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JP Doodles

With winter weather finally showing up there's many more reasons to keep alert behind the wheel

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Home Country

"Sometimes," he said, "I think it's pearls before swine, that's all."

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FINN ROCK: McKenzie River Community School students have notched milestone in their "Constructing a Brighter Future" protectwith the successful construction of another shelter for the unhoused. Their latest structure was recently installed

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VIDA: A gorgeous baby grand piano, generously donated to the Vida McKenzie Community Center by a local gentleman to honor his disabled wife, was delivered and played for the first time in its new home on last Friday. People in attendance report the sound quality of this instrument and the new Center's acoustics are amazing.

This fine piano was found after a several-year-long search by Kimberly Parker Reeves, an exceptionally talented river resident who is also an accomplished singer/songwriter, music teacher, and performer.

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LEABURG: The McKenzie River Discovery Center has announced the popular five-day drift boat building workshop is slated from April 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> at the Discovery Center. Under the leadership of Jayson Hayes, of Hayes Custom Wood Boats at Cedar Flat, attendees will build an iconic McKenzie River drift boat. Students in the class will learn the free-form construction method, develop a clear understanding of how the boat is built, and gain confidence to build their own. For the price of the kit and the luck of a draw, one fortunate stu-

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What, here come Coho?

Over 50 have migrated into the McKenzie, upstream of Leaburg Dam



A camera at the Leaburg Dam's fish passage channel documented Cohol salmon heading upstream.

LEABURG: Why Coho salmon have decided to make a showing locally is a question that remains unanswered. Starting last October 4<sup>th</sup>, over 50 have been spotted in the waters of the McKenzie River. And, they're making a showing in other areas, with a record breaking 40,000 observed passing upstream at Willamette Falls. That number was the largest since record keeping began in 1951.

Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife biologist Jeff Ziller said they first had an inkling something out of the ordinary was occurring when a few fish appeared to be "just going crazy and were hard to net" in the trap at the left bank of the

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Now's the time for snowplow safety



Now that snow has begun to fall in the state, the Oregon Dept. of Transportation is reminding motorists they're likely to encounter slower-moving vehicles that are working to keep roadways open.

With the recent change to winter weather conditions, motorists might need a friendly reminder about what to do when they encounter a snowplow on the road. "It's illegal to pass a snowplow on the right on state highways," according to Oregon Dept. of Transportation Public Information Officer Mindy McCartt. And, on most

Oregon highways, snowplows have "wing" plows that stick out more than eight feet from the right front edge of the truck, she adds. People should also be aware that the snow being plowed or blown off the road can contain rocks and other debris that can damage vehicles.

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Stashing CO2 under forests alarms critics

By Pam Radtke  
Floodlight  
A proposal that would allow industries to permanently stash climate-polluting carbon dioxide beneath U.S. Forest Service land puts those habitats and the people in or near them at risk, according to opponents of the measure.

Chief among opponents' concerns is that carbon dioxide could leak from storage wells or pipelines and injure or kill people and animals, as well as harm the trees in the forests and their habitat, said Victoria Bogdan Tejada, attorney at the Center for Biological Diversity. "There are enough broad-ranging concerns with this

rule that this isn't the time to move forward and experiment when the consequences are so high," Bogdan Tejada said.

In 2020, a carbon dioxide pipeline ruptured in Mississippi, sending 49 people to the hospital.

The debate about the proposal in the U.S. comes as the capture and storage of carbon to mitigate climate change is one of the talking points at the ongoing United Nations Cop28 climate summit in Dubai.

Concentrations of the gas, which is odorless and heavier than oxygen, can also prevent combustion engines from operating. Bodan Tejada, of the Cen-

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The U.S. Forest Service is proposing that some forest land could be used to bury carbon captured from industries and prevent it from being released into the atmosphere.



# Letters to the Editor

## Thank You

When I received a text from a friend congratulating me for being named Woman of the Year, my reply was “News to me!”

I confirmed it was true and instantly felt honored. But, when I read the names of the other women nominated, I felt humbled.

So, I would like to propose a new

McKenzie tradition: Everyone nominated for this honor march or ride together in the WALTERVILLE PARADE in September.

I love where I live and the people who live here. Thank you for this blessing in 2024 and Happy New Year to all.

Gerry Aster

### Ridin' the Rapids



By Ken Engelman

Yikes, more bad news from the news business.

There have been added concerns about the viability of Oregon’s weekly newspapers recently, with the worst being the announcement by the Eugene Weekly that it had laid off its staff and couldn’t afford to print another edition. The problems came about, they explained, after an employee had not only failed to make payments to the staff’s retirement accounts but had run up \$70,00 in billings to the webpress owner that printed them. Even worse news - according to the Associated Press - the total hit might approach \$200,000.

However, some good is moving toward balancing out part of the bad in that so far, direct donations and fundraisers have generated around half the estimated losses. No date when a print edition might appear again hasn’t been announced yet but it could happen

within a month.

Next door in the metro area things are also tough for The Chronicle (which has expanded from Creswell to cover Springfield as well). It has been running full-page ads asking people to help save the newspaper by making direct donations to the non-profit “Chronicle Foundation.” The donated money would be tax-deductible and targeted at paying for The Chronicle’s coverage of education and nonprofit organizations. No dollar amounts were posted about how much is needed and if there are other ways to bolster basic operations.

Luckily, I can report that the financial situation on the River is much better, thanks to the successful switch from printing and mailing McKenzie River Reflections to digital delivery. Soon after doing that I started to search around to see if other publications were going down a similar path.

I haven’t found one yet but did come across 475+ digital news outlets that belong to the Local Independent Online News group, with members throughout the U.S



and Canada. The group is focused on not only supporting each other but also aims to help news organizations stay sustainable.

Over the last year, I’ve been corresponding with a couple of other digital publishers, sharing ideas about what has and hasn’t worked.

The methods River Reflections has adopted aren’t just something I believe in. This week LION Publishers informed me that they and Google LLC have approved a \$20,000 grant to “support operations as an independent news business, to be used at the recipient’s discretion to strengthen its operational resilience.”

News I’d say, doesn’t get much better than that.

# Briefs...

## Shelter home

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at Square One Villages.

The school’s Career and Technical Education (CTE) project allows students to gain real-world experience while making a meaningful impact on the community.

CTE instructor, Seth O’Hare says, “I am grateful for this opportunity, allowing our students to gain real skills while benefiting our community is a win-win for all involved.”

## Piano

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Kimberly, and a combo of regional professional musicians, presented the last concert held at VMCC before the Holiday Farm Fire. Aptly, Kimberly will be the centerpiece of the first concert at VMCC, as soon as its doors open.

## Boat building

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dent can return home with the boat. Registration information can be found at [https://www.mck-](https://www.mck-enziediscoverycenter.org)

[enziediscoverycenter.org](https://www.mck-enziediscoverycenter.org).

According to workshop coordinator Roger Fletcher, a second 10-day class will be held from April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 9<sup>th</sup>, focused on building a dory to the lines of the first Colorado River dory built on the McKenzie by Keith Steele in 1962. Colorado river guide, dory builder and historian, Brad Dimock will teach the class, along with his colleague Cricket Rust. Fletcher notes that the McKenzie River is the spawning grounds for these popular boats and “we at the Discovery Center are pleased to offer these opportunities to our local wood boat aficionados as well as others from around the country.”

The classes are limited to 12 students. “We expect them to fill quickly so I encourage those interested to check out the registration information soon,” he addd.

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# Snowplow safety

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“Passing on the right of a snow-plow isn’t just against the law, it’s a risky gamble with lives,” McCarrt says. “Our plows work hard to clear roads for everyone’s safety, but their wings and the swirling snow make visibility challenging. Patience behind a plow isn’t just courteous, it’s a commitment to keeping everyone safe on the road.”

In addition, drivers who try to pass on the right when a snow-plow is in operation run the risk of damaging their vehicles, hitting the plow, or running off the road into a snowbank or guardrail.

There are more reasons why drivers should give winter maintenance vehicles like plows and sanders a wide berth. They don’t travel at high speeds which means vehicles can quickly overtake them but plows and sanding trucks pull over periodically to let traffic pass. ODOT says the best advice is to stay at least three car lengths behind and allow for more time in snowy conditions.

For the latest travel updates, visit ODOT’s mobile-friendly travel information website, TripCheck.com. The site features:

- \* Maps updated in real-time that display road conditions.
- \* Color-coded traffic speeds on most roads across the state.
- \* Trouble spots — whether from a traffic incident, inclement weather, construction, or maintenance.
- \* Alerts: These are high-impact incidents prominently displayed.
- \* More than 700 camera images from key locations throughout Oregon as well as western Idaho, northern Nevada, southern Washington, and northern California.
- \* Custom camera pages, where you can choose up to 10 different cameras for quick checks of specific routes.
- \* Waze user reports and inci-

dents (overlaid on the TripCheck map).







- \* Information on trucking centers, safety rest areas, Sno-Parks, and more.
- \* “Travel Time,” showing current travel times from key highway connections.
- \* Links to public transportation providers, schedules, planners, and more, so you can explore car-free options.

TripCheck information is also available via X (Twitter). Visit [TripCheck.com](https://www.tripcheck.com) and click the On-the-Go tab to learn more. TripCheck TV allows users to create a custom display of road condition information and camera images.

# 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 1/12		Saturday 1/13		Sunday 1/14	
					
McKenzie Valley Rain	Santiam Pass Snow	McKenzie Valley Rain	Santiam Pass Snow	McKenzie Valley Showers	Santiam Pass Snow Showers
80% chance precip High: 42 Low: 39	80% chance precip High: 29 Low: 19	80% chance precip High: 43 Low: 37	50% chance precip High: 24 Low: 20	40% chance precip High: 44 Low: 34	50% chance precip High: 28 Low: 19

WEATHER REPORT					
READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM					READINGS TAKEN AT EWING LEABURG POWERHOUSE
Date	High	Low	Rain	Releases	Date High Low Rain Riverflow
1/2	46	38	0	467 cfs	1/2 NA
1/3	43	38	0.36	520 cfs	1/3 NA
1/4	44	39	0.83	455 cfs	1/4 NA
1/5	44	37	0	467 cfs	1/5 NA
1/6	41	32	0.84	520 cfs	1/6 NA
1/7	37	34	0.88	526 cfs	1/7 NA
1/8	37	35	0.53	508 cfs	1/8 NA



# Sheriff's Report

**Jan. 1: 9:54 p.m:** Subpoena Service - 39200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

**Jan. 2: 4:32 a.m:** Suspicious Conditions - Worth Rd. & Upper Camp Creek Rd.

**9:25 a.m:** Abandoned Vehicle - 88300 blk, Walterville Lp.

**1:55 p.m:** Mental Subject - 39900 blk, McK. Hwy.

**4:08 p.m:** Attempt To Locate Drunk Driver - Camp Creek Rd. & Millican Rd.

**Jan. 3: 10:52 a.m:** Theft of Mail - 38800 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

**1:11 p.m:** dog bite - 88900 blk, Easy Ln.

**1:40 p.m:** Theft - 37800 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd.

**Jan. 4: 4:03 a.m:** Stranded Vehicle - Lat: 44.13527. Long: - 122.25118.

**4:50 a.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injury - 90800 blk,

Sunderman Rd.

**9:45 a.m:** Unlawful Entry Motor Vehicle - Bigelow Hot Springs.

**10:20 a.m:** Tree Down - Camp Creek Rd. & Marcola Rd.

**12:01 p.m:** Citizen Contact - 55600 blk, McK. River Dr.

**12:42 p.m:** Foot Patrol - 39500 blk, McK. Hwy.

**12:53 p.m:** Stalking Order Service - 39900 blk, McK. Hwy.

**1:57 p.m:** Citizen Contact - 45600 blk, N. Gate Creek Rd.

**3:05 p.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injury - 39800 blk, McK. Hwy.

**3:56 p.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injury - 92100 blk, Marcola Rd.

**11:23 p.m:** Burglary - 88800 blk, Ross Ln.

**Jan. 5: 8:28 a.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 89000 blk, Bridge St.

**9:03 a.m:** Citizen Contact – Bellinger Landing.

**9:53 a.m:** Traffic Hazard - Camp Creek Rd. & Marcola Rd.

**10:12 a.m:** Criminal Mischief - 90800 blk, Sunderman Rd.

**12:00 p.m:** Burglary - 88800 blk, Ross Ln.

**1:39 p.m:** Foot Patrol - 39500 blk, McK. Hwy.

**2:25 p.m:** Theft - 91300 blk, Marcola Rd.

**2:48 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - Walterville area.

**7:47 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Thurston Rd.

**7:54 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Thurston Rd.

**Jan. 6: 1:11 p.m:** Foot Patrol - 39500 blk, McK. Hwy.

**2:38 p.m:** Disabled Vehicle – Bellinger Landing.

**4:31 p.m:** Elder Abuse - Vida area.

**Jan. 7: 3:02p.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injury - 38400 blk, Shotgun Creek Rd.

**5:15 p.m:** Illegal Shooting - McGowan Creek Rd. Milepost 6.

**5:44 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - Kickbusch Ln. & Camp Creek Rd.

**5:31 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - 88000 blk, Heather Dr.

**Jan. 8: 2:10 p.m:** Abandoned Vehicle - 38400 blk, Shotgun Creek Rd.

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

## McKenzie Fire & Rescue

**Jan. 1: 15:54:** 38000 block, E. Cedar Flat Rd. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**Jan. 2: 9:59:** 40000 blk, Deerhorn Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**10:26:** 37000 blk, MJ Chase Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**11:15:** 87000 blk, Cedar Flat Rd. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**20:15:** 8500 blk, Thurston Rd. Medical, General. Disregarded En Route.

**Jan. 3: 8:02:** 89000 blk, Rippling Way Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**10:29:** 87000 blk, Upland St. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**15:29:** 38000 blk, Deerhorn Rd. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**Jan. 4: 15:37:** McK. Hwy./ Milepost 14. Motor Vehicle Accident. Non-Injury/Non-Blocking.

**17:05:** 45000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

**Jan. 5: 17:42:** 42000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient

Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

**Jan. 6: 15:03:** 37000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

**15:47:** 87000 blk, Cedar Flat Rd. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**Jan. 7: 16:48:** 41000 blk, Madrone St. Mistaken Alarm. Accidental Alarm Activation, No EMS needed

**20:32:** 88000 blk, Ross Ln. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, January 15<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

**Jan. 2: 15:30:** Medical – 54000 block, McK. Hwy. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

**Jan. 5: 20:40:** Medical - McK. Hwy. /Milepost 54. Female lying on westbound shoulder wearing a blue shirt. OSP is en route.

The Upper McK. Fire District's board of directors will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.

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## Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



Oregon State University

OSU Extension Service

### Go to town on clipping Wisteria



Wisteria delivers a beautiful spring display, but this vigorous vine needs plenty of pruning to keep it from swallowing the garden.

“Wisteria are very vigorous vines and can climb easily to 30 to 40 feet,” said Neil Bell, a horticulturist with Oregon State University Extension Service. “They can be quite heavy and should be grown on a strong structure.”

When people see the jaw-dropping blooms erupt in mid-spring, they covet wisteria for their garden. But, they should first know that in addition to the proper support, the vine needs vigorous pruning.

“Before planting one, people should realize the effort involved in keeping them in bounds,” Bell noted. “You can tackle most flowering shrubs once a year, but wisteria is so insanely vigorous there’s an advantage to summer pruning as well as in winter. The most common mistake is not pruning at all.”

Most frequently grown are

the Chinese species (*Wisteria sinensis*), which blooms on bare branches before foliage emerges with flowers that open all at once. They’re smaller than the blooms of Japanese wisteria (*W. floribunda*), which open gradually from the top down and after leaves come out. Fragrant flowers range in color from blue to lavender and more rarely white. Both species put out loads of runners that can be pruned more than twice a year if the plant is threatening to take over a structure — especially your house.

Because the foliage is gone and the runners are easier to see, winter is the easiest time to prune, Bell said. Take a look at the vine and cut excess growth to the trunk and then prune the rest of the runners to two or three buds or about 6 inches long. Cut just above the chosen bud. Again in summer, you’ll want to prune excess growth and clip the remainder to two to three buds.

Another option is to train your wisteria into a tree, which allows it to be grown away from structures

where it can cause major damage if left unpruned. It also makes it easier to get around the plant when it’s time for clipping, Bell said.

To create a tree, use a robust metal post to hold the vine. Start by training a single shoot up the support, which could take one growing season, he said. The following year, cut the main stem above the top of your support where you want “branches” to grow and the basic form of the tree is complete. Each year after this, the wisteria will require hard pruning to remain manageable. The shoots can be cut back significantly and still bear flowers.

Sometimes people complain that their wisteria is not blooming. Be aware, Bell said, that flowers often don’t appear for two or three years (sometimes longer) after planting unless you bought one while it was blooming. If you’ve waited what seems like too long, however, there are some things you can do to nudge it along. Stressing the plant by not fertilizing and root pruning will often force it into bloom. To root prune, use a shovel to cut the roots in a circle about 1 to 2 feet from the plant’s trunk.

Bell’s other tips for growing wisteria include planting in full sun in well-drained soil that’s kept consistently moist but not wet. Fertilize with a low-nitrogen (the first number in the three-number sequence on the label) product. Less fertilizer is better than over-fertilizing. Only feed once a year, every other year, or not at all.

A fun fact: The world’s largest known wisteria is in Sierra Madre, California, measuring more than 1 acre and weighing 250 tons. The Chinese species was planted in 1894.

Keep in mind that the seeds and fuzzy seed pods of wisteria are toxic.



## Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



### BLIZZARD WEATHER MEALS

Cold, snowy weather,” blizzard weather” and snow shoveling times always meant delicious aromas in the kitchen when we came inside from snow clearing tasks and sledding get-togethers. Mother usually had something cooking on the kitchen wood-burning cook stove, whether it was simply the usual meal or special treats.

#### Favorite Winter Recipes

Do you have favorite winter recipes? These will vary depending on the part of the country, or the world, where you live.

\* In northern climates, they often are hearty fare - soups, stews, and slow cooker meals.

\* The southern, warmer weather favors salads, chilled soups, and even barbecues.

\* Somewhere in between, we find a mix of the two.

\* Busy folks, coordinating work, cooking, and family may rely upon prepared or from freezer to microwave to table fare.

#### Soup Pot Stock

The question, “Do we throw these peas out?” when a family member was sorting through the refrigerator reminded me I needed to get my leftovers pot started again for making soups and stews. A friend once told me she had a container in her freezer. Into this went any leftover vegetables and

meat, even if it were a spoonful or two.

Then when the container was getting full, it was time to make a winter soup. She also saved meat stock, gravies to add to the brew. What may be considered economical use of our food, particularly leftovers, also can result in tasty meals.

#### Hamburger Rolls for Variation

Hamburger Rolls - Mix a package of packaged stuffing as directed. Stir together, one pound lean ground beef, 1 tablespoon catsup, 1 tablespoon mustard, 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce, pinch of onion salt, sprinkling of salt and pepper.

Shape this mixture into 6 fairly large patties. Add some stuffing in the middle of the patties. Fold over and seal the edges. Place in a casserole or baking dish. Pour 1 can golden mushroom soup mixed with 1/2-cup evaporated milk or regular milk over the roll-ups. (Use low fat, low sodium soup if desired.)

Bake Hamburger Rolls in a 350-degree oven for 45 minutes.

Put any extra stuffing into a buttered casserole dish and bake until heated through and top is crisp. Serve with the rolls

(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

**Jan. 1 - July 11**  
**Spfd. Museum Closed**  
The Springfield, Museum, 590 Main St,will be closed to the public from January 1st through July 11th, while staff and volunteers work on a huge collections care project.

**January 11**  
**McK Watershed Council**  
The McKenzie Watershed Council’s mission is to foster better stewardship of the McKenzie River watershed resources, deal with issues in advance of resource degradation, and ensure sustainable watershed health, function, and use. Location varies, please contact Melanie Giangreco, McKenzie Watershed Council Operations Assistant. Meetings are from 5:00pm - 6:30pm. Contact: Melanie Giangreco (458-201-8150) melanie@mckenziawc.org

**January 11**  
**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.

**January 13**  
**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.

**January 13**  
**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.

**January 15**  
**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. **January 15**

**McK Fire & Rescue Board**  
The McKenzie Fire District Board meeting will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McKenzie Hwy. Dor information call 541-896-3311.

**January 16**  
**Board of Commissioners**  
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**January 17**  
**Watershed Wednesday**  
Green Island, 31799-31601 Green Island Rd, Eugene, from 9 - 11:30 a.m. Join McKenzie River Trust every Wednesday morning to help care for this special area where the Mckenzie and Willamette Rivers meet. Projects vary based on the season but typically include invasive species removal, habitat care, or planting/ tree establishment.

**January 17**  
**Cornhole League**  
The Upper McKenzie Cornhole League mmets from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at 54745 McKenzie River Dr. Join in for some free Cornhole fun at the Upper McKenzie Community Center. Bag tossings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. Bring some snacks to share.

**January 17**  
**Upper McK Fire Board**  
The Upper McKenzie Fire District Board meets from 7 to 8 pm at 56578 McKenzie Hwy, in McKenzie Bridge., 541-822-3479

**January 17**  
**Wacky Wed. BINGO**  
Craig’s Lucky Logger Restaurant & Henry’s Bar, 39297 McKenzie Hwy. Cards go on sale at 6 pm, Bingo starts at 7 pm. Call 541-726-9088 for reservations in the morning - spots fill up quickly. Burger and brew special all day!

**January 17**  
**McKenzie School Board**  
The McKenzie School District board meeting (5:30 to 7:30 p.m.) will held at 51187 Blue River Dr. It will also be live-streamed at: <https://www.youtube.com/@mckenzieschooldistrict6756/> streams. Submit Public Comments

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

**January 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.

**January 23**  
**McK Food Pantry**  
Free groceries are provided in accordance with Oregon Food Bank and Food For Lane County guidelines for food distribution to those in need. 11 am - 1 pm, every 2nd & 4th Friday, McKenzie Bridge Christian Church, 56334 McKenzie Hwy, McKenzie Bridge.

**January 23**  
**Family Story Time**  
From 10 to 11 a.m. at the Camp Creek Church Fellowship Hall, 37529 Upper Camp Creek Rd. Some special fun for children 5 and under (with their adults) to enjoy stories, singing, laughter, and friendship.

**Jan. 22 & Feb. 7**  
**Wildfire Recovery**  
The State of Oregon is providing funds for Holiday Farm wildfire recovery and all are welcome to join the conversation – the next Committee meetings are Monday, January 22 and Wednesday, February 7, both from 1-4 PM and there is time set aside at the beginning and end for comments and questions. The State of Oregon program is called PIER - Planning, Infrastructure, and Economic Revitalization – visit <https://lanecountyor.gov/PIER> to confirm meeting time and dates, sign up for project updates, provide comments, and get information on upcoming meetings and materials.

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**January 24**  
**Lane Electric Board**  
The Lane Electric Coop Board of Directors meeting 9 to 10:30 a.m. at 787 Bailey Hill Rd. in Eugene. Members of the Cooperative can join in. Each meeting begins with a member comment period. Individual

members have three minutes to address the board at that time. Topics presented will be discussed amongst the board and followed up on accordingly. If you wish to address the Lane Electric board please complete a meeting request form at least five days prior to the meeting you would like to attend. <https://laneelectric.com/attend-a-board-meeting/>

**February 9**  
**Chili Feed**  
The Walterville 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 Walterville Grange Community Center, located at 39259 Camp Creek Road, in Walterville. 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).

**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>

## Planning to connect



Walter Wilson detailed how a “spoke system” could link neighborhoods to a larger system covering the McKenzie Valley from Cedar Flat through McKenzie Bridge.

MCKENZIE BRIDGE: People had an opportunity to learn more about the capabilities of how a GMRS (General Mobile Radio Service) system could benefit the local area at last week’s Coffee with the Locals at the McKenzie Bridge General Store.

Topics covered during a presentation by McKenzie Community Communications (MCC) included how people with handheld radios could communicate within a neighborhood to check on conditions during emergencies. Those neighborhoods were envisioned as “probably” within a mile of each other, depending on the surrounding terrain.

While a valid FCC (Federal Communications Commission) license is necessary to legally

operate a GMRS radio, there are no tests required to obtain a GMRS license. One license covers a family (regardless of age for 10 years), is valid for 10 years, and costs \$35.

Similar to walkie-talkies, the FCC rules were set up for general public use, often for recreation outings like camping, hiking, or fishing. They can operate in wooded environments, and around town.

The MCC is asking people interested in learning more about GMRS radios to contact them at: [mckenziecommunications.org](http://mckenziecommunications.org). Although people will have to purchase their own FCC license, the MCC can arrange free radios to loan to people who can’t afford to purchase one.

### An Invitation to Worship

**McKenzie Bible Fellowship**  
45061 McKenzie Hwy – Vida, Oregon  
**Sunday Worship – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Youth Ministries**  
**KidsFast Family Activities**  
**Small Group Fellowships**  
**Men’s & Women’s Bible Studies**  
Call 896-3829 for information  
[www.mckenziebible.com](http://www.mckenziebible.com)

**Living Water Family Fellowship**  
Pastor - Doug Fairington  
52353 McKenzie Hwy - Milepost 42  
541-822-3820  
Gathering Sundays at 10:00 AM,  
Children’s ministry also.  
Come early for a meet and greet continental  
breakfast and coffee at 9:30 AM.  
Thursdays, 6:00 PM, Celebrate Recovery  
(12 Step Program)

**Catholic Church**  
**St. Benedict Lodge Chapel**  
1/2 mile off Hwy. 126 on  
North Bank Rd., McKenzie Bridge  
Sat. Eve. 5:00pm  
Sun. Morn. 9:30am;  
web page: [sblodge.opwest.org](http://sblodge.opwest.org)

**McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church**  
Please join us for worship Sundays at 10:30 am, either in church on Hwy. 126 just east of Walterville, or on our Facebook livestream. You may also make prayer requests, or request an emailed or earth-mailed bulletin -- phone or send email to Nancy Ashley, [nancy.w.ashley@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.w.ashley@gmail.com), 541-914-1986. We would love to meet you!  
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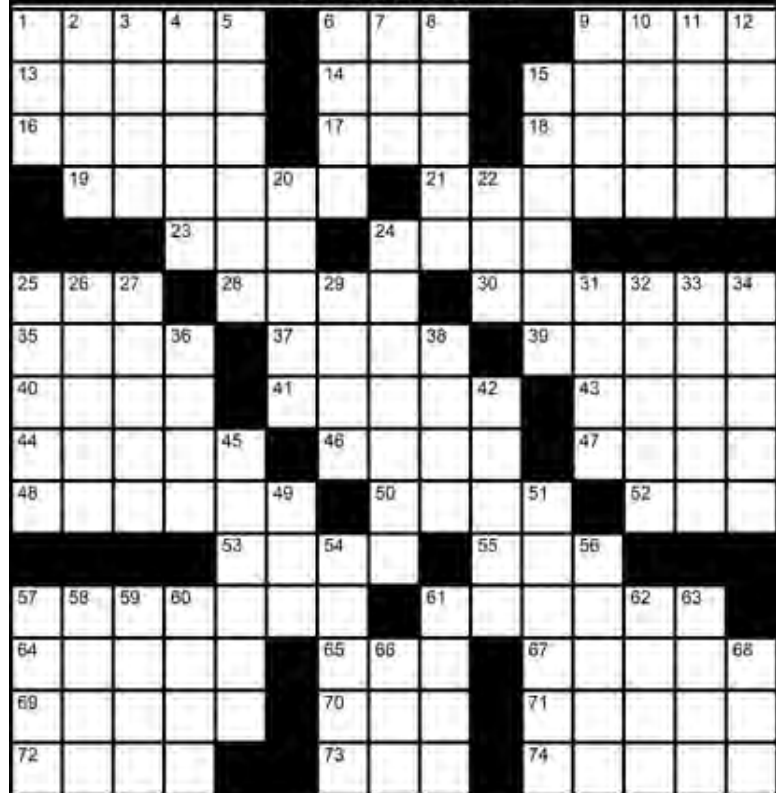
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## ACROSS

1. Village People's "\_\_\_\_\_ Man"
6. Certain tray content
9. Little bit, in Mexico
13. Ammo in a quiver, sing.
14. Geological Society of America
15. Young eel
16. Song of praise
17. Snowy \_\_\_\_\_ or great horned \_\_\_\_\_
18. Must-haves
19. \*Strait between Russia and \_\_\_\_\_
21. \*Smallest of the Great Lakes
23. Crime scene evidence
24. Peter the Great, e.g.
25. Consumer-protecting org.
28. Skiing helmet manufacturer
30. Mother-of-pearl, pl.
35. Type of sail, pl.
37. #29 Down anagram
39. Like Raphael's cherubs
40. Face shape
41. Tie with a morning coat

**Solution on Page 9**

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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.**

**Solution on Page 9**

43. Dwarf buffalo
44. Short version
46. "At \_\_\_\_\_, soldier"
47. Supposed giant Himalayan
48. Drool
50. Swimming hole
52. D.C. V.I.P.
53. Jim Acosta's announce-  
ment
55. \*Baltic \_\_\_\_\_
57. \*Of latitude
61. \*Bay east of India
64. Cuban dance
65. John Keats' "To Autumn,"  
e.g.
67. Fortune teller's card
69. Jeered
70. China's drinkable export
71. Bird-related
72. Dick and Jane's dog
73. "Slippery" tree
74. Lean, past tense

**DOWN**

1. \*Atlas page
2. Speedy steed
3. First Nation nation
4. Squirrel away
5. Possessing
6. Full of excitement
7. \*Opposite of NNE
8. Saintly rings
9. Guilty, e.g.
10. Last word on walkie-talkie
11. Ghana money
12. Guesstimate phrase (2 words)
15. Catch in a snare
20. Nigerian money
22. A Bobbsey twin
24. Steel on boots, pl.
25. \*Inlet in Norway
26. Abalone seeker
27. Olden day calculators
29. \*Compass \_\_\_\_\_
31. TV personality Aiken
32. Ancient Scandinavian characters
33. What actors do
34. \*Iberian Peninsula country
36. Serb or Croat
38. Comme ci, comme Áa
42. Past or present
45. Group of five
49. Actor DiCaprio
51. Like floss
54. "That's all she \_\_\_\_\_"
56. Tequila source
57. Work units
58. Wisecrack
59. Rounded protuberance
60. Aid in crime
61. Show pleasure
62. Cantatrice's offering
63. Student aid
66. \*Tierra \_\_\_\_\_ Fuego
68. Big bang maker, acr.

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

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## Events from Jan 11th




 MONDAY 1 JAN 1ST - THURSDAY 7 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 ...



McKenzie Watershed Council

Thu Jan 11th 5:00pm - 6:30pm

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**Fri Jan 12th 4:00pm - 7:30pm**

**2nd Friday Art Walk**

Emerald Art Center in  
downtown Springfield

A woman wearing a wide-brimmed hat and a red shirt is standing on a rocky riverbank, pointing her right arm across a wide river towards the opposite shore. The background shows a line of trees under a clear sky.

Sat Jan 13th 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-



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BLUE DEP. & BAR DR.

Sat Jan 13th 10:00am - 12:00pm

### A Dime At A Time

Blue River Bottle Boys Collection/Sorting - Saturday morning sorting sessions every Saturday from 10:00am. Donations can be dropped



Mon Jan 15th 12:00pm - 1:00pm


**McKenzie Fire District Board**

McKenzie Fire District Board meeting. 541-896-3311.



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**Upper McKenzie Cornhole League**

Join us for some free Cornhole fun at the Upper McKenzie Community Center! We're tossing bags on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday



**McKENZIE RIVER**  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Wed Jan 17th 5:30pm - 7:30pm

**McKenzie School District board meeting**

Due to the wildfire, our school board meeting has been postponed. We are hoping to reschedule for Wednesday, August 23, at 5:30 pm. ...

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Quote of the Week

“Most men die at 27, we just bury them at 72.”

Mark Twain

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Ski Report

January 9, 2023

The Hoodoo Ski Resort was set to open for this season on Wednesday, when a condition report would be available. For more information call 541-822-3337.

Mt. Bachelor reported temperatures of 29 degrees at the base and 25 degrees near the summit on Tuesday. 6” new snow fell overnight, bringing the snowpack to 54 inches. Blizzard conditions made for a challenging day and heavy snowfall was expected to continue through the day. Drivers are advised the Pine Marten route was closed but Cinder Cone was open. 82 of 122 trails were open, along with 4 of 12 lifts. For more information call 541-382-7888.

**A Moment in History**  
Info provided by History.com

**January 11** - United States Surgeon General Luther Terry knew his report was a bombshell. He intentionally chose to release it on January 11, 1964, a Saturday, so as to limit its immediate effects on the stock market. It was on this date that, on behalf of the U.S. Government, Terry announced a definitive link between smoking and cancer.

The link had long been suspected. Anecdotal evidence had always pointed to negative health effects from smoking, and by the 1930s physicians were noticing an increase in lung cancer cases. The first medical studies that raised serious concerns were published in Great Britain in the late 1940s. The news was major but hardly surprising—the New York Times reported the findings saying “it could hardly have been otherwise.”

ter for Biological Diversity, worries that people even a mile or two from a carbon dioxide leak could start suffocating and have no way to escape.

Proponents of the proposal, however, say storage can be managed safely, and such regulatory changes are needed to meet the nation’s climate goals.

“The geologic storage of CO2 beneath federal lands offers a significant opportunity to catalyze a domestic carbon management industry that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions while creating and maintaining high-paying jobs,” said Jessie Stolark, executive director of the Carbon Capture Coalition, a non-partisan collaboration of more than 100 companies, unions, conservation and environmental policy organizations.

Capturing carbon either from industrial processes that burn fossil fuels, or directly from the air, and storing it permanently underground is considered necessary to stave off the worst impacts of climate change under several scenarios. But not all underground spaces can permanently hold the carbon, which is injected hundreds of feet underground. So developers have been in a land grab of sorts in Louisiana, Texas and elsewhere for suitable underground so-called pore space.

Jim Furnish, a retired U.S. Forest Service deputy chief who consults on forestry issues, said he was startled by the proposal. He said it’s a reversal of historic Forest Service policy that only allows temporary use of forest service lands, usually for five to 20 years.

More broadly, the measure would “provide a powerful incentive to continue to burn fossil

Stashing CO2

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fuels,” Furnish said. “It’s the opposite of a virtuous cycle.”

Stolark says unless federal authorities provide clarity for carbon storage on federal lands, which comprise 30% of all U.S. surface lands, the nation will not be able to meet 2050 greenhouse gas reduction targets.

The Forest Service manages about 193 million acres in the U.S. According to the U.S. Geological Survey, about 130 million acres of suitable carbon storage is under federal land, including the Forest Service.

The Forest Service said the Nov. 3 proposal would allow it to evaluate such permanent storage requests; it is not currently considering any specific proposals to store carbon under its lands. A spokesman said the agency previously received and denied applications for underground carbon storage on two forests in the South, an epicenter for carbon capture and storage proposals.

Any such project would have to follow U.S. environmental laws, the service said. The Environmental Protection Agency would regulate the wells under its underground injection well program.

If the rule is finalized, disruptions to forests would begin long before any carbon dioxide was piped underground, said June Sekera, an economist and policy researcher at Boston University and The New School who has been studying carbon capture.

Drilling rigs and heavy equipment would be brought into forests to evaluate whether the spaces under the forests were suitable for carbon storage. Trees would have to come down to make way for that equipment, and many

more trees would likely be felled to make way for the pipelines. Infrastructure for the injection wells would be permanent, she said.

“All of the other recreation and human uses of these forests are at odds with this type of use because this type of use is dangerous,” said Laura Haight, U.S. policy director at Partnership for Policy Integrity, which focuses on forest issues.

Almost 200 carbon capture and storage projects have been proposed in the U.S. in the last five years, many spurred in the past year by increased incentives in the Inflation Reduction Act intended to address global warming.

The Forest Service, when contacted, did not respond to a question of how those incentives of up to \$180 per ton of carbon stored would be handled if the carbon were injected under federal lands.

About 140 groups have asked the Forest Service to extend the 60-day public comment period on the proposal, which now ends Jan. 2, for another 60 days. It would be, according to the groups, the first time the U.S. would permit CO2 to be injected under federal lands.

U.S. Rep. Jared Huffman, R-California, ranking member of the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries, said he also intends to call for an extension of the comment period. Huffman called the measure a “sacrifice of public lands as a life support for fossil fuels.”

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Holiday Farm Fire Recovery Funding Committee Meeting  
Planned for 1/22/24 and 2/7/24

On Monday, January 22, and Wednesday, February 7, the PIER Committee will meet online and in-person from 1-4 PM at McKenzie Fire and Rescue in Leaburg, 42870 McKenzie Highway. One week before the meeting, the agenda and materials will be posted on the Lane County PIER website: <https://lanecountyor.gov/PIER>. To receive an online meeting link, register for the meeting on the website.

Background info: The State of Oregon is providing funds for Holiday Farm wildfire recovery and all are welcome to join the conversation. A committee of individuals, organizations, and agencies are meeting regularly online and in-person to make recommendations. There is time set aside at the beginning and end for public comments and questions.

The State of Oregon program is called PIER - Planning, Infrastructure, and Economic Revitalization – visit <https://lanecountyor.gov/PIER> to access meeting materials, provide comments, confirm meeting dates/timeframes/locations, sign up for project updates, and register for the meeting zoom link. Email [megan.m.heurion@lanecountyor.gov](mailto:megan.m.heurion@lanecountyor.gov) or call 541-852-8259 to submit comments or questions. The Committee will formally vote on priorities during these public meetings.

Note: People needing special accommodation (e.g. in-person accommodation, hearing impaired, language translation, chemical sensitivity needs, and large print copies of the agenda or other application materials) are instructed to submit their request at least 48 business hours prior to the meeting by calling Megan Heurion at 541-852-8259 or emailing [megan.m.heurion@lanecountyor.gov](mailto:megan.m.heurion@lanecountyor.gov).



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