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Vigilantes

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Local fires

Wildfires have caused closures of both Highway 126 and Highway 242, east of McKenzie Bridge.

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Time for a new bridge?



Built in 1961, when seismic considerations didn't factor into construction designs, the Blue River Bridge is likely to remain in service thanks to strong community support for its preservation.

BLUE RIVER: "Lane County will be working once again with the community to determine the feasibility of constructing a separated bike/ped bridge that would support emergency vehicles and withstand an earthquake," according to senior planner Becky Taylor. The study, she says, "will explore two

alignment options and develop design concepts. The goal will be to develop a community-preferred design concept that completes the [Continued On Page 2](#)

Canal refill postponed

Seepage still a problem in Walterville's levee



Safety issues related to leaks detected new the Eugene Water & Electric Board's Walterville Powerhouse have caused the utility to dewater the canal in February.

WALTERVILLE: The Eugene Water & Electric Board plans to start generating electricity from the Walterville Hydro plant as soon as possible, "but we need to ensure it is done safely and by Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC's) dam safety requirements," according to utility communications specialist Adam Spencer. EWEB dewatered the Walterville Canal in February after receiving an automated alert from a water seepage monitor.

The detector, near the Walterville Powerhouse, monitors seepage through the 110-year-old canal's earthen embankment. When the device detected an unexpected increase in seepage flow, it triggered a [Refill postponed - Page 2](#)

A fine day in Walterville

Kicked off with the "Waddle" and topped off by a BBQ



Mary Sooh

Winners of the 2024 Walterville Waddle were: 17 & Under - Male: Conrad Drake, (11), Female: Zyla Drake (14); 18-55 - Zack Rogers (27), Sara Klott (24); and 56+ Tom Nash (64), Trisha Kluge (64).



Rita Stadel, left, and Marty Mealey, Woman of the Year for 2017 and 2014 respectively, shared wide smiles along the parade route



This year's Walterville Fair offered an expanded number of both vendor and community group information booths.

Guest Opinion

Leveraging tennis to combat youth mental health challenges

By Dr. Brian Hainline
U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy warns that today's youth mental health crisis is the "defining public health issue of our time."

He's right. American adolescents are experiencing unprecedented levels of mental health challenges.

Fortunately, there's a way to reverse these trends. I've spent my career studying the intersection of sports and mental health, including roles as the chief medical officer at NCAA, co-chair of the International Olympic Committee Consensus Meeting on Mental Health in Elite Athletes, and fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine. Sports can help kids combat depression, become more resilient, and find a strong sense of purpose.

Encouraging more kids to get involved in youth sports -- and particularly in tennis, which offers several unique advantages -- could help solve the mental health crisis.

Kids are experiencing mental health challenges at shockingly high rates. More than four in 10

high schoolers report ongoing feelings of sadness and hopelessness.

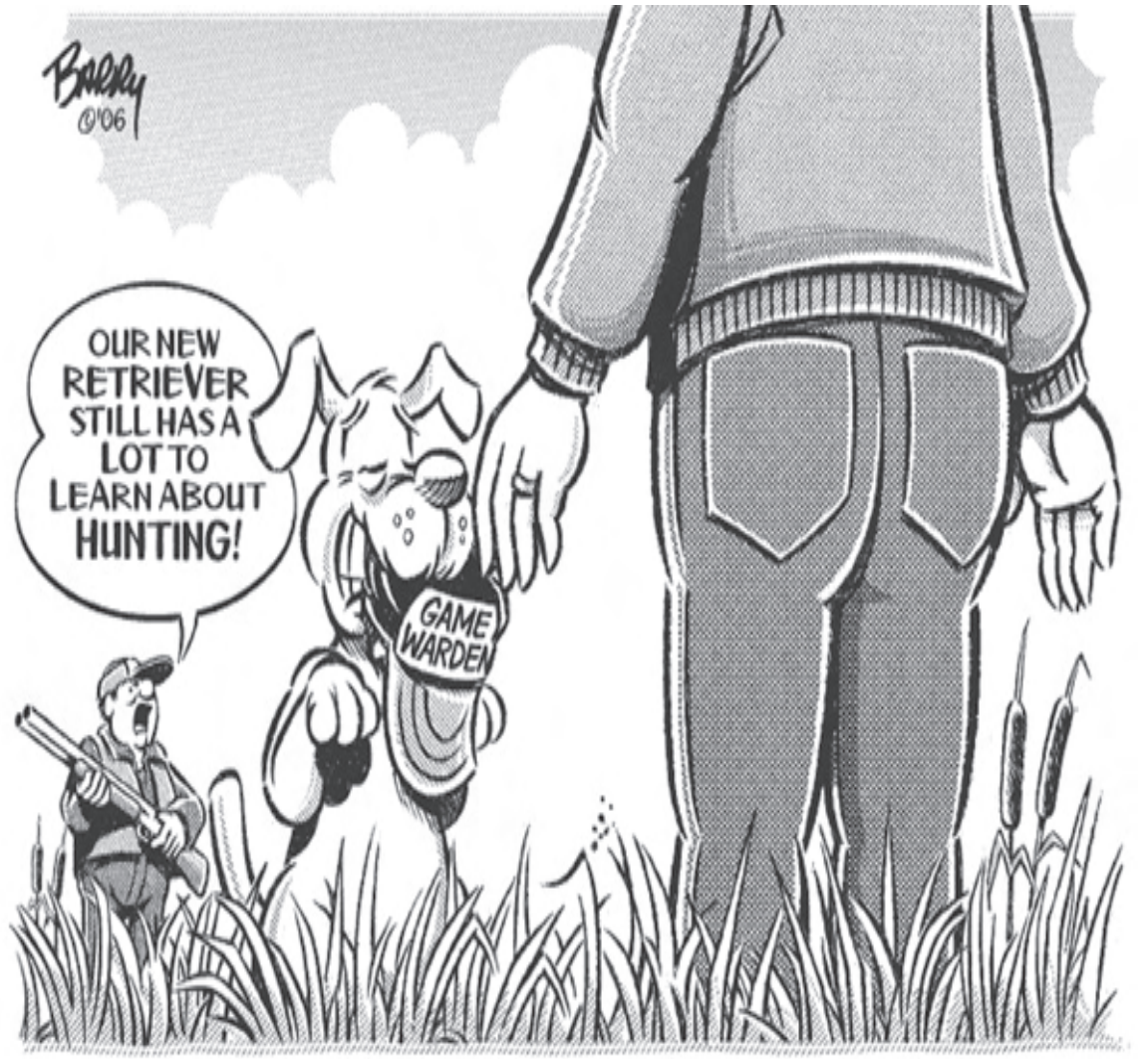
Sports offer an antidote. Participating in sports is linked to lower rates of depression and anxiety. This is especially true for girls. Girls who participate in sports experience mental health disorders at rates up to 2.5 times lower than their inactive counterparts.

Sports help young people build self-worth. The ability to set goals -- getting faster, stronger, or fitter -- and then put in the hard work to achieve them provides a sense of accomplishment.

Tennis is especially equipped to help young Americans grow up mentally resilient. As president of the U.S. Tennis Association, I have seen first-hand how the sport can connect individuals and open doors of opportunity for those who might otherwise be left on the outside looking in.

Tennis has one of the lowest barriers to entry of any sport. Unlike other sports that require costly gear and a field full of players, all a kid needs to start is a \$20 racquet, a few balls, and a partner. There are more than 250,000 tennis courts across the United States.

Tennis also promotes family bonding. People can play tennis



well into their golden years -- meaning parents and even grandparents can play with kids. Research shows depression rates are lower among children who report close relationships with their parents.

The sport also promotes stronger communities. Local clubs, tournaments, and events create opportunities to connect. The USTA recreational league has 330,000 players from all backgrounds and walks of life. By encouraging intergenerational interaction and inclusivity, tennis fosters a sense of belonging and shared purpose. Strong community cohesion is associated with positive mental health outcomes.

Tennis has physical health benefits, too. Playing tennis for three hours a week can lower the risk of heart disease by over 50%. Another long-term study discovered playing tennis could extend one's life by up to a decade -- longer than any other sport.

Nelson Mandela, who made great use of sports in bringing South Africa together, famously declared, "Sport has the power to change the world . . . It speaks to youth in a language they understand. Sport can create hope where once there was only despair."

We need that hope more than ever. For many kids, it can be found on their local court.

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New bridge?

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gap in bike/ped connectivity from the school to the downtown and improves the overall success of the Blue River Drive Design Concept being awarded state/federal grant funding.

The Blue River Design Concept was approved by the Board of County Commissioners in April. The project would create a paved multi-use path adjacent to Blue River Drive - from the school to the Blue River Bridge - and provide sidewalks and on-street park-

ing in the downtown area.

More community input is planned for the spring of 2025. Data gathering is currently underway and email updates will be provided as more information becomes available. Final approval of the design concept by the Board of County Commissioners is planned for the summer 2025.

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Refill postponed

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dam safety process that required dewatering of the canal for close-up inspections.

EWEB was unable to get repair plans approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission this summer which will cause delays until after the end of the winter/spring rainy season. There are no public safety risks while the canal is in its current dewatered condition, officials say.

A couple of options are currently being explored from "a budgetary, regulatory, constructability and operational standpoint," Spencer said. "The solutions we've identified involve lining the portion of the canal that

is experiencing seepage, but there is additional analysis in progress because we have to ensure that additional mitigation is not needed to address potential structural issues beyond installing a liner to address the seepage."

Until EWEB receives FERC approval the utility is continuing to coordinate with the agency. Installing a liner in the canal will require a dry work area, "when we can manage the storm and creek flows the canal intercepts more easily," Spencer says.

For more information go to WaltervilleInfo@eweb.org or WaltervilleInfo@eweb.org

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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
9/3	54	84	0	557 cfs	9/3	69	49	0	2,820 cfs
9/4	60	98	0	571 cfs	9/4	84	51	0	2,820 cfs
9/5	66	103	0	NA	9/5	87	55	0	3,070 cfs
9/6	61	0	0	551 cfs	9/6	85	56	0	3,030 cfs
9/7	65	91	0	545 cfs	9/7	89	57	0	3,020 cfs
9/8	60	90	0	545 cfs	9/8	82	56	0	2,740 cfs
9/9	88	61	0	539 cfs	9/9	87	53	0	2,530 cfs

Friday 9/13		Saturday 9/14		Sunday 9/15	
McKenzie Valley Partly Cloudy 10% chance precip High: 74 Low: 48	Santiam Pass Partly Cloudy 10% chance precip High: 65 Low: 40	McKenzie Valley Partly Cloudy 10% chance precip High: 73 Low: 50	Santiam Pass Partly Cloudy 5% chance precip High: 62 Low: 39	McKenzie Valley Cloudy 20% chance precip High: 71 Low: 48	Santiam Pass Cloudy 10% chance precip High: 58 Low: 37

Sheriff's Report

Aug. 28: 3:47 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 8000 blk, McK. Hwy. A resident called 911 to get a subject to leave her property. No crime articulated.

8:44 p.m: Theft - 40900 blk, Deerhorn Rd. Ongoing civil issue.

Aug. 29: 6:05 p.m: Strangulation - 38100 blk, B St. This case is still actively being investigated.

7:05 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 38200 blk, Camp Creek Rd. A mail truck was parked for an extended time, but left after being called in as suspicious.

Aug. 30: 1:37 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - Mohawk Loop Rd. & Marcola Rd. A large number of vehicles arrived at the location and appeared to be associated with an event. Referred to Land Management.

Aug. 31: 5:19 a.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 35200 blk, Camp Creek Rd. A McK. District deputy contacted a suspicious vehicle in the area and contacted the occupant.

8:19 p.m: Prowler - 49900 blk, McK. Hwy. Deputies responded to reported prowlers on the property. They were identified to be the

owners.

Sept. 1: 12:36 a.m: Theft - Terwilliger Hot Springs. Recreators' backpacks, containing personal items including wallets and keys, were stolen from the area.

9:30 a.m: Intimidation - 88900 blk, Easy Ln. Ongoing civil issue.

5:52 p.m: Harassment - 51200 blk, Blue River Dr. A resident had an online argument and received threatening messages from the other person.

Sept. 2: 8:37 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 88900 blk, Sky-high Dr.

Sept. 3: 12:40 a.m: Lost Subject - 90000 blk, Marcola Rd.

12:01 p.m: Burglary - 49500 blk, McK. Hwy.

12:01 p.m: Civil Problem - 88900 blk, Easy Ln.

12:01 p.m: Criminal Mischief - WALTERVILLE area. A lock was cut on a gate, which was left open. the owner patrolled the area.

2:30 p.m: Civil Service - 50100 blk, McK. Hwy.

7:31 p.m: Repossessed Vehicle - 38100 blk, B St.

Sept. 4: 6 p.m: Unattended Boat - 44500 blk, McK. Hwy.

Sept. 5: 12:33 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Camp Creek Rd.

1:28 p.m: Harassment - 39400 blk, Ann Ln. Self report regarding

ongoing online harassment by a possible acquaintance.

1:31 p.m: Citizen Contact - 39500 blk, McK. Hwy.

3:21 p.m: Citizen Contact - McK. Bridge area.

3:29 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 88900 blk, Easy Ln.

5:09 p.m: Weapon Offense - 91200 blk, Marcola Rd.

5:50 p.m: Civil Problem - 92200 blk, Marcola Rd.

7:08 p.m: Traffic Hazard - McK. Hwy. & Leaburg Dr.

10:04 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - Marcola Rd. & Donna Rd.

Sept. 6: 11:36 a.m: Dead Animal - Parsons Creek Rd. & Regal Ln.

4:03 p.m: Traffic Hazard - 42800 blk, McK. Hwy.

6:23 p.m: Forest Fire - Lat: 44.01221 Long: -121.84098.

Sept. 7: 10:40 a.m: Forest Fire - Lat: 44.139433 Long: -121.849435.

12:27 p.m: Screaming - Lat: 44.17436111 Long: -122.281777. Personnel at a fire security check-

point reported hearing screaming in the area. The subject was not located, however is believed to be a transient that lives in the area.

12:55 p.m: Forest Fire - Lat: 44.119742 Long: -121.815119.

3:24 p.m: Rescue Operation - Lat: 44.084165 Long: -121.817329.

5:07 p.m: Reckless Driving - 40400 blk, Mohawk River Rd.

7:12 p.m: Child Neglect - Sunderman Rd. & Keller Ln.

9:36 p.m: Vehicle Stop - Crooked Creek staging site.

9:42 p.m: Prowler - 37000 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

10:59 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 51700 blk, Dexter St.

12:27 p.m: Screaming - Lat: 44.17436111. Long: -122.281777.

Sept. 8: 11:30 a.m: Stalking Complaint - 38800 blk, McK. Hwy.

1:06 p.m: Unlawful Entry of Motor Vehicle - 54500 blk, McK. Hwy.

Sept. 9: 11:00 a.m: Theft of License Plate - 42800 blk, McK. Hwy.

12:21 p.m: Animal Abuse - Upper Camp Creek Rd. & Cress Creek Rd.

4:30 p.m: Alarm - 38100 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

4:35 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 95100 blk, Hazel Ln.

5:02 p.m: Welfare Check - 7900 blk, Thurston Rd.

6:33 p.m: Disabled Vehicle - Marcola Rd. & Nadeau Rd.

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

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Sept. 4: 14:00: 1100 block, 66th St. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

Sept. 5: 10:23: 39000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Refusal.

21:06: McK. Hwy. Milepost 17. Motor Vehicle Accident/Vehicle Fire. Fire Extinguished. Patient Refusal.

21:10: 41000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical General. Transported.

Sept. 6: 9:25: 39000 blk, Jameson Creek Rd. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

9:38: 43000 blk, Greenwood Village Dr. Structure Fire. Fire Extinguished.

13:40: McK. Hwy. Mp. 18. Subject Down. Contact Made, Subject OK.

18:23: 88000 blk, Running Springs Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

Sept. 8: 12:54: McK. Hwy. Mp. 3. Vehicle Fire. Provided Tender.

21:41: 44000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, Monday, September 16th, 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.

Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

Sept. 9: 13:08: Bike Accident - McK. Hwy./S. Belknap Springs Rd. Male fell off a bike, bystanders are extinguishing.

The Upper McK. Fire District's board of directors will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, September 16th, at the Blue River Fire Station 2, 51730 Echo St. in Blue River.

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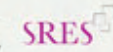
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By Slim Randles

Everyone has his own favorite spot on Lewis Creek, I guess. Some of us favor the swimming hole below Miller's old place, with its rope swing and the kids who frolic there on hot summer days.

For Doc and Dud, it's the big race below the rocks where the huge lunger trout lives. All our efforts to catch him have so far gone unrewarded, and he keeps getting bigger each year.

But for me, there's a little cove downstream from there, shaded by huge cottonwoods and flanked in by car-sized rocks the color of wet cement. I found it sometime during a previous lifetime, I imagine. At least I can't remember the first time I discovered this place. It is walled off from the world by the rocks, protected from the sun by the cottonwoods. There is a blackened part of one overhanging rock where I've built a good many small cooking and "friendly" fires over the decades.

I've fished from there, swum from there, and ... back when the fires of spring were still racing, shared this special spot with a girl or two. But mostly it has been a private place. Everyone needs one. It's been a place to come, alone, for special times. When my dog died, when I was just a youngster, it was a place to shed private tears and remember the times the two of us had there. When the scholarship came, it was a place to come and sit by the small fire at night, a place where the noise of the water flowing by would drown out about 82 percent of my shouts of exaltation.

Years later, when my grandson's cancer went into remission, it became a very private personal church for giving thanks.

Today, it's a part of my very being ... the home place ... what Spanish-speakers would call the *querencia* ... the place of the heart. If someday my ashes could come to rest here, I wouldn't complain at all, but just smile at the sound of the creek chuckling by.

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Vigilantes were a shadow government in frontier Prineville

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The thing was, by late 1883, the Vigilantes' popularity had collapsed, and they didn't know it. Basically, by this time, everyone who wasn't one of them was an opponent — but, of course, nobody dared actually say so.

But several of the other folks in the saloon that night were happy to trot on over to Blakely's place and tell him what Winckler had said about him, and Blakely was furious. He and several friends charged down to the saloon, but by the time they got there the Vigilantes had gone home.

The next day, though, Blakely strapped on his .41-caliber Colt revolver and went looking for Winckler. He found him in front of a hotel. When their eyes met Winckler hastily retreated into the hotel with Blakely in hot pursuit, and tried to hide out in the outhouse in back. Blakely ordered him out, marched him at gunpoint into the middle of the street, and told him to take the next stagecoach out of town. "You won't get out of here if you don't," he growled.

Winckler left as ordered, leaving Crook County without a treasurer.

Meanwhile, David Stewart and Charles Pert, the owners of the Prineville Flour Mill, thought it was time to finally do something about the Vigilantes, so they reached out to Blakely and some others. They wanted to set up what amounted to a temporary political party — a sort of counter-vigilance committee.

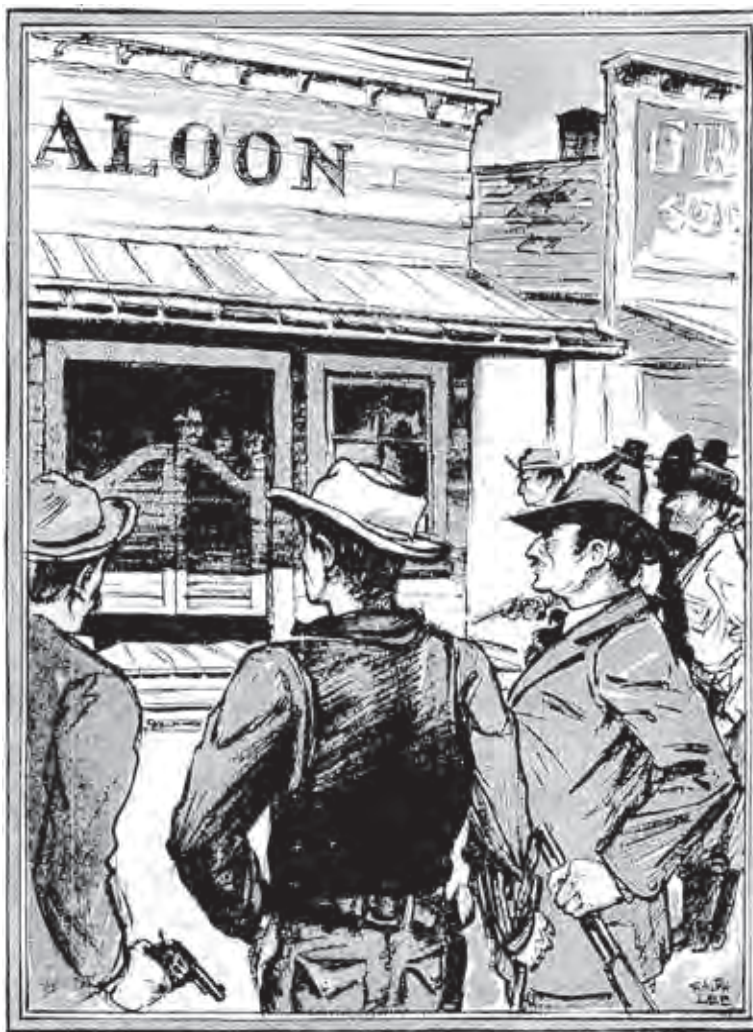
Their focus was on beating the Vigilantes at the ballot box when they stood for reelection in June. But, they felt there would be some physical force needed for the protection of their candidates, who otherwise might mysteriously disappear or be lynched by Vigilantes pretending to think they were horse thieves. Hence, Stewart and Pert had reached out to all the roughest, toughest, rootin-tootinest non-Vigilantes in town to see if they'd be interested — starting with Blakely and a couple others.

All of them were very interested. They formed a group, the Citizens Protective Union, on the spot, and elected Blakely as their leader.

When the Vigilantes found out about the CPU, they mockingly called them The Moonshiners, because they had met quietly late at night to form their gang. (The modern meaning of "moonshine" wouldn't become a thing for several decades after all this happened, of course.)

The CPU members liked the name, and adopted it, kind of like the American colonists did with "Yankee Doodle," and from then on it was Vigilantes vs. Moonshiners.

As the jocular nickname



Ralph Lee/ Portland Morning Oregonian, 1939
The Citizens' Protective Union, 75 strong, waited in the street in front of Till Glaze's saloon as their leader, Jim Blakely, challenged the Vigilantes to come out. They didn't, and after that day, the Crook County Vigilantes never rode again.

implies, the Vigilantes didn't take the Moonshiners seriously at first, which gave Blakely and his boys some much-needed under-the-radar time during which they hurried around from house to house talking to people they thought might be interested in joining forces with them.

They were probably surprised at how receptive folks were — certainly the Vigilantes would be, later on.

"We worked hard, trying to brace up the backs of folks who had been terrorized for two years," Blakely recalled many years later, "and it was not long before we had 75 or 80 good citizens in and around Prineville in the Moonshiners."

That was a lot more than there were Vigilantes.

As the election drew near, the Vigilantes started to be annoyed by the campaigning the Moonshiners were doing against their candidates. They decided it was time to break the rival gang up once and for all, and they marked out a sort of "night of the long knives"-type plan to do it, targeting the Moonshiner leaders.

Unfortunately for the Vigilantes, one of their top boys — George Barnes, the mayor's son — had a big mouth, or maybe he just didn't realize that most of the town was backing the Moonshiners now. He bragged about the plan to a friend in a saloon, and somebody down by the end of the bar set down his

beer and casually wandered out through the swinging doors, and five minutes later Blakely knew all about it.

The Moonshiners decided the best way to settle things would be with a show of force. So they put the word out to all members: All hands on deck. On the night the Vigilantes had picked for their move, the Moonshiners would assemble a few blocks away and present themselves en masse, like an attack-into-preparation move in a fencing match.

And so it was that, on the night the Vigilantes were meeting at Till Glaze's saloon for what you might call their "mission briefing," one of them looked up through the window and saw their evening's targets strolling toward them up the middle of the street, fully armed and with faces cold and grim, with a huge crowd behind them. A century earlier that crowd would have been packing torches and pitchforks; but, since this was Prineville in 1884, it was bristling with rifle and shotgun barrels instead.

The crowd arrayed itself around the saloon, filling the street, a sea of grim faces glaring through a forest of long-gun barrels into the windows of the saloon.

"If you think you can stop us, come on out and try!" Blakely shouted into the silence, as the Vigilantes peered nervously out at what must have looked

worrisomely like a lynch mob to them.

The seconds ticked by as thumbs toyed with the hammers of Colts and Winchesters outside the saloon, and the overwhelmingly outnumbered Vigilantes tried to figure out what to do.

In the end, they did nothing, and the Moonshiners, having made their point, went back to their families. They'd broken the power of the Vigilantes without firing a single shot.

The Vigilantes never rode again. And on election day, the incumbent Vigilantes were turned out, in most cases, by overwhelming majorities. One exception was Bud Thompson's brother, S.G. Thompson, who won a narrow race for Crook County's state-senate seat; but he and Bud fled the state before the session started, so his opponent, Charles Cartwright, ended up taking the seat. Jim Blakely was elected sheriff.

A rumor, albeit a fairly solid one, claims the Thompson brothers slept in the barn with guns ready until their land was sold and they were ready to leave town. They needn't have bothered. The Moonshiners never were interested in "taking over the other gang's rackets," they just wanted their county back. After they got it, the Moonshiners dissolved their organization and got back to their day jobs.

But maybe Thompson was actually hiding out from process servers. Martha Mogan, Frank Mogan's widow, was suing him for murdering her husband. Eventually the jury awarded her \$3,600, which he avoided paying by slinking across the border into California, where he established himself in Alturas as a newspaper publisher and got involved with another round of lynchings and vigilante action there. When he died in 1935, he was revered as a heroic, colorful pioneer and a strong man of character.

He never paid his debt to Martha Mogan, though.

(Sources: *Crooked River Country*, a book by David Braly published in 2007 by WSU Press; "When the Juniper Trees Bore Fruit," an article by Herbert Lundy published in the March 12, 1939, issue of the *Portland Morning Oregonian*; "Pioneer Blakely Brought End to Vigilante Era," an article by Steve Lent published in the *Central Oregonian* on March 23, 2019.)

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Control slugs now as they lay eggs



Alan Dennis

A European Red Slug moves along a gravel pathway in McDonald Forest.

Just as we begin to think about wrapping things up in the garden for the season, slugs slither out of their homes underground to lay their eggs for next year.

That means it's time again to slug it out with one of the gardener's most familiar, frustrating, and certainly slimiest pests.

"What slugs want is a place that's warm and moist," said Claudia Groth, an Oregon State University Extension Service Master Gardener. "That's why spring and fall is when they're most active. They'll be coming out soon to lay eggs."

Slugs aren't crazy about winter and summer. They bail from cold or hot weather. But fall and spring are agreeable seasons for slugs. In the perfect conditions of autumn when the heat starts to wane and the first rains come, the mollusks lay eggs in clusters called clutches, according to Groth, a horticulturist who has made slugs her specialty.

The eggs mature slowly over winter and hatch fairly rapidly. The fast-growing slugs wait it out, showing up in spring to scrape and shred plant leaves with tongues lined with thousands of tiny, extremely sharp teeth. Many slugs overwinter as full-sized critters ready to go in spring.

"In fall, you're trying to kill them off before they lay eggs," she said. "In spring when your plants are poking their heads up, you need to protect them, because once the leaves are nipped, the damage is there all summer."

The pests are particularly fond of lettuce and other salad greens, broccoli, beans, hostas, strawberries, primroses, and daffodil flowers. More sturdy plants like ferns, sedums, ornamental grasses, bleeding hearts, heuchera, hellebores, and most herbs fend them off reasonably well. Woody plants are also usually unbothered.

Since slugs attack at night and look for protected places during the day, you'll find them underground covers or mulches and in thickly planted perennial or annual borders.

"Many gardeners grow plants

tightly in their beds to keep weeds from growing," Groth said. "That's an environment that provides them with a 100 percent hiding place all day."

Slugs will crawl beneath almost anything where it's dark and moist, including boards, bricks, pots, loose stepping stones and pavers, and debris left lying in the garden.

Step 1: Clean the garden

"So, the first thing to do when starting a control program is to clean up the garden," she said. "Don't leave things all over the yard. They can even hide under garden gloves."

Raise pots onto bricks or "pot feet" purchased for that purpose. Pull mulch away from your favorite plants. Remove weeds where the pests like to nestle down. Tidy under porches and other raised structures.

Although sanitation is the first line of defense, there are plenty of other control methods. Get started now. Young plants are

most susceptible. Here are Groth's recommendations:

- * Water in the morning. "If you water in the evening, it's wet until early in the morning and you've given them the best environment when they come out at night hungry," she said.

- * Put out beer traps. Use a pie plate or bury a plastic yogurt or margarine container almost to the rim. Pour in beer. Remove dead slugs daily and refill with beer.

- * Don't use salt. It can build up in the soil and damage plants.

- * Attract predators such as frogs, ground beetles, and, yes, snakes.

- * Create an artificial hiding place by placing a board in their favorite places. To make it especially attractive, grind up lettuce and brewer's yeast (not baker's yeast) and put that under the board. In the morning, lift the board and remove slugs. Drop them in a bucket of soapy water.

- * Go out at night with a flashlight or headlamp and handpick them.

- * Get a duck, which will make a quick dinner out of slugs, but be sure to check with your city first. Some don't allow them and there are restrictions.

- * Tape a wide (3-4 inches) strip of copper around the top of a pot or the top edge of a raised bed.

Also, you can use bait. There are two types. One is a synthetic bait that contains metaldehyde, which is toxic to humans and can be fatal to dogs if eaten in large amounts. The other contains iron phosphate, which is considered very low in toxicity, according to the National Pesticide Information Center at OSU, but has been known to sicken dogs in high amounts. It can be used in organic vegetable gardens.

When baiting, scatter rather than make piles or bands. "If you use piles or bands," Groth explained, "slugs can go right by. If you scatter, they're likely to encounter it." Also, be sure to look at the label to see how much to use per square foot. It's a lot less than most people think. Using more is not better.

For more information, check out Extension's publication on How to Control Slugs in Your Garden in English and Spanish.



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Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



MEMORIES

OF FEED SACK FABRICS

As we've been sorting through boxes of belongings and memorabilia, I came across feed sack fabrics I'd collected some years ago. My daughter and I have used them for sewing projects and quilts, as my grandmother and aunt did. My 4-H leader also had feed sack fabrics on hand when teaching us to sew on her treadle sewing machine.

Many of the fabrics Nanny and Auntie (the daughter who lived with my grandmother) used for their sewing projects and for quilts were from feed sacks the feed for their chickens was packaged in. My family bought their chicken and cattle feed in burlap and plain white sacks. So it was with fascination that I looked over the fabric from sacks Nanny and Auntie acquired.

I still have a drawstring skirt I made from one of these sacks for a 4-H project. It was the first item I made to model in our 4-H dress review. It has a red background with small white flowers over all.

You'll often find these feed and flour sacks at yard sales and in antique shops. The prices generally are higher in the shops

than the yard and garage sales. Sometimes if you purchase a box or batch of fabric at an auction or estate sale, you'll find some of this fascinating old fabric.

SNICKERDOODLES is a recipe from childhood and 4-H cooking classes with Mrs. Thompson – Mix together 1-½ cups sugar, 2 eggs, and 1 cup shortening. Sift together 2-¾ cups flour, 2 teaspoons cream of tartar, ½ teaspoon salt, 1-teaspoon baking soda. Add these to the egg mixture and stir well.

Form into walnut-sized balls and roll in mixture of 1-teaspoon cinnamon/2 tablespoons sugar. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 8-10 minutes in 400 degree F. oven. Makes 4 to 5 dozen cookies.

(c) Mary Emma Allen

(Mary Emma Allen researches and writes about family history from her New Hampshire home.)

Quote of the Week

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Community Notes

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 Walterville. plus in McKenzie Bridge at 6 p.m. on Thursdays at the McKenzie Bridge Christian Church.

Library Volunteer Drive

With the upcoming Grand Opening of the new O'Brien Memorial Library in Blue River, more volunteers are needed to help offer extended hours and more services to the community. Go to o'brienlibrary.org for more information.

September 12 VMCC Board

The board of directors of the Vida McKenzie Community Center will meet at 4:30 p.m. at 90377 Thomson Lane in Vida.

September 12 McK Watershed Council

The McKenzie Watershed Council will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. It's 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@mckenziawc.org

September 12 Meet Walterville PTA

Join us at 40589 McKenzie Hwy. for our Meet the PTA Event. Learn about what the PTA does, what opportunities there are to help our Elementary Schools during the school year, and just get to know each other.

September 13 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.

September 13 Second Friday Art Walk

The 2nd Friday Art Walk Will be held from 4 to 7:30 p.m. starting at the Emerald Art Center in downtown Springfield, 500 Main St.

September 14 A 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.

September 14 Living River Day

Join the McKenzie River Trust from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 31799 Green Island Rd, Eugene, 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 this year, join in the fun on the second Saturday's, March through December, and explore the Living Rivers in your backyard.

September 16 McK Fire Board

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.

September 16 Upper McK Fire Board

The Upper McKenzie Fire District Board of Directors monthly meeting will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the fire station, 56578 McKenzie Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge. For more information, 541-822-3479.

September 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.

September 17 Family Story Time

From 10 to 11 a.m. at the Camp Creek Church Fellowship Hall, 37529 Upper Camp Creek Rd. Some special fun for children 5 and under (with their adults) to enjoy stories, singing, laughter, and friends hip.

September 17 Walterville Grange

The Walterville Grange #416 will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at 39259 Camp Creek Road.

September 18 Watershed Wednesday

Join McKenzie River Trust every Wednesday morning 31799-31601 Green Island Rd, Eugene, from 9 - 11:30 a.m. 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.

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September 18 Cornhole League

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

September 18 McKenzie School Board

The 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: <https://www.youtube.com/@mckenziechooldistrict67567streams>

Submit Public Comments to public.comment@mckenzie.sd.org comments submitted before noon on the day prior to the meeting will be presented to the Board for review and submission to the meeting minutes.

September 19 Leaburg Food Pantry

At the Leaburg Food Pantry, from 3 to 6:30 p.m. at the McKenzie Bible Fellowship, 45061 McKenzie Hwy. All are welcome! Please send folks!

September 19 McKenzie Chamber

The McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce board of directors will meet via Zoom from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. For more information contact: info@mckenziechamber.com

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September 24 Food Pantry

The McKenzie River Food Pantry is held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the McKenzie Bridge Christian Church, 56334 McKenzie Hwy. Free groceries are provided in accordance with Oregon Food Bank and Food For Lane County guidelines for food distribution to those in need, every 2nd & 4th Friday.

September 25 Board of Commissioners

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September 25 LEC Board

The Lane Electric Coop Board of Directors meets at 787 Bailey Hill Road in Eugene. Members of Lane Electric Cooperative can join monthly board meetings, which begin at 9 a.m. Each meeting begins with a member comment period. Individual members have three minutes to address the board at that time. Topics presented will be discussed amongst the board and followed up on accordingly. If you wish to address the Lane Electric board please complete a meeting request form at least five days prior to the meeting you would like to attend: <https://laneelectric.com/attend-a-board-meeting>

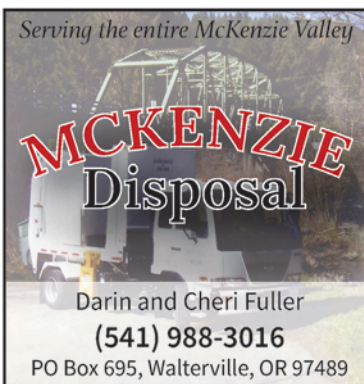
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<h3>An Invitation to Worship</h3>	<p>Living Water Family Fellowship Pastor - Doug Fairington 52353 McKenzie Hwy - Milepost 42 541-822-3820 Gathering Sundays at 10:00 AM, Children's ministry also. Come early for a meet and greet continental breakfast and coffee at 9:30 AM. Thursdays, 6:00 PM, Celebrate Recovery (12 Step Program)</p>
<p>McKenzie Bible Fellowship 45061 McKenzie Hwy - Vida, Oregon Sunday Worship - 10:00 a.m. Youth Ministries KidsFest Family Activities Small Group Fellowships Men's & Women's Bible Studies Call 896-3829 for information www.mckenziebible.com</p>	<p>Catholic Church St. Benedict Lodge Chapel 1/2 mile off Hwy. 126 on North Bank Rd., McKenzie Bridge Sat. Eve. 5:00pm Sun. Morn. 9:30am; web page: sbldodge.opwest.org</p>
<p>McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church Please join us for worship Sundays at 10:30 am, either in church on Hwy. 126 just east of Walterville, or on our Facebook livestream. You may also make prayer requests, or request an emailed or earth-mailed bulletin -- phone or send email to Nancy Ashley, nancy.w.ashley@gmail.com, 541-914-1986. We would love to meet you! Milepost 13 McKenzie Hwy. (541) 747-2604</p>	



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 - 27. Phil Collins' " ____ Be in My Heart"
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 - 32. Wide- ____ notebook
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 - 54. "Is Your Mama a ____?"
 - 56. Dom DeLuise in 1980 role
 - 57. Rubik's puzzle
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 - 59. The state before riches?
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McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce Board meeting

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A Moment in Oregon History

By Rick Steber
(www.ricksteber.com)

September 4 – The United States military suffered more loss of life during the Modoc Indian War than in any other Indian war in the Northwest. The casualties included 41 soldiers and seven commissioned officers, among them Major-General Edward Canby who was murdered while a member of a peace commission. The leaders of the Modoc Indians were indicted by a grand jury in Jackson County, stood trial and were found guilty of murder. Captain Jack, the recognized chief, and three other Modoc leaders were taken to Fort Klamath. They were led to a set of hastily built gallows and on October 3, 1873 they were hung for their crimes.

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 above Leaburg Dam – 2,000.

Fish Counts

September 4, Willamette Falls
Fall Chinook – 1,220
Summer Steelhead – 18,583

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Women hold 4 of 5 statewide elected offices in OR – for now



Oregon National Guard

Tina Kotek, the former speaker of the state house, is the third woman to serve as governor of Oregon.

By Eric Tegethoff
Oregon News Service

Oregon is in the upper echelon when it comes to the number of women in higher office.

Four of the five statewide elected positions in the state are held by women, including Tina Kotek in the governor’s office. It is a rare achievement.

Debbie Walsh, director of the Center for American Women in Politics, said the national average for women in statewide elected offices is about one in three. However, the number of women in the top positions in Oregon is guaranteed to go down in November, with men running for two of the five offices. Walsh acknowledged it is the nature of politics.

“No state can just say, ‘Well, we fixed the problem of women’s underrepresentation in politics. We don’t need to do the work of recruiting and supporting women to run.’” Walsh stressed. “That work is ongoing.”

Men will be facing off in Oregon’s Secretary of State and Attorney General races in November. But Walsh noted the state has set a high bar elsewhere too. Women hold half of its Congressional seats and women are in a little more than 40% of the seats in the state legislature.

Walsh pointed out women face a number of barriers to office. While they raise comparable amounts of money to men running in comparable races, they are less likely to self-fund their campaigns. She explained women are more dependent on small donors, which can be good because it means more people are investing in the campaign.

“The flip side of that is that the amount of time and energy and work that it takes to raise \$1,000 is just exponentially higher and harder for a candidate who is more dependent on those low level dollars or those low dollar donations,” Walsh stressed.

Women running for office has become a big storyline this year with Vice President Kamala Harris’ run for president. Walsh noted if she wins, it will be a big breakthrough for women, especially women of color.

“The only downside to seeing a woman elected at the very top is that people then think that the problem is solved because we’ve elected a woman President of the United States,” Walsh added. “Complacency will not get us to gender equity across levels of office.”

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Problem Solved



By Christopher Elliott

My Amazon package never arrived. Now they’re hiding behind a freight forwarder placement or refund

I am going back and forth with emails and keep getting an automated message about what I said before.

I called Amazon, and a representative promised to share my information with the department handling lost freight forwarder information. She said the department would get back to me in 24 to 48 hours. I have heard nothing from Amazon.

Have you ever dealt with a situation like this? Can you give me some guidance on this matter?

Mirella Veen, Retreat Estate, St. Maarten

This is the first case involving Amazon and a freight forwarder -- and honestly, I hope it’s my last.

Basically, Amazon will not cover any items it hands off to a freight forwarder. (Amazon puts it more delicately on its site, noting that using a freight forwarder “may result in complications.”)

May, indeed.

Amazon is pretty clear about its liability once it hands off an item to your freight forwarder: It has none. “Amazon cannot accept returns or issue refunds for lost or damaged items that you or your freight forwarder export,” it says on its freight forwarding page.

But there’s some ambiguity in the fine print, which was enough to make me take your

case. For example, Amazon says it won’t issue a refund if your freight forwarder fails to deliver a package. But what about credit?

Also, will Amazon try to track down a package that isn’t delivered? It seems like Amazon has an entire freight forwarding department that handles situations like yours. By the time you contacted me, it had been three weeks since your freight forwarder had failed to deliver your computer equipment.

Instead of helping you, Amazon was sending you AI-generated emails. You might have done an end run around that department by reaching out to one of the Amazon executives (I publish their names and numbers on my consumer advocacy site, elliott.org). I would have also contacted your freight forwarder directly to try to track your package -- although, ultimately, I think this was Amazon’s problem to fix.

At a minimum, your freight forwarder should have been able to show you proof of delivery. And Amazon might have also issued you a credit for a future purchase to make up for the loss.

I contacted Amazon on your behalf. A representative reviewed your file and said Amazon would make a “one-time exception” and issued a full refund.

Christopher Elliott is the founder of Elliott Advocacy (<https://elliottadvocacy.org>), a nonprofit organization that helps consumers solve their problems. Email him at chris@elliott.org or get help by contacting him at <https://elliottadvocacy.org/help/>

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Injured 16-year-old backpacker airlifted

National Guard aided Mt. Jeff teams



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A 16-year-old teenager from Portland had to be rescued via National Guard helicopter from a trail near Duffy Lake on September 1st after he broke his leg.

Linn County Sheriff Michelle Duncan reports that on Sunday, September 1st, dispatch received a report of an injured backpacker at Duffy Lake.

The patient was a 16-year-old male from Portland who sustained a broken leg. The patient's mother had sent a nearby backpacker to hike out and call 911. The good

Samaritan made it to Maxwell Butte Sno-Park and contacted Linn County Dispatch at 4 p.m.

Duncan said the Linn County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue (SAR) immediately began to mobilize a ground team. The Search and Rescue team worked with the Oregon Office of Emergency Management to coordinate

support from the National Guard for a helicopter.

The National Guard accepted the mission, but due to thunderstorms near Duffy Lake, they had to wait an hour for the weather to clear. In the meantime, the Linn County Sheriff's Office sent a hasty team of ground SAR members, medically trained SAR EMTs, and a SAR paramedic. They arrived at the trail to Duffy Lake and began their hike to the patient at 5:55 p.m.

Additional SAR members arrived and hiked in at 6:30, contacting the patient and preparing him for aerial transport. The National Guard successfully operated a hoist rescue and, at 7:52, transported the patient to St. Charles Hospital in Bend.

All SAR members returned to the Duffy Lake Trailhead at midnight on Monday, September 2.

Sheriff Duncan would like to thank the SAR volunteers and the National Guard for their support. "The Linn County Sheriff's Office SAR," he noted, "primarily comprises volunteers, and these rescues are possible with their support."



SHELFNOTES FROM LEABURG LIBRARY

SEPTEMBER 2024

There are so many wonderful things about working at the library, but one of the very best is pouring through piles of donated books to see what treasures might be waiting there.

It's kind of like Christmas in a way, because you never know what you're going to find in those Donation Bins.

Such was the case a couple of weeks ago. I saw them the moment I got to the top of the stairs. All the bins were full to overflowing with books - some loose, some in bags, some in boxes, some on the floor. 'Oh my,' I thought. 'This is going to be fun!'

So, for the next two-and-a-half hours, I sat on the floor sorting them one by one. By the time I got through, the book cart was full of "new" additions for the library, some of which found their way into my book bag. (One of the perks as a librarian is you get first crack at borrowing!)

When I got home, Steve asked where the books had come from. "They're donations," I said.

"I know," he said, "but who donated them?"

"I don't know," I replied. "No one ever leaves a name."

I got thinking about that. No one ever leaves a name. I wish I knew the names because I would like to thank each person who shares his or her books with us.

So this is really a huge "THANK YOU" note to all of you who have ever donated books to Leaburg Library. It's a big deal. It's what keeps the library viable, and current, and interesting, and relative.

We have no budget and no

regular income, so we cannot just order a truckload of books from some company in order to fill our shelves. You do that. You fill our shelves with an amazing variety of subject matter, stories for both adults and children, audio books and DVD's, books to fill the hours and days with entertainment, education and joy.

As I look at the list of books that I have read over the 23 years that I have worked at the library, I am absolutely astounded at the number of titles that came from Leaburg Library - that came from you. I have discovered authors whose work I probably would never have read had it not been for you, and my life is so much richer for it. I think every one of our patrons would say the very same thing.

One of the sweetest things is watching the children who come with their parents to the Children's Room to find that perfect book to take home. They are never disappointed because the shelves are full of possibilities that you have so generously provided.

As to the names thing : It would be lovely if we knew who to thank. You could leave a name with your donations, although we would understand if you didn't feel comfortable with that. More importantly, we want you to know how very grateful we are to all of you for your timeless gifts to us. We appreciate every one, and I promise you that we'll take very good care of them.

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A helicopter carries water to fire behind a ranch near Ukiah as part of the effort against the Battle Mountain Complex of blazes in Umatilla County.

By: Alex Baumhardt

Oregon Capital Chronicle

As Oregon heads into another hot weekend, Oregon House Republicans are calling on the state Legislature to reform forest management and logging policies they say would prevent large fires from starting and spreading.

In a letter sent Wednesday, Republican Reps. Jeff Helfrich of Hood River, Ed Diehl of Stayton, and E. Werner Reschke of Klamath Falls said lawmakers should roll back regulations and conservation plans to allow more logging on state forests, limit liabilities for volunteer firefighters who might cause injury or property damage while on the job and prohibit and sweep homeless encampments in fire prone areas.

"We all support responsible environmental practices that protect our forests for future generations," said Reschke in a statement. "But these fires are the result of 40 years of bad policy choices that have gone past conservation and put the lives of Oregonians at risk."

About 1,650 wildfires this season have burned a record of more than 1.5 million acres in Oregon. But about 75% were not in forests but across grass and shrubland in eastern Oregon, according to the Wildland Mapping Institute.

The Republicans also called out the state's landmark Western State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan that was narrowly approved by the Oregon Board of Forestry in March after years of negotiation, saying it has "prevented responsible logging in much of the state." The plan, which has not been fully implemented and is still awaiting federal approval, would reduce logging by about 20% in 14 western Oregon counties for the next 70 years to protect 17 threatened or endangered species.

"Oregon's war on the timber industry must end," the Republicans wrote. "The logging industry plays a vital role in clearing out deadwood and decreasing the severity of fires. Seven sawmills have closed this year due to anti-business policies. Republicans support reforming burdensome regulations while treating the lumber industry as partners in conservation."

Forests one piece of the puzzle

land-based Northwest Interagency Coordination Center, but this year the bulk of fires have started from natural causes, such as lightning.

Two bills

The Republicans also called for more support for firefighters through two bills they proposed in 2023 that did not go anywhere. One, House Bill 2491, would have limited civil liabilities for any injuries or property damage caused by volunteer wildfire fighters while at work. The other, House Bill 2953, would have allowed the Oregon Department of Forestry to set the procedures for fighting fires on federal lands within the state. The Republicans lamented in their letter that neither bill received a hearing during the 2023 Legislative session.

The Oregon Department of Forestry already has cooperative agreements with the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to collaborate on wildfire fighting, including procedures for federal land. Federal agencies reimburse the Oregon department of Forestry for its work on those fires.

Golden said he brought leaders from the Oregon Department of Forestry to a hearing on a meeting on House Bill 2953 last summer, to explain to legislators that the bill was redundant and that cooperation procedures already existed.

Still, Golden said, he agrees overall with his Republican colleagues' call for more support for firefighters and more financial support for wildfire prevention and response.

"To make that real, I hope they'll join me in pushing for more reliable and adequate sources of wildfire funding, which is a politically difficult conversation," he said.

Golden has proposed reintroducing a tax on the value of timber harvests – the severance tax – to fund wildfire prevention and response in the state. Reporting from the Oregonian, Oregon Public Broadcasting and ProPublica found counties lost at least \$3 billion in revenue in the three decades since the timber severance tax was eliminated in Oregon in the early 1990s.

"I know my colleagues feel deeply about this issue and the need to protect their communities. We all do. So I'm hoping we can all commit to the kind of dialogue that moves us towards solutions rather than stalemate," Golden said.

Helfrich also called for bipartisan cooperation.

"The Legislature should make a good-faith, bipartisan effort to reform its forestry management approach to better balance safety and concern for the environment. Doing so will benefit all those who live under the risk of wildfires," Helfrich said in a statement.



Two hours of twilight on Thanksgiving Day allowed Scott Haugen to take one of his first "selfies" while living in Alaska.

VIDA: Passports affirming visits to over 40 countries have helped Tiff and Scott Haugen record some memorable moments. Both spent years as teachers in Alaska and Indonesia - before settling down where they grew up - in Walterville. Both have shared their experiences in books and videos since then, developing full-time careers in the outdoor industry.

Last Saturday, Scott detailed some of the action behind the scenes of those stories during a slide show at the Vida McKenzie Community Center. Although he retired from public speaking six years ago, he agreed to the one-time deal to help raise money for rebuilding costs of the center

following its total loss in the devastating wildfires four years ago.

Those who were there can affirm it was well worth attending as they heard firsthand about holdups at gunpoint to facing man-eating predators, or getting lost in a storm in -104° temperatures, to surviving downed planes and sunken boats.

Although Scott's reminiscence about encountering cartel-linked car thieves was the most gripping, stories hunting man-eating lions and polar bears weren't far behind. Particularly when learning the best bait for attracting a lion back to the scene is to use part of its last kill - even when a villager was the victim.



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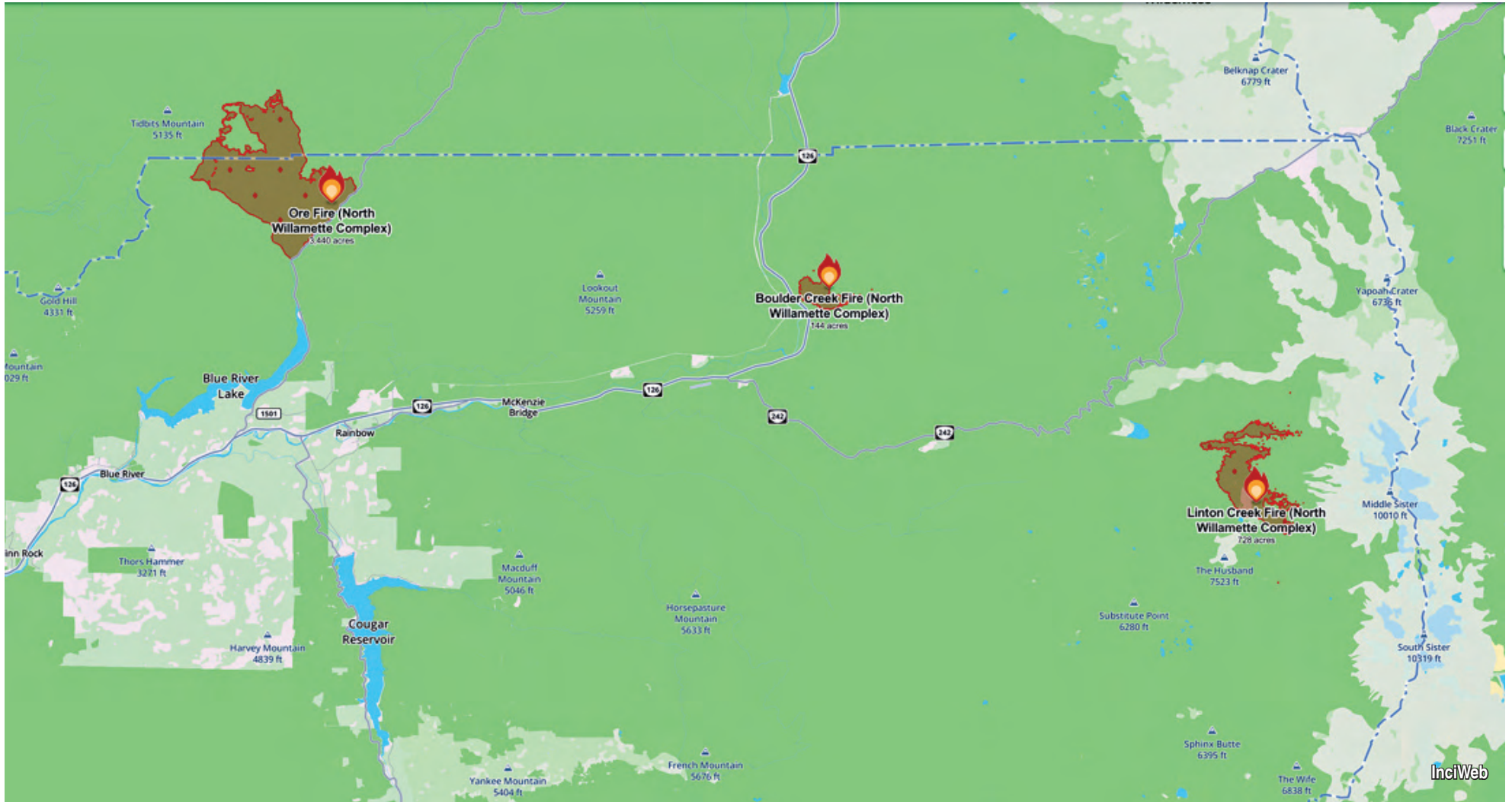
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New fires having an impact on upper Valley

Travel to the east blocked by closures of both Hwy. 126 and 242



In the Willamette National Forest, more than 800 people have been mobilized to fight the North Willamette Complex of six fires. Hit by lightning on Friday, they have grown to more than 5,000 acres.

MCKENZIE BRIDGE: A Level 1 (Be Ready) evacuation notice remains in effect for areas North of McKenzie Highway from the East end of Drury Lane East to the Clear Lake Cutoff. Residents have been encouraged to sign up for emergency alerts at www.LaneAlerts.org

On September 8th an emergency closure order was issued for the Linton Creek Fire, expected to extend through January 1st, unless rescinded or modified sooner. The fire, caused by a September 6th lightning strike on the McKenzie River Ranger District, had grown to approximately 1,131 acres by Tuesday morning and is 0% contained. It is burning west of the Pacific Crest trail near mile 197 and is actively growing around the Linton Meadows/Eileen Lake area, west of the Three Sisters Wilderness.

Also lightning-caused, Boulder Creek had spread to about 307 acres on Tuesday, with 0% containment - leading officials to close Hwy. 126 east of the Hwy. 242 junction for safety reasons. The fire was active Monday night and crossed USFS Road 765. Because this fire is burning in heavy timber, predicted rainfall may not significantly affect fire activity.

Meanwhile, the human-caused Ore Fire, about 7 miles Northeast of Blue River, 3,461 acres is 42% contained. Officials say work is continuing on US FS Road 1509. Materials from the fuels reduction will be hauled away to both improve and secure fire lines. In addition, tactical fire operations have been working and will continue.

Officials are advising people to be aware of current restrictions before heading out into the forest and sharing information with others. As fire restrictions change, information will be available at tinyurl.com/3cmtbm5m

Other information is available on Facebook and Twitter @ WillametteNF for updates. To report a wildfire, call 9-1-1.



Flaggers and a pilot car that were limiting traffic on Oregon Hwy 126 east of McKenzie Bridge were replaced by a total road closure on Tuesday.

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