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### Commemorative coins

Goodpasture Bridge was the first of 17, highlighting covered crossings in Lane County

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### Starting seeds at home

Turning vegetable seeds into plants helps satisfy the urge to put your hands in the soil.

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## “Fast Tracks” wanted

Grants are aimed at improving communities

By Eric Tegethoff  
Oregon News Service

Imagine community projects that can be turned around quickly. Sounds unlikely? A program that does just that is now open for applications. Started in 2017, the AARP Community Challenge program provides grants to improve cities and towns for people of all ages. The city of Tigard is one recent recipient. The program helped fund what’s called a Launch Pod food business accelerator.

Lloyd Purdy, economic

development manager for the City of Tigard, said two food cart businesses have been selected and will launch in the spring. He said the Community Challenge program focuses on projects that build communities.

“Whether it’s starting new businesses or making a community a healthier place - in my experience, that grant program is willing to put financial support behind a wide range of ideas because AARP knows that a healthy community is good for not just seniors but for

everybody,” Purdy said.

Last year, six projects in Oregon were funded through the program. Since 2017, the program has awarded \$12.7-million to more than 1,000 thousand projects. The program prioritizes nonprofit organizations and government entities.

The Community Challenge program is adding two new grant programs this year. One is a capacity-building micro-grant for improving walkability and

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The food truck, West Coast Torta Company, has been selected for Tigard, Oregon’s first Launch Pod - a business accelerator.

## Public Safety on May ballot

Measure would not include a tax rate increase

EUGENE: At their February 7th meeting, the Lane Board of County Commissioners (BCC) voted unanimously to place the renewing the current public safety levy before voters during the May 16th election. Passage of the measure, officials say, would not increase the tax rate.

If approved, the measure would maintain a minimum of 255 local jail beds to hold people arrested for violent felonies or Measure 11 offenses until their cases are resolved - instead of releasing them due to lack of space.

Since the original levy took effect in 2013, no violent felony or Measure 11 arrestees have been released pre-trial due to lack of space.

Provisions of the levy renewal would maintain investments in medical and mental health services within the Lane County Jail and continue to provide counseling, secure treatment, and detention services for youth offenders. Under Youth Services, the public safety levy funds 8 of 16 youth detention beds and 8 of 15 Phoenix Treatment Program beds.

Currently, the public safety levy provides

52 percent of the operational funding for the Lane County Jail.

The estimated tax rate for the proposed levy is 55 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. The median Lane County homeowner is estimated to pay an average of \$9.83 per month for five years.

Levy funds are placed in a restricted fund earmarked for the Lane County Jail and Youth Services. An annual independent financial audit of levy spending is required and presented publicly.

Prior to the passage of the original public safety levy in May of 2013, the Lane County Jail had only 125 beds for local offenders - a fraction of the recommended number for a jurisdiction the size of Lane County. The Sheriff’s Office, which operates the Lane County Jail, had to release more than 5,000 defendants and offenders from the jail in 2012-13 due to a lack of capacity.

The public safety levy was created to decrease the number of capacity-based releases for adult offenders and to increase youth treatment services for youth in detention or in residential treatment at Lane County Youth Services.

## Street width clears hurdle

Code amendments could aid Blue River businesses

EUGENE: The Lane County Planning Commission’s February 7th meeting had special significance for folks hoping to rebuild fire-destroyed buildings along parts of Blue River Drive. Discussions included proposed amendments to the Lane Code that focused on the downtown area, east of the Blue River Bridge, and would also allow the creation of special right-of-way setbacks that could benefit other areas of the county.

A section of Blue River Drive is among 30 others scattered around the county that are singled out for 10-foot setbacks, including Munsell Lake and Goodpasture roads. Another 19 streets, like Camp Creek and Deerhorn, have 20-foot setbacks.

In support of the proposals, transportation planner Becky Taylor told the commission that the county has been committed to helping residents affected by the Holiday Farm Fire rebuild. Taylor said the need for code amendments was identified when plans to rebuild the library in Blue River showed it could not meet Blue River Drive’s setback requirements.

Writing in support of making changes was McKenzie Valley Wellness president Val Rapp, who said the success of the town’s health clinic would be closely tied to the



Antony Abel is among property owners along Blue River Drive who say changes need to be made.

viability of the commercial district. “Even before the fire,” she wrote, “property owners in this area were blocked over and over again by obstacles to reopening, expanding, or even keeping a small business.”

Speaking in person, Antony Abel testified as an owner of a commercial property with Blue River Drive frontage. He said the setbacks have been a challenge to his plans

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## OSP adds to K-9 team

Dogs are part of expanded poaching detection

K-9 Scout, along with his handler, Trooper Shae Ross will be following in the footsteps of the first anti-poaching team in Oregon - made up of K-9 Buck and Senior Trooper Josh Wolcott. That news was part of a joint press conference last month, where the OSP Fish & Wildlife Division, the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW) Stop Poaching Campaign, and the Oregon Wildlife Foundation (OWF) announced the expansion of the OSP Fish & Wildlife Conservation K-9 team.

“Adding another wildlife detection K-9 team provides another asset to our division to address poaching issues and increase awareness across the state,” said OSP Fish & Wildlife Division Captain Casey Thomas. “Senior Trooper Wolcott and K-9 Buck have done a great job of getting this program started. Adding a second team will increase the program’s efficiency and reduce the excessive travel strain of the current team. I want to thank everyone involved in establishing, maintaining,

and supporting OSP’s Conservation K9 program,” continued Thomas. “This program wouldn’t be possible without them and these strong partnerships.”

Speakers at the event included: Senior Trooper Wolcott, Trooper Ross, Stop Poaching Campaign Coordinator for the Oregon Department of Fish

& Wildlife Yvonne Shaw, and Oregon Wildlife Foundation Executive Director Tim Greseth. A demonstration by Buck and Senior Trooper Wolcott followed the presentations.

“Oregon’s fish, wildlife, and other natural resources belong to all of us,” stated Stop Poaching Campaign

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At first glance, Scout may look like he’s a typical, playful pup, but this 18-month-old black Lab is developing a nose for crime while working with OSP Trooper Shae Ross.

# Guest Opinion

## We're divided in new ways over our core First Amendment freedoms

By Gene Policinski

At year's end, First Amendment issues are as controversial and multi-faceted as anything in our fractured, divided society.

The least-recognized of the amendment's five freedoms — assembly and petition — are facing perhaps the most-immediate challenges, though freedoms of press, speech and religion don't escape unscathed.

Most immediately, a Black Lives Matter activist faces a lawsuit from a Baton Rouge, La., police officer who blamed the activist for injuries he suffered at a 2016 protest over the police killing of a black man. The suit doesn't claim the activist threw or even encouraged the throwing of a rock; rather, it seeks damages because the man led others to block a highway where the violent incident occurred.

A recent Washington Post story notes that Rep. Jim Banks (R-Ind.) plans to introduce legislation to "hold protesters arrested during unpermitted demonstrations liable 'for police overtime and other fees'" around such demonstrations.

In more than a dozen states in recent years, from Oregon to Florida, lawmakers have faced proposals to increase penalties for obstructing streets and highways and to limit the financial liability of drivers whose cars injure protesters. In Arizona, a failed 2017 proposal rooted in that state's racketeering laws would have permitted the arrest and seizure of homes and other assets of those whom simply plan a protest in which some act of violence occurs.

In a similar "financial penalty" vein, several major news operations face defamation lawsuits seeking massive damages over their coverage of news events — claims certain to roil public debate once again about the role, credibility and performance of the

nation's free press. Critics also say such lawsuits — even if unlikely to succeed — are effectively attempts to chill reporting and intimidate corporate owners.

Prominent among those filing the lawsuits is Rep. Devin Nunes, (R-Calif.), who wants \$435 million dollars from CNN for a report he says falsely linked him to events in the ongoing Ukraine-Biden investigation controversy. He also is seeking \$150 million from The Fresno Bee over a report involving a workplace scandal at a winery in which Nunes has a stake, \$75 million from Hearst over an Esquire article regarding a family farm in Iowa, with the claim the magazine has an "axe to grind against him" and a \$250 million lawsuit against Twitter for what he says is its intentional effort to downplay conservative content as well as two parody accounts that mock him.

In the introduction to the most recent lawsuit, Nunes says "CNN is the mother of fake news. It is the least trusted name. CNN is eroding the fabric of America, proselytizing, sowing distrust and disharmony. It must be held accountable."

Moving to another area of contention, campus free speech issues continue to vex collegiate communities, from complaints that conservative speech and views of faculty and staff are stifled, to a move by President Trump that he says will fight against anti-Semitism but that critics say is really intended to punish student or faculty advocacy for the BDS Movement — "boycotts, divestiture or sanctions" — aimed at ending international support for Israel.

Much like the campus controversies, interpretations of religious liberty regarding public policy continued to swirl through the year. As the Supreme Court's 2019-20 term began in October, at least eight cases touching on faith issues — the most in recent years — were scheduled to be heard. A



number involved LGBTQ rights regarding employment or health benefits. While some cases do not directly involve religious organizations, the court's decisions would affect arguments over whether religious beliefs can negate claims of discrimination on the basis of sexual preference.

An expansion of First Amendment protection for commercial speech (which at one time did not exist in law) continues, as courts at least give serious consideration to a variety of business arguments. In several instances, corporate lawyers are arguing that to force companies to make certain disclosures about product content or sources is an unacceptable requirement that violates the First Amendment by forcing companies to "speak."

Other cases involve claims of free speech protection for hospitals facing a Trump administration rule requiring disclosure of secret rates. Industry groups filed a lawsuit earlier this month, also claiming it is "compelled speech" in violation of the First

Amendment.

New technology continues inexorably to challenge long-standing law. In a mix of free speech and public safety concerns, a Texas man was sentenced in February to eight years in prison for using a 3-D printer to construct a plastic handgun and ammunition in violation of a prior court order against owning of a firearm. Advocates for the so-called "3-D gun" argue the computer instructions in such 3-D printing projects are "speech" and not subject to federal or state firearms regulations. Government officials say existing criminal law on issues such as possession and manufacturing should allow them to regulate — or ban — making or owning such weapons.

Government officials and social media critics continue to hammer operations such as Facebook and Twitter — which are not government entities, but private concerns not governed by the First Amendment — with regulatory threats over political advertising, hate speech and evidence of foreign election interference.

Threatened action ranges from using anti-trust legislation to break up the largest social media companies, to removal of

what is known as "Section 230" protection for companies (from the Communications Decency Act of 1996) that now permits them to avoid legal responsibility for content they simply carry, rather than material they create or significantly edit.

Opponents of watering down or removing "Section 230" protection say either action would, in effect, end the web as we know it by shutting down the flow of information to the mere trickle of items or articles that could be independently verified by internet providers, or to bland factual accounts devoid of opinion or interpretation.

The year 2019 may well go down in First Amendment history as a turning point, in which those working to limit or control information avoided direct confrontations over First Amendment rights and turned to tactics designed to make it much more difficult, much too costly or even financially ruinous to exercise those rights.

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### McKenzie Eagles Sports Report

By Cliff Richardson

#### McKenzie Varsity Sports Schedule This Week

The McKenzie Varsity Boys and Girls Basketball 2022-23 seasons have concluded and no contests are scheduled. OSAA has scheduled the first Spring Track and Field practices allowed to begin on Tuesday, February 28.

#### Oh So Close! McKenzie Falls To Eddyville 42-41

That old bit of homespun wisdom reared up again last Thursday, February 9, in the House of the

Eagle as in McKenzie. "Close only counts in horseshoes," comes to mind following a tough 42-41 loss by host McKenzie from guest Eddyville Charter. But to be sure, on this night, close counted for something other than horseshoes, and both teams could legitimately argue their case.

When the opening tip went up, the two Mt. West League rivals occupied the bottom of the League standings, with Eddyville earning 3 wins out of 16 games on the season and McKenzie winless in 20 contests. The Finn Rock crew, to their credit and as they have all season, put on the uniform, tied up their sneakers, and threw a determined look across the court.

Prior to the game, McKenzie honored its senior player, Trent Peek, and thanks to Spirit Week all week leading up, good

advertising for the little Eagles playing hoops during halftime which is always a crowd builder. The House was nearly full and the fans were loud and proud. It brought back many memories for those who walked into the Gym, dressed in Green and Gold. And then, quite frankly, quite to the surprise of most, the Eagles of McKenzie and Eddyville gave the crowd a real treat, an in 'yer face, bruising knockdown, one he(ck) of a game for the money.

The opening tip was the calmest moment of the night, that is, especially after the two ramped-up opposing post players missed the tip and the officials had to throw it up a second time. And from there it only got more entertaining. Both teams went at it like a couple of boxers trading punches from toe  
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Friday 2/17

McKenzie Valley Mostly Sunny 10% chance precip High: 52 Low: 26  
Santiam Pass Partly Cloudy 10% chance precip High: 40 Low: 19

Saturday 2/18

McKenzie Valley Partly Cloudy 10% chance precip High: 50 Low: 31  
Santiam Pass Mostly Cloudy 10% chance precip High: 41 Low: 24

Sunday 2/19

McKenzie Valley PM Showers 30% chance precip High: 49 Low: 37  
Santiam Pass Snow Showers 50% chance precip High: 38 Low: 25

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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	
2/7	41	32	0.41	465 cfs	2/7	48	37	0 2,970 cfs
2/8	54	31	0	520 cfs	2/8	45	35	0.41 3,450 cfs
2/9	51	37	0	513 cfs	2/9	52	34	0 3,190 cfs
2/10	51	36	0	471 cfs	2/10	62	37	0.02 3,050 cfs
2/11	52	34	0	NA	2/11	57	35	0 2,930 cfs
2/12	53	31	0	411 cfs	2/12	52	30	0 2,830 cfs
2/13	39	32	0.39	403 cfs	2/13	54	34	0.19 2,770 cfs

# Sheriff's Report

**Feb. 2: 1:14 p.m:** Harassment - 51100 blk, Blue River Dr. A caller has received threatening messages from a person known to the caller.

**Feb. 3: 12:26 p.m:** Disorderly Subject - 40100 blk McK. Hwy. A female at a residence was yelling and throwing items. No crime was determined.

**Feb. 4: 3:47 p.m:** Reckless Endangering - 38100 blk, Queens Rd. A caller found a bullet lodged in the side of the caller's house.

**Feb. 5: 12:39 a.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - Marcola Rd. & Donna Rd. A caller heard people yelling from the area of Marcola Rd. Deputies were unable to locate the involved.

**1:13 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 39200 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Verbal dispute between neighbors.

**1:46p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - 59200 blk, N. Belknap Springs Rd. A person reported that they had been stuck in the snow.

**Feb. 6: 6:29 a.m:** Traffic Hazard - 38700 blk, E. Cedar Flat Rd.

**1:17 p.m:** Assist, Information - 45100 blk, McK. Hwy.

**1:53 p.m:** Fraud - 37900 blk, Railroad Ln.

**2:34 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - 40300 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

**5:09 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Goodpasture Rd.

**Feb. 7: 7:02 a.m:** Welfare Check - Marcola Rd. Milepost 14.

**11:50 a.m:** Menacing - 38500 blk, E. Cedar Flat Rd.

**12:01 p.m:** Harassment - 45100 blk, McK. Hwy. - A caller advised that their ex had come and knocked on the caller's door for a long period of time.

**4:27 p.m:** Theft - 45700 blk, McK. Hwy. - A caller reported that packages had been stolen off of the caller's porch.

**5:04 p.m:** Harassment - 43800 blk, McK. Hwy. - A caller advised that they had a verbal dispute with an employee at the Vida transfer station.

**7:48 p.m:** Restraining Order Service - 45100 blk, McK. Hwy.

**9:20 p.m:** Theft - 39300 blk, McK. Hwy.

**Feb. 8: 12:01 p.m:** Theft - 39300 blk, McK. Hwy. A male stole a 6-pack of Twisted Tea from an area business.

**1:55 p.m:** Citizen Contact - MJ Chase Rd. & Camp Creek Rd.

**2:03 p.m:** Restraining Order Service - 45100 blk, McK. Hwy.

**3:18 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.

**3:19 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.

**3:43 p.m:** Disturbance, Explosion - 40100 blk, Mohawk River Rd. A single explosion was heard.

**3:45 p.m:** Speeding Vehicle - Marcola Rd.

**5:10 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - 53200 blk, McK. Hwy.

**Feb. 9: 1:57 p.m:** Citizen Contact - Elk Creek Rd. & Blue River Dr.

**5:02 p.m:** Suspicious Subject - Whitmore St. & School House St.

**Feb. 10: 10:19 a.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - Terwilliger Hot Springs.

**12:47 p.m:** Reckless Driving - Marcola Rd. Mp. 6.

**12:49 p.m:** Restraining Order Service - 45100 blk, McK. Hwy.

**3:01 p.m:** Citizen Contact - McK. Hwy. & N. Bank Rd.

**3:29 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & N. Bank Rd.

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# State Police Report

**Feb. 13: 11:23:** Non-Injury Crash - Hwy. 126 E, Milepost 51. Semi truck with a flatbed trailer was eastbound when it hit a low hanging telephone communications wire crossing the highway. The semi truck sustained damage, the communication line was damaged, and a telephone pole was damaged. No injuries, no vehicles towed.

# McKenzie Fire & Rescue

**Feb. 7: 11:20:** 89000 block, Bridge St. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**14:36:** 40000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**Feb. 8: 10:22:** 49000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Refusal.

**18:41:** 40000 blk, Potter Creek Ln. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**19:05:** 88000 blk, Bridge St Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal Signed.

**19:24:** 90000 blk, Sunderman Rd. Mutual Aid, Disregarded.

**Feb. 9: 19:05:** McK. Hwy. & Milepost 9. Motor Vehicle Accident. Non-Injury/ Non-Blocking.

**Feb. 10: 12:40:** 7000 blk, Thurston Rd. Medical, Cardiac.

Deceased Patient.

**20:31:** 49000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**Feb. 11: 2:58:** 37000 blk, Camp Creek Rd. MVA. Unable To Locate.

**Feb. 12: 22:01:** 40000 blk, Deerhorn Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal Signed.

Inordertoobserve thePresident's Day holiday, McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</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. 4: 16:16: Medical - 51000 block, Blue River Dr. Female, Conscious, Breathing.**

**Feb. 12: 11:22: Motor Vehicle Accident, Injury - 55000 blk, McK. Hwy. 2 vehicle T-bone crash.**

**Feb. 13: 11:18: Down Line - 56000 blk, McK. Hwy. Low hanging line took off lights off complainant's truck. Smelling smoke, request fire dept. respond. Caller is not injured, vehicle is not blocking,**

The Upper McK. Fire District board of directors will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 15th, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.

Emergency? Call 911

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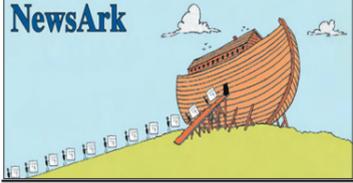
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### Coins to commemorate county's seventeen historic covered bridges

EUGENE: Lane County was the first county in Oregon to build covered bridges on a large scale and it continues to have more covered bridges than any other county west of the Mississippi River - 17 total, 14 of which are still open to traffic.

To celebrate Lane County's covered bridge heritage - and to help maintain out-of-service bridges - the Public Works Department will introduce a series of 17 covered bridge commemorative coins over the next eight years.

The first commemorative coin, featuring Goodpasture Bridge, will be the first released on Friday, November 18, at a noon meeting of the McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce at Takoda's Restaurant in Rainbow. Sales of the numbered Goodpasture Bridge coins will kick off with an auction in conjunction with the McKenzie Community Bazaar at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3.

The Bazaar will be from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the WALTERVILLE Community Center at 39259 Camp Creek Road. Todd Winter, Lane County Parks manager, will be the auctioneer.

The auction will start with coin No. 1 and continue in ascending order as long as there is reasonable



interest, up to about 15 - 20 coins. Details for selling the remaining numbered coins are being worked out.

Five hundred Goodpasture Bridge commemorative coins were minted, with 25 numbered. Unnumbered commemorative coins will be available for purchase for \$20 at the McKenzie Chamber meeting as well as at Lane County's e-commerce site ([www.ecomm.lanecounty.org](http://www.ecomm.lanecounty.org)) or in person at the Lane County Public Works office at 3040 North Delta Highway, Eugene.

"These coins pay tribute to our covered bridges and, through their sales, the coins will help fund our bridges' maintenance needs," said Oliver Snowden, Public Works director. "This is a very different project for us and one that we hope people will support."

The Goodpasture Bridge, constructed in 1938 and restored in 1987, was named after a pioneer

family homestead. The outstanding architectural details of the bridge include 20 gothic, louvered windows, false end beams, and semi-elliptical portal arches. Goodpasture Bridge is the second longest covered bridge in the state with a span of 165 feet.

#### BACKGROUND

Lane County's Engineering Division maintains the covered bridges that are open to traffic. Three covered bridges - Lowell, Currin, and Stewart - are closed to vehicular traffic, and, because they are ineligible for Road Funds, are falling into disrepair. The Parks Division has committed

to long-term maintenance for these three, but funding is limited.

The Parks Division is fronting the cost of minting the coins, and sale proceeds will go to the Lane County Parks Fund. Each commemorative coin will be one ounce of .999 fine silver and marked with the year minted. Ten percent of each commemorative coin edition will be individually numbered.

Numbered coins will include a certificate of authenticity signed by the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners, the Public Works Director, and the Parks Manager.

### School gains flag flown from U.S. capitol



VIDA: The McKenzie River Christian School was presented with a beautiful United States flag by the McKenzie River Lions Club on October 24. The flag came from Oregon Representative Peter DeFazio, who was requested to fly the flag over the capitol in Washington D.C. in honor of the school.

After flying it over the capitol earlier this year, DeFazio sent the flag to the McKenzie Lions

Club, where it was presented to the student body officers by Larry McMullen, President of the Lions Club. McKenzie River Christian School student body officers present were Annie McKay, Erika Kappel, Emily Reister, and Sarah Caird. Principal

Russ Conklin helped the students raise the flag on the school flagpole, where he said "It will be honored and enjoyed for many years."



By Slim Randles

Wellsir ... ol' Dud did 'er again, he shore 'nuf did. This here's Alphonse Wilson, known around these parts as Windy Wilson, esquire, LTD and DDT at your service as always. Free to you and worth every blessed dime.

See ... t'other day I got into a little chat with Dud Campbell, and he says to me that I need to get me one a-them computers so I can be moderate like ever'body else. Had the nerve to just come out and say that!

Well, friend, that's when I made a big mistake. I asked him what I needed to get the ol' ball rolling and I should've shut 'er down right then. Yessir, your ol' pal Alphonse occasional makes mistakes.

Now you can dip my hat in sheep dip and paint Mary Lou's name on the barn with it if he didn't obsolete hisself right into a foreign language!

Didn't have nothin' to write with, so here's what he said, near as I recollect:

I need a cloud, he said. A cloud stores stuff. Well ... shore it does! It stores rain!

But he said no, a cloud isn't in the computer, but floats around somewhere and you get to it by buying an app.

Wellsir, I 'splained to Dud that apps are okay, but I've always pressurized my priorities 'long Quarter horse lines. Told him them spots don't make the horse go any faster. He started wavin' his arms then, and said I get these apps with a mouse.

And he 'spects me to believe that?!!!

Had a app oncet. Nice big ol' Appaloosa he was, too. But ugly? I was tellin' Dud about him. Them apps today are pretty horses, but back when I was younger, they all looked like they needed to pull manure carts. It's a fact.

Why this old pony I had ... I hate to admit this ... but his ol' head was the size of a door, and you could stick his butt in a bottle!

So I think I'll mebbe just use the computer down at the library for a while. Nice girl down there helps me out with it.

And you can tell 'em I said so!

Say thank you to the nice girl down at your library who helps old guys with the computer, will you?

### Quote of the Week

"One of the lessons of history is that nothing is often a good thing to do and always a clever thing to say."

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## Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



### Save by starting vegetable seeds at home



The calendar doesn't say spring, but gardeners are ready to go. Turning vegetable seeds into plants helps satisfy the urge to put your hands in the soil.

It's best to seed cool-season crops such as lettuce, cabbage, kale, and broccoli in flats in late February to early March in western Oregon, said Weston Miller, a horticulturist with the Oregon State University Extension Service. Warm-season crops such as tomatoes, peppers, and eggplant should be sown in late March to early April.

Eastern Oregon gardeners should wait until later to start seeds, as the last frost doesn't typically happen until May and sometimes even June, Miller said.

"Back up your seed-starting date from the dates when you want to transplant," Miller suggested. "So if you want to transplant cool-season crops in mid-April, you would start them from seed in mid-March."

Germination starts when the seed takes up water, a process

called imbibition. A seed just after germination consists of three parts: the embryonic root, also known as the radicle; the hypocotyl, or the developing shoot; and the cotyledons, or the plant's first leaves.

During this fragile time in the life of a plant, it's critical that seeds receive appropriate amounts of water, oxygen, and light. At this point, starting seeds becomes a balancing act.

"Seeds need enough water for imbibition, but if they get too much it can suffocate the developing seed or lead to root rot," Miller said. "If the soil temperatures are too cool, the seed won't germinate and cold soil temperatures could also lead to damping-off, a disease caused by soil fungi."

To successfully start seeds, first, select and clean the right container. Miller recommends plastic flats or repurposed yogurt containers with adequate drainage. Sterilize the containers if they have been in contact with soil in a bleach

solution of one part bleach to nine parts water, Miller advised. It is possible to grow seedlings in biodegradable pots fashioned out of newspaper or eggshell cartons, but the material takes a long time to break down in the soil after transplanting and the plant starts might not become well-established, Miller cautioned.

Next, find a seed starting mix at your local nursery or garden supply store. These mixes are not actually soil, but rather a sterile growing medium used to support growth, generally consisting of organic materials such as peat moss or coconut fiber and perlite, Miller said. The seeding material will retain water for seed germination and seedling growth and also drain well, he said. Place the flats on a seedling heat mat, which can be purchased at nurseries and garden supply stores. The mat will heat the seeding material to promote quick germination, Miller said.

It's important to have enough light, Miller said. Use high-input grow lights or standard shop lights with fluorescent bulbs. Position the lights about 2 inches above the flat and move the shop lights up as the seedlings start to grow.

To tell if the seeds are getting enough water, the growing medium should always feel damp to the touch just under the surface, Miller said. Using a spray bottle is the most efficient way to water.

As they get larger some plants like tomatoes and melons should be "stepped up" from flats into a 4-inch pot and then potentially into a gallon-size pot prior to transplanting, Miller advised.

The OSU Extension guide Growing Your Own offers additional advice on starting seeds and a calendar of dates for planting various vegetables.



## Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



### FAMILY FOODS OF DIFFERENT CULTURES

As we look upon our origins or family culture, we often find many foods in our heritage. My background consists of simple country foods, but as I delve into my ancestry, I discover these might be a combination of German, English, and melting pot American.

For this country has become the melting pot of foods from many cultures. Some families prepare mainly foods they're accustomed to from childhood; others are willing to try something different.

Even though my mom prepared country fare, from foods grown on our farm, she tried to introduce us to foods of other cultures. "You never know but what you'll marry someone who's accustomed to completely different foods," she'd tell us children.

Although my dad sometimes objected to foods other than his meat, potatoes, and vegetables, she would try new recipes. Perhaps this is what stimulated my interest in foods from around the country. Beginnings of "Country Kitchen"

When Jim and I lived in other parts of the country, during his years as an Air Force pilot, I became fascinated by the recipes in Texas and California and began researching the stories associated with them.

I sent these recipes and tales home to my mom in New York State and began developing menu ideas for her country store. The editor of a local newspaper wanted someone to write a cooking column, so Mother suggested me. From there "Country Kitchen" evolved and my continued exploration of foods around this country and the world.

Diverse Allen Family Recipes  
As we put together the Allen Family Cookbook, gathering recipes from Jim's extended family, I discovered there was a great variety since relatives lived in various parts of the United States.

When we gather for get-togethers, one of the favorites is FROG'S EYE SALAD.

Combine 1-cup sugar, 2 tablespoons flour, 1/2-teaspoon salt. Gradually stir in 1 1/2 cup pineapple juice and 2 beaten eggs. Cook over moderate heat, stirring until thickened. Stir in 1 tablespoon lemon juice. Cool mixture to room temperature.

Bring 3 quarts water to a boil; add 1-teaspoon salt and 1 tablespoon cooking oil. Stir in 1 package (16 oz.) Acini de pepe pasta. Cook at rolling boil until Acini de pepe is tender. Drain, rinse, drain again, and cool to room temperature.

Combine Acini de pepe with egg mixture; mix together lightly but well. For best results, refrigerate this mixture overnight in airtight container.

Add 2 - 3 cans (11 oz. each) mandarin orange sections drained, 1 can (20 oz.) pineapple chunks drained, 1 can (20 oz.) crushed pineapple drained, one 8-oz. carton whipped topping, 1-cup mini marshmallows, 1-cup coconut. Mix thoroughly and chill in airtight container.

Can be served as a salad or dessert. You can leave out mini marshmallows and/or coconut; you also can add chopped maraschino cherries.

(c) Mary Emma Allen

(Mary Emma Allen writes from her New Hampshire home; E-mail: me.allen@juno.com)

# Street width clears

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to rebuild after fire destroyed his building.

Melanie Stanley, another owner of a commercial lot, also appeared in person. "The setbacks and all the requirements will pretty much make my property useless," she said. She listed the lack of space for on-street parking as a big concern but also said that under current conditions she essentially would "have no access to the front of my building."

Using the online link to the meeting was Blue River resident Tony Casad who voiced some opposition to moving ahead with the amendments because they included "no drawings, no plans, and no concept." Casad said as part of the planning process for rebuilding the Blue River Water District and installing a new community sewage system details on where those lines will go still need to be determined. When that work is underway, he said new water lines will replace the old ones but need to be located five feet away. In addition, the sewage lines will require a 10-foot buffer between them and the new water pipes.

"There are a lot of unknowns," Casaad said. "We need to do more studies before going through and making changes."

Echoing those ideas, Merrick Firestone said he was involved in planning the new sanitation district and was also part of the Oregon Solutions Project. That group, Merrick said, had recently approved conducting a new survey of all the existing boundary lines in the surrounding communities.

"We don't know where all that land is going to lay out," he cautioned, adding that in the future "Lane County could have to do some sort of eminent domain to place all the infrastructure."

Taylor told the planning commission that the amendments would be a "phased approach to address all the needs of Blue River." The amendment approvals, she added, would be "just the first step in the process of cleaning up the code and creating some enabling legislation that does

not dictate what the right-of-way would be for Blue River Drive."

Approval of a design concept by the Lane County Board of Commissioners is slated for the next phase. Taylor said she plans to continue to work with community members and involved utilities to come up with a proposal they all would agree with. Her timeline to wrap that up? "By August."

Following the planning commission's unanimous approval of the amendments, Commissioner Stephen Dignam said he understood the concerns of some who might think the planning commission's action was "pre-emptive or not addressing all of the problems."

Dignam advised people, "The land use process is not simple and staff is telling us this is a necessary first step," he said. "I have to trust the staff and I encourage you to work with them to try and make this work for your own particular, individual needs."

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## Ski Report

February 14, 2022

The Hoodoo Ski Area is closed on Mon. & Tues; open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wed. to Sat; and Sun. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The temperature Tuesday morning was 28 degrees at the base with WNW winds averaging 7 mph. 12 inches of new snow fell overnight, bringing the snowpack to 70 inches. For more information call 541-822-

3337.

Mt. Bachelor reported temperatures of 13 degrees at the base and 5 degrees at the summit on Tuesday. 10 inches of new snow fell overnight, bringing the snowpack to 88 inches. Winds were calm with some patches of blue overhead. Winds at the 8,000 foot summit were averaging 16 mph. 121 of 122 trails were open, along with 11 of 15 lifts. For more information call 541-382-7888.

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# Community Notes

## February 16

### Leaburg Food Pantry

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

## February 18

### One 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 18 & 19

### Frontier Heritage Fair

The 29<sup>th</sup> annual Frontier Heritage Fair will be held at the Lane County Events Center/Fairgrounds Auditorium on Saturday and Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. The focus of the fair will be the pre-1898 period, including Mountain Men, Civil War, and Old West articles and replicas of those periods. Included will be a special exhibit of Oregon prehistory and displays representing the Hudson's Bay Company, a replica of Fort Umpqua at Elkton, the Applegate Trail, the Free Emigrant route, and Northwest Coast Native Art. Showtimes are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and from 9 to 4 on Sunday. Admission is \$5 for 13

and older, and kids 12 and under are free. The event is sponsored by the Fort Umpqua Muzzleloaders club of Lane County. Call 541-689-4281 or 541-746-1819 for more information.

## February 20

### Springfield School Board

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

## USFS Jobs

The Willamette National Forest will soon be hiring for the 2023 summer season. Opportunities are available in specialties such as fire, dispatch, recreation, engineering, natural resources, visitor services, and more. Applications will be accepted from January 12<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, on usajobs.gov. Duty locations include McKenzie Bridge, Springfield, Mill City, Sweet Home, and Westfir, Oregon. Seasonal housing may be available. Learn more at: <https://tinyurl.com/4urm6y3x>

## February 21

### McKenzie Fire & Rescue

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting at noon, at the Leaburg Training Center from noon to 1 p.m.

## February 22

### Watershed Wednesday

Every Wednesday from 9 a.m. -to 11:30 a.m. Join the McKenzie River Trust every Wednesday

morning from 9 am to 11:30 am at Green Island to help care for this special area where the McKenzie and Willamette Rivers at Green Island, 31799-31601 Green Island Rd. in Eugene. Projects vary based on the season but typically include invasive species removal, habitat care, or planting/tree establishment. To volunteer: [tinyurl.com/2p89ksfz](http://tinyurl.com/2p89ksfz).

## February 24

### Chili Feed

The Walterville Grange invites you to their annual chili feed on February 24 from 5 to 7 PM. Bring your family and friends to have some great homemade chili and fun visiting with friends and neighbors. Along with the homemade chili, we will be having fresh baked cornbread, salad, dessert, and drinks. We will be having a rootin'-tootin' time at the Walterville Community Center located at 39259 Camp Creek Road in Walterville. Please bring a canned food item for the upriver food bank. If you have any questions, please call 541-521-4760 and leave a message (calls will be returned). As always, donations are gratefully accepted.

## February 28

### McKenzie Wellness

The board of McKenzie Valley Wellness will hold its regular monthly board meeting on Tuesday, February 28th, at 7 p.m. in the Living Water building, 52353 McKenzie Hwy. in Blue River.

## LCC Board

Five seats on the Lane Community College Board of Education are up for election in the May 16<sup>th</sup> Special Election. The winners of each seat, with the exception of Zone 1, will serve four year terms beginning July 1, 2023.

Of the five, two At Large positions up for election:

Position 6, currently held by Rosie Pryor, and Position 7, currently held by Lisa Fragala.

Pryor announced in December she did not intend to run for reelection. The board will have a minimum of three new members when the new terms begin in July.

The Lane Community College District serves a 5,000 square-mile area stretching from the Pacific Ocean to the Cascade Mountains. The district includes most of Lane County, as well as the Monroe School District in Benton County, the Harrisburg Union High School District in Linn County and a small area in northern Douglas County. The total district population includes about 390,000 people.

Seven elected, non-paid people comprise the LCC Board of Education and have primary authority for establishing policies governing the operation of the college and adopting the college's annual budget. Their charge is to oversee the development of programs and services which they believe will best serve the needs of the people of the LCC District.

# Sheriff's Report

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**Feb. 11: 1:41 p.m:** Citizen Contact - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.

**3:47 p.m:** Found Property - 92600 blk, Marcola Rd.

**Feb. 12: 12:32 p.m:** Stranded Vehicle - 91500 blk, Cougar Dam Rd.

**Feb. 13: 1:25 p.m:** Warrant Service - 92100 blk, Marcola Rd.

**Comments as reported may not be complete or accurate. If further information is required contact the Lane County Sheriffs Office.**

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## McKenzie Eagles Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

to toe. That's not meant to be a "downer" indeed, anyone would have thought a State Championship was on the line and give credit to both coaching staffs for preparing their athletes.

To be sure, this was not a pretty game. Neither team has the experience, nor the skill level, to challenge legitimate post-season runs. But that's just the point. The boys from both camps laid it all out on the floor that night and what a joy it was to watch and support. The lead would change several times and the game was in doubt right up to the final horn.

McKenzie had rallied to take the lead back with less than 20 seconds on the score clock. Eddyville answered right back to re-take the lead, 42-41. McKenzie

scrambled down the court and found themselves with the ball, in their frontcourt, with just 3.8 seconds remaining in the game, and taking the ball out of bounds on the side. Time-out by the home team would reveal the obvious, when play resumed, get the ball in, force the best shot available, hope for at least a fouled attempt, and win the game on a couple at the line. Or force OT and get after it some more.

McKenzie got the ball in, forced the best shot available, and looked to get the fouled attempt, but alas, did not hear a whistle and it was game in the books.

Another loss to some, but this is when you've got to tip your hat to the athletes on both teams and say, well done boys!! And thank you for a great game!! And thank you to all the fans from both School Communities for their loud, proud, and respectful support. The wins will come; maybe not quite soon enough for some, but these two teams have shown progress this season.

For now, there will be next season to prepare for and to anticipate success. And if more progress

is to be had, it will only come from hard work and dedication from each individual seeking to "learn to be the best they can be." That's the famous quote from the Wizard of Westwood, Coach John Wooden.

Now for the stats. Team-wise, 41 points was the most McKenzie scored in a game all season and 42 was the lowest score the team held their opponent to. McKenzie junior Thomas Hayes led his team in scoring with 10 points and he added 6 steals and 2 rebounds. Freshman Will Meister finished his night on the court with 9 points, 2 rebounds, a steal, and an assist. Eagle junior Salomon Acevedo also scored 9 points and grabbed 7 rebounds and had 3 steals and an assist. Freshman Allen Acevedo chipped in 7 points and 2 boards, junior Griffin Withalm added 6 points, 7 rebounds, and 4 steals and Trent Peek finished with 4 rebounds and a steal.

### Eagles Wrap Up Hoops Season With 41-27 Loss To Cougars

Following the barnburner up in Finn Rock the previous night versus Eddyville, the McKenzie Varsity Boys Basketball team took

to the road for their final road trip and game of the 2022-23 season, landing in Crow. The Cougars, with just three wins of their own on the season, hadn't heard of the hard-fought game in Finn Rock 24 hours earlier, or ignored all the hype and went about taking care of their own business with less fanfare.

At the final horn, Crow defeated McKenzie easily, outscoring the Boys upriver, 41-27. McKenzie's season under first-year Head Coach Neil Barrett finished 0-14, 0-21. Crow wrapped up 4-10, 7-13.

Will Meister took McKenzie top scoring honors for the game with 11 points, and he hauled in 3 rebounds and had 2 steals. Griffin Withalm scored 7 points to go with a rebound and a steal, Allen Acevedo added 3 points, 3 rebounds, 3 assists, and a couple of steals, and Jovial Jordan finished with 1 rebound. Thomas Hayes added 2 points, 4 boards, and a steal, Trent Peek finished with 2 points and 4 boards and Salomon Acevedo scored 2 points, had 2 rebounds, and added 1 assist.



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- 63. Trinitrotoluene, for short
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- 8. \*Rupturing this will take you off your feet
- 9. Can of worms
- 10. Deciduous tree
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- 14. Scrawny one
- 19. Caribbean religious and healing practice
- 22. Noble title
- 23. Apple TV+ coach
- 24. Acrylic fiber
- 25. Amortization root
- 26. \*0.3048 meters
- 27. Web mag
- 28. Domains
- 29. Agricultural enterprises
- 32. Narc's unit
- 33. Contagious bug
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- 38. Exclamation of delight or dismay (2 words)
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- 41. Nutrias
- 44. Fowl perch
- 46. Bear pain
- 48. Bowl-shaped vessel
- 49. Like exes
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- 5. \* \_\_\_\_ de trois
- 8. Lend a criminal hand
- 12. Toy block
- 13. As old as time?
- 14. Milan's La \_\_\_\_
- 15. Drug addict
- 16. Craving
- 17. Some primatologists' study object, for short
- 18. \*Shoe, not a titular character in Henry James' novel
- 20. What spirits and culprits have in common
- 21. Falstaffian in body
- 22. Jack Kerouac's \_\_\_\_ Paradise

- 23. \*Shoe, not lazy person
- 26. Concealing plant, in a painting (2 words)
- 30. Not leg
- 31. \_\_\_\_ help
- 34. Poet Pound
- 35. \*Sound of Wellington boots
- 37. U.N. labor issues org.
- 38. Twig of a willow tree
- 39. Database command
- 40. Type of purse
- 42. "Platoon" setting, for short
- 43. Canadian province
- 45. Overly preoccupied with something
- 47. Motion of assent
- 48. Louisiana swamp

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# Dept. of forestry finishes gathering ash seeds

## Ahead of emerald borer outbreak



More than 900,000 seeds of Oregon ash trees from different populations from the Columbia River to California border have been collected by Oregon Dept. of Forestry under a federal grant to save the gene pool of this tree before it is devastated by the emerald ash borer pest.

Oregon Department of Forestry staff recently completed an unprecedented effort to collect seeds from populations of Oregon ash (*Fraxinus latifolia*) trees throughout the Oregon portion of the species range, before they are wiped out by an invasive pest.

Between 2019 and the end of 2022, five ODF staff members collected more than 900,000 seeds from 245 mother trees representing 27 distinct populations from the Coast Range throughout the Willamette Valley and the western Cascade foothills, and south to the California border.

The collecting effort was made possible by a federal grant from the USDA Forest Service. ODF Invasive Species Specialist Wyatt Williams coordinated the collecting and where the seeds were sent for safe storage and studies.

"We learned from our counterparts that almost all the native ash in infested areas in the eastern half of the country were killed within 10 years or so after the arrival of the invasive emerald ash borer," said Williams. "We sought a grant to help us collect a representative sampling of seeds so we could preserve as much of the genetic variation in Oregon ash as possible before it was lost."

Williams said ash seed that was collected was cleaned and sorted at ODF's JE Schroeder Seed Orchard facility in St. Paul, Oregon. A third of the seeds were sent to the primary long-term storage facility at the Center for Agricultural Resources Research (ARS) National Seed Lab in Fort Collins, Colorado. Equal amounts were also sent to the USDA Forest Service's Dorena Genetic Resource Center in Cottage Grove and to the USDA Agricultural Research Service's North Central Regional Plant Introduction Station in Ames, Iowa. This will allow both sites to help facilitate research on Oregon ash, the only species of ash native to the state.

"Researchers can plant some of the seeds in areas where emerald ash borer is present in significant numbers and see if any of the seedling trees show resistance to the insect," said Williams. The first two genetic trials of ash were planted recently, using seed collected by ODF and others, and will serve as sentinels for resistance as EAB spreads to those areas. "If some trees survive, those resistant trees could become the basis for reintroducing the species to western Oregon. Resistant trees would be crossed with other Oregon ash to establish resistance while retaining genetic diversity."

USDA Forest Service Forest Geneticist Richard Sniezko at Dorena said such a process could take many decades, based on results from programs to breed white pine trees resistant to white pine blister rust or Port Orford-cedar trees resistant to Port Orford-cedar root disease. "We don't know if we will find resistance or if we do, how durable it will be. But by preserving the full range of genetic diversity in the species if we do find resistance we can ensure trees that are cross-bred and reintroduced are well suited to all parts of their habitat range."

The Dorena center is a world-leader in resistant population development and has had success with several conifer species in other resistance breeding programs.

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# K-9 team

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K-9 Buck and Senior Trooper Wolcott, Oregon State Police Fish & Wildlife.

Coordinator for the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife Yvonne Shaw. “The partnership between Oregon Wildlife Foundation and the OSP F&W Conservation K9 program helps to protect these natural resources for current and future generations. OWF’s generous donors recognize the value of these dogs, which offer a unique connection between law enforcement and the communities they serve,” continued Shaw.

OWF, in collaboration with OSP Fish & Wildlife Division, launched Oregon’s first Wildlife K-9 team in 2019. K-9 Buck and Senior Trooper Wolcott have conducted numerous poaching investigations and logged hundreds of hours in the field since the inception of the program. The current team is located at OSP’s Springfield Area Command but has worked across the state over the last 2.5 years.

The effectiveness of the K-9 program led OSP leadership to the recent approval of the additional team (Scout and Trooper Ross) at the OSP Area Command in Bend. As with the inaugural team, OWF donors have generously agreed to help cover the costs of this program expansion. Ongoing canine expenses, primarily veterinary care, are financed by public donations to OWF.

“Oregon Wildlife Foundation is pleased to be able to support the OSP Fish & Wildlife Conservation K-9 program and our partnership with Oregon State Police Fish & Wildlife Division,” said OWF Executive Director Tim Greseth. “We greatly appreciate generous donors stepping up, once again, to expand this successful program and help us introduce a new K-9 team to the public.”

Oregon Wildlife Foundation accepts public donations to the OSP Fish & Wildlife Conservation K-9 Fund to offset expenses associated with the canine members of the teams. Donations to the fund help defray the costs of veterinary care, training equipment, and related supplies. To support and learn more about the OSP Fish & Wildlife Conservation K-9 program visit [www.myowf.org/k9team](http://www.myowf.org/k9team).

*Mindy McCartt is the Communications Director at Oregon State Police.*

# Boaters beware

1/4 mile downstream from the Olallie Boat Launch



The Lane County Sheriff’s Office is advising the public of a water obstruction on the McKenzie River approximately ¼ mile downstream from Olallie boat launch.

Due to a tree down across the river, the channel is completely

blocked and is not safely navigable.

For the most current information on water obstructions and safety tips, please review the information provided by the Oregon State Marine Board at [www.oregon.gov/osmb](http://www.oregon.gov/osmb)

# “Fast Tracks”

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starting or expanding a community garden. The other is a demonstration grant that will focus on transportation improvements and the benefits of accessory dwelling units as a housing solution.

Bandana Shrestha, state director of AARP Oregon, said the program is geared toward fast-tracking ideas that will get tangible

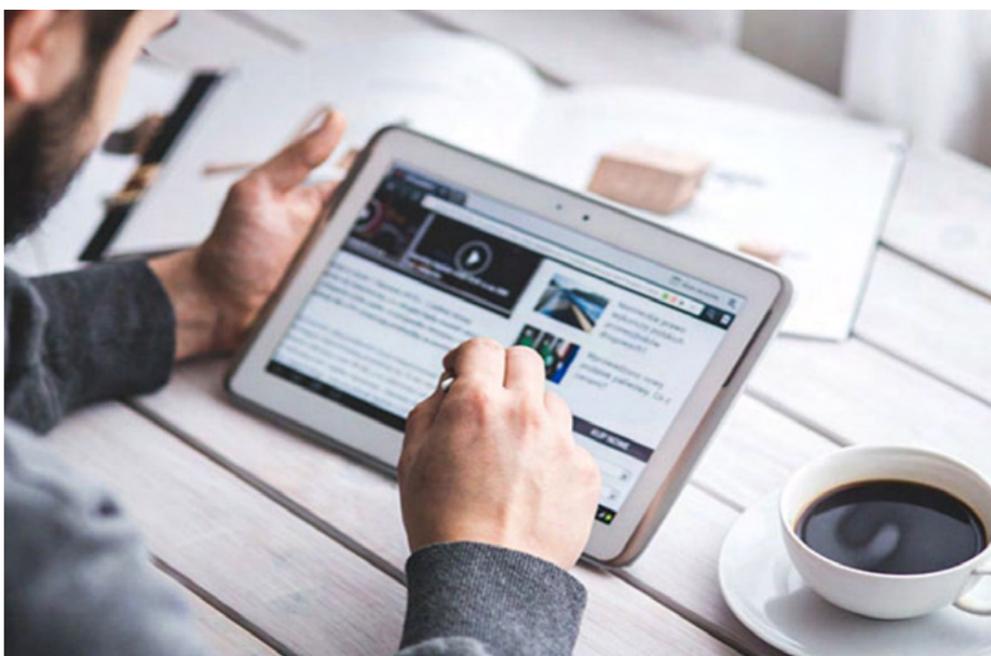
results.

“Whether it’s a community garden that somebody wants to put out or make their park more accessible by putting benches, these may be small grants but can make a really lasting impact in their community,” Shrestha said.

In addition to the projects funded by the national organization,

Shrestha said the Oregon office provided grants to four projects last year and will likely have the capacity to help fund projects again this year. The deadline for applications is 2 p.m. PST time on March 15th. Once funded, the projects must be completed by November 30th.

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