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Slide plugged Aufderheide Drive

Traffic near Terwilliger Hot Springs reduced to one lane



COUGAR DAM: A landslide closed Forest Service Road 19 (Aufderheide Drive) on Sunday near milepost 55.5 about 3/4 of a mile south of Cougar Dam. Although the road has reopened, traffic is currently re-

duced to one lane. Repair work is expected to be ongoing and intermittent with the possibility of more rock falls, according to forest spokesmen. Due to stormy weather, the current condition of many roads and trails is unknown. Roads

may not be passable due to fallen trees, rocks, debris, water, snow, or other obstructions. This same section of Aufderheide Drive has been subject to landslides over the years. Aufderheide Drive - Page 10

A magical mood

Annual Holiday event drew multitudes



Santa and his elf weren't alone in spreading Holiday cheer at the Vida Community Center's Christmas Bazaar last Saturday. The annual event drew a steady stream of people to the event inside the Waltherville Grange Hall to sample vendor's offerings, music and food.

Jess is "still serving"

Small shop is part of downtown's comeback



She may not whistle while she works, but Jess's smile is a clear indicator she enjoys feeding people at her Jessup's Java shop in Blue River.

BLUE RIVER: It may not be brick and mortar but a small coffee shop is making a stand as the first business to be up and running in "downtown" Blue River. "I didn't think about it," admits Jess Boykin when asked about that status. "It's

soaked in now and it's kind of awesome." Growing up near Bear Creek, she had life-long ties to the area but an urge to serve caused her to change course. She attended McKenzie Schools until the ninth grade "Still serving" - Page 10

Storm the Castle Run

All weather runners made their mark



Warnings of another atmospheric river didn't douse the enthusiasm of runners who turned out for Saturday's running of the "Storm the Castle" half marathon in Rainbow. The event, organized by Elevated Trail Racing, was an out-and-back 6.5 mile long course that began and ended at the Upper McKenzie Community Center. Along the way participants crossed the McKenzie River via the Belknap Covered Bridge and climbed up and down 2,815 feet to the top of Castle Rock.

Letters to the Editor

Bridge Lighting Celebration

Come celebrate with us this Saturday, December 9th starting around 4:30pm as we gather at the Upper McKenzie Community Center for the Annual Bridge Lighting Celebration.

Watch for Santa and his helpers as they make their way down the river in festively lit river rafts in the Annual River Raft Parade, sponsored by Horse Creek Lodge.

Sing your favorite Christmas songs as we walk to light the bridge to ring in the season. Hot Cocoa and cider will warm you up when we return.

There will be crafts for the kids and great historical information, too. Feel free to bring a light snack to share if you'd like - Otherwise, just come on down and enjoy the party. I hope to see you there!

John Carlile, President
Upper McKenzie Community Center

McKenzie Eagles Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

McKenzie Varsity Sports Schedule This Week

The McKenzie Varsity Boys and Girls Basketball teams travel to Prospect on Tuesday, December 5, to play Prospect Charter. The Girls game is scheduled for a 5:30 pm start and the Boys game follows at 7:00 pm. The two Eagle teams travel to Riddle on Friday, December 8 and Saturday, December 9, to participate in the Cow Creek Classic, held at Riddle High School. The McKenzie Varsity Girls tip off at 3:00 pm on Friday, versus Camas Valley and the Eagle Boys follow at 4:30 pm, also against Camas Valley. Both McKenzie teams will play on Saturday, opponents to be determined.

Eagle Girls Hoops Tips Off On The Road

McKenzie Eagle Varsity Girls Basketball 2023-24 hit the road for this season's opener. First year McKenzie Head Coach Heather Holte loaded her new team into the bus and headed west to Mapleton where the Eagles toed up to an old hoop foe, the Powers Cruisers. Both teams opened their respective seasons at the three-day, six team Mapleton Invite Tournament on Thursday, November 30.

Powers easily won the first contest, 68-8. Other scores from the opening day were C.S. Lewis Academy 41, Falls City/Kings Valley Charter 27 and host Mapleton 41, Yoncalla 22.

On Friday, December 1, McKenzie played Yoncalla and dropped its second contest of the early season, 37-15. Mapleton defeated Falls City/Kings Valley Charter 24 and Powers beat C.S. Lewis Academy 33-24.

The next day McKenzie lost its last game of the tournament to Falls City/Kings Valley Charter, 48-19. C.S. Lewis Academy defeated Yoncalla 32-0 and Powers defeated Mapleton 37-32. Powers won the tournament with a 3-0 record, C.S. Lewis Academy and Mapleton both finished 2-1, Yoncalla and Falls City/Kings

Valley Charter finished 1-2 and McKenzie 0-3.

McKenzie Boys Basketball Hits The Road

McKenzie Head Boys Basketball Coach Neil Barrett led his team down to Mapleton to participate in the Mapleton Invite. The tournament hosted by the Sailors on the banks of the 'ole' Siuslaw was the opener for the team this season.

Thursday's game with Falls City/Kings Valley Charter found the Eagles on the low end of the scoreboard, losing 59-13. That same day, host Mapleton defeated Powers 48-11 and Yoncalla beat C.S. Lewis Academy 37-28.

On Friday, the second day of the Invite, Powers defeated McKenzie 41-31, Mapleton beat Yoncalla 45-30 and Falls City/Kings Valley Charter defeated C.S. Lewis Academy 43-28. Invite host Mapleton swept its own tournament on Saturday with a 39-31 victory over Falls City/Kings Valley Charter, which finished the weekend at 2-1. C.S. Lewis Academy (2-1) beat Powers (1-2) 32-26, and McKenzie dropped its contest to Yoncalla (1-2), 49-35.

McKenzie Boys Versus Falls City/Kings Valley Charter

Game line score: McKenzie 13, Falls City 58. McKenzie: Griffin Withalm 2 points, 1 steal, 2 turnovers; Masonn Burton 4 pts., 2 rebounds, 3 to; Hayden Kumle 1 reb., 2 to; Salomon Acevedo 1 pt., 5 reb., 1 assist, 4 to; Aytan Brown 4 pts., 1 reb.; Thomas Hayes 3 reb., 2 stl., 1 to.; Will Meister 2 pts., 5 reb., 1 ast., 2 stls., 4 to.; Rhys Hamlow 3 reb., 2 stls., 10 to.; Jacob Peek 1 reb.

McKenzie Boys Versus Powers

Game line score: McKenzie 30, Powers 41. McKenzie: Griffin Withalm 15 pts., 1 reb., 4 stls., 3 to.; Hayden Kumle 1 asst.; Salomon Acevedo 4 pts., 4 reb., 2 stls., 2 to.; Aytan Brown 2 pts., 3 reb., 1 asst., 4 stls., 3 to.; Thomas Hayes 3 reb., 1 stl.; Will Meister 6 pts., 6 reb., 1 asst., 2 stls.; Rhys Hamlow 1 pt., 3 reb., 3 stls., 2 to.; Jacob Peek 2 reb., 1 stl., 1 to.

McKenzie Boys Versus Yoncalla

Game line score: McKenzie 35, Yoncalla 49. McKenzie: Salomon Acevedo 10 pts., 2 reb., 2 stls., 6 to.; Aytan Brown 4 pts., 4 reb., 1 asst., 7 stls., 2 to.; Thomas Hayes 2 pts., 3 reb., 5 to.; Will Meister 6 pts., 1 reb., 3 stls., 2 to.; Rhys Hamlow 13 pts., 6 reb., 4 stls., 2 to.; Jacob Peek 2 reb.



Landing work underway

Upgrades include boat ramp at Finn Rock



Since its closure on October 23rd, upgrade work at the Finn Rock Landing has been underway. Details of the project, owned and managed by McKenzie River Trust (MRT), include building a better road base, creating safer traffic flow, and the installation of new parking stalls. Other improvements to the popular site, which attracts as many as 400 people a day in the summer. will range from ADA-accessible walkways and fencing to bird-friendly lighting, picnic tables, and garbage receptacles. The site will reopen to the public in the Spring of 2024.

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WEATHER REPORT


READINGS TAKEN AT THE
US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM

Date	High	Low	Rain	Releases
11/28	44	28	0	309 cfs
11/29	42	28	0	309 cfs
11/30	40	36	0.51	309 cfs
12/1	44	33	1.56	313 cfs
12/2	49	37	2.71	336 cfs
12/3	52	42	3.71	390 cfs
12/4	52	49	0.91	350 cfs

READINGS TAKEN AT
EWING LEABURG POWERHOUSE

Date	High	Low	Rain	Riverflow
11/28	47	25	0	2,180 cfs
11/29	45	28	0.05	2,120 cfs
11/30	41	37	0.10	2,180 cfs
12/1	44	37	0.69	2,410 cfs
12/2	49	40	1.05	3,550 cfs
12/3	54	45	3.72	8,820 cfs
12/4	55	51	1.88	16,750 cfs


Friday 12/8



McKenzie Valley
Mostly Cloudy
20% chance precip
High: 46 Low: 35

Santiam Pass
AM Snow Showers
50% chance precip
High: 29 Low: 18


Saturday 12/9



McKenzie Valley
Rain
90% chance precip
High: 49 Low: 44

Santiam Pass
Rain/Snow
90% chance precip
High: 36 Low: 31

Sunday 12/10



McKenzie Valley
Mostly Cloudy
20% chance precip
High: 49 Low: 35

Santiam Pass
Snow Showers
40% chance precip
High: 33 Low: 22

Sheriff's Report

Nov. 18: 11:46 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - Marcola Rd. & Shotgun Creek Rd. A full-sized gray van was seen driving without any lights on.

Nov. 19: 9:10 a.m: Theft - 39200 blk, McK. Hwy. A caller advised that their fanny pack was stolen but trackable. Deputies located and recovered it.

6:15 p.m: Suspicious Subject - 55600 blk, McK. River Dr. A caller reported a suspicious person behind a garage. Later determined to be a park guest walking their dog.

Nov. 21: 9:13 a.m: Fraud - 92200 blk, Whitmore St. A caller advised that their former employee attempted to withdraw money out of the caller's bank account.

2:36 p.m: Harassment - 54700 blk, McK. Hwy. An employee of an area business advised that the

family member of a client was making threats to the business.

5:25 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 38100 blk, McK. Hwy. Verbal dispute between neighbors.

Nov. 22: 3:13 p.m: Harassment - 55500 blk, Drury Dr. Verbal dispute between family members living on a property.

Nov. 25: 3:59 p.m: Dog Bite - Lat: 44.16777542. Long: - 122.225245. A caller advised that they were bit by a pit bull that was off leash at the King Castle Trailhead. Caller reported that the dog's owner did not do anything.

Nov. 26: 3:40 p.m: Citizen Contact - 91500 blk, Horse Creek Rd.

Nov. 27: 12:17 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - 44900 blk, McK. Hwy.

7:32 a.m: Custodial Interference - 37900 blk, Shenandoah Lp.

8:24 a.m: Welfare Check - 37900 blk, Shenandoah Lp.

11:31 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - 7400 blk, Thurston Rd.

12:28 p.m: Harassment - 37800 blk, MJ Chase Rd.

1:01 p.m: Illegal Camping - 41900 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

1:08 p.m: Unlawful Use of Vehicle - 88000 blk, Heather Dr.

3:22 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Milepost 37.

3:59 p.m: Civil Service - Lookout Campground.

5:52 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 25.

6:06 p.m: Citizen Contact - 44600 blk, McK. Hwy.

6:35 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Leaburg Dr.

9:05 p.m: Alarm - 87900 blk, Running Spring Dr.

10:32 p.m: Incomplete 911 Call - Lat: 44.089959. Long: - 122.714624.

Nov. 28: 8:33 a.m: Dead Animal - 94400 blk, Marcola Rd.

10:50 a.m: Harassment - 92200 blk, Carson St. A caller advised that a person known to the caller has been harassing them.

11:05 a.m: Assist Motorist - McGowan Creek Rd. Milepost 7.5.

11:31 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - 7400 blk, Thurston Rd. A caller reported hearing a dog crying nearby like it was being abused.

11:32 a.m: Theft - 37000 blk, Goats Rd. A caller stated that a former roommate stole the caller's cat.

12:08 p.m: Fraud - 91300 blk, Triple Oaks Dr. A caller reported that multiple checks were forged and deposited into someone else's account.

1:24 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 91600 blk, Horse Creek Rd.

Nov. 29: 7:08 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - 42800 blk, McK. Hwy.

12:28 p.m: Harassment - 37800 blk, MJ Chase Rd. A caller reported that felons were in possession of firearms and shooting on a property in the area.

1:47 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 88000 blk, Heather Dr.

2:10 p.m: Harassment - 45900 blk, N. Gate Creek Rd.

4:45 p.m: Burglary - 91000 blk, Hill Rd.

Nov. 29: 7:08 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - 42800 blk, McK.

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State Police Report

Dec. 1: 06:33: Crash, Non-Injury - Hwy. 126E, Milepost 49. Troopers responded to a single vehicle, non-blocking rollover crash. When troopers arrived the driver had already arranged for his own tow and had a ride to transport him to the hospital. Fire/EMS and ODOT responded as well to evaluate and assist with traffic control. Troopers attempted to contact the registered owner via cell phone but have not received a response. Involved: black Nissan Frontier, 50-year-old male from Vida.

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Nov. 28: 3:28: 45000 block, N. Gate Creek Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

6:35: McK. Hwy./Milepost 14. Motor Vehicle Accident .Patient Packaged and Transported, 1 Rider.

Nov, 30: 19:44: 40000 blk, Deerhorn Rd. Welfare Check. Serch For Individual, Individual Found.

Dec. 1: 21:03: 41000 blk, Madrone St. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

Dec. 2: 0:00: 88000 blk, Millican Rd. Medical, Heart. Disregarded/Per Dispatch.

21:23: 38000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

Dec. 3: 10:12: 42000 blk, McK. Hwy. Walk-In Medical. Patient Assessed, 2 Transported.

Dec. 3: 16:12: 40000 blk, York

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Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

Dec. 1: 06:30: Motor Vehicle Accident - McK. Hwy./Milepost 49. Nissan pickup flipped into trees, Caller sees a lot of blood inside but unknown where the passengers are.

Dec. 2: 17:13: Medical - 54000 block, McK. Hwy. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

Dec. 4: 09:11: Medical - 54000 blk, McK. River Dr. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

Dec. 12: 20:00: Medical - 55000 blk, McK. River Dr. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

The Upper McK. Fire District's board of directors will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 20th, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.

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Iconic food items invented in Oregon

By Finn J.D. John

At the time of this writing, the Christmas shopping season is just starting to spool up, and folks are getting ready for some serious holiday eating.

Most likely, that festive feasting won't include many of the things on this list. Although inventors from the Beaver State have had a big impact at the grocery store, most of what they've created would be a bit out of place at a Christmas dinner.

The big exceptions are the products created by scientists at Oregon State University: Marionberries for pie, and modern-process Maraschino cherries for holiday punchbowls. So, let's start with those.

The Modern Maraschino Cherry (1929)

Maraschino cherries originally came from Italy, where a particularly nasty variety of wild cherry called a "marasca" grows. Marascas, fresh from the tree, are sour and bitter, but the locals over the years figured out that they could be made into a particularly scrumptious kind of liqueur. Even better, when whole Marasca cherries were pickled in that liqueur, they became delicious.

The cherries caught on with high-society drinkers, who loved them in cocktails. The problem was, like a lot of wild fruits, marascas aren't prolific. So the cherries were very expensive. Various other cherries were tried, both for the fruit and for the liqueur, and some non-alcoholic formulas were



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Throughout the 1960s and beyond, Golden and Neef Griggs advertised their invention on the sides of a fleet of 30 semi-trucks used for deliveries.

developed as well. Most of these faux-aschinos were pretty bad. Writer Inara Verzemnieks found a number of articles from early-1900s newspapers complaining about their quality.

Then along came Prohibition, and with it, the original Italian ones became unobtainable.

Meanwhile, cherry growers in Oregon were trying to figure out how to get into the market with a proper non-alcoholic Maraschino cherry made with a safe, reliable industrial process. The climate in the Willamette Valley is nearly perfect for growing cherries, but the ones that grow best there are big, sweet, juicy ones that break down into mush and turn unappetizing colors when pickled or preserved.

One particularly disgruntled cherry grower happened to be a brother-in-law of William Jasper Kerr, the president of Oregon Agricultural College (now Oregon State University). The college had just hired a hotshot horticulture professor named Ernest Wiegand a few years earlier; so Kerr put the problem before him.

Wiegand basically spent the second half of the 1920s working on it, trying various formulas to get the cherries right. In the end, he figured out that certain calcium salts would firm the cherries up. One of Wiegand's colleagues, Bob Cain, developed a technique for safely bleaching the cherries so that they would end up ghost-white, ready to be dyed with food coloring (or, in the case of

more recent offerings, extracts of beetroots and other natural colorants).

And with these twin breakthroughs, Oregon became the dominant player in Maraschino cherry production worldwide.

The Marionberry (1956):

The Marion cultivar of blackberries has been the most widely planted blackberry in the U.S. since the early 1980s, and for anyone looking forward to some home-baked pie after Christmas dinner, Marionberries just might be involved.

Blackberries, as most Oregonians know all too well, are a sort of fruit that combines some of the worst qualities of a plant with some of the best. Few fruits are anywhere near as delicious as a ripe, juicy blackberry; but the vines tend to be sprawling and disorderly and covered with great spiky murder-thorns. At their worst, they grow astonishingly quickly, are very hard to eradicate, and shade out everything below them. The common invasive Himalayan blackberries that grow all over the state are the best example of this type.

In the mid-1930s when OSU professor George Waldo set out to breed what would become the Marionberry, there was almost a direct connection between the quality of the fruit, and the density and awfulness of the brambles it grew on. One could find blackberry varieties that were well behaved and almost thornless, but the fruits were small and not very juicy. Or one could find the nearest tangle of wild Himalayan blackberries and find the opposite.

Waldo set out to breed the perfect blackberry: one with delicious fruit AND well-behaved vines. He actually spent about two full decades on this quest, starting in 1935 when he cooked up a cultivar called Santiam by crossing Loganberries with Pacific Blackberries (the tiny ones frequently found on forest floors, with long not-very-spiny vines and few leaves). Then, in 1936, he crossed Santiam with the infamous and ubiquitous Himalayan blackberry to get a variety he called Chehalem.

Chehalem berries were tasty, but the vines they grew on were a little too reminiscent of their



By Slim Randles

The secret to training any animal is simply timing, says the former cowboy who was unable to teach his horse to jump a two-by-four. But that was long ago, of course, and today, the wisdom age gives us makes these training secrets available to those who will accept them.

Just take our beagle, Minnie. To be fair, she lives in a one-dog house. But she also lives with three cats. It's not that Minnie is intimidated. When she is approached by a cat who isn't sufficiently awed by her wonderfulness, what she's doing isn't cringing, she's merely practicing her third-grade atomic attack position in the middle of the living room.

And we recently went through yet another of our famous Albuquerque hot air balloon fiestas. I'm sure you know about our fiesta, where hundreds of migratory birds are frightened out of their minds, the locals make millions selling champagne and propane, and the restaurants try to see who can kill the most tourists with their special mix of green chile.

Now Minnie, who can view millions of miles of sky from our yard, has a very simple solution to the balloon problem: shoot them down and kill them all. Why? Because these aren't balloons that are fun, or kind to dogs. If you listen closely, the translation is clear ..." I SEE YOU, YOU BLOATED FIRE BREATHING DOG EATER! Come down here and show me your permit to fly over our house! Or come down and fight like a dog!"

Multiply that by 840 balloons, and the message makes it all the way up to the invading pilots.

Grandchildren deserve to be impressed by an ancestor's animal training abilities as well. Just ask mine about Fluffy. Fluffy is my well-trained lizard in the back yard.

In summer, I'll often look at him on the concrete block wall and order him to do push-ups for the kids. He's good at it, too.

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Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



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Maintaining a moss-free roof takes some effort



In the moist Pacific Northwest, moss on roofs is inevitable. The ubiquitous plant clings to shingles, causing damage that can lead to expensive repairs and replacements.

There's nothing to be done about the moisture, but moss also needs shade to grow. The key to keeping it at bay is to trim trees so sunlight filters to the surface of the roof.

"You can clean all you want but to keep moss at bay, the environment needs to change, said Jay Pscheidt, a plant pathologist with Oregon State University Extension Service. "You've got to let the sun in or it will return."

Mosses are primitive, flowerless plants that number 12,000 species. Chances are it's Dicranoweisia cirrata and Bryum capillare making a home on your roof. The growth of moss doesn't damage surfaces, said Pscheidt, co-author of the Extension new publication The Care and Maintenance of Wood Shingle and Shake Roofs. The moss traps soil and debris, which retain water and keep the roof wet for a longer period. That encourages the growth of fungi and hastens the decomposition of wood roofs.

Moss clings to asphalt and metal roofs, as well, but doesn't degrade those materials. However, moss will lift the shingles, allowing water to damage underlying materials. No matter what it's made of, roofs should be kept clean.

Although many people love moss, keeping it off the roof is essential for the roof's longevity. Also, remove it from areas like decks and steps where people may slip and fall. If you're one of those who like moss, let it grow in garden areas where it can be enjoyed without the danger of injury.

Before applying anything to kill the moss, clean the roof. If you're experienced with a pressure washer, use that to clean. If not, let a professional do it. Improper pressure washing can ruin your roof. Instead of a pressure washer, use a long-handled scrub brush. Once clean, apply one of the following solutions with a pump-style sprayer:

Zinc sulfate(monohydrate):Mix 3 pounds of powder in 9 gallons of water. This amount will treat 600 to 1,000 square feet of roof using a pump sprayer, depending on the wood's condition. In

areas of heavy growth or where conditions favor moss growth, use a solution of 1 pound of powder mixed in 3 gallons of water to treat 200 square feet. Don't use this treatment if you have copper gutters, downspouts, or flashing; zinc sulfate corrodes copper.

Potassium salts of fatty acids: These soap-based biodegradable products kill moss by penetrating the cell walls and changing the membranes so that the cells leak and the moss dies. The product is non-corrosive and poses minimal risk to humans and animals.

With both chemicals, avoid over-spraying on adjacent plants, which will burn, and rinse any plants that are accidentally treated. Thoroughly rinse any tools or equipment used to apply these products.

Don't attempt this chore if you're unsure of your abilities. If you decide to go for it, take precautions:

* Wear shoes with good traction that will grip the roof.

* Put your ladder on stable ground and have it extend 3 feet above the roof line. Secure the top to the roof when possible.

* Use a bucket and rope to transport tools and other items to the roof; don't carry them up the ladder.

* Use safety belts and lines when the roof pitch is more than 23 degrees, you are working closer than 6 feet to the edge, or the eaves are more than 16 feet from the ground.

* Pay attention to the safety precautions on the labels of the products you use.

For those homeowners looking to get rid of moss in a lawn, check out the article, "If you mind moss, get on board with preventative measures," the publication "Managing Moss in Lawns in Western Oregon" and the accompanying video "Managing Moss in Lawns."



Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



SIMPLIFYING HOLIDAY PREPARATIONS

The holiday season is upon us, with the weather becoming colder and the leaves off the trees. Now thoughts turn to the holiday season and all it involves. Rather than getting bogged down, SIMPLIFY and ENJOY.

That's easier said than done, you exclaim. But take time to consider what you think you need to do, what you really have to do, and what you'd enjoy doing. Find ways to keep costs down, if that's one of the reasons for stress.

Think Back to Earlier Days

I think back to days when gift giving and holiday gatherings were simpler. I recall one Christmas, when our daughter was small. Money was very tight. I had to make most of the gifts. Our decorations for tree and home were ones we'd had for years or homemade, too.

We made strings of popcorn and cranberries for the tree, decorated our own cards, draped paper chains around the living room. We read Christmas stories and sought the reason for our celebration. Then for Christmas dinner, we got together with other family members.

That night, as she prepared for bed, our daughter said, "This was the best Christmas ever!"

Making Simpler Foods for Festivities

*When I was growing up, Fudge was on the holiday menu. We might make it occasionally throughout the year, but at holiday time, Mother (later Sister and I

when we could cook) stirred up Chocolate Fudge, Penuche, and White Fudge. These we enjoyed ourselves and gave as gifts.

* Make Snacks ahead that you can serve when guests stop by. These might include: fudge, candy corn, various cookies that keep well (if family doesn't get into them), hors d'ouvres that can be frozen then popped in the oven when needed, chex mix, cracker snacks and similar foods.

* Look for inexpensive recipes you can use that make tasty dishes. Use the basic ingredients, and then add the more costly sparingly. Or have one or two dishes that you truly enjoy; splurge on those.

GRAHAM CRACKER TREATS - These are easy to make, good to eat, and fun for the youngsters. Decorate graham crackers with holiday colored icing and place candy decoettes on top. Or cut the crackers into triangles, put icing on the edges and stick together to form a tree shape. Then decorate the outside edges with candies and sprinkles

* Regarding the icing, stir up your own with confectioner's sugar or used prepared canned icing.

VANILLA WAFER TREATS - You also can decorate vanilla wafers with colored icing and candies.

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

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Community Notes

December 7

Childre’s Story Time

The O’Brien Linrary will host a Story Time from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Upper McKenzie Community Center, 54745 McKenzie River Drive in Rainbow. Enter the world of imagination and learning by joining our staff volunteer who will read a story and lead an activity for the young ones. Connect with other parents and let the kids mingle. Join us at our temporary location at UMCC and see all the colorful, amazing children’s books and DVDs we have.

December 8

2nd Friday Art Walk

The Emerald Art Center in downtown Springfield will host thhe wal from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Meet at 500 Main Street.

December 9

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.

December 9

Holiday Bridge Lighting

The festivities begin at 5 p.m. with the raft parade float by and followed by the lighting of the Belknap Bridge (thanks to Lane Electric) with Christmas Caroling and Holiday Cheer. Inside the Upper McKenzie Community Center, 54745 McKenzie River Dr, Santa will be waiting, along with photo ops. There will also be a Holiday Potluck, so bring your favorite Holiday dish to share. And please bring your own table service.

December 9

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.

December 11

McK Watershed Council

The council meets from 5 to

6:30 p.m. at various locations. Contact Melanie Giangreco at 541-201-8150 or melanie@mc-kenziewc.org.

December 11

Spfld School Board

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

December 11

Parks Advisory Committee

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

December 12

Tiny Dental Van

The Tiny Dental Van, sponsored by the Rural Oregon Outreach Program, will be at the Orchid McKenzie River Clinic every second Tuesday of the month in Rainbow. A first visit will include a patient assessment, intraoral photos, teeth cleaning, charting, and X-Rays. Call 360-449-9500 or 800-525-6800 to schedule new patient appointments or teeth cleaning.

December 12

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.

December 12

McKenzie Food Pantry

The McKenzie River Food Pantry will be at the McKenzie Bridge Christian Church, 56334 McKenzie Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Free groceries are provided in accordance with Oregon Food Bank and Food For Lane County guidelines for food distribution to those in need..

December 12

Save Leaburg Lake

“Save Leaburg Lake” members meet on the second Tuesday of each month at the Vida Windermere Office, 45632 McKenzie Hwy, in Vida. For more information, call Nadine Scott at 541-915-0807 or email nadine@windermere.com to join the email list.

December 12

Grange Open House

The holidays are upon us and the Walterville Grange is ready to host its annual Holiday Dinner and Open House. We hope that you will join us with your family, friends, and neighbors to enjoy an evening in friendship. The Holiday Dinner and Open House will be held on Tuesday, December 12 at the Walterville Community Center/Grange Hall located at 39259 Camp Creek Road in Walterville. Open House displays and visiting begins at 6 PM, dinner starts at 6:30 p.m., and a program will start at 7:30 p.m. We are also expecting a visit from the jolly old man in red so make sure the kids have their Christmas lists handy! The Grange will provide, turkey, ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, dressing, rolls, and beverages. You bring your favorite side dish, salad, or dessert to complete the meal. We will be collecting canned food items for the upriver food bank, so feel free to bring something for that. The thermometer growth for the new siding and windows for the west side of the building is also growing, so be sure to check that out. Donations are welcome for the siding and windows. No charge for dinner. For more information call 541-521-4760 and leave a message (calls will be returned).

December 13

Board of Commissioners

Lane County Board of Commissioners. Harris Hall, 125 E 8th Ave, Eugene, The Board of Commissioner meetings begin at 9 a.m. in Harris Hall, unless otherwise noted on the published agenda. Regular Board Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday. Wednesday Board meetings are on an as needed basis.

December 13

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.

December 13

Wacky Wednesday

Held at Craig’s Lucky Logger Restaurant & Henry’s Bar, 39297 McKenzie Hwy. in Walterville. 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!

December 14

VMCC Board Meeting

The public is invited to attend the Vida McKenzie Community Center’s Board of Directors meeting held from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the library of the McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church in Walterville.

December 14

Buying Rural Land

The Oregon State University Extension Service Small Farms program welcomes the public to “Before you buy rural land,” a free webinar for future landowners, those who have recently purchased land, and real estate agents who want to learn about important topics related to land management and rural living. The webinar will be held Thursday, December 14, from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Topics covered will include soil capability, wells and septic systems, water rights and farmland zoning. An audience Q&A session will follow the presentation. The webinar will be presented by OSU Extension Service Small Farms faculty: Logan Bennett, Melissa Fery, Chrissy Lucas-Woodruff and Audrey Comerford.

The webinar is free to attend, but registration is required. A Zoom link will be provided to registrants.

More information and registration are available at:

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/smallfarms/southern-willamette-valley/events/you-buy-rural-land>. Register online or call OSU Extension in Lane County at 541-344-5859.

Accommodation requests related to a disability should be made by December 7, 2023, to Carrie Mack, 541-237-6808 or carrie.

Deeds and records office moves

The Lane County Deeds & Records Office is relocating from the County’s Public Service Building at 8th and Oak in downtown Eugene to the Elections Office at 10th and Lincoln in Eugene.

The move will be effective starting on Tuesday, December 5, 2023. The last day for services at the current location will be Friday, December 1. The office will be closed for staff training on Monday, December 4, and the new location will open for service on Tuesday, December 5.

“Combining the services of the County Clerk’s Office under one roof will help accomplish a couple of things,” said Lane County Clerk Dena Dawson. “It will help us be more efficient in conducting elections since we will no longer need to staff two separate locations. It will also, we hope, make it easier for people to access our services with dedicated parking and an easy to find location.”

The services that will move to the Elections Office (275 W. 10th Avenue, Eugene) are:

- * Real property recording (including deeds, titles or interest to real property located in Lane County)

mack@oregonstate.edu.

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.

December 16

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.

December 17

Christmas Choir

The Camp Creek Church Christmas will perform from 10 to 11 a.m., Upper Camp Creek Road, Upper Camp Creek Rd. Come join friends and neighbors as they sing beautiful Christmas music together. The choir will perform at the Christmas Service following a 9 a.m. brunch.

Dec. 18 - Jan. 3

No School

Winter Break for the Walterville Elementary School, 40589 McKenzie Hwy.



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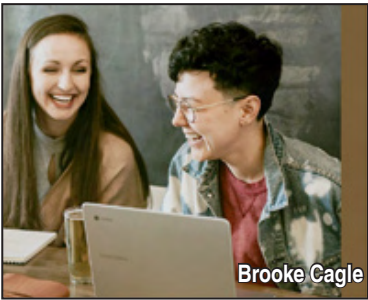




Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mitchell

Irresistible



I'm attracted to my manager. He was the one who showed his interest to me first by complimenting me and making wonderful eye contact. He is single and one year younger than me.

Until today he only asked me out one time and that was when a close friend of ours also attended the dinner and we had so much fun. Indeed I never gave him enough opportunity to approach closer because I was not sure if this was wise in terms of office ethics.

He has a good reputation in my company for his character, virtues, and moral values. For the past five months, we have been working side by side on the same project. Sometimes we have a chance to talk friendly about our private lives, and once he told me he misses relationship opportunities since he hates to see himself

chasing after women.

From what he told me I figured out he will never ask me for a private date because he is afraid it might be considered trying to seduce a woman working under his management. So today, after struggling by myself for many months, I offered to have a drink with him some night this week, and he accepted with great joy. Do you think I am doing something right?

Anjuli

Anjuli, work is a less artificial situation than dating, and it is hard to conceal who you are in your daily work. Many happily married people met at work. There are, however, several things to keep in mind.

Dating someone at work also involves your livelihood, so you must respect this element. Keep your relationship out of the workplace. At work, focus on the job you are paid to do. Although you may want to share the joy of your new relationship with your coworkers, it is a joy they may not share. Would they be happy that you have a special relationship with your manager and they do not?

Some will suspect your special connection with him will mean favorable treatment for you

at their expense; others will suspect you of shirking your job responsibilities. In addition, what you might innocently say to one person may, after being repeated, turn into something else.

From the outset you need to realize if either of you does not wish to continue the relationship, then you will both be in the uncomfortable position of working side by side with someone you were once romantically involved with.

The outer attraction between you was too great for you to resist asking, and for him to resist accepting. You can minimize the risk by doing your job well, and if this turns out to be more than a job for you, we will be very happy for you.

Wayne & Tamara

Life Without Dessert

I'm entering a relationship with a great girl. She's sweet, she's beautiful, and we have the same interests. My only issue is her weight. She's not obese, but every time we go out to dinner she eats dessert. I'm sure it's a simple matter of eating habits and getting a little exercise. How do I bring this up without sounding like a jerk?

Gus

Gus, where have you been? Controlling weight is anything but a simple matter. Two-thirds of adult Americans are overweight. There are thousands of diet books, and some people even go to the extreme of having their stomachs

stapled because nothing else seems to work.

You can keep dating this girl in hopes she will become the weight you want, just as she could keep dating you in hopes you will become taller. But you each have about the same chance of success.

You want her to change her life, so you can feel better about dating her. That is shallow, and you know it. We are not going to tell you how to get away with it.

Wayne

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

American Life in Poetry

Ode I, 5: To Pyrrha

By Horace

Translated by John Milton
What slender youth, bedew'd with liquid odors,
Courts thee on roses in some pleasant cave,

Pyrrha? For whom bind'st thou

In wreaths thy golden hair,
Plain in thy neatness? O how oft shall he

Of faith and changed gods complain, and seas

Rough with black winds, and storms

Unwonted shall admire!

Who now enjoys thee credulous, all gold,

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John Milton's career as a writer of prose and poetry spans three distinct eras: Stuart England; the Civil War (1642-1648) and Interregnum, including the Commonwealth (1649-1653) and Protectorate (1654-1660); and the Restoration. Milton's chief polemical prose was written in the decades of the 1640s and 1650s, during the strife between the Church of England and various reformist groups such as the Puritans and between the monarch and Parliament.

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Lane County Parks

Mon Dec 11th 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Lane County Parks Advisory Committee

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

Three illustrations are shown side-by-side. The first is a brown leather belt with a silver buckle. The second is a brown tool belt with a silver buckle, holding various tools like a wrench, screwdriver, and hammer. The third is a black car seat buckle with a silver latch.

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Fish Counts
November 20, Willamette Falls
Fall Chinook – 2,187
Winter Steelhead – 41

Sheriff's Report

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Hwy. An employee at an area business reported that a customer tried to buy gas but had no way to pay. The customer then paid for the gas and left.

2:10 p.m: Harassment - 45900 blk, N. Gate Creek Rd. Ongoing dispute between neighbors. Caller reported their neighbor was shooting unsafely and putting nails in the caller's walkway.

4:45 p.m: Burglary - 91000 blk, Hill Rd. A caller reported that a former tenant came back onto the caller's property and stole items.

Nov. 30: 10:34 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 38100 blk, McK. Hwy. Verbal dispute between neighbors.

2:40 p.m: Drug Overdose - 92100 blk, Marcola Rd.

4:09 p.m: Information - 92200 blk, Walling St.

5:15 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 17-1-4.3 Rd. off Upper Camp Creek Rd.

5:56 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 93300 blk, Holland Ln. Verbal dispute between landlord and tenant. No crime articulated.

7:13 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute

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By Rick Steber
(www.ricksteber.com)

December 7 - John Templeton Craig was born in Ohio and came to Oregon in 1852. He settled in the McKenzie Valley and began working to develop a toll road to Central Oregon by way of McKenzie Pass. To help pay his expenses Craig took the contract to carry mail to the army outpost at Camp Polk, near the present town of Sisters. A few days before Christmas 1877, Craig attempted to outrun a blizzard. He was trapped on the summit and froze to death. A rock monument was built near where he died and is dedicated to the memory of John Templeton Craig, the road builder and pioneer mail carrier.

- 92200 blk, Carson St.

10:09 p.m: Welfare Check - Aufderheide Dr. & Cougar Dam Rd.

Dec. 1: 11:12 a.m: Livestock at Large - 36300 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

2:11 p.m: Subpoena Service - 700 blk, Laksonen Lp.

Dec. 2: 2:01 a.m: Welfare Check - 45600 blk, N. Gate Creek Rd.

2:09 p.m: Mental Subject - 90400 blk, Sunderman Rd.

8:38 p.m: Disorderly Subject - 45600 blk, McK. Hwy.

Dec. 3: 6:31 a.m: Tree Down - Marcola Rd. & Old Marcola Rd.

11:00 a.m: Stranded Vehicle - 91500 blk, Cougar Dam Rd.

11:15 a.m: Traffic Hazard - McK. View Dr. Mp. 4.15.

12:50 p.m: Theft - 87300 blk, Cedar Flat Rd.

1:06 p.m: Welfare Check - 91000 blk, Hill Rd.

1:43 p.m: Incomplete 911 Call - Lat: 44.177149. Long: - 122.179534.

2:48 p.m: Flooding - 56800 blk, N. Bank Rd.

8:19 p.m: Road Closed - 91500 blk, Cougar Dam Rd.

10:23 p.m: Tree Down - 41100 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

Dec. 4: 11:12 a.m: Traffic Hazard - Carson St. & Marcola Rd.

11:12 a.m: Subpoena Service - 2000 blk, Marcola Rd.

4:03 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 8600 blk, McK. Hwy.

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

Oregon's Forest Accord grants

Aims at conservation and recovery of most sensitive fish and amphibians

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) has been implementing many changes to the Forest Practices Act brought about by the landmark Private Forest Accord (PFA) to better protect aquatic wildlife and provide regulatory certainty for forest landowners. A big part of the legislation accompanying the PFA changes also includes funding for several grant programs to improve conservation and recovery for some of Oregon's most sensitive fish and amphibians. One of those grant programs is administered through ODF's sister agency, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW).

The ODFW PFA Grant Program has begun taking applications and is offering up to \$10 million for its first solicitation to improve habitat for fish and amphibian species proposed in the habitat conservation program-covered species list. The grant program will fund a variety of conservation and watershed-scale investment projects ranging from in-stream habitat restoration and aquatic passage barrier removal to culvert retrofits, soil stabilization, and more. Applications are due by Dec. 31, 2023, at 11:59 p.m.

"It's a restoration-based pro-

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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Ln. False Alarm/Disregarded En Route, Medical Alarm.

21:25: 38000 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

21:29: 91000 blk, Leashore Dr Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, December 18th 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.

Quote of the Week

"In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: It goes on."

Robert Frost

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gram," said Andy Spyrka, program coordinator for ODFW. "And is about promoting habitat restoration of those HCP-covered species throughout Oregon."

As with most grant programs, the details and deadlines can get complicated, but examples of projects and application instructions are clearly laid out on the ODFW's Private Forest Focus of PFA Grant Funding

The PFA Grant Program seeks to fund projects that effectively conserve or restore habitat for aquatic organisms covered by the pending Oregon Department of Forestry HCP and pursuant to the Private Forest Accord Authors' Report. Potential applicants are encouraged to address the limiting factors and priority conservation actions called for in the various conservation and recovery plans available for the HCP covered species.

The MAC and ODFW will prioritize funding projects in the following categories, however this list does not preclude other projects that benefit the PFA HCP covered species:

Restoration of degraded habitat to natural condition/function, or to a condition likely to be resilient to projected changes

Examples (but not limited to):

- * Aquatic organism passage
- * Wood augmentation in stream
- * Beaver conservation and reintroduction
- * Wildfire resiliency
- * Restoration treatments in riparian conservation areas
- * Riparian thinning to enhance species diversity
- * Land, water, and habitat preservation

Examples:

- * Conservation easements, fee title acquisitions, leases or transfers that prevent the impacts of development threats to covered species and their habitats on a particular property
- * Threat reduction or elimination

Examples (but not limited to):

- * In-stream flow protections
- * Reduction of livestock grazing impacts on riparian areas, including fencing off or exclusion as well as installation of off-stream stockwater systems or hardened watering gaps
- * Invasive species removal or suppression

Accord Grant Program webpage and in the PFA Grant Guidelines.

https://www.dfw.state.or.us/habitat/PFA/grant_program.html

Rural Tourism Marketing Program Quotes

Opening date:* December 6, 2023* * * * Closing date: January 2, 2024

Program Year: January 2024 through December 2024* * Contract: \$57,979

The Lane County Community & Economic Development program requests proposals from community groups, chambers of commerce, and other tourism marketing providers to implement the Lane County Rural Tourism Marketing Program in the McKenzie River area.

Scope of Work: Submit a Rural Tourism Marketing Program (RTMP) proposal that addresses the Mission Statement and Project Criteria of the Lane County Rural Tourism Marketing Program. (Copies available from contact information below).

Criteria for Proposal Selection:

* Proposals must address the countywide RTMP mission and project criteria with specific activities in the McKenzie River area.

* Proposals must include activities/projects that market tourism events and attractions throughout the entire McKenzie River, from Walterville to McKenzie Bridge. The package must be comprehensive.

* Proposals must provide a detailed budget and timeline for all activities/projects.

* Proposals must include a section on monitoring and evaluation of the effectiveness of activities/projects included in the plan.

All proposals must be received at the Lane County Public Service Building Attention: Jenna Cusimano, Community & Economic Development located at 125 E. 8th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon 97401 or via email to Jenna.Cusimano@lanecountyor.gov by January 2, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Proposals received after that time will not be considered for funding. FAXED copies of an application will not be accepted. Lane County expects to make a selection within 30 days of the closing date.

If you have any questions, please call Jenna Cusimano, Community and Economic Development Program at (541) 682-3747 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or email Jenna.Cusimano@lanecountyor.gov



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"Still serving"

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when her desire to be part of the military caused her to move to Bend and enroll in the Oregon Youth Challenge High School a military academy whose curriculum also stresses community service and responsible citizenship.

She spent the next nine years in a U.S. Army uniform, after going overseas on her first deployment. Like too many others of her generation, Jess's career ended with injuries from an exploding IED that placed her on 100% disability support.

She joined the fire department the year before the Holiday Farm Fire. "It felt like something I could do, not only for myself but as a little something extra for the community," she recalls. When the fire hit she stayed behind to fight it for four days before being relieved.

Now an Emergency Medical Technician with the Upper McKenzie Rural Fire District, Jess said joining up helped "fill the hole from the military," because she "still had that ache of wanting to join in."

Part of the appeal of opening and owning a business like Jessup's Java, she says, is the flexibility it offers. As an active EMT, there are times when she's the only one available upriver to respond to

a call. That's one of the reasons people might see a fire truck parked next to her shop after she's returned from a call.

As a sole proprietor, she is also in charge of her scheduling, which now has her on-site from 7 to 2 on Mondays through Thursdays, and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays.

During those hours people can order biscuits & gravy, breakfast sandwiches or tacos to start their day, or sandwiches for an afternoon lunch. Although Jess says people can confidently order "any coffee that any other coffee shop offers," locals seem to be favoring flavors like Peppermint Patty or pumpkin at this time of year.

So far, she says she's been keeping the menu fairly simple as she gets a feel for her new business and customer preferences. Looking ahead she's sure the winter season will cause some adjustments to the days/times when she's open as the temperatures fall.

"Right now I'm making sure I'm set for winter because my goal is to stay open," Jess says. It's a two-way street she feels because "the community has been so supportive and people have even been sharing my posts on Facebook to help support me."

Iconic food

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OSU Libraries
Oregon State University Prof. Ernest Wiegand (left) and a student did a taste test of fruit for the Food Technology Department in 1948. The student appears to be testing blackberry cultivars, so perhaps he is doing the work for Prof. George Waldo, creator of the Marionberry.

disorderly, horrible Himalayan parent. So Waldo made one more cross, breeding Chehalem berries with Olallieberries. (Olallie was another hybrid that Waldo had created the previous year by crossing two older traditional varieties: Youngberries and Black Loganberries).

The result was the Marion blackberry: A fast-growing but well-behaved vine, with thorns that were not overly vicious and fruits that practically melt in your mouth. Its main "bug" is really a "feature" for home growers and Farmer's Market customers – the berry skins are so tender that they don't take rough handling very well, so mechanical harvesting is tricky. They also are very sensitive to cold, so about the only place they grow well is the Willamette Valley. Most marionberries are still grown right in Marion County, the county where they were tested in and named after.

(Sources: "The Fruit that Made

Oregon Famous," an article by Inara Verzemnieks published in the April 16, 2007, issue of the *Portland Oregonian*; "The Tater Tot is American Ingenuity at its Finest," an article by Kelsey McKinney published in the Aug. 28, 2017, issue of *Eater* magazine; "How Two Oregon Brothers' Efforts to Mitigate Food Waste Created the Tater Tot," an article by Heather Arndt Anderson published by *Oregon Public Broadcasting* on Feb. 2, 2022; "A Classic American Concession was First Fried in Oregon," an article by Meagan Cuthill published by *Oregon Public Broadcasting* on July 16, 2022)

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Less gas taxes = less Oregon roadwork

Winter road maintenance to continue with \$19 million promise

By Julia Shumway
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Oregon's top elected officials pledged to spend millions of dollars on winter road maintenance after dire warnings from the state Department of Transportation that highways would go unplowed because of a budget shortfall.

Gov. Tina Kotek, Senate President Rob Wagner and House Speaker Dan Rayfield announced Monday that the state would commit \$19 million to make up the shortfall and allow the department to buy snow plows, purchase sand and salt for deicing roads and fix potholes and damaged pavement next spring.

"It's critical that all Oregonians have a safe, reliable transportation system to get to work, school, and play," said Rayfield, D-Corvallis. "Thanks to the work our transportation and budget leaders have invested to understand the safety and functional needs of our communities, we are able to ensure a safe winter season and ultimately, a more sustainable, equitable system."

The announcement follows the first serious snowfall of the season. Major ski areas, including Timberline Lodge on Mount Hood and Mount Bachelor near Bend, opened temporarily this weekend, but warmer weather and heavy rain washed away much of the snow. More snow is expected in mountain passes this weekend.

The state transportation department warned in October that it would cut back on road maintenance, including plowing some roads once a day or less instead of four times a day. Agency leaders cited looming budget shortfalls caused by decreases in gas tax revenue tied to Oregonians driving more fuel-efficient vehicles or driving less.

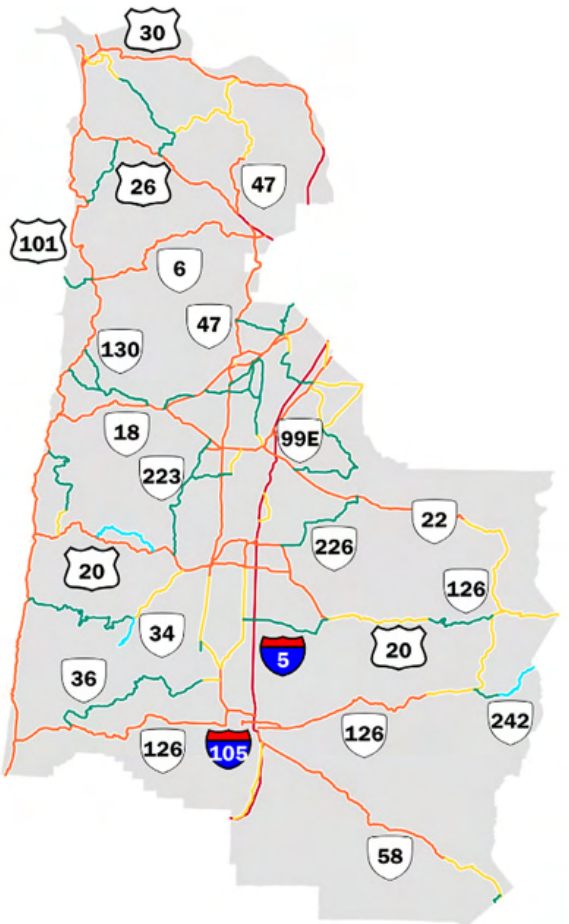
The department can begin using the money now, and it will be officially approved by the Legislature in the 2024 session.

Kotek said in a statement she plans to find long-term solutions to ensure highways meet the needs of Oregon residents, businesses and visitors. The Legislature will work on a major transportation funding package in the 2025 legislative session.

"In the meantime, I greatly appreciate Senate President Wagner and House Speaker Rayfield for prioritizing this funding now so that Oregonians can have safer road conditions this winter," Kotek said.

The \$19 million commitment includes \$8 million for buying materials like deicer and salt and lifting the agency's restriction on overtime. That would allow staff to work longer hours during storms and their aftermath.

Another \$4 million would go toward replacing 10 trucks primarily used for snow plowing. The department has approximately 400 trucks, many of which are beyond service life. The new trucks will be on the road by next winter because it takes a long time



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to order and purchase them.

The final \$7 million would be used mostly for spring repairs to roads damaged by winter freeze cycles. The agency will get \$4.5 million to patch pavement and fix potholes throughout the state and \$2.5 million to retrace edge lines on highways with 3,000 or fewer daily drivers next spring.

"Whether it's July or January, Oregonians need to be able to travel safely on our highways," said Wagner, D-Lake Oswego. "This commitment from myself and Speaker Rayfield — in coordination with our budget co-chairs — guarantees critical funding to keep Oregonians safe throughout the year."

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Aufderheide Drive

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including a large rockslide that closed the road for several months in 2017. Terwilliger Hot Springs remains open but could be difficult to access. The road is not maintained for snow and ice, and sections may not be passable in winter. Call the McKenzie River Ranger Station at (541) 822-3381 for conditions.

"Forest Road 19 has been reduced

to one lane because of a landslide, with the possibility that more rocks could fall," said District Ranger Darren Cross. "If folks choose to drive into the area, they should check conditions, have a full tank of gas with provisions such as food and water, and the ability to self-rescue as many areas have no cell service."

Visitors are encouraged to "know

before you go" by checking area weather and road conditions before heading into the forest. Heavy rains, landslides, debris flows, and flash floods can pose serious risks. Visitors should also be aware of increased risks in burned areas, such as falling trees, limbs, and falling rocks.



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