

McKenzie Eagles  
Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

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Second win for girls team

McKenzie did pick up a forfeit win from Siletz Valley, originally scheduled on Thursday, February 1. The win was the second of the season

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Echoes from the Past

A man lost control of his vehicle, crashed through a guardrail and traveled approximately 300 feet down an embankment before coming to a stop

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Briefs...



Own a startup or small business? All are invited to participate free of charge in the free Destination Creation Course, on February 24th from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Vida McKenzie Community Center, with breakfast and lunch provided.

Curse topics will include: Becoming a Destination Business, Your Unique Positioning, Your Leadership Responsibility,

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Like turtles? "Thriving Together: Enhancing Turtle and Oak Habitat while Engaging Communities" is a project sponsored by the Calapooia Watershed Council as part of the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund. 25 new projects totaling \$985,503 have been approved to address statewide conservation and/or recreation needs, drought preparedness, and wildfire research.

The Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund supports projects that protect and enhance the species and habitats to create new opportunities for wildlife watching, urban conservation, community

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Lane County is developing a design concept for Blue River Drive that it says reflects community preferences. Thanks to community feedback on the design options for Blue River Drive, Lane County's design team has developed designs they believe meet the identified needs. The Oregon Solutions McKenzie Rebuilds Blue River Work Group has also reviewed and endorsed the designs. Two online sessions this month will answer questions about the design on Saturday, Feb. 17, at 1:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Feb. 21, at

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Four districts responded to house fire

Solar backup battery packs resparked flames in the structure's attic



VIDA: Firefighting crews that arrived at a house fire last Thursday night found smoke that was already showing at the back of the home at 45767 McKenzie Highway was rapidly intensifying from openings in the roof. A caller, who reported the incident around 6:15 p.m. advised the structure contained three 800-watt lithium battery packs.

More than 30 responders along with 14 apparatus were on the scene to fight the fire. Backup for McKenzie Fire personnel came from Eugene-Springfield Fire, Mohawk Rural Valley Fire District, and the Upper McKenzie Fire District. They were able initially to quickly knock down the fire.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue personnel remained on the scene dealing with the reignition of a large lithium battery pack that was damaged during the fire. Crews were eventually able to remove the battery from the house and submerge it in a water tank to prevent any further flare-ups.

Officials report the cause of the fire is under investigation by the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office.

Debriefing after a disaster

Upper McKenzie Community Center plans to host future coping classes

RAINBOW: "We thought it would be a great idea to get together as a community and try to figure out what went wrong and what we could do better," was the way Upper McKenzie Community Center president John Carlile kicked off a "Disaster Debriefing" last Saturday. He also detailed some challenges the organization faced when it was decided to open the building as a warming center following a severe ice storm that delivered a hard hit to the region.

"All the redundancies that we thought were in place failed, didn't last long enough, weren't in the right place, or had to be sorted out," he said. Specifics that were

dealt with included getting a new standby electric generator to work as advertised and an unexpected need for another to run the center's water pump.

During the afternoon, people were able to relate problems they had to deal with and often heard from someone else in the room who had real-world solutions.

Some of those solutions are now posted on a new Community Information Board at the center along with lists of area services. Plans are also underway to host more community meetings that will focus on addressing topics ranging from backup power systems to keeping lines of communication open when cell phone or

internet connections aren't working.

To view a video of the meeting, go to: [tinyurl.com/yvju5dzu](https://tinyurl.com/yvju5dzu)



John Carlile

Will internet discount  
program end this spring?

By: Alixel Cabrera  
Oregon Capital Chronicle  
A COVID-era program allowed 22.5 million low-income households across the country to get discounts on internet services. But, the funds allocated for it are running out and if Congress doesn't take action, the program may end this spring.

The Affordable Connectivity Program, a high-speed internet initiative, provides discounts of \$30 to \$75 a month on internet bills. It also allows a one-time discount on the purchase of a laptop, desktop, or tablet computer.

Oregon has received nearly \$100 million from the program to provide discounts to almost 225,800 households,

or one in eight, according to a White House fact sheet.

Internet providers have already sent a notice to customers warning them about the potential end of the program at the request of the Federal Communicationseet. Commission, said Ariane Schaffer, government affairs and public policy manager at Google Fiber.

"We would like to see Congress Will internet discount end? - Page 9



Nearly 226,000 households in Oregon have benefited from the program.

Septic need a fix?

EWEB expands grant program

EUGENE: After allocating close to \$850,000 to help McKenzie Valley homeowners repair or replace septic systems damaged in the Holiday Farm Fire, the Eugene Water & Electric Board is facing a September 1 deadline to distribute over \$1 million that comes from federal grant funding.

Eligible grantees can receive up to \$35,000, depending on the type of septic system and household income qualifications.

Previously, the grants were eligible only for properties that sustained damage in the Holiday Farm Fire.

Now, the grants will be available for properties within the following areas: Properties within the Holiday Farm Fire

footprint. Properties within the McKenzie Watershed, above Hayden Bridge.

EWEB can offer these Septic System Repair and Replacement Grants thanks to a collaboration with Lane County and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Onsite Financial Aid Program (OSFAP). Both Lane County and DEQ OSFAP received federal funds from the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) and chose to partner with EWEB to distribute the money to affected residents.

To receive Septic System Grant funding through ARPA, applicants must

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## Guest Opinion

### The next Cascadia earthquake could be devastating. Start your preparations

By Bridget Good  
Jan. 26 marked the 322nd anniversary of the last major Cascadia Subduction Zone (CSZ) earthquake. As a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) member living in Salem, I've spent the past six years working to motivate community preparedness around this topic.

You can see a tornado travel; you can watch it shift direction. You can see floodwaters rise and landslides and avalanches flow. You can watch a volcano spewing and wildfires and storms approaching.

Earthquakes are different. They are some of the greatest ghost stories ever told — suddenly everywhere around us at once, unseen but for the destruction they cause. They can't be predicted, and there isn't an earthquake season. The precious few seconds' warning that ShakeAlert can now bring will be all you get.

Forty-six of these megathrust CSZ earthquakes have occurred over the past 10,000 years, averaging one every 223 years.

The next one will undoubtedly overwhelm local emergency responders. Roads and bridges will be heavily damaged. Most communication systems will be down. The Willamette Valley is expected to go as long as 50 days without natural gas, 100 days without electricity and a whopping 400 days without water/sewer.

Responders from outside the di-

saster area will take time to arrive — how much time will depend on the area of devastation.

Cascadia megathrust earthquakes appear to have triggered San Andreas earthquakes roughly two-thirds of the time over the past 3,000 years. New research by UC Davis and San Diego State finds that roughly 20% of San Andreas earthquakes have coincided with earthquakes on the San Jacinto Fault. Further research has shown that roughly 20% of CSZ earthquakes have been followed by a Cascade Range volcanic eruption within a reasonably short time frame (days to months).

There is no doubt that a major tsunami, much larger than the one that came to our shores on Dec. 15 of this year, will follow a CSZ earthquake.

The probability of the CSZ, the San Andreas and the San Jacinto rupturing together (especially to their full rupture lengths), followed by a volcanic eruption (or two), is highly unlikely. However, any combination of these disasters will further impact the country's available resources and response times.

Having supplies on hand for you and your family will be crucial. You are smart and resourceful, but being resourceful requires having access to resources, which are plentiful now (toilet paper, anyone?). They won't be when disaster strikes. There are people and pets who depend on you. Be

ready.  
I wish you the very best on your preparedness journey. The time to prepare is now.

There is a ghost on our horizon.  
*Salem resident Bridget Good serves as a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteer. She also manages the city's CERT Salem Facebook page and hosts the website, SurvivingCascadia.com You may reach her at bridget.shannon.good@gmail.com.*

This article originally appeared on Salem Statesman Journal: Be ready for the next Cascadia earthquake



## Briefs...

### Business building

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### Turtles

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science, and other wildlife-associated recreation. OCRF prioritizes projects that implement the Oregon Conservation Strategy, a blueprint for conserving Oregon's fish and wildlife and their habitats before they become more difficult to protect. The OCRF will also invest in outdoor recreation opportunities that connect Oregonians

to the natural world and increase equity for underserved communities.

### BR Drive design

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6:30 p.m. Key design features are West of downtown – a multi-use path. for walking and biking separated from the road with a vegetated swale

Downtown – sidewalks on both sides of the street, parallel parking on both sides of the street for two blocks, customized parking pockets in the northernmost block, and enhanced crosswalks. For more information, go to: tinyurl.com/zsydb6ta

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## McKenzie Eagles Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

### McKenzie Varsity Sports Schedule This Week

The McKenzie Varsity Boys and Girls Basketball teams travel to Mapleton on Tuesday, February 6. The Boys' game tips off at 5:30 pm and the Girls' game follows at 7:00 pm. The two Eagle teams travel to Alsea on Thursday, February 8; with the Boys' game slated for a 5:30 pm start and the Girls' game to follow at 7:00 pm. McKenzie will travel to Triangle Lake on Saturday, February 10. The Girls' game is scheduled to begin at noon and the Boys' game will tip off at 1:30 pm.

#### McKenzie Girls

##### Fall To Eagles, Lakers

The Eagle Varsity Girls basketball team dropped a couple of Mt. West League games last week, losing to Eddyville Charter, 24-58, on Tuesday, January 30,

and to Triangle Lake, 13-48, the following Saturday, February 3. Both losses came at home in Finn Rock. McKenzie did pick up a forfeit win from Siletz Valley, originally scheduled on Thursday, February 1. The win was the second of the season for the Eagles, the first a 32-29 victory also over the Warriors of Siletz Valley in Finn Rock on January 11. First-year McKenzie Girls Head Coach Heather Holte's team is currently 2-8, 2-16 on the season, and has four regular season games remaining.

#### McKenzie Boys

##### Lose Three Last Week

The Eagle Varsity Boys Basketball team has found

victories a rare commodity this season and last week was no exception. McKenzie lost at home to Eddyville Charter, 33-47, on Tuesday, January 30, and dropped a tough road game against Siletz Valley, 33-37, on Thursday, February 1. McKenzie Boys Head Coach Neil Barrett and the crew returned home to host Triangle Lake on Saturday, February 3, but the Lakers added to the Eagle woes with a 47-74 drubbing. Eagle freshman Rhys Hamlow led his team against Siletz Valley, scoring a double-double with 10 pts and 11 rebounds. Hamlow was also the leading Eagle scorer in the Triangle Lake contest, dropping in 12 pts.

## Letters to the Editor



Letters To The Editor should contain no more than 250 words. All letters must be signed and include an address and phone number. Addresses and phone numbers will not be published upon request. Deadline for submission is Monday at 5 pm.

Friday 2/9		Saturday 2/10		Sunday 2/11	
McKenzie Valley Showers 70% chance precip High: 48 Low: 35	Santiam Pass Snow 80% chance precip High: 31 Low: 21	McKenzie Valley PM Showers 40% chance precip High: 52 Low: 38	Santiam Pass PM Snow Showers 40% chance precip High: 38 Low: 27	McKenzie Valley AM Showers 30% chance precip High: 55 Low: 38	Santiam Pass AM Snow Showers 30% chance precip High: 41 Low: 26

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
1/30	60	47	0	1,719 cfs	1/30	62	47	0	11,840 cfs
1/31	55	46	0	2,186 cfs	1/31	64	49	0.01	11,700 cfs
2/1	57	42	0	NA	2/1	64	44	0.03	11,300 cfs
2/2	46	37	0.22	3,189 cfs	2/2	61	43	0.09	11,200 cfs
2/3	49	35	0	3,228 cfs	2/3	54	35	0	10,300 cfs
2/4	49	32	0.01	3,189 cfs	2/4	56	32	0	9,770 cfs
2/5	47	40	0.24	3,151 cfs	2/5	51	38	0.35	9,430 cfs



Sheriff's Report

Jan. 29: 1:52 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 39200 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Verbal dispute between neighbors, no crime.

2:29 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 7000 blk, Thurston Rd. Verbal dispute between residents over use of a communal dumpster at the location. Deputy made phone contact.

Jan. 31: 7:22 p.m: Assault - 38100 blk, McK. Hwy. A deputy contacted a female who had been in a dispute. She was not injured and was in a safe place.

Feb. 1: 12:10 a.m: Unlawful Entry Motor Vehicle - Terwilliger Hot Springs.

12:44 a.m: Suspicious Vehicle - Marcola Rd. & Camp Creek Rd. Two vans were reported as suspicious due to their proximity to downed power lines.

1:54 p.m: Foot Patrol - 39500

blk, McK. Hwy.

2:32 p.m: Found Property - 42800 blk, McK. Hwy.

5:13 p.m: Open Gate - La Lone Rd. & Honeybee Ln.

6:19 p.m: Assist Fire Dept. - 45700 blk, McK. Hwy.

7:43 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy & Leaburg Dr.

Feb. 2: 12:45 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - 89100 blk, Marcola Rd. Threatening phone call made to location, source unknown. Deputy responded and patrolled. Deputies will follow up if more information becomes available.

12:40 p.m: foot patrol - 39500 blk, McK. Hwy.

1:18 p.m: Assist Public - Lat: 44.0601167. Long: -122.221033. A vehicle was stuck after it slid off the roadway. The occupants were able to get a ride before deputies responded.

2:58 p.m: Violation of Restraining Order - 57000 blk, N. Bank Rd.

3: 1:18 p.m: Theft - 54400 blk, McK. Hwy Theft from office at location. Report made by Citizen

Self Report.

3:29 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 40500 blk, McK. Hwy. Occupant of a silver Honda with no back window was littering and causing problems. The vehicle left before a deputy arrived a short time later.

Feb. 3: 10:35 a.m: Vehicle Stop - 92100 blk, Marcola Rd.

10:50 a.m: Driving Under Influence of Intoxicants - Parsons Creek Rd. & Marcola Rd.

11:55 a.m: Illegal Dirt Bikes - Showalter Creek Rd. & Shotgun Creek Rd.

12:17 p.m: Illegal Burn - Lat: 44.172109. Long: -122.081237.

12:51 a.m: Alarm - 90800 blk, La Lone Rd.

5:13 p.m: Foot Patrol - 39500 blk, McK. Hwy.

7:08 p.m: Reckless Driving - Marcola Rd. Mp. 4.

Feb. 4: 10:49 a.m: Citizen Contact - 92200 blk, Carson St.

3:54 p.m: Motor Vehicle Accident No Injury - 35600 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

Feb. 5: 2:06 p.m: Welfare Check - 92200 blk, Marcola Rd.

3:55 p.m: Livestock At Large - 51500 blk, Blue River Dr.

6:37 p.m: Foot Patrol - N. Bank Rd. & McK. Hwy.

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

State Police Report

Jan. 20: 14: 20: Crash, Non-Injury - 42755 Hwy. 126E. Unit #1, a red Jeep, was traveling eastbound near Milepost 20 when it attempted to turn left into a veterinary clinic. Unit #2, a silver Mazda, was traveling westbound in the same location and hit Unit #1 as they turned across traffic. The driver of Unit #1 advised they did not see Unit #2. Both vehicles had been moved prior to trooper's arrival and there were no injuries to either driver. Both vehicles were towed. Involved: 63-year-old female from Oregon City, 26-year-old female from Leaburg.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Jan. 29: 16:06: 7000 block, Thurston Rd. Medical, General. Cancelled En Route.

20:51: 40000 blk, Madrone St Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

Jan. 30: 12:14: 37000 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

14:27: 42000 blk, McK. Hwy. Motor Vehicle Accident. Non-Injury, Blocking.

Jan. 31: 3:15: 39000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Trauma. Assessed, 1 Transported.

Feb. 2: 18:15: 45000 blk, McK. Hwy. Fire, Structural. Fire Extinguished, Overhaul.

Feb. 3: 16:17: 38000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

Feb. 4: 11:45: 49000 blk, McK. Hwy. Public Assist. Lift Assist.

15:52: Camp Creek Rd./Milepost 1. MVA. Unable To Locate

16:07: 35000 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Medical, General. Cancelled on Scene.

16:08: McK. Hwy./Conley Rd. Non-Injury MVA. Refer to OSP.

Feb. 5: 9:21: 41000 blk, Madrone Street Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, Transported

This month, McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> 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

Feb. 1: 18:14: House Fire - 45000 block, McK. Hwy. Heavy smoke from back of house, fire in the attic.

Feb. 2: 17:02: Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - MP08 Clear Lake Cutoff. White Sprinter type van off the side of the road. Lights were on, pieces on the side of the road. Complainant didn't see anyone.

Feb. 3: 12:03: Illegal Burn - Foley Ridge Rd./McK. Hwy. Small camp fire, left unattended near the side of the road. Caller put water on it but still smoldering.

Feb. 5: 13:25: Medical - 52000 blk, McK. Hwy. Male, Conscious, Breathing.


22:53: Medical - 55000 blk, McK. River Dr. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

The Upper McK. Fire District's board of directors will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.

Explore a treasure trove of McKenzie River history - in the back issues of this newspaper. Go to: [tinyurl.com/2rkpkxen](https://tinyurl.com/2rkpkxen)

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By Slim Randles

Bob and Carol Burchell pulled into their driveway during the snowstorm, and were surprised to see their daughter, Katie, along with her boyfriend, Randy Jones, sitting on the porch swing, wrapped in a blanket. Both were shivering and smiling.

They followed her parents inside, and in minutes had some hot soup inside them. Randy and Katie watched a couple of television programs together, and then Randy said goodnight and walked home.

“Randy seems to be a really nice boy, Honey,” Carol said.

“Thanks, Mom. I like him a lot.”

Bob sat quietly, sucking on a cup of evening coffee as though it were dessert. He had a puzzled look on his face.

“Everything OK, Dad?” Katie said.

“Oh ... sure.” He took another sip. “It’s just ... well, I think maybe one of you doesn’t show a lot of good sense.”

Katie looked surprised.

Bob explained. “You see, it’s one of those what’s-wrong-with-this-picture things. Here you have a perfectly warm house, you have a key to the house, and here are two seemingly intelligent young people wrapped in a blanket to keep from freezing to death, sitting out on a frozen steel porch swing. Is that a smart thing to do?”

“No it isn’t,” Katie said. “That’s what I told him. I said we could go in and get something to eat where we’d be comfortable. All he’d let me do is get that blanket.”

“That was his idea, freezing on the porch?”

“Yes,” Katie said, smiling. “Randy said if we went in the house before you two got home, it might hurt my reputation, and he wasn’t willing to risk that.”

Katie went into the other room. Bob looked at Carol and smiled.

“You know,” he said. “I think I kinda like that boy.”

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### Quote of the Week

“Whether you think you can or you think you can’t, you’re right.”

Henry Ford

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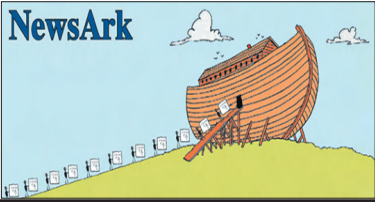
**RAIN catalysts**

Date: Two Saturdays  
FEB 24th & MAR 2  
Breakfast & Lunch Provided

Location: Vida McKenzie Community Center  
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Lane County & RAIN Catalysts

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## Day before birthday, man survives 300-Foot plunge off Highway 20

Reprinted from the May 13, 2010 edition of River Reflections



Photo Courtesy Oregon State Police

Rescue crews had a tough climb out with a patient after a SUV went way off the road near Hogg Rock

SANTIAM PASS: A Salem man survived a morning crash last Thursday in the Santiam Pass area in which he lost control of his sport utility vehicle, crashed through a guardrail and traveled approximately 300 feet down an embankment before coming to a stop. He was extricated from his vehicle and brought back up to the highway by fire and medical personnel before being transported for non-life threatening injuries.

According to Oregon State Police (OSP) Sergeant Derek Bischoff, the accident happened on May 6th at approximately 9: 44 a.m. Involved was a 2002 GMC Yukon sport utility vehicle driven by Peter A. Chamberlain, 50, of Salem, that was eastbound on Highway 20 near milepost 79.

Police said Chamberlain lost control and struck a guardrail, causing the GMC to crash through the railing traveling down the em-

bankment approximately 300 feet before coming to a stop. Bischoff arrived at the scene three minutes later and made his way down the hillside to Chamberlain while fire and medical personnel were responding.

The patient had non-life threatening injuries and was later extricated from his vehicle by Deschutes County Sheriff’s Office Search & Rescue and fire department personnel. Police noted the accident occurred the day before Chamberlain’s birthday on May 7th.

Chamberlain was transported by ambulance to St. Charles Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries. Safety restraint use is pending confirmation. The Sisters Fire Department, Bend Fire Department, Black Butte Fire Department, Deschutes County Sheriff’s Office, and ODOT assisted OSP at the scene.

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## Crash wrecks area’s communications



Photo Courtesy Oregon State Police

440 EWEB customers were out of electricity when a pole was damaged in a Monday morning accident at Cedar Flat. The incident also knocked out electronic communications for most of the day.

CEDAR FLAT: A Springfield teenager wasn’t injured in a Monday morning accident but people throughout the McKenzie Valley were affected after she lost control of her sport utility vehicle and struck a power pole along Highway 126 east of Springfield. Electricity in the immediate area was knocked out for two and a half hours. Telephone, cell phone and Internet communications, however, were out of order for close to 11 hours.

According to Oregon State Police Senior Trooper Rick Hamilton, the crash occurred on May 10th at approximately 7 a.m. A 2000 Ford Excursion driven by Amanda Kay Silvester, 17, of Springfield, was eastbound near milepost 11 when it came upon a stopped vehicle. Silvester attempted to avoid the stopped vehicle and crashed into an EWEB power pole on the right shoulder, snapping the pole - causing it to fall onto the vehicle and dropping power lines onto the highway.

The accident severed the fiber optic line that carries phone and Internet traffic in and out of the McKenzie Valley. Local connections were fine but nothing could get in or out through the fiber optic line until it was repaired in the late afternoon. Cell towers east of the accident site were also impacted because the down fiber optic line fed them.

“I don’t think most people understand that cell calls are totally reliant on the same hardwired infrastructure, which in this case is the fiber optic line that runs out

126 from Springfield,” according to Qwest spokesman Bob Gravely. “The call is really just wireless between your handset and the closest tower. It then enters the same phone network and gets switched to the tower closest to where you’re calling - and then is wireless between that tower and the other person.”

Silvester was not injured in the accident. Safety restraint use information was not available. Highway 126 was closed about two hours with traffic detoured onto Camp Creek Road.

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Gardening  
Tips

By Kym Pokorny



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Five tips for properly planting a conifer tree



F.D. Richards

Taking the proper steps to plant a conifer will ensure success.

If conifer tree planting is on your late winter or early spring to-do list, there are some things you can do to improve your success. When it comes to planting conifers, timing is everything, according to John Punches, Oregon State University Extension Service forester and associate professor in the OSU College of Forestry. Punches recommends planting when the upper 10 inches of soil is moist, the soil is not frozen more than a half-inch deep, the snow cover is less than two inches and air temperature is between 30 and 65 degrees. It also helps if the wind is blowing at less than 20 miles per hour – and the seedlings are fully

dormant. A little extra time spent during planting can yield big dividends in young tree survival, Punches said, so plant your trees correctly for best success. Among Punches' other tips: \* Keep the roots moist and the trees cool. Plant in the rain, if possible. Dried-out roots are dead roots, and bare-root seedlings are susceptible to drying. Containerized seedlings are more protected but need careful treatment. Carry seedlings in a planting bag or bucket to protect them from sun and wind and remove just one tree at a time for planting. Dig the hole or holes before removing the seedlings.

To help prevent damage, keep roots covered and moist from the moment seedlings are removed from their shipping bundles until they are planted. \* Dig a good hole. Many planting errors can be blamed on holes too small for the roots of the plant going into them. Holes should be deep enough to hold the root system with ease and allow for broken soil all around the root system to promote root growth. If the roots are 9 inches long, dig a hole at least 12 inches deep to provide broken soil under the seedling. \* Plant at the right depth. Trees should be planted at the same depth they experienced in the nursery or a bit deeper. Planting too shallow leaves upper roots exposed, leading to their death. Planting too deep can be a problem if lower twigs and needles are buried. Spread out the roots in a natural position when you place the seedling in the hole. \* Firmly press down soil around the plant. While holding the tree in an upright position at the correct depth, fill the hole with the loose, moist soil dug from the planting hole. Do not let dry soil, rocks, or surface litter fall in the hole, or roots in these dry spots could be damaged or killed. When the hole is filled in with moist soil, press it down firmly. \* Manage competition. Planting the tree is only part of the battle. Control competing vegetation for at least the next two years to give the tree time to become fully established.



Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



WRITING IN  
SECRET CODE

Why are letters addressed to my grandson being returned, "Addressee unknown." Grandson says that is his correct address. What's happening? Perhaps it's because I'm addressing them in cursive (handwriting), which to many of the younger generation seems like a secret code! Do you know that those of us who are aged 50 and older have a "Secret Code" the "texting" generation can't read? Perhaps a few in their 20s can decipher it or those who are home schooled. However, in general the current generation of school aged youngsters can't decipher what we write in cursive, no matter how good our handwriting? When I write in cursive on the board, "My students complain, "Mrs. Allen, I can't read that! Can you please print?" Texting Generation We're in this era, where handwriting is no longer taught in most schools. We who routinely write in cursive have our own "secret code" that many of the younger people cannot read. This younger generation with their cell phones and iPhones and iPads have texting and the abbreviations they routinely use. We have cursive! Now this may be somewhat simplified, but there is some truth in it. In my work as a substitute teacher I find the majority of students cannot read my handwriting on the board or their papers if I write in cursive. I was taught by Miss Gertrude Auchmoody in sixth grade, as well as Mrs. Maynard, Mrs. Burr and Mrs. Reynolds in lower grades. We received handwriting grades (called penmanship in those days) on our report cards up through sixth grade. We were expected to write legibly in grades 7-12, even without penmanship lessons, or our answers were marked wrong. No Excuses There was none of this, "But that's what I meant," from us. The teachers either could read

our answers or they were marked incorrect even when they were right. We also had to rewrite any paragraphs and papers if the teacher couldn't read it. The only keyboards we used were those in typing class, if we took that course in high school. (Also, those keyboards had no letters printed on the keys. We had to memorize them from a chart in the front of the room. (Students look horrified when I mention this nowadays. Or perhaps they don't even believe me!) So, in general, nowadays, you don't even need to hide your handwriting to be incognito. Simply write in legible cursive and you'll have a SECRET CODE! Of course, there are advantages to our electronic world. But those who can't read cursive are missing out on the delights of reading old letters such as Great, great grandmother Cynthia's written from her pioneering mid-western homestead in the 1860s, all in cursive. Letters written by her sons from Civil War battlefields are fascinating and family keepsakes. It's amazing that these rather uneducated young men could write so well in cursive...and that my grandmother kept their letters throughout the years and we could learn about this brave pioneer great, great grandmother and her sons..

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Sift together in a mixing bowl 1 3/4 cups sifted flour, 2 tablespoons sugar, 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder, 3/4-teaspoon salt; make a well in the center. Combine 1 well-beaten egg, 3/4-cup milk, 1/3-cup salad oil or melted shortening. Add all at once to well in dry ingredients. Stir quickly, only until dry ingredients are moistened. Stir in 1-cup blueberries carefully. Fill greased muffin pans or paper lined muffin tins 2/3 full. Bake at 400 degrees F. for about 25 minutes. (c) Mary Emma Allen

(Mary Emma Allen, who grew up on a farm, often writes about nostalgic and Inspirational topics.)

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# Community Notes

**February 8**  
**McK Watershed Council**  
The McKenzie Watershed Council will meet from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Location varies, please contact Melanie Giangreco, McKenzie Watershed Council Operations Assistant  
Contact: Melanie Giangreco- (458-201-8150) melanie@mckenziecouncil.org

**February 9 - 11**  
**Storm Debris Dropoff**  
In the aftermath of severe weather, Lane County will open the Hendricks Bridge County Park for storm debris drop-off from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Private property owners can bring debris free of charge.  
Accepted Debris: Tree limbs and branches, Trees less than 24" in diameter (larger trees cut down to 24" in diameter or less) and Heavy shrubbery.  
Not Accepted: Household

garbage or recycling, Building materials (plywood, damaged siding, etc.), Regular yard debris (grass, mulch, etc.), Rocks or earth, Tree root balls, and Materials larger than 24" in diameter.

**February 9**  
**Second Friday Art Walk**  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**February 9**  
**Chili Feed**  
The Waltherville Grange will host their annual Chili Feed on Friday, February 9, from 5 to 7 p.m. Family, and tell your friends and neighbors are invited for some rootin' tootin' homemade chili, cornbread, salad, dessert, and beverages. The Chili Feed will be held at the Waltherville Grange Community Center, located at

39259 Camp Creek Road, in Waltherville. As usual, there will be a collection of donated canned food for the upriver food bank. The Grange is also still taking donations for the new siding and windows on the west side of the building, so feel free to add to the donation can (check out the thermometer to see how it's going). Donations for the meal will also be accepted. For more information, please call 541-521-4760 and leave a message (calls will be returned).

**February 10**  
**Valentine Family Date Night**  
Young Life invites area families to the McKenzie Valley's - Valentine Family Date Night - a Summer Camp fundraiser. The event, on Saturday February 10<sup>th</sup>, from 5 to 7:30 p.m., will feature a Turkey dinner, dessert & movie for Mom & Dad. Childcare will be provided with food & fun for your kids. A \$20 per adult donation helps send youth to Camp. RSVP via email to YL.datenight@gmail.com before Feb. 5th. Location: McKenzie Bible Fellowship. For info call 864-309-6187.

**February 10**  
**Three Sisters Meadow Tour**  
Site tour of Three Sisters Meadow - McKenzie community members are invited to walk the grounds of the Three Sisters Meadow, 51480 Blue River Drive, and learn about opportunities and parameters for future development. People are invited to participate and give input with a survey of potential uses for the donated land.

**February 10**  
**Living River Day**

The Living River Exploration Day is from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 31799 Green Island Rd, Eugene. Join the McKenzie River Trust and take a walk near the place the Willamette and the McKenzie Rivers meet. Observe 15 years of tree-planting work on Green Island, a habitat for beaver, river otter, and over 150 species of birds.

**February 10**  
**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.

**February 12**  
**Kids Eat Free**  
Kids eat free every Monday (with adult meal purchase) at Craig's Lucky Logger Restaurant & Henry's Bar, 39297 McKenzie Hwy. Takeout, Dine-in, Outdoor seating (541) 726-9088.

**February 12**  
**Parks Advisory Committee**  
The Parks Advisory Committee meets 2nd Monday of each month (except during July & August) from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Goodpasture Room, 3050 N Delta Hwy, Eugene. It advises the Board of County Commissioners on park needs, recommends priorities for projects - including financial and operational development and acquisition. The committee also provides recommendations regarding long-range planning for future park programs and needs, and serves as a liaison group representing the concerns of the community.

**February 12**  
**Spfd School Board**  
The Board of Directors meets

twice during most months during the school year from 7 to 10 p.m. at 640 S A St, Springfield. Work sessions are generally held at 5:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month.  
Agendas, meeting materials, and approved minutes are posted on the Agenda & Meetings page.

**February 13**  
**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.

**Paver Sales Remain Open**  
The Vida McKenzie Community Center will continue to offer opportunities to buy engraved pavers for their patio. As a fundraiser, continuing sales will support the completed work and provide for additional enhancements. As batches of new paver purchases are made, the engraver will furnish and install the newly etched pavers. Call 541-953-3440 or willmarlys@gmail.com.

**Spring 2024**  
**Master Gardeners**  
The OSU Extension Service Lane County Master Gardeners have announced their public Pruning class schedule for 2024. Lane County Master Gardeners are offering public pruning classes in the winter and spring of 2024. Class participants will learn about pruning tools and equipment, tool care, as well as techniques to prune specific types of trees and ornamentals. Master Gardeners are eager to share their knowledge and experience with participants and want their class experience to be interactive, fun, and educational. Pre-Registration is required. For a full list of classes, details, locations, and pre-registration information visit our events page: <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/county/lane/events> For more information, please contact the OSU Extension Service - Lane County office, 996 Jefferson Street, Eugene (enter on 10th at the wheelchair ramp) 541-344-5859 or at: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/lane>

**Ice Damage Survey**  
Lane County is encouraging both renters and property owners to complete an ice damage reporting form that will be used to help the county and its partners understand the long-term recovery needs of the community.  
Officials advise people to still work with their insurance companies to pursue reimbursement for eligible damages and repairs. However, there are currently no government resources



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Community Events Calendar



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## An Invitation to Worship

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# Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mitchell

## Been There, Done That



Juliane Liebermann

Fourteen years ago I was divorced from my second wife, her idea. I'll call her Kay. But I never lost my love for her. She married again and had two children. We always remained friends, however my new wife could not relate to that, so contact via any manner was limited.

Kay divorced again about four years ago, and my wife just passed away recently. Kay sent her condolences and that has led to a meeting for coffee in the near future. First, I feel guilt because my wife's passing is not even a month old, and my heart is buzzing for Kay. Second, my heart tells me I could live with Kay for the rest of my life, but my intellect tells me I would be a fool to now raise the two kids of the man she left me for.

I feel if I ever commit myself to Kay, I may regret the children, and our relationship would be ruined. I also feel if I don't commit myself to Kay, I may regret losing the woman I never stopped loving.

Keith

Keith, a friend of ours is a superb horsewoman. A few years ago she acquired a stunningly beautiful, gray Paso Fino horse. She knew he had been mishandled and abused by a string of previous owners. This horse had the characteristic gait of the Paso Fino. When he walked slowly forward, his hooves beat the ground in a perfect four beat rhythm like the rapid roll of a drum.

Our friend saw the potential in this horse, but no matter how much she worked with him, she could not make him achieve that potential. She experienced one more thing. This was a dangerous animal. A less accomplished rider might have been seriously injured. Finally, she had to admit the horse's flaws and let him go.

In your imagination there is something about Kay which allows you to deny the reality of her actions. You wooed Kay, you were engaged to Kay, you legally married Kay, and she left you for another man. You might call her children the children of another man, but they are her children.

They came out of her body. The children are completely innocent.

Until you can get this turned around in your head, you need to consider whether to even meet Kay. The term which describes what you are doing is displacement. It means transferring emotion from the original object to a more acceptable substitute. The loathing you feel for Kay's children is really the loathing and anger you feel toward Kay for leaving you.

Put the blame where it belongs. It doesn't belong on the children, it belongs on Kay. Kay is looking out for Kay. Like our friend with the Paso Fino, you need to admit Kay's flaws and let her go.

Wayne & Tamara

## He Loves Me Not

Me and my boyfriend recently split up. It was amicable, but he turned nasty, said he hated me, and erased me from his phone. Then he decided he would like to be friends. To make matters worse, he keeps telling me he misses me and still loves me. I feel like he's messing with my head. Is there any advice you can give me in order to either get him back or to move on? I feel like he's playing games.

Alice

Alice, your ex-boyfriend has you pulling petals from a daisy. With the first you say, "He loves me." With the second you say, "He loves me not." He has you wondering which answer the final petal will yield. He has you playing games.

With a true love the flower

isn't destroyed. All the petals are intact. But when someone makes you play this game, know that the final petal always is, "He loves me not." Accept the answer and move on.

Wayne & Tamara

Wayne & Tamara are the authors of *Cheating in a Nutshell* and *The Young Woman's Guide to Older Men*—available from Amazon, Apple, and booksellers everywhere.

## She Walks in Beauty

By Lord Byron (George Gordon)

She walks in beauty, like the night  
Of cloudless climes and starry skies;  
And all that's best of dark and bright  
Meet in her aspect and her eyes;  
Thus mellowed to that tender light  
Which heaven to gaudy day denies.

One shade the more, one ray the less,  
Had half impaired the nameless grace  
Which waves in every raven tress,  
Or softly lightens o'er her face;  
Where thoughts serenely sweet express,  
How pure, how dear their dwelling-place.

And on that cheek, and o'er that brow,  
So soft, so calm, yet eloquent,  
The smiles that win, the tints that glow,

But tell of days in goodness spent,  
A mind at peace with all below,  
A heart whose love is innocent!

*The most flamboyant and notorious of the major English Romantic poets, George Gordon, Lord Byron, was likewise the most fashionable poet of the early 1800s. He created an immensely popular Romantic hero—defiant, melancholy, haunted by secret guilt—for which, to many, he seemed the model. He is also a Romantic paradox: a leader of the era's poetic revolution, he named Alexander Pope as his master; a worshiper of the ideal, he never lost touch with reality; a deist and freethinker, he retained from his youth a Calvinist sense of original sin; a peer of the realm, he championed liberty in his works and deeds, giving money, time, energy, and finally his life to the Greek war of independence. His faceted personality found expression in satire, verse narrative, ode, lyric, speculative drama, historical tragedy, confessional poetry, dramatic monologue, seriocomic epic, and voluminous correspondence, written in Spenserian stanzas, heroic couplets, blank verse, terza rima, ottava rima, and vigorous prose. In his dynamism, sexuality, self-revelation, and demands for freedom for oppressed people everywhere, Byron captivated the Western mind and heart as few writers have, stamping upon 19th-century letters, arts, politics, even clothing styles, his image and name as the embodiment of Romanticism.*

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**Personal**  
If you want to drink, that's your business. If you want to stop, that's ours. AA Group meets Wednesday 6:00pm-7:00pm and Sunday 5:00-6:00pm at the McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church, 88393 Watterville Loop, a block from the Watterville Shopping Center. N/c-sub

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ACROSS

1. Zagreb native
6. Not St. or Blvd.
9. Tucked in
13. Whatchamacallit
14. Robert Redford's Sun-dance \_\_\_\_
15. In a cold manner
16. Tiny island
17. Mad King George's number
18. Hearing, e.g.
19. \*Love's late Nirvana hus-band
21. \*Star-\_\_\_\_

23. \*Air Supply's "Making Love Out of Nothing at \_\_\_\_"
24. Elementary particle
25. Tire meas.
28. Land of Israel
30. \*Joe Cocker and Jen-nifer Warnes: "Love lifts us up where we \_\_\_\_"
35. Ladder crosspiece
37. Frenzied
39. London's Thames, e.g.
40. \_\_\_\_-European language
41. Call it quits
43. Very bright star
44. What procedural and epi-

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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

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46. Crosby's and Still's part-ner
47. Mountain valley
48. Final words
50. Future J.D.'s hurdle
52. Food scrap
53. Tax
55. Pen point
57. \*\*All You Need Is Love" band, with The
61. \*Letters to Juliet destina-tion
64. Habituate
65. NHL surface
67. Ancient marketplace
69. Like many bathroom floors?
70. Blunderbuss, e.g.
71. Entrenched (2 words)
72. Whirlpool
73. Volleyball court center
74. English homework assign-ment

DOWN

1. Computer-related imaging acronym
2. CISC alternative
3. Capital of Norway
4. Single-cell protozoan
5. Bottom lines
6. Similar
7. One of the Tudors
8. Authoritative proclamation
9. Single pip cards
10. The Container Store pur-chase, pl.
11. "What \_\_\_\_ can I say?"
12. T-shirt, after tied
15. Chemical cousin
20. Homer's epic
22. Actor Lowe
24. Deviation from the norm
25. \*U2's "In the Name of Love" song
26. First light of day
27. Lemur from Madagascar
29. Damien's prediction
31. Ding-a-\_\_\_\_
32. Convex molding
33. \*\*Love means \_\_\_\_ hav-ing to say you're sorry"
34. \*\*Love Actually" star
36. Hockey score
38. \*True Love's \_\_\_\_
42. Feudal lord
45. Loafed
49. "Holy moly!"
51. Rant
54. "Peace" with fingers (2 words)
56. Phony
57. Teeth mark
58. Children's writer Blyton
59. Old, in Scottish
60. Three pointer
61. Heater outlet
62. Wooden pegs
63. Rigoletto's "La donna mobile," e.g.
66. Pool tool
68. One or some

Stay in touch with what's happening - open the McKenzie Community Calendar!

Click here or go to: [tinyurl.com/yeye92hx](https://tinyurl.com/yeye92hx)

Events from Feb 8th

Submit Event

Mon Jan 1st - Thu Jul 11th

Springfield Museum closure

We have big news to share here at the Museum! We will be closed to the public from January 1 through July 11, 2024, while our staff and ...

Fri Feb 9th 8:00am - Sun 11th 4:00pm

Storm Debris Drop-off

In the aftermath of last week's severe weather, Lane County is opening locations for storm debris drop-off. Private property owners can

Sat Feb 10th 8:00am - 4:00pm

Living River Exploration Day

Join the McKenzie River Trust and take a walk near the place the Willamette and the McKenzie Rivers meet. Observe 15 years of tree-

Thu Feb 1st - Sat 10th

Valentine Family Date Night

McKenzie Valley's - Valentine Family Date Night Your family is invited to our Summer Camp fundraiser on Saturday Feb 10th from 5-7:30pm. ...

Valentine • Family • Date • Night

Fri Feb 9th 4:00pm - 7:30pm

2nd Friday Art Walk

Emerald Art Center in downtown Springfield

Sat Feb 10th 10:00am - 12:00pm

A Dime At A Time

Blue River Bottle Boys Collection/Sorting - Saturday morning sorting sessions every Saturday from 10 noon. Donations can be dropped

Thu Feb 8th 5:00pm - 6:30pm

McKenzie Watershed Council

The McKenzie Watershed Council's mission is to foster better stewardship of the McKenzie River watershed resources, deal with issues in

Fri Feb 9th 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Walterville Grange's Annual Chili Feed

The Walterville Grange invites you to the annual Chili Feed to be held on Friday, February 9, from 5 to 7 PM. You are invited to join us ...

Walterville • chili • grange • family

Sat Feb 10th 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Three Sisters Meadow Site Tour

Site tour of Three Sisters Meadow - McKenzie community members are invited to walk the grounds and learn about opportunities

Mon Feb 12th 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Lane County Parks Advisory Committee

The Parks Advisory Committee meets 2nd Monday of each month (except during July & August). It advises the Board

Mon Feb 12th 7:00pm - 10:00pm

Springfield School Board Business Meeting

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## Ski Report

**February 6, 2023**

The Hoodoo Ski Resort reported temperatures of 35 degrees at the base and 26 degrees at mid-mountain on Tuesday. No new snow fell overnight, leaving the snowpack at 39 inches. For more information call 541-822-3337.

Mt. Bachelor reported temperatures of 24 degrees at the base and 22 degrees near the summit on Tuesday. No new snow fell overnight, leaving the snowpack at 73 inches. Spring-like weather was expected in the form of scattered snow showers throughout the day broken by windows of sunshine as clouds move in and out. 84 of 122 trails were open, along with 9 of 12 lifts. For more information call 541-382-7888.



**A Moment  
in Oregon  
History**

By Rick Steber  
(www.ricksteber.com)

**February 9** - Traditional belief holds that the Appaloosa breed originates from horses introduced by Coronado to North America in the 1500s. The Lewis & Clark journals made note of the spotted horses owned by the Nez Perce Indians and early day settlers claimed to have seen thousands of horses grazing in the Wallowa Valley of Northeastern Oregon. The Nez Perce selectively bred the spotted horses and their strength, stamina and sureness of foot allowed the Indians to travel great distances through rugged terrain. After the Nez Perce War in 1877, the government ordered the annihilation of the tribe's beloved horses. Only a few horses survived to become the foundation of today's Appaloosa breed.

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Emergency? Call 911

# Will internet discount end?

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find a permanent home for the affordable connectivity program,” Schaffer said. “It has helped so many people, so many families across the country.”

The White House included the program in its list of critical needs, asking Congress for \$6 billion to maintain it through December 2024.

If Congress doesn’t grant the funds, the Communications Commission will stop enrolling new people into the program on Feb. 7. As the need for internet connectivity climbs with more people working and learning remotely and even attending appointments with their healthcare

providers online, the program has affected economic growth, Schaffer said.

“This is allowing folks to engage with society, engage with their communities, through school, jobs, all of these benefits,” she said, “and it allows entrepreneurs and businesses who are in underserved communities (to make) sure that folks can stay online.”

Many internet providers offer access to the discount, which works similarly to a voucher program. Veterans and those whose income is at or below 200% of federal poverty guidelines, or who participate in certain assistance initiatives including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Medicaid, qualify for the affordable connectivity program.

The initiative was launched as part of the Emergency Broadband Benefits, a Trump administration initiative during the 2020 pandemic, and it was restructured into its current form as part of the Biden administration’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Schaffer urged Congress to fund the program and make it permanent, rather than having to be asked for appropriations every year.

“We see broadband connectivity as leveling the playing field and promoting education for everyone,” she said.

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# Septic grants

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meet the following criteria:

The applicant must be the current property owner.

Septic system repairs or installation must be completed by the property owner or a Licensed Onsite System Installer, certified by the DEQ.

Completed septic projects must be inspected by Lane County, with permit status listed as “final.”

If applicants are outside of the Holiday Farm Fire footprint, they must have a household income below 300% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

EWEB encourages those needing to repair or replace septic systems within the above eligible areas to complete the short application to see how much they could qualify to receive.

“At this point, we are encouraging everyone in the eligible areas to apply,” said Misty Fisher, EWEB’s Customer Programs Coordinator, who is helping with applications. “Once you apply, we can match your request to the funds we have available. If we can’t match you with these grants, we can recommend other sources of

funding and still help you along.”

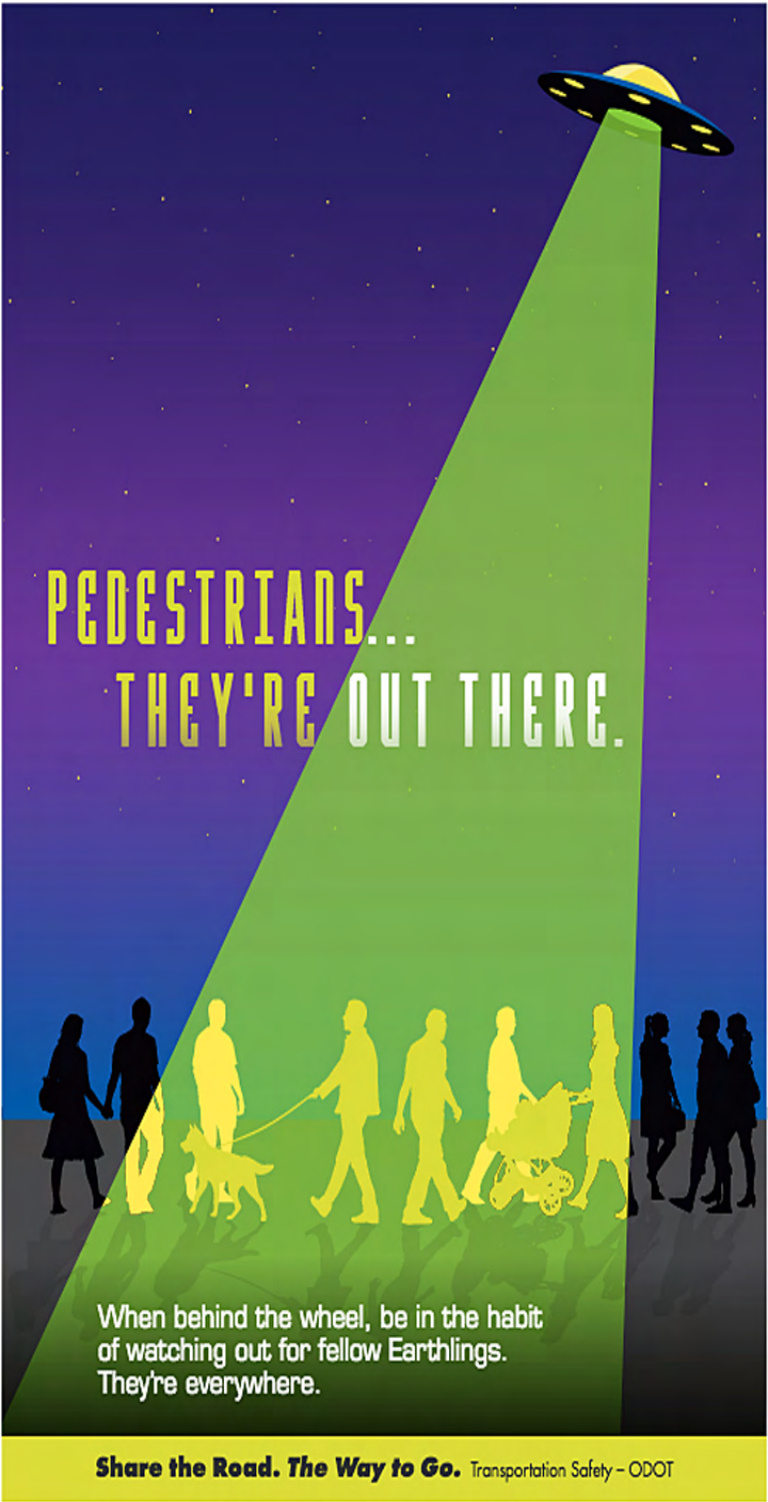
Improperly maintained septic systems threaten the McKenzie River – the sole source of drinking water for nearly 200,000 people in the Eugene area. Septic systems that leak can contaminate the watershed with unsafe bacteria, potentially trigger harmful algal blooms, and harm fish and wildlife.

EWEB has worked with McKenzie Valley residents for over a decade to incentivize responsible septic maintenance. For upriver homeowners who have entered into loan agreements with

EWEB’s 0% Septic Infrastructure Loan Program, EWEB may deploy these grant funds to qualifying homeowners to pay off remaining loan balances where applicable.

EWEB is currently accepting applications and has already matched dozens of people to funds.

To learn more about the Septic System Repair and Replacement Grants, interested landowners can go to eweb.org/septic, or call or email Misty Fisher at 541-685-7318, misty.fisher@eweb.org.



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