



## Anniversary Issue



## Launching Year 45

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## Park plans ahead for 2023

### Blue River could get boost from county

BLUE RIVER: Bob Keefer had some good news when he met with the Blue River Park Board this month - Lane County is willing to chip in and help kickstart rebuilding efforts at the fire-damaged recreational resource. "It was devastating what happened with the fire but there are opportunities there," he said.

Keefer has spent his life managing a wide range of public resources. He's the former director of Lane County Parks and later the supervisor of the Willamalane Parks and Recreation District in Springfield. Now a member of the Special Districts Association of Oregon, he's been working as a consultant with various parks organizations as well as efforts to upgrade county administered properties.

"Lane County is involved in an endeavor in restoring a park system that was the gem of the Northwest in the 60's and 70's," Keefer reported. When timber harvesting declined and the county parks system lost income from gas tax receipts as well, there was little support left.

Keefer's good news was tied to

efforts started about five years ago to develop an approved master plan for the county's system. The result was a five-year, \$6 million Parks levy, that if passed in November, would cost property owners 16 cents per thousand dollars of their assessed values.

Of particular interest to local people, Keefer felt, is the \$5 million special projects section of the levy. Of that amount, \$820,000 is planned for McKenzie drainage projects - with a \$70,000 earmark for the Blue River Park.

The proposal seemed to mesh well with the park board's own recovery plans. In a recent survey, board treasurer Tony Casad noted, respondents identified restrooms as their top priority.

After discussions, the board voted unanimously to list the \$70,000 as part of projected funding to install a restroom, rather than port-a-potties. The facility could be sited in a location where it would be accessible near the caretaker RV pad, tennis, baseball, or pickleball courts, as well as the access point for the McKenzie River Trust's trailhead.

## Health & Wellness election

### Four seats are on the August ballot

BLUE RIVER: The delayed election of board members for McKenzie Valley Wellness (MVW) will be held on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Ballot counting that had been planned for the non-profit's regularly scheduled annual meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup> was delayed while changes to the membership section of the organization's bylaws were updated.

Four incumbents are now on the new ballots: Jane Wilson, Val Rapp, Kelly Shaw, and Josh Cloke. The names of two people who had announced they would be running as write-in candidates will be listed on the ballots as well.

In his announcement last April, Tony Casad had asked people to vote for him for Position 3, currently held by Rapp. Tia Cloke said she was running to be elected to Position 2, which Wilson holds now.

Voters will be able to check a box to select among those six or write in the name of someone else. This week, Steve Severin of McKenzie Bridge announced he's running as a write-in candidate for the board.

The ballot instructions direct people to vote for only four

choices or their submission will be invalid.

"Our MVW bylaws require that a candidate get a majority to be elected. Thus, if votes are split so much that there is not a clear majority for a position, we will have a runoff election in the future," according to MVW president Val Rapp.

New board candidates can't be nominated at the August 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. It's expected most members will vote by mail, but they must be sure their marked ballots arrive by 5 p.m. on August 29<sup>th</sup> at POB 391, Blue River, OR 97413. Only people who were members by July 30<sup>th</sup> will be eligible to vote. If someone joins MVW at the meeting they won't be able to cast a ballot.

Voters will also be given a chance to voice their opinion on two ballot measures dealing with old bylaw language for membership that previously included a reference to the "McKenzie River Clinic."

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Upper McKenzie Community Center in Rainbow. People can also log in via Zoom by emailing a request to: [valgeneskrine@earthlink.net](mailto:valgeneskrine@earthlink.net).

## New principal feels at home

### Walterville is last remaining small school in Springfield District



Newly upgraded Walterville Elementary's new principal is looking forward to September 7<sup>th</sup>, the start of classes for the 2022 - 23 school year.

WALTERVILLE: A small school proponent has been picked as principal of the Walterville Elementary School. Andy Price, who attended Mohawk Elementary while growing up, says his own experiences while going to a small school, "means a lot to me."

Parts of his recollections include events that drew students and community members to a rural campus - like school carnivals or sock hops. But it was the close interactions inside classrooms he values most.

"I was a struggling learner and my teachers cared for me," Price says. "They believed in me even when I possibly didn't believe in myself."

Mentoring like that likely led him on the road to a career as an educator. Before becoming a teacher Price served for a year in Americorps developing and presenting health lessons at several Salem/Keizer elementary schools. Later he taught Math and Science at Agnes Stewart Middle School. For the last five years, he's been the assistant principal at Thurston Middle School.

"I know Walterville is a great community," he says. "Having the opportunity to now work at Walterville is a great honor that I am so excited for."

Price, who lives "just over the mountain" in the Mohawk Valley, says he shares an appreciation

for the small school environment people in Camp Creek and Walterville have also grown up with. "There's a generational involvement within families that have gone to the same school, have a historical knowledge of it, and remember going there as a kid," he feels.

The rebuilding of Walterville Elementary, after it was damaged by flood waters, is nearly complete. Crews plan to finish the project before students are welcomed back on September 7<sup>th</sup>. A few weeks after that, the community will be invited for an ice cream/BBQ event along with an opportunity to walk through and get a look at some new upgrades to the classrooms.

Price says he believes the community will be happy to see "how great the classrooms, library and other learning spaces look."

One thing people will find that hasn't changed will be the staff's commitment to Walterville's students, Price says. "Ultimately we care about every kid, every day, making sure each gets what they need that day to be successful."

According to Walterville's new principal, "Education is constantly shifting, things change, progress, and improve. I really believe our job as school employees is to make sure every kid gets our best."

## Parks measure seeks \$30 million

### McKenzie area restoration is part of six-year plan

EUGENE: With a four-to-one vote the Lane County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday approved placing a recreation referendum on this November's general election ballot.

The measure is based on the 2018 Lane County Parks & Open Space Master Plan, which staff said has a core goal to "re-invigorate and revitalize targeted parks as thriving, family-friendly outdoor activity hubs through redesign, renovation, and programming to help position Lane County as the best county for outdoor recreation and play."

The proposed five-year levy - at 16 cents per one thousand dollars assessed property value - would generate approximately \$6 million per year for a total of \$31 million over the life of the levy. If approved, the levy is designed to fund improvements and investments in parks, trails, water access, water quality, and

natural areas.

Parks officials say funding had dropped significantly over the last forty years. Shortfalls included an estimated \$38 million in deferred maintenance. That backlog officials said, included essential maintenance projects that "left several parks in need of repairs, upgrades,

and investments to keep them safe and enjoyable."

Lane County Parks manager Brett Henry told the board that without a significant investment the current \$22 million capital need could grow to over \$38 million in the next ten years.



Shady picnic spots in the Ben & Kay Dorris Park in Vida were wiped out when the Holiday Farm Fire hit the site. Restoration of the park is on the list of projects included in the proposed levy.



When I talked with my sister last week she asked if I was sad to be working on this issue of River Reflections. I said no.

This edition marks the end of my personal involvement in producing a legacy newspaper. For those outside the industry - a legacy paper is one that's printed on a large newsprint press.

Too many other weeklies around this country have folded after their mailing and production costs became unsustainable. Luckily, I saw this coming about three years ago and began upgrading the Reflections website and a sister digital edition.

One of the reasons I wasn't sad was because I've been too busy. Since announcing the end of the regular print edition was coming the number of subscribers to the digital edition has grown from just over 120 to more than 600. That's

an incredibly positive showing of support as well as a confirmation that the words that make up this publication every week are worth reading.

Another reason I'm not sad is that I've been looking over some of the thousands of back issues of River Reflections that were produced between 1978 and 2022. It's hard to avoid spending hours traveling down memory lane.

For this edition, I'd planned to show an orderly progression of articles or items reprinted from those old copies. Instead pages 6 and 8 of this issue contain a random sampling of stories and photos that reflect some of the flavor of life on the McKenzie River.

Another reason I'm not sad is that the start of this 45<sup>th</sup> year for River Reflections is filled with promise. Besides converting many existing print subscribers to digital subscribers, new readers have been signing up as well.

That's a good indication that this new iteration of the McKenzie Connection will continue - well into the future.

## Letters to the Editor

### A new candidate

Hello my name is Steve Severin and I am running as a write in candidate for the board of McKenzie Valley Wellness.

As many of you may now, I was responsible for the remodel for the present temporary housing of Orchid Health, our current medical provider that was displaced from the Holiday Farm Fire. My wife is presently employed by Orchid Health. I have many friends and family here and my wife and I relocated here 5 years ago. I attended McKenzie high school and have always considered the river my home.

I have attended the most recent board meetings and am familiar with the present situations facing the board and the community. I have been encouraged by some of the board members to run for the board. We are up for a big year with the design and construction of a new facility in Blue River, cleaning up and revising the corporate bylaws, looking at what services MVW will provide outside of the care provided from Orchid Health.

There are many issues that I and other members feel we can provide services for the community as we rebuild and for the future. Mental health, addiction services and senior meal program are just a few. I am very open to and encourage the community input on this subject. I hope MVW can be more than just a landlord for a medical provider.

I have been in the construction industry most of my adult life. I have 30 years' experience in commercial building projects. I was a project manager for a nation-wide retailer (Tower Records) I was responsible for lease negotiations,

owner's representative to contractors, store openings, finalization of construction. I worked for a large developer that was tasked with setting up and implementation of the franchise program for Big O Tires. My last employment before returning to the river was managing special construction needs for 4 multi-level buildings at UC Merced. My goal is to help the board through this construction project keeping it on budget and meeting the schedule.

I also have 15 years' experience serving on non-profit corporations. I have served as contract negotiator, board president, and board member at large. I was responsible for bylaw revisions. I have a good understanding and have implemented Roberts Rules of Order. Something I feel strongly about to keep board meetings and general member meetings civil and to the point. If I'm selected, I will be making a motion that we adopt Robert Rules of order to run our meetings.

I would like to thank all the present board members and members for their time and effort they have been put in. I know there has been contention and divisiveness on the board and know we can work through this. My goal if the members put their trust in me to serve is to bring structure, work through our differences and come to decisions in a civil manner. We will not always agree but it is important that everyone is able to express their point before we decide. My soul goal in seeking this position is for our community to have health and medical services for the future. I welcome and encourage you to contact me with any questions or concerns. I'm on



FaceBook, Email tootallsteve@msn.com, or you can call anytime 559-977-9139.

Thanks Steve

### Be sure to vote

The upcoming McKenzie Wellness election on August 30 is very important as the work moves forward to Rebuild the Building in Blue River on the old Clinic site.

I personally recommend voting YES on the 2 membership measures

As to Directors there are 6 people running for 4 seats on the Board of Directors. They are all good candidates

I strongly recommend voting for Val Rapp & Jane Wilson and 2 others of your choice. It is difficult to pick which ones, maybe even a write in candidate like Steve Severin.

I personally wish to stick with the leadership that saved the Clinic & wish to rebuild the building stronger and better.

James Baker  
Vida

### Save Leaburg Lake

I am a homeowner on Leaburg Lake, President of the McKenzie Chamber of Commerce, Correspondence Secretary for the McKenzie ClearWater Coalition and a Broker for Windermere Real Estate Lane County. I wear many hats, but I am only representing myself in this letter.

I have been contacted by many folks who are extremely upset with the thought that EWEB would even consider taking out the EWEB/Leaburg Dam which would result in the loss of Leaburg

Lake.

Leaburg Lake is a huge tourist attraction, hundreds of people a week enjoy boating, rafting, fishing, and paddle boarding on the lake. It also has the only Handi-Cap fishing area that I am aware of on the entire river. The Leaburg Fish hatchery depends on water from the lake.

The primary economy of the McKenzie Recreational Valley is based on tourism. If tourism goes away businesses will close. If business close property values will decrease, homeowners will sell. If homeowners leave the area, who is going to pay EWEB's electric bills?

The McKenzie has been through so much the past two years with

the Holiday Farm Fire and COVID it has really affected businesses. We can't do more damage to this Recreational Valley and all the folks who come here to enjoy life for a while~

On another note, EWEB keeps saying they think long term. Well about 10 years ago they spent millions of dollars repairing the roll gates on EWEB/Leaburg Dam. If you take the dam out, think of all the millions of dollars of you electrical customers you just wasted.

Save Leaburg Lake, Contact EWEB 541-685-7539 and then take the survey online at eweb.org/leaburgpubliccomment

Thank you  
Nadine Scott



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Friday 8/19		Saturday 8/20		Sunday 8/21	
McKenzie Valley AM Clouds 20% chance precip High: 87 Low: 55	Santiam Pass Partly Cloudy 10% chance precip High: 78 Low: 50	McKenzie Valley Mostly Sunny 10% chance precip High: 90 Low: 56	Santiam Pass Sunny 0% chance precip High: 84 Low: 52	McKenzie Valley Partly Cloudy 10% chance precip High: 85 Low: 56	Santiam Pass Partly Cloudy 10% chance precip High: 78 Low: 49

## 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
8/9	91	59	0.07	702 cfs	8/9	81	56	0	2,580 cfs
8/10	77	58	0	702 cfs	8/10	83	59	0	2,620 cfs
8/11	87	53	0	710 cfs	8/11	80	50	0	2,590 cfs
8/12	78	54	0	695 cfs	8/12	85	51	0	2,580 cfs
8/13	84	50	0	702 cfs	8/13	75	48	0	2,590 cfs
6/14	87	52	0	695 cfs	8/14	85	49	0	2,590 cfs
6/15	83	53	0	695 cfs	8/15	88	49	0	2,470 cfs

# Sheriff's Report

**Aug. 5: 8:23 a.m:** Reckless Endangering - Marcola Rd. & Hileman Rd. Caller reported that he was driving down the road and his window shattered. Caller worried it could have been a bullet that caused this window break. No bullet fragments were located.

**2:41 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 37300 block, Parsons Creek Rd. Verbal argument between caller and caller's father.

**4:54 p.m:** Suspicious Subject - 38400 blk, Shotgun Creek Rd. A BLM employee advised that a male had been hanging out in different parking areas of the park. Anytime an employee would enter the area, the male would depart.

**Aug. 7: 2:08 a.m:** Suspicious Conditions - McK. Hwy. & Mountain View Ln. A caller reported that he was passing through the area and people began harassing him when he chose to sleep in a ditch.

**3:54 p.m:** Disturb-

ance, Dispute - 55200 blk, Delta Rd. Verbal argument between neighbors regarding burning a slash pile. The dispute was resolved and it was relayed that outdoor burning is currently under restriction.

**5:45 p.m:** Harassment - 37300 blk, Parsons Creek Rd. A caller advised that their neighbor lets dogs harass the caller's children.

**Aug. 8: 8:11 a.m:** Suspicious Vehicle - Camp Creek Rd. & Skyhigh Dr.

**9:12 a.m:** Threat, Harassment - 87300 block, Cedar Flat Rd. Caller reported ongoing issues with a neighbor coming onto the caller's property.

**11:06 a.m:** 89900 blk, Fraud - Greenwood Dr.

**12:29 p.m:** Safety Hazard - McK. Bridge area.

**1:09 p.m:** Unlawful Use of Vehicle - 93100 blk, Marcola Rd.

**4:33 p.m:** Abandoned Vehicle - Quartz Creek Rd. & Pond Rd.

**Aug. 9: 1:46 p.m:** Theft of Mail - 91000 blk, Hill Rd.

**3:13 p.m:** Burglary - Echo St. & Blue River Dr. Originally reported as a burglary, determined that the involved lives at the location.

**3:55 p.m:** Disturb-ance, Dispute - 51800 blk, Echo St. Dispute between a boyfriend and girlfriend. Plans made to help parties separate.

**4:52 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - 55400 blk, McK. River Dr.

**8:46 p.m:** Incomplete 911 Call - 51800 blk, Echo St.

**11:30 p.m:** Speeding Vehicle - Camp Creek Rd. & McK. Hwy.

**Aug. 10: 10:22 a.m:** Criminal Mischief - 47800 blk, McK. Hwy. Caller found nicotine patches left by his vehicle. Suspects former tenant left them.

**11:33 a.m:** Sus-picious Conditions - 38400 blk, Wendling Rd. An area resident advised of a vehicle that they believed was involved in mail theft. Deputies made contact with the occupants of the vehicle and were unable to discover evidence of mail theft.

**11:50 a.m:** Medical Info Call - 90300 blk, Hill Rd.

**12:32 p.m:** Criminal Trespass - 90900 blk, Marcola Rd. Caller advised that a person disregarded a 'No Trespassing' sign to serve paperwork.

**5:15 p.m:** Assist, Information - 45900 blk, McK. Hwy.

**6:39 p.m:** Stalking Order Service - 90900 blk, Marcola Rd.

**8:27 p.m:** Citizen Contact - 88200 blk, Tiki Ln.

**Aug 11: 2:04 a.m:** Assist, **Continued On Page 9**

# State Police Report

**Aug. 9: 16:50:** Traffic Crimes, All Except DUII - Hwy. 126E, Milepost 14. Trooper was westbound, came around a corner and observed a vehicle traveling eastbound passing multiple vehicles including a semi truck at the same time in trooper's lane of travel. Front radar displayed 80/55 mph zone. Trooper activated emergency lights in an attempt to get the vehicle back in its lane. This had no effect on the vehicle and it continued at the listed speed. The semi truck that was being passed moved into the shoulder nearly going off the road in an attempt to create room. Trooper nearly came to a stop in lane of travel to avoid a head on collision. Trooper overtook the vehicle that was continuing eastbound as if nothing had happened. The operator was subsequently cited and released in lieu of custody for Reckless Driving. Involved: silver/aluminum Subaru Crosstrek, 64-year-old female.


Assessed, 1 Transported.  
**Aug. 10: 6:30:** 38000 blk, Kickbush Lane Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.  
**10:49:** 41000 blk, Madrone St Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.  
**17:00:** McK. Hwy./Holden Creek Ln. Brush Fire. Fire extinguished.  
**Aug. 11: 13:25:** 41000 blk, Deerhorn Rd. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.  
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# Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

**Aug. 9: 13:06:** Forest Fire - 70000 block, Old McK. Hwy. Caller mentioned lighting strikes in last couple of days and too much smoke for a campfire.  
**Aug. 10: 12:52:** Smoke Check - Old McK. Hwy./Milepost 71. Complainant can see small area of white smoke growing.  
**Aug. 11: 12:31:** Medical Alarm - 55000 blk, McK. River Dr. Unable to locate subscriber.  
**15:54:** Medical Alarm - 55000 blk, McK. River Dr. Unable to locate subscriber.  
**Aug. 12: 18:07:** Medical - 91000 blk, Mill Creek Rd. Male, Conscious, Breathing.  
**19:15:** Medical - 91000 blk, Alma Dr. Female, Conscious, Breathing.  
**23:24:** Lift Assist - 56000 blk, **Continued On Page 11**

# McKenzie Fire & Rescue

**Aug. 8: 5:51:** 89000 block, Whitewater Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.  
**22:25:** 88000 blk, Bridge St. Medical, Trauma. Patient



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# Iconic Hollywood movies filmed in Oregon, Part One



United Artists

A vintage movie poster for Buster Keaton's "The General," a 1926 silent movie shot, in part, near Cottage Grove.

By Finn J.D. John

In the past 25 years or so, Oregon has come into its own as a place to make movies.

The iconic projects have come thick and fast, especially in the last 25 years or so. The last 15 years of the century saw *The Goonies*, *Stand By Me*, *Drugstore Cowboy*, *Point Break*, *Free Willy* (twice), *Mr. Holland's Opus*, *The Postman*, *Ricochet* and *Men of Honor* filmed here — along with dozens of others. And the 21st century so far has brought us *Pay It Forward*, *Elephant*, *The Ring* (twice), *Fahrenheit 9/11*, *Into the Wild*, *Twilight*, *Coraline* and more than 100 more — including such unforgettable classics as "Kindergarten Cop" and "Jackass: The Movie."

And of course, we can't forget the burgeoning television business, highlighted right now by "Grimm" and "Portlandia."

But Oregon's relationship with the movie business goes back much farther — back to a time when parts of Oregon were wilder than much of Alaska is today.

I've cherry-picked 15 of the most influential of these early Oregon movies, and I'm going to start presenting them (in order from oldest to newest) this week.

It will take three columns to do that.

These are, in my opinion (and of folks responding to a question I posted last week on the Offbeat Oregon History Facebook page) the most important movies, but there are more — lots more. For a definitive list, look up <http://oregonfilm.org>, or plan a visit to the Oregon Film Museum in Astoria.

### The Fisherman's Bride (1908)

Selig Polyscope Film Co. Filmed in Astoria. Cast and crew info unavailable.

The Fisherman's Bride was, as far as I've been able to learn, the first movie ever filmed in Oregon; it was shot in and around Astoria. It's a classic love triangle, with two young fellows — a good boy and a bad boy — battling over a lovely bachelorette. The girl chooses the good boy and they set a wedding date. But the bad boy plots his revenge by arranging to have the good boy kidnapped and shanghaied off on a deepwater sailing ship just before their wedding. This plan is, of course, foiled, and our hero gets to the church on time.

The interesting thing about this flick, other than its status as the state's first, is that it was

not a period piece. While it was being shot, guys like *Our Hero* really were being shanghaied out of Astoria, for real, with some regularity. Melodramatic though the whole thing sounds today, something like it may very well have happened in real life during the time the film crew was there shooting this movie.

### The General (1926)

United Artists. Shot in various places including Cottage Grove. Starring Buster Keaton and Marion Mack.

This was one of the most important movies of the silent era, and a real study in contrasts. It crushed Buster Keaton's independence as a filmmaker, but it cemented his reputation as a comedic genius. It was widely regarded as a failure, yet its revenue margin was about 50 percent in the black — which is saying something, because it was phenomenally expensive to make. It culminated in the most expensive scene of the silent era — in which a burning bridge collapses under the weight of a full working steam locomotive, sending the whole works crashing into the Row River just southeast of Cottage Grove.

It's that scene that *The General* is most remembered for in Oregon.

The story takes place during the Civil War. "Johnny Gray," a Southern railroad engineer, has his beloved engine, *The General*, stolen by some Union spies — with his girlfriend aboard. Johnny gives chase in another locomotive, steals back both train and girl, and tries to make it back to the Mason-Dixon line while the Yankees give chase. Along the way, of course, there's plenty of Buster's trademark style of physical and expressive comedy.

The filming of *The General's* culminating scene brought locals out from miles around to watch, and about 500 Oregon National Guard soldiers were hired as extras. The event is commemorated with a mural on the side of the Cottage Grove Hotel today.

The wrecked locomotive was left in the river after the film

was made, and became a popular visitors' attraction for Cottage Grove; it was salvaged for scrap iron during World War II, but there are still a few train parts in the riverbed today.

### Rachel and the Stranger (1948)

RKO Pictures. Shot in Springfield-Eugene area. Starring Loretta Young, William Holden, Robert Mitchum.)

This fascinating film deals with some Old West topics that few movies want to touch — the experience of women, for one thing, and the indentured-servitude system of temporary enslavement.

In the story, a widower moves out west in the late 1700s with his young son; deciding they need a woman around the house, he buys the contract of an indentured servant named Rachel. He marries Rachel so that people won't think he's "living in sin" with her, but he shows no romantic interest in her until a handsome stranger comes to the area and begins to woo her. There is, of course, an Indian attack along the way as well.

*Rachel and the Stranger* was shot in the Springfield-Eugene area — at a stockade that the crew built along the McKenzie River, several scenic settings along the Mohawk, and at a rustic-farmhouse set built near Fox Hollow Road outside Eugene, among other spots.

### Bend of the River (1952)

Universal. Shot in Columbia River Gorge, Mount Hood. Starring James Stewart, Arthur Kennedy, Julie Adams, Rock Hudson.

"Bend of the River" is the first of two Westerns shot in Oregon featuring possibly the most universally beloved movie actor of all time: Jimmy "George Bailey" Stewart. It's also adapted from a historical novel by the late Bill Gulick — a historian who, despite his unfortunate decision to hang his hat over the border in Walla Walla, ranks among the very best popular scholars of Oregon history.

In this movie, set just after the Civil War, two gunfighters with checkered pasts are seeking a new

**Filmed in Oregon - Page 12**



By Slim Randles

Packing people into the back country doesn't sound really exciting, I know. And if it gets exciting, it's undoubtedly because something went wrong. But we did have occasional chuckles during those eight summers.

I stopped off at the backcountry ranger's tent near Bullfrog Lake, in Kings Canyon National Park. He mostly checked fire permits and had a fun summer. He told me to get off my horse and in the tent ... NOW, to see what he had.

He said no matter how many times they told campers not to feed the wild animals, there was always someone with a hearing problem. On the western slopes of the Park, where there are roads, a young guy was driving along in his brand-new Chevy hard-top convertible when he spotted a bear moseying along.

That's when the great idea hit him. He wrapped some bacon around the steering wheel, opened the driver's door, and stepped out with his camera. In a few minutes, the bear climbed in behind the wheel and was eating the bacon. He closed the car door on the bear. Click, click! Wow. It sure looked like the bear was driving the car. But when he walked over to open the door and let the bear out, the bear had other ideas. He growled and snapped and our photographer backed off.

When the bacon was gone, the bear discovered a creel in the back seat smelling deliciously of prime trout, and wanted that, too. So he turned and started climbing into the back seat. Unfortunately, the bear stepped squarely on the car's brand-new horn as he went for the creel.

So the picture the ranger showed me was a good illustration of what a brand-new hardtop convertible looks like when a hand grenade goes off. Think sardine can. The bear left, and without using the brand-new door.

But most of the time ....

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**Gardening Tips**  
By Kym Pokorny



**Sunflowers burst onto scene with new personalities**



As a child Harry Olson tended sunflowers in his parent’s garden, watching them sprout and stretch twice as big as his small frame.

For more than 65 years since he’s not forgotten the experience. He loved the sunny yellow blossoms and still does. But these days his affection has expanded to include a whole bouquet of new sunflowers.

“Back then sunflowers were all the same,” said Olson, an Oregon State University Extension master gardener. “Over the years, when I’d get seed catalogs and poke through them, I started to notice every year more and more kinds of sunflowers. They were glorious things.”

With names like ‘Shock O’ Lot,’ ‘Starburst Lemon Aura’ and ‘Copper Queen,’ the new varieties burst the stereotype of the familiar sunflower. The colors range from orange to dark burgundy. Some don double flowers. The traditional 6-foot, the single-stalked plant now comes in sizes from 15 inches to 12 feet and many grow into multi-stemmed plants.

Having dedicated some of his volunteer hours as a master gardener to growing trial gardens of grafted vegetables, Olson formulated a plan to do a demonstration bed of sunflowers. He approached Jim Liskey, a volunteer in Marion County and recipient of the 2016 Master Gardener of the Year award. They enlisted Tobie Habeck, another

active master gardener, to help.

After getting a donation of 18 varieties of sunflowers from the wholesale nursery Log House Plants in Cottage Grove, the three went to work planting on June 9 at the Marion County demonstration garden at 3180 Center St. N.E. in Salem. They arranged the plants by height – 15 inches to 12 feet – from south to north.

“We thought we’d have a cascade from high to low,” Liskey said. “But we found the ones that were 15 inches tall matured earlier and lost their blooms before the others started to bloom.”

To avoid that problem, he recommends planting the tall ones first, mid-sized varieties three to four weeks later, and the short sunflowers about two weeks after that.

Sunflowers aren’t picky, but they do desire well-drained soil and an application of a balanced fertilizer. Liskey used a 10-10-10 at planting time and again four weeks later. The plants were watered with drip irrigation for 45 minutes three times a week.

Both Liskey and Olson enjoyed watching the sunflowers turn from east to west as the day goes on and then rotate back east during the night to start over again. This process, called heliotropism, allows the growing leaves and immature flowers to absorb 10 to 15 percent more sunlight for photosynthesis than if they were sitting still.

As he maintained the demonstration garden, Liskey became interested in the health benefits of sunflower seeds and did some research. He found they contain high amounts of magnesium, potassium, selenium, zinc, iron and Vitamin E.

“They are also very low in cholesterol and sodium,” he said. “On top of that, the oil is good for cooking, not just because of the oil’s nutritional benefits. It has a light taste and can be used at high temperatures.”

Sunflowers aren’t just beneficial to people, he noted. Except for the pollen-less varieties, which perform well as cut flowers, the blossoms are a magnet for pollinators and birds can’t get enough of the seeds. To keep some of the seeds for yourself, harvest when the plant wilts, the petals have fallen and the back of the flower turns yellow to brown.

At the garden, the two master gardeners noted the interest of visitors, which was the main reason they decided to try to do the demonstration.

“What we were hoping to do is make the public aware so that when they go to the nursery next year they can get what they know they like,” Olson said. “I wanted to see all these extraordinary-looking sunflowers, and I assumed everyone else would, too. And they do. People flock to the sunflowers. They can’t help themselves.”

Though both had trouble choosing their favorites, Olson chose ‘Shock O’ Lot,’ ‘Firecracker’ and ‘Starburst Lemon Aura.’ Liskey listed ‘Copper Queen,’ ‘Florencia’ and ‘Italian White.’

There are still plenty of sunflowers in bloom, he said. So if you’re in the Salem area, make a visit and see them in person. Each one is labeled. Or, you can take a look at the Log House Plants website to see all 28 of the varieties they’ll be supplying to garden centers next year.



*Country Kitchen*  
By Mary Emma Allen

**THOSE FASCINATING OLD RECIPES**

As I go through memorabilia, books, and boxes of living in this house for 41 years, I’ve come across old recipe books and boxes from our family history and my writing. My daughter is excited. She is researching old recipes and our family cooking history.

Do you have a recipe box or book handed down through your family? These can add information to your family culinary history. Have you acquired any from a mother or grandmother, an aunt or cousin?

We treasure a notebook in which my aunt wrote recipes from her grandmother, mother, aunts and friends. Another is an old cookbook of my husband’s grandmother. In the flyleaf, and on blank pages, she jotted down recipes she especially liked from friends and family. My husband remembered her making these.

I have a variety of recipes from my years of cooking, as well as those from my mother, aunts, grandmother, and even great grandmother. Some are contained in notebooks; others in file folders; more in a family recipe book Beth

and I compiled, and additional recipes in a recipe boxes that hold 3 x 5 cards.

A Recipe from Mother’s Collection:  
**CORNSTARCH PUDDING**  
- This was a basic dessert that Mother often served with fruit spooned over it or stirred into the pudding. When it was made very thick, she used it for a cake filling or for pie.

Cook over a double boiler, stirring frequently, until thickened - 1 1/2 quarts milk, 1 cup sugar, 3 tablespoons cornstarch which have been dissolved in 1/4 cup of the milk, dash of salt. When thick, add 1 teaspoon vanilla and let cool.

One of my aunts often stirred in cut up pieces of oranges just before serving for an Orange Pudding. For cake or pie filling use 5 tablespoons cornstarch.

If you want **CHOCOLATE PUDDING**, add 3 teaspoons cocoa to the cornstarch before dissolving in milk.

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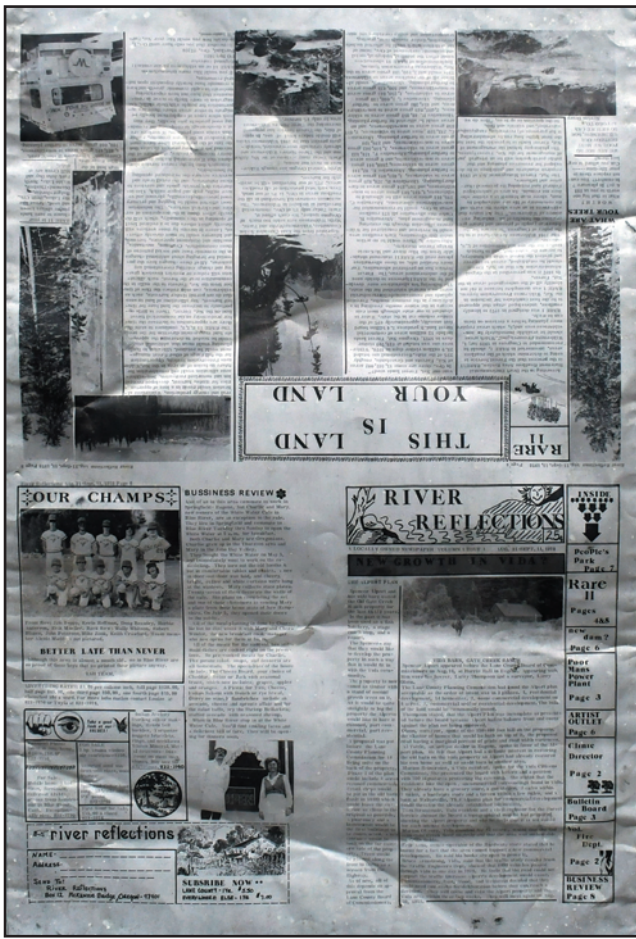
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# Highlights from the last 44 years.....

## 1978

### Volume 1, Issue 1



The metal plate, above, that went on the press at the Springfield News to print Volume 1, Issue 1 of McKenzie River Reflections has been preserved.

A front page article in that first edition outlined a proposal to add 14 homesites and some commercial development at the site of the old Gate Creek Ranch in Vida. At a Lane County Board of Commissioners meeting, opponents argued the area already had plenty of commercial development and feared increased highway traffic could be a problem.

Other stories included news about Rare II, a federal process dealing with ten alternatives for undeveloped areas of both the McKenzie and Blue River Ranger districts.

People could also read about Dr. Richard Stevens, who was under contract with the McKenzie River Corporation to visit the health clinic every Monday. Stevens services included "seeing patients, reviewing charts, and supervising nurse practitioners."

Another report noted that a CETA grant helped fund a program for teenagers who learned welding, cutting, concrete work, brush clearing and lumber finishing. A mill was set up and a total of 1,150 board feet of #1 fir was milled for the Blue River Park's picnic tables.

An exploratory project by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was also underway. Under contract with the Corps, Jenson Drilling of Springfield was busy taking core samples to determine if a new dam could be built below Cougar Dam. An Environmental Impact Statement was expected by July of 1979.

A "Business Review" story offered insights into the lives of a couple who commuted from the home in Springfield every Tuesday through Sunday to open the White Water Cafe at 5 a.m. for breakfast. New owners, Charlie and Mary, had bought the cafe in May and soon tore out the booths to install comfortable tables and chairs. Specialties of the house included a cheese board, Breakfast for Two, and Shrimp Bellavista.

Subscriptions back then were only \$5.50 per year.

## 1979

### GANGLAND HITS THE RIVER



Capone's gang and their captives - Suzan Freeman and John Phillips.

Volume 1, Issue 24, August 15 - August 31, 1979

Brandishing a sub-machine gun and a suspicious looking violin case, "Al Capone" and sidekick "Gunner Runner" were sighted on the McKenzie Sunday. You may have seen the dark green '47 Chevy with two thugs at the wheel and a captive couple in the rear cruising along Highway 126.

State police intercepted the car, warning the thugs that they were causing a highway hazard by driving too slow. Capone answered, "But officer we have been pulling over wherever possible and nobody would pass by us."

Arriving at the Holiday Farm Resort, Capone and crew led their hostages to a riverside deck and took up guard positions to block any intruders. It was a surprise to all except Suzan Freeman, who masterminded the caper.

Suzan was merely posing as one of the hostages - it was all part of her plan to capture John Phillips, the other hostage. She had staged the whole show to take John unawares and continued to keep him off balance during their riverside brunch. Then she popped the fatal question - "Will you marry me?" Luckily, John answered "Yes."

Roy Blighton (Gunner Runner) and Michael Fogle (Al Capone) started Capone's Limousine Service of Eugene in May of 1979. They provide a unique limousine and escort service with a startlingly realistic gangland flavor.

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As for Suzan and John, she says, "Something hit me, why can't the woman be the aggressor?" John just smiled.

## 2015

### "ARM" could replace coop's meter readers

Volume 28, Issue 8, Thursday, Oct. 20, 2005

RAINBOW: Lane Electric discussed a possible automated meter reading (AMR) program. Using wireless radio transmitters, AMR could remotely read customer meters and transfer the data into the billing

system.

It's anticipated an AMR system would reduce the need for meter readers to manually gather readings. The system "reads" a meter remotely from the utility's Eugene office.

## 2006

### Landmark Log Cabin lost in Wednesday fire



Thirty-nine firefighters from 11 agencies rushed to the Log Cabin Inn Resort last week but couldn't halt the destruction of the hundred year old restaurant building.

Volume 28, Issue 32, Thursday, April 6, 2006

MCKENZIE BRIDGE: The 100-year-old Log Cabin Inn of McKenzie Bridge was destroyed by flames last week, despite a massive response from firefighters throughout eastern Lane County.

Investigators from the state Fire Marshal's Office believe an electrical failure or build-up of dryer lint was the source of ignition. Besides the restaurant, two attached cabins were lost as well. Estimates are the loss will total close to \$750,000.

## 2015

### PUMICE CREATES MCKENZIE GOLD RUSH



Photo Courtesy Sam Dunham

Dunham's "Rose Gold" operation is the only private claim that has been legally filed to extract the highly valued mineral resource on the Santiam Pass.

Thursday, April 2, 2015 Volume 37, Issue 32

This first-of-April story detailed a new mineral discovery, which could rival the hard rock riches taken out of Blue River's Gold Hill claims, has caused a big influx of people looking to strike it big. The source is the ruby red pumice the Oregon Department of Transportation has spread along area roadways during winter months since the early 1900's. It's estimated "shoulder combers" could mine as much as \$2 million in gold from the pumice - including a federal lands claim on the source ODOT had mined for years - "Pumice Peak," on the Santiam Pass.



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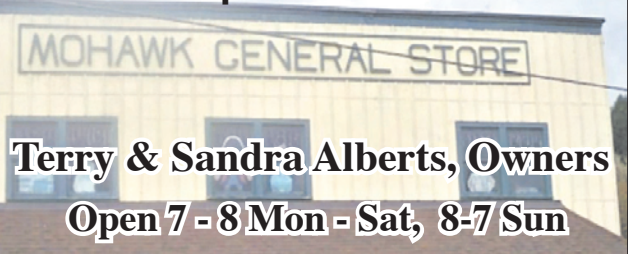
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# Highlights from the last 44 years.....

## 1994

### “God Arrives This Weekend



**Volume 16, Issue 20, Friday, January 14, 1994**

The Thurston Community Players ham it up for the camera during a rehearsal of “God,” a one-act play at the Log Cabin Inn in McKenzie Bridge for January 15th and 16th. According to producer Louise Engelman, the play is a very funny, “in your face” comedy which more than encourages audience participation. The dinner theater production will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday the 15th, and 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, the 16th.

## 1984

### Computer phoning unlikely to move upriver



**Volume 6, Issue 24, February 10, 1984**

Monthly service for telephone service in the Blue River and Leaburg areas have been quite a bit fatter in January and February, reflecting a detailed itemizing of services actually rendered, explains Bruce Hall, public affairs officer for Pacific Northwest Bell in Eugene. In some cases customers have been receiving upward of a dozen pages in their new monthly statements.

Listed in those pages is a \$1.27 per month increase for a private line with unlimited calling in Leaburg or a \$1.18 hike for residents with the 822, Blue River prefix. For Leaburg businesses, the rate increased from \$38.65 to \$39.37 monthly, while Blue River businesses will pay the \$38.65 rate.

All in all, it's part of the break-up of the old “Ma Bell” system – American Telephone and Telegraph. Listed in the new billings are the charges for Pacific Northwest Bell in-state phoning and AT&T long distance and out of state calls.

## 2008

### River Walk plans moving forward

**Volume 31, Issue 2, September 4, 2008**

**BLUE RIVER:** The River Walk trail is being planned, coordinated and constructed by a group of McKenzie River residents who have selected this project as part of the Ford Family Institute Leadership Program for 2008.

The program is designed to help rural citizens create vital communities through leadership training. As part of the process, the group will raise funds; seek in-kind donations for technical and skilled help, and work to qualify for a grant from the Ford Family Foundation.

The Blue River revitalization group is working closely with Forest Service representatives for technical, administrative, and trail design support.

## 1987

### PIPING HIS WAY ACROSS AMERICA



**Volume 9, Issue 19  
January 9, 1987**

Wearing a kilt and playing bagpipes, 24-year-old Daniel Smith is becoming known nationwide. This week awareness of the young Scot/German/Swedish/American extended to the McKenzie Valley as he

passed through on an extended April Fool's Day Journey.

In between those points he's traveled a zig-zagging path across the continent totaling about 5,500 miles. Along the way Smith's backpack sign reading “Piping Across the USA for Cancer” has generated about \$26,000 for the American Cancer Society. His “W” shaped route (which Smith says has no symbolic value) took him from New England to North Carolina, through Ohio to Wisconsin, back down through Texas and then north again to Idaho and Oregon.

## 2011

### Winter releases a real wet one



The right bank roll gate at Leaburg Dam was plugged up by flood debris Monday night when water flows in the McKenzie River rose close to 36,000 cubic feet per second.

**Volume 33, Issue 22, January 11, 2011**

Trees, stumps and branches were causing a problem at Leaburg Lake Sunday morning. The debris began to collect on the dam's #1 roller gate on Sunday night, according to Eugene Water & Electric Board spokesman Joe Harwood. Crews were still able to raise and lower the gate until more piled up the following day. By Tuesday, it was jammed and wouldn't open or close.

Normal water flows in the McKenzie River this time of year usually range from 2,000 to 5,000 cubic feet per second (cfs). That amount of water moving downstream overflowed the banks just below the Goodpasture Covered Bridge, where EWEB has been constructing a new boat ramp. Rushing waters ripped through erosion barriers and tore up asphalt pavement on the site's access road.

## 2014

### Diver drowns in Clear Lake

**Volume 36, Issue 28, March 6, 2014**

**CLEAR LAKE:** Linn County Sheriff's Office is investigating the death of an experienced scuba diver found in the waters of Clear Lake on Sunday. Sheriff Bruce Riley reports his deputies are investigating a drowning that occurred on March 2nd. At 12:23 p.m.

James Paul Ward, 49, of Forest Grove was diving in Clear Lake with longtime friend Christopher Todd Baggarley, 46, of Banks and his 24-year-old son, Todd Michel Baggarley, also from Forest Grove. All three were diving together at approximately 10 a.m. when Ward indicated he was going to surface. The Baggarleys saw him ascend to the surface. The father and son continued their dive and surfaced about 20 minutes later when they discovered Ward missing. They were not able to locate him on the shore or at their cabin.

## 2008

### Avalanches close Santiam Pass

**Volume 30, Issue 20, January 10, 2008**

Tuesday wasn't the choice for an easy drive over the Santiam Pass. Beginning at 7:15 a.m., the Oregon Dept. of Transportation reported an avalanche on Highway 20, in the vicinity of the junction of Highways 20 and 126.

They urged motorists to avoid the area, and later advised a series of snow slides had closed the road at milepost 78.5. The avalanches occurred in the Hogg Rock area, with the largest slide 15 feet deep across the highway. ODOT crews on the scene reported three vehicles were trapped in the slide, but there were no injuries. The highway remained closed until 10 a.m. while crews removed the snow.

Then for the second time that day, another slide closed Hwy. 20 at milepost 79, according to ODOT spokesman Peter Murphy in Bend. He said approximately 80 feet of the roadway was covered with snow around 12:45 p.m. Crews were able to clear the 80 ft. long avalanche and reopen the road at 1:40 p.m.

On the west side of the slide, the road was closed at Santiam Junction. On the east side, the closure was at the Black Butte Ranch near Camp Sherman Road. Schools were affected as well by the bad weather. Marcola had a two-hour late start, with no kindergarten, and other classes beginning at 10 a.m. McKenzie Schools had their morning buses running on snow routes, following a day when snowfall closed the schools.

The wet snow generated activity for the Lane Electric Coop, too. “We began to get calls sometime around 3 a.m. with reports of partial and no power in a few areas,” said Coop spokesman Dave D'Avanzo. “The snow was sagging and breaking tree limbs. Our crews were on site to determine the extent of the damages.”

D'Avanzo pointed out the utility has “A pretty extensive and aggressive right of way program here that generally clears between 200 and 250 miles of power line right of way each year. And, it has helped minimize problems across our service area. Interestingly, many of the ‘tree issues’ we've had to deal with recently are from trees that have fallen from outside our right of way. Sadly, Lane Electric doesn't have control of those things.”

## 2018

### NATIONAL CHRISTMAS TREE ON THE ROAD TO D.C.



A viewing window at the rear of the “Tree Truck” allowed people to see some of the handcrafted ornaments adorning the 80-foot Noble fir. Towards the front, the white canvas enclosure already was covered with many hand written notes.

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**RAINBOW:** Oregon's gift, the Capitol Christmas Tree, was cut and prepared for a more than 3,000-mile journey on Friday, November 2nd. The theme was inspired by the 175th anniversary of the Oregon Trail and the tree is following a reverse path of the that route on its way to Washington,

D.C. Following a week of preparations

in Sweet Home, Oregon, where the tree was felled, it motored out of town headed for a series of festive events hosted by local communities at museums, main streets, city halls, state capitols,

markets, retailers and high schools - including three in Lane County - on the McKenzie River, in Springfield and Oakridge. At its stop at the Tokatee Golf Club in Rainbow this Sunday, attendees had the chance to sign banners on the sides of the truck wishing the tree well and sending their thoughts to others along the route as well as at its destination.

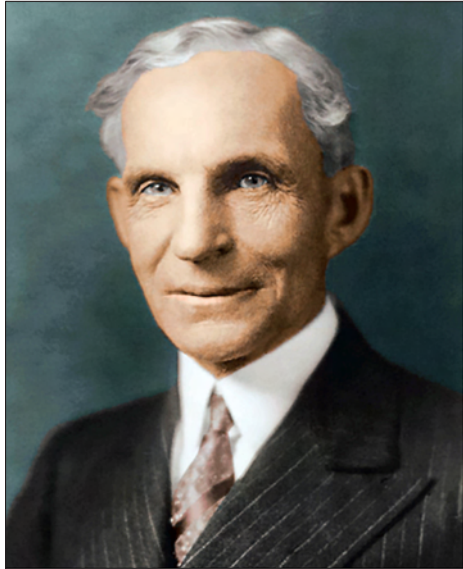




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### McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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**16:55:** McK. Hwy./ Milepost 29. Motor Vehicle Accident. Patient Refusal.

**18:09:** 34000 blk, Seavey Loop Rd. House Fire. Water Supply.

**21:12:** Camp Creek Rd./ Gemstone Rd. Brush Fire. False Alarm.

**3:55:** 38000 blk, Flowerdale Dr. Fire Alarm. False Alarm.

**16:50:** 47000 blk, McK. Hwy. Illegal Burn. Handled by OR Dept. of Forestry.

**Aug. 13: 8:36:** 41000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**10:09:** McK. Hwy./Greer Dr. MVA. Non-Injury/Non-Blocking.

**10:53:** 39000 blk, Waltherville Ln Medical, General. Patient Refusal.

**16:22:** 40000 blk, McK. Hwy. RV Fire. Fire Extinguished.

**Aug. 14: 9:36:** 38000 blk, Kickbush Ln. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

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.

### Sheriff's Report

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Information - Marcola Rd. & Camp Creek Rd.

**11:47 a.m.:** Assist Oregon State Police - McK. Hwy. Milepost 50.

**12:39 p.m.:** Citizen Contact - 45800 blk, McK. Hwy.

**12:51 p.m.:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Camp Creek Rd.

**1:41 p.m.:** Burglary - 55200 blk, Delta Rd. Deputies responded to a residence and determined that a female known to the homeowners was trespassing. She was issued a citation in lieu of custody for Criminal Trespass in the 1st Degree.

**4:00 p.m.:** Threat, Harassment - 37800 blk, M J Chase Rd. A caller reported that their nephew was making threats and aggressive gestures towards the caller.

**11:12 p.m.:** Fight - 39200 blk, McK. Hwy. Some individuals were fighting in the parking lot of an area business. The fight was described as a 'shoving match.' Quickly broken up and in the involved departed.

**Aug. 12: 12:20 a.m.:** Disabled Vehicle - Marcola Rd. Mp. 4.

**12:30 a.m.:** Abandoned Vehicle - Saunders Rd. & Marcola Rd.

**12:41 p.m.:** Assist, Follow Up - 8200 blk, Tiki Ln.

**1:28 p.m.:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp.27.

**2:49 p.m.:** Citizen Contact - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.

**6:02 p.m.:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 40.

**6:02 p.m.:** Theft - 37200 blk, Conley Rd.

**6:36 p.m.:** Assist Fire Department - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.

**6:49 p.m.:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 49.

**7:07 p.m.:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 52.

**8:48 p.m.:** Suspicious Vehicle - 40500 blk, McK. Hwy.

**Aug. 13: 12:20 a.m.:** Disabled Vehicle - Marcola Rd. Mp. 4.

**12:30 a.m.:** Abandoned Vehicle - Saunders Rd. & Marcola Rd.

**12:33 a.m.:** Disturb-ance, Dispute - 40100 blk, McK. Hwy.

**11:12 a.m.:** Assist OSP - McK. Hwy. & Old McK. Hwy.

**12:13 p.m.:** Citizen Contact - Showalter Creek Rd. & Shotgun Creek Rd.

**12:41 p.m.:** Vehicle Stop - Shotgun Creek Mp. 2.

**12:45 p.m.:** Foot Patrol - Crooked Creek staging site.

**1:07 p.m.:** Citizen Contact - 51600 blk, McK. Hwy.

**1:21 p.m.:** Illegal Camping - Marcola Rd. & Saunders Rd.

**2:13 p.m.:** Illegal Camping - Shotgun Creek Mp. 2.5.

**2:33 p.m.:** Dog Bite - 36900 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

**5:22 p.m.:** Assist Follow Up - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.

**5:49 p.m.:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Aufderheide Dr.

**7:01 p.m.:** Disturb-ance, Dispute - 51500 blk, McK. Hwy.

**7:05 p.m.:** Welfare Check - 91900 blk, Taylor Rd.

**7:25 p.m.:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Aufderheide Dr.

**Aug. 14: 9:44 a.m.:** Suspicious Vehicle - Shotgun Creek Rd. & Marcola Rd.

**10:16 a.m.:** Foot Patrol - Crooked Creek staging site.

**5:05 p.m.:** Driving While Suspended - McK. Hwy. & Angels Flight Rd.

**8:01 p.m.:** Civil Problem - 37200 blk Conley Rd.

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# Community Notes

**August 18**

**Leaburg Food Pantry**

Leaburg Food Pantry. Free groceries provided in accordance with Oregon Food Bank and Food For Lane County guidelines for food distribution to those in need. 3 - 6 p.m. Behind the McKenzie Bible Fellowship Church, 45061 McKenzie Hwy.

**August 20**

**Dime At A Time**

The Blue River Bottle Boys Collection/Sorting sessions are held every Saturday from 9 - 11 a.m. at the Leaburg Store. Donations can be dropped off there as well.

**August 21**

**Changes & Megafires**

On Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, at 1:30 p.m. the Upper McKenzie Community Center. will host a presentation by historian William G. Robbins. .Robbin's article on Oregon's Climate Change and Megafires was recently published by the Oregon Historical Quarterly. This talk on the historical context of the Holiday Farm Wildfire is part of a field trip of the Oregon Geographical Names Board. For more information call 541-514-7433.

**August 22**

**Springfield School Board**

7 pm - 8:30 pm. The Board of Directors meet in the Administration Building, 640 A St, Springfield.

**September 5**

**Springfield School Board**

7 pm - 8:30 pm. The Board of Directors meet in the Administration Building, 640 A St, Springfield.

**September 7**

**Blue River Park Board**

The board will meet at 5 p.m. More info @www.blueriverpark.com.

**September 7**

**Blue River Water Board**

The will meet at 7p.m. More info @www.blueriverwaterdistrict.com.

**September 9**

**McK River Food Pantry**

Free groceries provided in accordance with Oregon Food Bank and Food For Lane County guidelines for food distribution to those in need. Tues: 11 am - 1 pm, every 2nd & 4th Friday @ McKenzie High School (New Gym)

**September 10**

**Walterville Fair**

The Walterville Grange will be hosting the 71<sup>st</sup> annual Walterville Community Fair. This year's theme is 'Let's Eat, Have Fun and Celebrate at the 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Walterville Community Fair.' We will be having a 5K Waddle walk/run starting at 8 a.m.: Signup is on-line with Eclectic or you can sign up the morning of the race. Fair entries of baking, canning, produce, arts & crafts, photography, antiques, flowers, and sewing and handicrafts will be accepted from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m: with judging starting at 9:30 (so don't be late!). The Boy Scouts will be doing the flag raising at 10 a.m: with the parade starting at 11 a.m.: The famous Walterville Grange barbecue chicken dinner will start serving at 11:30 a.m: with a full dinner including 1/2 barbecued chicken, corn on the cob, beans, pasta salad, and dessert. All of this is just \$12 (you can't beat that for a full dinner!). A raffle drawing will be held at 3 p.m. There will be lots of local vendors throughout the day so come and check them out. Anyone who would like to sell their wares can rent a table, call 541-915-2163. The Grange would appreciate any extra help, so if you would like to help call 541-521-4760 and leave a message, calls will be returned. You can also call this number if you have any questions. We hope to see you at the fair.

# An Invitation

A group, known from Blue River to Rainbow and McKenzie Bridge as The Knitting Group, has mainly been composed of fun-loving middle-aged and senior women who enjoy knitting, quilting, sewing or doing handicrafts or other small projects. But younger women are welcome as well. For many years the group has met on Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m., mostly at the Upper McKenzie Community Center in Rainbow and occasionally at someone's home. The knitters group has lost a lot of members due to the Holiday Farm Fire and Covid, and a few senior-plus members who have

passed. This invitation hopes to rekindle the group's positive spirit which is to "Live, Laugh and Love!" Members enjoy friendships, helping each other and keeping abreast of safety issues in the river community, besides offering encouragement and sharing their talents. People are welcome to visit with group members some Tuesday. For more information, please contact Jane at nomads4fun@aol.com.


## 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 last week were: McKenzie River above Leaburg Dam - 833, McKenzie River below Leaburg Dam - 2,000, and Leaburg Lake - 1,000.

**Fish Counts**

**August 9, Willamette Falls**  
Spring Chinook - 37,033  
Summer Steelhead - 5,720



**A Moment in Oregon History**  
By Rick Steber  
(www.ricksteber.com)

**August 18** - Steven Meek, brother of popular Oregon marshal Joe Meek, signed on with William Sublette and trapped in the Rocky Mountains. He was a guide for Captain Bonneville and came to Oregon in 1835 where he worked for Dr. John McLoughlin at Fort Vancouver. When the beaver played out Meek turned his attention to guiding emigrants. He led a group across Eastern Oregon but it was a dry year and the pioneers suffered from lack of water. Meek was blamed and when gold was discovered Meek promptly left his home in the Willamette Valley and went to California. He returned with a fortune valued at \$34,000 and for the remainder of his life Meek led an easy life. He hunted, fished and trapped. He died in 1865.

**September 11**

**Live Concert**


The McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church will host Joey McGee on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. Joey McGee plays soul, country, folk, gospel, rock & blues in his own style. The 3 hour concert will be held at the church, 88393 Walterville Loop. For more information call 541-896-3001 or 626-437-0539.



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# Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirthell

### Stranger in the night

I feel I'm dreaming. I met him in Courmayeur in the Alps one night. If it wasn't for my devastatingly drunk girlfriend, I would never have met the love of my life. While I was in the lady's room, she screamed and cursed some guy at the bar.

When I returned, my friend was invited to calm down and have a seat. Amongst the table, there he was with three of his friends. He lives in the States. Perfect! He's single, even better! We left the bar with everyone, singing at the top of the world.

For the next few days, my girlfriend complained I was glowing so much it made her sick. I needed to return to Milan before going back to New York where I currently reside. But not for long. I visited his hometown, Chicago, and fell in love. I am moving to Chicago regardless because I don't want to live in New York anymore.

My business is flexible and I am able to relocate. We want to move in together. I am going to Chicago next weekend to hunt for an apartment. There is absolutely no doubt reflecting from any side whatsoever. Should I worry?

It's funny, I'm something of a worrywart. Can this be normal? I'm in love!

Felicia

Felicia, we take you at your word, trusting that you have not left out any obvious problem like he's a bigamist with six children!

You never know how things will unfold. What if moving to Chicago is absolutely the right thing to do, but this man only lasts three months? Sometimes we are not aware of what our deeper purpose is, not aware of the real meaning of events.

Wayne & Tamara

### Recognizing The Enemy

I was ready to be married, but due to his career, my fiancé was not. After a bad breakup, we had little or no contact for four years.

Two years ago we began dating again, and it's been rocky the entire time. I tried to lay down some boundaries in the beginning, and he interpreted it as controlling. Recently I confirmed he has been seeing someone else for over a year.

When I confronted him, he reacted with anger and defiance and said it was my fault. She is

always nice, and since I brought up his cheating, it makes me the bad person. When I first suspected him, I asked if he wanted us to date, other people. He did not want me dating anyone else.

Now he says, under current conditions, he doesn't want to date me but still wants contact. I tried that but the subject of sex always comes up. He says the reason we aren't getting married is I won't be an unconditional friend. He claims that is the basis for any marriage.

It hurts terribly that he could walk away from us and still want to be friendly. How can I be kind when he has broken my heart? How can I stop comparing myself to this other woman? She seems to be close to perfect from his perspective. It's hard to measure up to perfection.

Sierra

Sierra put the blame where it belongs. On him. If you don't, you will spend the rest of your life competing with every woman on the planet.

I am always amazed that women blame the other woman when the real problem is the man. It's like trying to fix a car by changing the wrong tire, the one which isn't flat. Your problem is not with this other woman. Your problem is him.

Someone cheated on you, lied to you, and made you feel bad. You want to call that love. If that is love, then what do you call the

relationship which nurtures you, supports you, and inspires you? You want to call it "love" because right now he is all you have.

Wayne

Wayne & Tamara are also the authors of **Age Difference Relationships**, available from Amazon, Apple and most booksellers.

## American Life in Poetry

By Kwame Dawes

"Mend" is a poem of great intimacy. L. Renée, remembers her mother as the mender of garments, and as someone who had a life of rich experiences before the poet was born. This moment of separation described in this poem is a testing and revelatory rite of passage for mother and daughter. Her mother's gift of precise hand-sewing is also a gift that mends whatever may seek to separate mother and daughter.

### Mend

By L. Renée

My Mama had the gift of hand sewing—one perfect stitch after another perfect stitch, eyeballing the precise length

of thread needed to repair what had ripped a gaping hole, unmaking the whole swath of cotton-polyester fabric

she draped across her delicate boney shoulders before a night out with my father— painting the town red

she said of those early dates when he handed her his fat quarters hoping they would be enough to make something

beautiful like the outfits she sewed: plaid culottes with matching vests, paisley dresses, fringed halters—she tells me this while

I watch the needle bully a ruby rivulet from her thumb, sully the myth of cotton without the blood, when she tries to mend

my middle-school uniform skirt, a navy pleat I never noticed had been stretched into splitting—

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## Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

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McK. Hwy. Involved not injured.

**Aug. 13: 11:52:** Assist Police Dept. - McK. Hwy./S. Belknap Springs Rd. Male vs. female. Physical dispute, male had female pinned at one point.

**13:39:** Medical - 56000 blk, McK. Hwy. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

**Aug. 14: 20:57:** Lift Assist - 56000 blk, McK. Hwy.

**Aug. 15: 02:29:** Lift Assist - 56000 blk, McK. Hwy.

**06:39:** Lift Assist - 56000 blk, McK. Hwy.

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# Filmed in Oregon

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A vintage movie poster for "Rachel and the Stranger," a 1948 movie shot in the Springfield-Eugene area.

start in a Westward-bound wagon train. When the wagons arrive in Oregon, they learn that a gold rush has broken out, and the man they bought their winter supplies from plans to renege on the deal, meaning the settlers will starve. The two men seize the food, fight off the supplier's goon squads and head for the settlement. On the way, one of the two succumbs to the temptation to steal the food, and the other — Jimmy Stewart's character — has to fight him to save the settlement.

Portions of this movie were filmed on the Columbia and Sandy rivers, and there are gorgeous

scenes showcasing Mount Hood, Rooster Rock and Crown Point. Some of the scenes were also shot above timberline on Mount Hood, and a pair of working sternwheelers were in the movie as well. In fact, the last steamboat race on the

Columbia River took place in a promotion for this movie, when the sternwheelers Henderson and Portland charged up the river from Portland to Rooster Rock. (Both of these sternwheelers were designed as towboats, so neither one was built for speed; however, their skippers gave it their best. The Henderson won, but blew a gasket in the process.)

Next week we'll continue this survey of iconic pictures filmed in Oregon with the other Oregon-based Jimmy Stewart movie, "Shenandoah."

(Sources: Internet Movie Database, [imdb.com](http://imdb.com); [columbiariverimages.com](http://columbiariverimages.com); Oregon Governor's Office of Film and Television at [oregonfilm.org](http://oregonfilm.org); Blankenship, Megan. "On the Set in Eugene," *The Artifact*, July 2009)

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