while Jim built. We also lived with relatives for short periods. I hope she has fond memories of these kitchens as I do of mine in the farmhouse.

Married Life

Jim's and my married life involved a college apartment in New Hampshire, military homes in Texas and California, an apartment complex in Denver while Jim completed airline pilot training, then houses and apartments in New York and New Hampshire. As I think back, I realize I've cooked on many stoves and in many settings.

Foods cooked in these homes consisted of recipes we enjoyed from our childhoods and new ones typical of the region where we temporarily lived. Recipes in Texas often had a Mexican influence. In California, we found fresh fruits and vegetables plentiful.

When we lived in New York State, in my native town, I found myself cooking foods of childhood since I often prepared meals for my parents, too. My mother also liked me to experiment with new recipes and post these in her country store.

Why don't you record memories of the kitchens of your life? You might include these in a scrapbook with photos and recipes.

Texas or Mexican Pizza is an adaptation of a recipe discovered in the Lone Star State. This calls for flour tortillas instead of the traditional pizza crust.

Place a flour tortilla on a baking sheet. Spread salsa (mild or hot, depending on your taste) in a thin layer over it. Then add toppings of your choice such as cooked ground beef, diced onions, diced green or red peppers, diced chiles, diced tomatoes, crumbled cooked bacon, diced cooked ham.

Top with shredded cheese. Then broil until the cheese has melted, the edges of the tortilla are lightly browned, and the whole mixture is heated through. You also can bake this pizza at 350 degrees F. until it's heated through, browned, with cheese melted.

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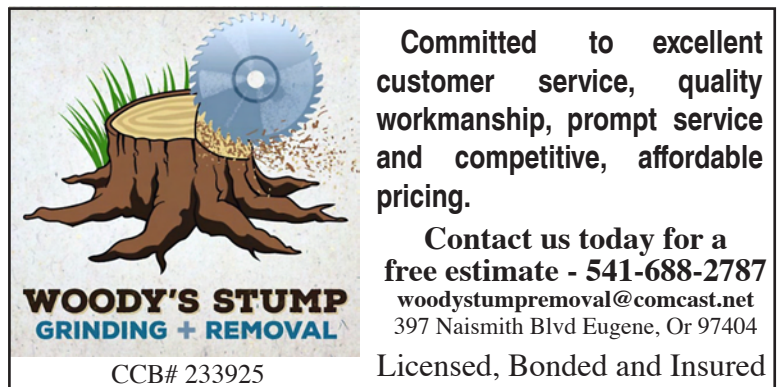
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Community Notes

**April 9
Spring Craft Faire**
 From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. the Vida McKenzie Community Center will be hosting a Spring Craft Faire at the McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church in Walterville. The Center is seeking artisans and other individuals who create art or fashion hand-made crafts of all sorts. Interested? Please contact Tammy Pelton at 951-970-0176.

**April 16 - Walterville
Easter Egg Hunt**
 The Walterville Grange will be holding its 9th annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16th, at the Walterville Community Center starting at 10 a.m. (don't be late or the eggs will be gone). There will be some special eggs with special surprises in them. Age groups will be 4 and under, 5 to 6, and 7 and up. Be sure to bring your own basket to put your eggs in. This will be held at 39259 Camp Creek Road in Walterville.

**April 16 - Blue River
Easter Egg Hunt**
 A free community Easter egg hunt will be held on the morning of Saturday, April 16th, starting promptly at 11 a.m.

We will have a special area for youngsters up to 4 years old and then a timed release for the other age groups, up to 18. There will also be field games like sack races, three-legged races, and egg in spoon race. The Easter Egg Hunt and Field Games will be free.

Young Life, the sponsor, will have tents setup with Coffee and Hot Chocolate served by teens going to camp this summer and will be accepting donations towards the costs of going to camp.

For more information, contact Spencer Wallace @ (405) 595-7011

**April 20
McKenzie School Board**
 The McKenzie School Board

will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the district office, 51187 Blue River Drive in Finn Rock

**April 23
Wooden Boat Show**
 The McKenzie River Wooden Boat Show will return on April 23rd, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Eagle Rock Lodge (between mile post 35 and 36). There will be no exhibitors' fee and no admission charge. People are encouraged to bring their wooden boat for display. "Drifters" should plan to launch from Finn Rock on Quartz Creek at 9 a.m. Drivers should arrive between 9 and 10 to have

their boats moved to the riverside parking area. The McKenzie River Guides Association will serve lunch and beverages. This year's event is a team effort between Randy Dersham's Eddyline Entertainment and the McKenzie River Discovery Center.

**April 30
Annual Art Show**
 The McKenzie Artists' Guild's 29th Annual Art Show will be held from April 30th to May 1st from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Local artists will be showing their works for sale at the Leaburg Fire and Training Center, 42870

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Throughout history, literature has taken on a variety of themes - some important, some trivial. But perhaps the most ubiquitous, eternal even, is that of the triumph of good versus evil - the victory of light over dark - Heaven versus Hell. We love stories where the good guy wins in the end. (Think Churchill/Hitler) We cheer when the dark lord dies and the world is made safer.

We seek the light in our fervent attempts to escape the dark places in our lives. It's why the Druids celebrated Winter Solstice and why we still welcome that annual triumph of the light over the dark side.

Right now, the world is faced with the abhorrent behavior of another dark lord who appears to be willing to sacrifice thousands of innocent people to feed his autocratic appetite for power and empire. He is reminiscent of Stalin, Milosevic, and Hitler. We watch the excruciatingly heart-rending photos coming out of Ukraine, and feel helpless to make a difference. What could we possibly do to make even the slightest difference for 'good'?

When I first thought about the topic for this column, it seemed that perhaps I should write something frivolous and light-hearted to distract us from the madness that is going on in Eastern Europe. But then I happened upon a book - a children's book - that offered a different opportunity. The book is called "Nicky And Vera", by Peter Sis, and it's about a man - one man - who made an extraordinary difference in another time of madness, a man whose determination to do the right thing overcame significant odds.

Nicholas Winton was born in London in 1909. His German/Jewish parents had emigrated there and had converted to Christianity. Nicholas was a good student and athlete, and eventually

made his way as a successful stockbroker. In November of 1938, Germany attacked Jewish homes and businesses in both Germany and Austria, an event called "Kristallnacht". Refugees, as many as 250,000, fled into Prague, Czechoslovakia (then Sudetenland) in the freezing cold with only the clothes on their backs.

Nicholas had planned to go on a ski vacation with his friend, Martin Blake, but Blake persuaded him to come to Prague to help get as many children out of the country by train as they could. Britain would accept children under seventeen as long as they had a family who would host them, and 50 Pounds for a return ticket.

There were so many parents seeking to get their children to safety, but too much bureaucratic red tape and too little time. So Nicholas set up temporary headquarters in his hotel room to register children's names and photographs for transport, and day after day parents brought their children to him hoping to get them on the trains bound for London.

Nicholas returned to London to place ads for host families in the newspapers, and to secure the needed permits - even though he had to forge most of them. In the meantime, his friend in Prague bribed railway officials and members of the Gestapo to allow the children to leave.

The first train departed on March 14, 1939, with seven more to follow. On September 1, World War II officially began when Germany invaded Poland, and closed the borders. The ninth train was filled with 250 children, but was not allowed to leave. Only two children who were on that last train survived the war.

During the war, Nicholas served as an ambulance driver in France, and in 1940 was evacuated along with the rest of the British army from the beaches in Dunkirk. After

the war, he worked in London and Paris for the International Committee for Refugees. He married a Danish woman, Grete, had three children, and lived his life quietly, never mentioning to anyone the role he had played in rescuing nearly 700 children.

In 1988, as she was sorting things in the attic of their home, Grete found all the scrapbooks in which Nicholas had kept records of the children on those eight trains out of Prague. Grete convinced him that these were important papers. "They are children's lives," she said. She then contacted researchers to see if some of these 'children' could be located.

That led to an invitation from a local TV show for Nicholas to share this remarkable story.

Nicholas agreed. What he didn't know was that the studio audience was filled with those now grown children. When the MC of the show asked, "Is there anyone here who owes their life to Nicholas Winton?" everyone stood.

In the book, "Nicky And Vera", Vera Gissing is just one of the children who rode to London on Winton's Train. It tells her story of what it was like as an eleven-year-old to leave everything behind, to grow up in another country, and to never see her parents again. (They died in Nazi concentration camps.) At the television show, Vera was seated right beside Nicholas.

In 2009, to celebrate Nicholas' 100th birthday, some of the rescued "children" boarded a train in Prague and made a repeat journey to the Liverpool Street train station in London. Nicholas Winton was there to meet them.

Nicholas died in 2015 at the age of 106. He was a man who stood on the side of courage and goodness, who chose to embrace the light and reject the darkness, a man who made a difference. And, at some point in our lives, don't we all have that opportunity to choose?

I'll see you at the library.

Marty Mealey, Director "Nicholas And Vera" is available in the Children's Room in the library. Other titles you may like: "Pearls Of Childhood", Vera Gissing; "If It's Not Possible..." Barbara Winton.

Rd. 19 restricted

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19 status updates. More information is available at <https://go.usa.gov/xztMR> for alternative recreation opportunities.

The closure is designed to protect public safety because of continued landslides and rockfalls. Contractors working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will remove hazards from the Holiday Farm Fire that include fire damaged trees, loose detached rock, and downed trees lying on the slope, as well as other debris that could cause hazardous conditions on the road.

"The rock scaling and fire damaged tree removal on Road 19 is part of fire recovery and safety mitigation," said McKenzie River District Ranger Darren Cross. "The fire impacts have affected several parts of the road, and we are working diligently for the safety of the public and employees."

The official closure order and map are available online at <https://tinyurl.com/d5c7nsku> and <https://tinyurl.com/54n2e2z4>. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter @WilliametteNF for more updates.

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Accident. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

March 30: 19:02: 37000 blk, Shenandoah Lp. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

March 31: 14:31: 8400 blk, Thurston Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

15:19: 87000 blk, Collins Ln. Public Assist. Lift Assist Only.

April 1: 9:29: McK. Hwy. Mp. 14. Vehicle Fire - Extinguished upon arrival.

12:48: 42000 blk, McK. Hwy Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

14:32: 45000 blk, McK. Hwy. Fire, Vehicle. Extinguished.

20:32: 7000 blk, Thurston Rd. Medical, General. Patient

Assessed, 1 Transported.

April 2: 23:11: 90000 blk, Greenwood Drive Assist Police. Patient Assessed, Patient with LCSO.

April 3: 11:36: 89000 blk, Whitewater Rd. Medical Alarm. False Alarm.

21:09: 46000 blk, Goodpasture Rd. Illegal Burn. Property owner to extinguish.

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, April 18th at noon, in the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McK. Hwy. The district maintains Facebook, Twitter, and web pages. If you have a question or concern about any Fire District business, give Chief Bucich a call @ 541-896-3311. If he is unavailable, please leave a message and he will respond ASAP.

Sports Report

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3000 m. in 14 min. 27.38 seconds. Laker teammate Kiele Riggs won both hurdle events, the 100 m. Hurdles in 19.57 seconds and the 300 m. Hurdles in 59.79 seconds. Triangle Lake also won the 4x100 m. Relay in 58.36 seconds with the foursome of Keira Alvarez-Wilson, Autumn Thelander, Riggs, and Mather. The Crow girls team of Maci Holderly, Cloe Boutin, Pitta Khumhaeng, and Giorgia Medori won the 4x400 m. Relay with a time of 5 min. 30.77 seconds.

Eagle Caulley placed second in the Triple Jump, leaping 18 ft. 10 in. and that event was won by Nele Brottka of Paisley, who had a fine jump of 27 ft. 8 in. Brottka also won the Long Jump with a mark of 12 ft. 5.5 in. Eagle teammates Short and Caulley finished fourth and seventh respectively. Short jumped 10 ft. 4.75 in. and Caulley's best leap was measured at 9 ft. 6 in.

Mohawk's Lucy Barrowcliff

was the sole competitor in the Pole Vault and she cleared cleanly at 6 ft. 6 in. Barrowcliff's long jump competition was unfortunately shortened when the Mustang athlete was injured on a jump and had to leave for medical assistance. McKenzie's Hailey Prater finished second in the Javelin with a throw of 75 ft. 7 in. and sister teammate Hannah Prater took ninth with a toss of 36 ft. 1.5 in. Feirin McConnell of Triangle Lake, who threw the spear 75 ft. 10.5 in, won the Javelin event. Hailey Prater tossed the shot 21 ft. 10 in., which placed her third in the Shot Put event and Hannah Prater finished sixth at 20 ft. 4 in.

Mapleton's Emily Neece, who had a good throw of 28 ft. 10.25 in, won the Shot Put. Paisley's Saika Sultanova won the Discus event with a mark of 72 ft. 10 in. Hannah Prater finished seventh with a mark of 51 ft. 0 in. and Hailey Prater followed in eighth place at 50 ft. 6 in.

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