

# 2023 Q4 (10/01/2023 - 12/31/2023)

## HORIZON Quarterly Issues Programs List

Horizon Broadcasting Group is involved in their communities. Management and staff regularly attempt to ascertain the most pressing issues and needs of the community, and then to present programming which addresses those issues and needs. The following list shows some of the significant issues responded to by the station notes along with examples of programming aired to treat those issues during the quarter noted. The listing is by no means exhaustive and the order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

### RADIO STATION: KRCCO-FM

ISSUE	PROGRAM	DATE(S)	TIME(S)	DURATION(S)	DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM OR SEGMENT
VARIOUS (PUBLIC AFFAIRS)	COUNTRY'S GREATEST HITS	DAILY	HOURLY	20 TO 90 SECONDS EACH	ROTATING PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS, ONCE AN HOUR, IN ALL LOCALLY PROGRAMED HOURS (PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS ATTACHED).
VARIOUS (PUBLIC AFFAIRS, NEWS AND INFORMATION)	INSIDE CENTRAL OREGON	SUNDAYS	7:30 AM	30 MINUTES	PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAM COVERING ISSUES THAT AFFECT CENTRAL OREGON AND BEYOND. (SCHEDULE ATTACHED), HOSTED BY DAVE CLEMENS.
VARIOUS (NEWS & INFORMATION)	WHAT'S TRENDING	WEEKDAYS	6:00 AM To 10:00 AM	60 Seconds	NEWSCAST THAT INCLUDES NATIONAL, STATE, REGIONAL AND LOCAL NEWS, AS WELL AS WEATHER, FIRE REPORTS, SCHOOL CLOSURES AND DELAYS AND ROAD CONDITIONS.
VARIOUS (NEWS & INFORMATION)	LOCAL NEWS ALERTS	VARIOUS	VARIOUS	VARIOUS	LOCAL NEWS ALERTS INCLUDING WILDFIRES, SCHOOL CLOSERS, WEATHER ALERTS, TRAFFIC SAFETY AND OTHER EMERGENCIES AFFECTING OUR COMMUNITIES.
VARIOUS	KRCCO MORNINGS	WEEKDAYS	MORNINGS	2 TO 5 MINUTES	INTERVIEWS WITH LEADERS AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ABOUT ISSUES THAT MATTER TO THE PUBLIC. TIMES, DATES AND GUEST INFORMATION IS ATTACHED.

WATER CONSERVATION	WATER WISE TIPS	THURSDAYS	8:50 AM	2 TO 5 MINUTES	DAN DENNING, THE WATER CONSERVATION MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF BEND SHARES A "WATER WISE TIP" TO HELP CONSERVE WATER.
FOOD INSECURITY	CENTRAL OREGON'S WORLD FOOD DAY	10/1/2023 - 10/16/2023	2x EACH WEEKDAY	ABOUT 5 MINUTES EACH	INTERVIEWED 9 DIFFERENT NONPROFITS ABOUT THEIR EFFORTS TO HELP WITH FOOD INSECURITY IN THE REGION, ON HOW OUR LISTENERS CAN HELP, OR GAIN ACCESS TO THE MANY PROGRAMS AVAILABLE.

## INSIDE CENTRAL OREGON 2023 - QUARTER 4

10/01/2023	<p>Angela Doescher Bonnie Vandiver Bess Goggins Dave Clemens</p>	<p>Advocate, Help-Hope-Live Pin Up, Patriot Pin Up, Inc – Oregon Chapter CEO, Boys and Girls Clubs Host, Inside Central Oregon</p>	<p>Medical Alert Dog Fundraiser Veterans &amp; Active Military Childcare needs and fundraiser Public Service Announcements</p>
10/08/2023	<p>Kim Gammond James Morris David Fabricius</p>	<p>Executive Director, City Club of Central Oregon Board of Directors and Editor, Dry Canyon Art Association Motivational Speaker</p>	<p>Dialogue about Community Issues Art, Youth Benefits of Fire Walking</p>
10/15/2023	<p>Molly Honca Angela Doescher Marla Manning Cheryle Pellerin</p>	<p>Development &amp; Communications Manager, Think Wild Advocate, Help-Hope-Love Producer, Silent Echo Theatre Company Actress</p>	<p>Wildlife Conservation Medical Alert Dog Fundraiser Community Theater</p>
10/22/2023	<p>Cheryl Csiky Andrea Weaver Tasha Lundbom</p>	<p>Executive Director, In Our Backyard Recreation Coordinator, Crook County Parks &amp; Recreation Athletic Coordinator, Crook County Parks &amp; Recreation</p>	<p>Human Trafficking, fundraiser Parks &amp; Rec community Events Youth Sports</p>
10/29/2023	<p>Sarah-Anne Reed</p>	<p>Holistic Dog Trainer, Pack Dynamics</p>	<p>Pet Mental Health and Training</p>
11/05/2023	<p>Jane McGuire Lauren Lebien Ranae Staley Brendan Madina Ezra Morales Dave Clemens</p>	<p>Executive Director, Hospice of Redmond Marketing Coordinator, Hospice of Redmond Executive Director, The Giving Plate Student/Club Member, Mountain View Robotics Student/Club Member, Mountain View Robotics Host, Inside Central Oregon</p>	<p>Hospice Hospice Food Insecurity Education, High School Robotics Club Education, High School Robotics Club Public Service Announcements</p>

11/12/2023	Cassie Reimball Scott Douglass Bess Goggins Aaron Switzer	Executive Director, Council on Aging of Central Oregon CEO, Cascade Relays CEO, Boys & Girls Club of Bend Publisher, The Source Weekly	Support and services for the elderly "I Like Pie" fundraising event Youth programs, family support Central Oregon Gives, charity
11/19/2023	Melissa Williams Amanda Joe Luelling Dave Clemens	Executive Director, Every Child Central Oregon Events Director, Redmond Chamber of Commerce & CVB Host of Inside Central Oregon	Support for foster families, fundraising Commerce & Community Public Service Announcements
11/26/2023	Carol Stiles Jane McGuire Lauren Lebien Dave Clemens	Interim Executive Director, Stroke Awareness Central Oregon Executive Director, Hospice of Redmond Marketing Coordinator, Hospice of Redmond Host of Inside Central Oregon	Stroke prevention and treatment Hospice Hospice Public Service Announcements
12/03/2023	Cathie Coe Sipe Maureen Dooley Jody Shaffer, Whitney Russell	Founding Director, New Each Morning Communications Director, Partners In Care Toys for Tots Coordinator for Central Oregon Writer and Co-Producer, Bits and Skits	Post Addiction Recovery Support Hospice, End of Life Planning Under-Privileged Children Toys for Tots Fundraiser
12/10/2023	Molly Honea Heidi Hagenmeier	Development & Communications Coordinator, Think Wild Director of Comm. & Visitor Exp., High Desert Museum	Wildlife Education
12/17/2023	Staley Micken Lindsay Greco	Development Director, Mountain Star Project Coordinator, Christmas Tree Project of Bend	Child Abuse Prevention Christmas tree Donations
12/24/2023	Sarah Mahnke	Executive Director, Thrive – Central Oregon	Low Income Housing
12/31/2023	Heidi Hagenmeier Staley Micken	Director of Comm. & Visitor Exp., High Desert Museum Development Director, Mountain Star	Education Child Abuse Prevention

## Greg Pollack Financial presents Central Oregon's World Food Day

Join us October 1st through October 16th, 2023

Too many of our Central Oregon neighbors face food insecurity. Fortunately, there are several nonprofit organizations in our region that are dedicated to helping. Horizon Broadcasting Group is proud to shine a light on their efforts and support them during the first annual Central Oregon recognition of World Food Day. Each weekday, from October 1st through October 16th, Greg Pollack Financial is sponsoring interviews with the nonprofits that are making a difference and could use your help.

Catch the Greg Pollack Financial Central Oregon World Food Day interviews:

**105.7 KQAK at 9:35a and 4:35p**

**95.7 The Ranch at 8:50a and 4:50p**

**The Peak 104.1 at 10:35a and 5:35p**

- ✓ Monday 10/2 Sharon Maier-Kennelly, High Desert Food & Farm Alliance
- ✓ Tuesday 10/3 Carly Auten, NeighborImpact
- ✓ Wednesday 10/4 Lexie Park, Central Oregon Locavore
- ✓ Thursday 10/5 Donna Burklo, Family Kitchen
- ✓ Friday 10/6 Cassie Regimbal, Council on Aging of Central Oregon
- ✓ Monday 10/9 Kathy May, Madras Community Food Pantry
- ✓ Tuesday 10/10 Cynthia Kane, Bend Food Project
- ✓ Wednesday 10/11 Audrey Tehan, Seed to Table
- ✓ Thursday 10/12 Ranae Staley, The Giving Plate
- ✓ Friday 10/13 Sharon Meyer Kennelly, High Desert Food & Farm Alliance

Monday 10/16 is World Food Day. Listen for the Central Oregon Food Day Wrap Up, presented by Gregg Pollack Financial

Food insecurity has become a pressing problem, especially during the pandemic. In Central Oregon, the tri-county region faces a critical need for food assistance. *Feeding America's 2021* data reveals that **2,740** residents in Crook County, **18,800** residents in Deschutes County, and **2,920** residents in Jefferson County are food insecure. These numbers are alarming, and we need your help to make a difference.

World Food Day, established by the United Nations, serves as a reminder that millions of people worldwide cannot afford a healthy and nutritious diet. It is a call to action for our community to come together and make a difference. The nonprofit organizations listed below regularly partner on projects and are committed to providing help, resources, and delivering healthy food to those in need.

You can make a difference by volunteering your time or making a gift to support these organizations. Whether you can spare a few hours to help distribute food or contribute financially, every contribution counts. Together, we can make a significant impact on food insecurity in Central Oregon.

Join us on October 16, 2023, for Central Oregon's World Food Day. Together, let's raise awareness, support our local nonprofit organizations, and work towards a community where everyone has access to healthy and nutritious food.

## **INTERVIEW**

**Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

### **Guest:**

Molly Honea  
Development and Communications Coordinator  
Think Wild

### **Topic:**

- Wildlife vs Halloween Decorations

**Length:** 1 Minutes, 52 Seconds

**Interviewer:** Dave

**Stations:** KQAK, KWPK & KRCO-FM

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## **INTERVIEW**

**Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

### **Guest:**

Marla Manning  
Producer, Silent Echo Theater Company

Cheryle Pellerin, Actress

### **Topic:**

- Steel Magnolias
- Show runs October 19-29th at Sisters Middle School

**Length:** 3 Minutes, 55 Seconds

**Interviewer:** Janelle

**Stations:** KQAK, KWPK & KRCO-FM

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## **INTERVIEW**

**Thursday, October 28, 2023**

### **Guest:**

David Miller

Lifestyle Director

Mt. Bachelor Assisted Living and Memory Care

### **Topic:**

- Public invite for trick or treating

**Length:** 3 Minutes, 4 Seconds

**Interviewer:** Janelle

**Stations:** KQAK, KWPK & KRCO-FM

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## **INTERVIEW**

**Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

### **Guest:**

Ranae Staley  
Executive Director  
The Giving Plate

### **Topic:**

- Santa's Plate
- The Jingle Store
- Food Insecurity

**Length:** 3 Minutes, 21 Seconds

**Interviewer:** Dave

**Stations:** KQAK, KWPK & KRCO-FM

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## **INTERVIEW**

**Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

### **Guest:**

Brendan Medina & Ezra Morales  
Students/Club Members  
Mountain View High School Robotics Club

### **Topic:**

- Robotics Club
- Robotics Competition
- Garage Sale Fundraiser

**Length:** 4 Minutes, 2 Seconds

**Interviewer:** Dave

**Stations:** KQAK, KWPK & KRCO-FM

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## **INTERVIEW**

**Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

### **Guest:**

Tim Noah  
Performer

### **Topic:**

- This Must Be Christmas
- Historic Tower Theatre

**Length:** 3 Minutes, 27 Seconds

**Interviewer:** Jimbo

**Stations:** KQAK, KWPK & KRCO-FM

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## **INTERVIEW**

**Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

### **Guest:**

Jody Shaffer, Toys for Tots Coordinator for Central Oregon  
Whitney Russell, Writer and co producer for Bits and Skits

### **Topic:**

- How and where to donate to Toys4Tots  
Event benefiting Toys4Tots

**Length:** 1 Minutes, 37 Seconds

**Interviewer:** Janelle

**Stations:** KQAK, KWPK & KRCO-FM

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## **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **HORIZON BROADCASTING GROUP 2023 Q4**

[End 10/01] The **wiener dog and bulldog races** are on Sunday, October 1st, at Troy Field in Downtown Bend. To register your furry friend and learn more about the event, visit [Bend Fall Festival.com](http://BendFallFestival.com)

[End 10/01] **Central Oregon Sparrow Clubs** has announced that tickets are officially on sale for the thirteenth annual "Swinging with the Stars" event, scheduled for Saturday, October 21st at The Tower Theatre! "Swinging With the Stars" is modeled after the "Dancing with the Stars" TV show. Featuring 8 local community Stars, paired with professional dancers. Get more information at [Swinging With The Stars.org](http://SwingingWithTheStars.org)

[End 10/01] NeighborImpact's Child Care Resources is seeking qualified applicants for free, quality child care for children ages six weeks to three years. The program, **Baby Promise**, provides fully-funded quality child care through child care providers in Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. Apply by going to [Neighbor Impact.org](http://NeighborImpact.org) and clicking on Get Help.

[End 10/05] **Anabelle's 10th Anniversary Angel Glow** event will be at sunset on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> this year at the Old Mill District "Grassy Lot". The 5K timed run and 1-mile Fun Mile is a charity event with 100% of the proceeds going directly to children in Central Oregon with medical needs. Get more information at [MyCentralOregon.com](http://MyCentralOregon.com)

[End 10/06] **The Patriot Pin Up, Inc. Central Oregon Chapter** is looking for raffle donations for their upcoming Sock Hop on October 7th. The sock hop is an annual event held at the Bend VFW hall, and is great fun for the whole family! Patriot Pin Up Inc. is a nonprofit, supporting the needs of our local veterans. Learn more at [MyCentralOregon.com](http://MyCentralOregon.com).

[End 10/06] **Comedy for Kids' Sake**, will be a heartwarming evening, celebrating the power of mentorship and the positive impact it has on the lives of young people on Saturday, October 7th. The fundraising event will feature a comedy show, and live and silent auctions. Every dollar raised will directly support Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Oregon and their

mission in providing mentorship to young people facing adversity. More information at [bbsco.org/events](http://bbsco.org/events)

[End 10/07] **Diamonds and Dust**, the annual fundraiser for Healing Reins is back on Saturday October 7th @ 5pm at Healing Reins' brand new Tumalo site off of Cline Falls Road. Visit [www.healingreins.ORG](http://www.healingreins.ORG) for tickets and table sales! Event Highlights include: a southern style dinner catered by Southern Accent, a chance to win a \$5000 diamond from Pav-A Fine Jewelry, live & silent auctions, photo booth and dancing! Go to [MyCentralOregon.com](http://MyCentralOregon.com) for more information.

[End 10/11] Come play BINGO at Midtown Yacht Club in Bend, from 6p-8p on Wednesday, October 11th and help out **Street Dog Hero**! There will be food trucks, cold drinks, and some pups looking for their forever homes. Go to [Street Dog Hero.org](http://StreetDogHero.org) for more information.

[End 10/11] On Thursday, October 12th, during Breast Cancer Awareness month, **Breast Implant Safety Alliance** advocate, Sherri Gorbett, hopes to empower women with her fashion show event to raise awareness about breast cancer and breast implant safety at General Duffy's. Tickets are available now at [Bend Ticket.com](http://BendTicket.com)

[End 10/12] **Deschutes Historical Museum's Historical Haunts of Downtown Bend walking tours** are happening Friday & Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. The museum is offering 32 one-hour tours starting at the historic Reid School building, now home to the Deschutes Historical Museum, and ends downtown. This fundraiser and membership drive for the Deschutes Historical Museum does sell out. Get more information at [Deschutes History.org](http://DeschutesHistory.org)

[End 10/13] Bend's 2nd annual **Walk Like MADD** is a community event that raises funds to support Mothers Against Drunk Driving. It takes place on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, at 9am, at Alpenglow Park in Bend. Learn more and register at [Walk Like Madd.org](http://WalkLikeMadd.org)

[End 10/15] Hospice of Redmond has become a partner of **Pet Peace of Mind**, a program that provides a care model for the pets of hospice patients. The

program aims to keep hospice patients with their pets when they can no longer care for them due to their worsening health. To learn more about the Pet Peace of Mind program, visit [Hospice of Redmond.org/pet-peace-of-mind](http://HospiceofRedmond.org/pet-peace-of-mind)

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[End 10/19] Experience the beauty, sounds, tastes, and spirit of Ethiopia at the **ReachAnother Foundation's Evening for Ethiopia Gala!** Your support ensures the continuation of life-saving medical treatment and aftercare that give children in Ethiopia the chance to live full and productive lives. The Gala is Saturday, October 21st at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Central Oregon. Visit [reachanother.org](http://reachanother.org) to learn more and purchase tickets.

[End 10/27] Support the **Redmond VFW** on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, for its first annual red, white and blue concert and benefit. The proceeds will go to needed improvements at VFW. Cheyenne West Band will be performing, and a Hawaiian barbecue dinner will be provided by the membership. Tickets are sold online for \$35. The QR code can be found on VFW's Facebook page. The event starts at 5 PM and will last until 10 PM. The event is 21 and over after 8 PM.

[End 10/28] **The Bend Food Project Quilt Sale** will be on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at Unitarian Fellowship at 61980 Skyland Ranch Road in Bend from 9a to 2p. Over 200 quilts of all colors, sizes and themes will be sold and all proceeds will be donated to the Bend Food Project to buy food for local children. Get more information at [MyCentralOregon.com](http://MyCentralOregon.com) when you click on EVENTS.

[End 10/30] October is designated as **Fire Prevention Month** in Oregon, dedicated to learning about fire safety, and this year's theme is "Cooking Safety Starts with You. Pay Attention to Fire Prevention." For more information about Fire Prevention Month and cooking safety resources, visit the Oregon State Fire Marshal website.

[End 10/31] The Bureau of Land Management hosts a **bat beauty contest** to find the most stunning bat photographed on BLM public lands across the county. This year, BLM offices in Oregon/Washington will be placing their hopes on William ShakespEAR, a Townsend's big-eared bat from Butte Falls. To cast your ballot for William, visit the Bureau of Land Management on Facebook or Instagram

[End 11/01] Partners In Care is hosting a community service of remembrance and gratitude to honor loved ones on Thursday, November 2, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Partners In Care headquarters in Bend. The **Light Up a Life** evening will feature a luminaria walk, live music, and name reading ceremony in memory of loved ones who have passed and to honor those still with us. It's free and open to the public. You can submit names at [partnersbend.org/light](http://partnersbend.org/light).

[End 11/02] Boys & Girls Club of Bend is inviting you to join them on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> for their **Flannel & Frost Fundraiser**. Don your flannel shirts and frosty accessories for an evening of fun, entertainment, and giving back to the community. Get tickets and more information at [MyCentralOregon.com](http://MyCentralOregon.com)

[End 11/09] If you're interested in hearing the **results of the recent community health survey** and sharing feedback, you're invited to attend one of the dinner events being hosted throughout the region. The first 50 adults registered and in attendance will receive a \$50 VISA gift card, a catered meal and mileage compensation. You must be 18 years or older and you can only attend one event.

Prineville: Tuesday (11/7)

La Pine: Wednesday (11/8)

Madras: Thursday (11/9)

More information at [C O Health Council.org](http://C O Health Council.org)

[End 11/10] If you would like to support **Mountain View High School Robotics**, come to their garage sale on November 11th from 9AM to 3PM. They are also accepting donations. Contact Todd Andresen at Mountain View High School for any questions you may have or go to [team753.org](http://team753.org).

[End 11/11] **The High Desert Museum's Endangered in the High Desert exhibit** opens on Saturday, and it calls attention to species in the region that



are either facing or recovering from the threat of extinction. Get more information about The High Desert Museum at [High Desert Museum.org](http://HighDesertMuseum.org)

[End 11/11] In honor of Veterans Day and to increase recreational access to public land, the Bureau of Land Management is waiving recreation standard amenity and day-use fees for visitors on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Get more information about **BLM's fee-free days** at [BLM.gov](http://BLM.gov) and click on Permits and Fees.

[End 11/12] The **Dry Canyon Arts Association's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show** and Sale, featuring over 50 local and NW artists, will benefit Redmond Elementary Schools art programs, and takes place on Saturday and Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at Redmond High School Commons. We have more information at [MyCentralOregon.com](http://MyCentralOregon.com)

[End 11/15] Oregon **big game hunting** seasons are well underway and the Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division is reminding hunters that they must have a valid big game tag in their possession for the species and area they are hunting. Both paper and electronic tags are recognized. For additional information about big game hunting and hunting and angling regulations, visit the ODFW website or OSP's Fish and Wildlife website.

[End 11/16] City of Central Oregon Club presents: **The Future of E-Bikes in Bend** on November 16<sup>th</sup> at the "Riverhouse on the Deschutes" Convention Center. What can we do to prevent further tragedies while acknowledging the importance of e-bikes role in mobility and transportation? To register and learn more about the event, please visit [City Club C O.org](http://CityClubCO.org)

[End 11/17] **Bend Fire and Rescue's Annual Coat Drive** is underway and going until November 17<sup>th</sup>. This year, they are focusing on the need for children's coats. They are accepting new or slightly used jackets, hats, and gloves. There are large blue bins outside the front door at all six of Bend's Fire Stations, including their Westside Admin Building.

[End 11/18] Here's a story about people doing good: Greater Bend Rotary, Rotary Club of Bend, Mt Bachelor Rotary, High Desert Rotary, Sisters Rotary and the Kiwanis Club of Prineville will join forces with **Sleep in Heavenly Peace** at the Deschutes County Fairground and Expo Center this Saturday to build beds for children in need. The lumber was donated by

Miller Lumber, and Mountain View Heating donated a 14-foot Ford box van to deliver the beds.

[End 11/20] **Shepherd's House Ministries** is looking for food donations for their Annual Thanksgiving Meal, which will be hosted on Wednesday, November 22 at their Lighthouse Navigation Center in Bend. Donations can be dropped off at Shepherd's House Ministries located at 1854 NE Division Street, Bend. More information at [S H Ministries.org](http://SHMinistries.org)

[End 11/24] Gather your loved ones and head to The Old Mill District between 7:30 and 9:30 Thanksgiving morning for a festive 1.5-mile or 5K run or walk. At the finish line, enjoy a celebration with music, community, photo ops, and PIE! The first 3,000 people to register will snag a 2023 "I Like Pie" beanie, and EVERY registrant will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win two tickets to the Seattle Seahawks vs Steelers game in Seattle on New Year's Day! Learn more at [I Like Pie Bend.com](http://ILikePieBend.com)

[End 11/24] "**Green Friday**" is almost here. The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department will once again waive day-use parking fees the day after Thanksgiving. Parking is free year-round at almost all state parks, so, the waiver applies to the 24 parks that charge 5 dollars daily for parking.

[End 11/28] **Nerd Night Presents: Science Trivia** at the Pour House Grill in Bend on Tuesday, November 28th. Grab your friends, form a team, and compete against other brainiacs for the title of ultimate science trivia champion. Get there at 5:30 - the games start at 6. It's free and hosted by Skeptoid Media, an educational nonprofit organization. Find "Bend Nerd Night" on Facebook for more information.

[End 11/30] If you're a Central Oregon educator with something cool to share about the work you do, be part of **The Shared Experience**, Central Oregon's version of TED-Ed Talks with a twist. Speakers, poets, artists, photographers, musicians and all are invited to participate. For more information, email [diane.murray@hdesd.org](mailto:diane.murray@hdesd.org).

[End 12/02] A winter storm watch is in place in many parts of Oregon and SW Washington. That means the mountains are expected to see heavy snow and the valleys will see heavy rainfall. Wind gusts could be as high as 55mph. **The Red Cross** has some tips to weather the storm, whether you are

staying home or if you have plans to travel over the passes. Learn more at [Red Cross.org](https://www.RedCross.org)

[End 12/01] Cascade Relays is presenting the first-ever **Reindeer Rush**—an annual children’s event that marks the start of the Christmas Parade in downtown Bend on the morning of Saturday, December 2nd. This year, registration is free and the first 500 kids to sign up will receive a reindeer headband to wear. The Rush follows the parade route on Wall Street, with kids parading a few short blocks to the finish line, showcasing their holiday flair. Learn more at [cascade-relays.com](https://www.cascade-relays.com)

[End 12/02] **Hospice of Redmond’s Festival of Trees**, is returning to the Deschutes County Fairgrounds on Saturday, December 2nd. Funds raised will allow Hospice of Redmond to provide terminally ill people, and their families, services not covered by Medicare or private insurance. Get more information at [hospice of redmond.org](https://www.hospiceofredmond.org).

[End 12/03] Come meet Mr. & Mrs. Claus at the **Tree Lighting Festival at Indian Head Casino** in Warm Springs on Sunday, December 3rd from 6 to 8pm! See the largest digital tree in Oregon, take a photo with Mr. & Mrs. Santa Clause, check out the special booth for kids to write a letter to Santa, enjoy Christmas carols, complimentary cookies, cupcakes, hot cocoa, native tea and coffee and holiday craft Booths! For more information, visit [Indian Head Casino.com](https://www.IndianHeadCasino.com)

[End 12/7] The **Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division** is seeking public assistance in locating whoever is responsible for the take and waste of two spike bull elk and a cow elk in Lincoln County, two bear cubs, a wolf, and a big horn sheep ram in Baker County, Rocky Mountain Elk in Umatilla and Morrow Counties, a Roosevelt Bull Elk near Scappoose and a forked-horn buck deer in Harlan. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Oregon State Police Dispatch.

[End 12/09] In recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Endangered Species Act, the **High Desert Museum** is embarking on a yearlong series of exhibitions and public programs to explore and reflect on the ESA’s impact in the High Desert and beyond. “Andy Warhol’s “Endangered Species” exhibition will be open to the public on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> through April 7<sup>th</sup> of 2024. For additional information, visit [high desert museum.org](https://www.highdesertmuseum.org).

[End 12/10] The **Redmond Community Choir** presents their "Sounds of the Season" holiday concert on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at Redmond High School. *[The program will start with a variety of music ranging from classical, jazz, gospel and contemporary. The second half of the concert will feature both traditional and new arrangements of holiday favorites.]* The concert is free! Redmond Community Choir is a nonprofit organization, and is a COCC Community Education program. Get more information at My Central Oregon.com

[End 12/16] On Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, from 10a-2p, bring unwrapped gifts to the **Think Wild** booth outside of Wild Birds Unlimited, where staff and volunteers will use biodegradable and Earth-friendly wrapping materials to adorn your gifts! Enjoy a hot apple cider and learn about Think Wild activities while you wait. Donations are encouraged and you can get more information at Think Wild C O.org \*\*

[End 12/16] Your last Chance to see **Santa at the Bend VFW** is this Saturday from 4:30 to 7pm. The VFW will have hot cocoa and snacks, as well as some activities to keep the kids happy until it's their turn to meet Santa. This is a free event, but donations are appreciated. Be sure to bring your phone to snap a picture with Santa and your kids. \*\*

[End 12/16] **Healing Reins** is celebrating the holidays with their Healing Herd this Saturday from 2pm-4pm for a holiday drive-thru like no other! Bring your family on a driving tour of the beautiful 20-acre farm in Southeast Bend off of Billadeau Road, and hand your holiday wish list to Santa himself, sip on hot cocoa, and have the horses come up to your car window to say hello. Healing Reins' cheery staff and volunteers can't wait to see you this Saturday from 2pm-4pm.

[End 12/16] Create Holiday Magic with **Santa's Plate** on December 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> at The Riverhouse. Walk through enchanting scenes, meet Santa, Buddy the Elf, Star Wars heroes, ballerinas, and princesses. Your child can craft their own Santa's Cookie Plate as a cherished keepsake. For just \$30, you're making memories and helping 900 low-income children in Central Oregon. Visit the Jingle Store for free. Secure your spot at the giving plate.org/santa \*\*

[End 12/18] If you're a student looking to kickstart a career in civil service and are looking for a fun, fulfilling way to spend your summer, the **Bureau**

**of Land Management is hiring** at least 100 paid student interns across the country, some of them right here in the Pacific Northwest. Job applications are open on USA jobs.gov through December 18. \*

[End 12/19] Because of Christmas, **Nerd Night** will be one week early this month. Usually on the last Tuesday of the month, they've moved it Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30-7:30pm, at the Pour House Grill in Bend. This Nerd Night, will include a special science presentation: The Secret Lives of Variable Stars, presented by Erika Dunning! Nerd Night is free and you can get more information at Skeptoid.com/events \*\*

[End 12/19] The **Christmas Tree Project of Bend** is dedicated to providing free, decorated Christmas trees to those who have physical limitations or who may not have the means to buy and decorate a tree each holiday season. The organization is seeking donations and volunteers to support the effort. To help or to receive, get information at Christmas Tree Project of Bend.org. \*\*

[End 12/21] If you're a student looking to kickstart a career in civil service and are looking for a fun, fulfilling way to spend your summer, the **Bureau of Land Management** is hiring at least 100 paid student interns across the country, some of them right here in the Pacific Northwest. They've extended accepting job applications through Thursday at USA jobs.gov.

[End 12/21] A "**Homeless Persons' Memorial Service**" will be held on the Winter Solstice, December 21<sup>st</sup>, the longest night of the year. Gather in the morning at the Bethlehem Inn in Redmond at 8 or in the evening at Bend's Drake Park at 5 to the right of the bandstand. This year marks the 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the "Homeless Persons' Memorial Day". \*\*

[End 12/22] **Shepherd's House Ministries** will do a Christmas Dinner at the newly opened Redmond Center at 1350 S Hwy 97, Redmond for those experiencing homelessness during the holiday season. You're being encouraged to drop off food items at the Redmond Center or Shepherd's House Donation Center in Bend. Get more information at Shepherds House Ministries.org \*

[End 12/22] **Shepherd's House Ministries 1st Annual Christmas** in Redmond event is this Friday, from 2pm to 4pm at their newly opened

Redmond Center facility and everyone is invited to join the celebration. It's a holiday dinner, some Christmas caroling, and a time of connections fostering community. Get more information at [Shepherds House Ministries.org](http://ShepherdsHouseMinistries.org)

[End 12/24] It's the gift giving season and **Stroke Awareness Oregon** has a great gift idea that may save a life! The book "Just Say Yes to Life" is 26 stories of stroke survivors and their journey through stroke. Get more information at [Stroke Awareness Oregon.org](http://StrokeAwarenessOregon.org) \*

[End 12/24] **Think Wild** would like to remind you to consider local wild life when decorating your house for the holidays. Don't block the flight paths of birds, or where deer walk and remember to turn off your outdoor lights at night to avoid confusing migrating birds. Learn more at [Think Wild C O.org](http://ThinkWildCO.org)

[End 12/28] Every Thursday in December, the **High Desert Museum** will host fun and festive Winter Nights events — offering participants a break from their busy work weeks with unique evenings out. For Winter Nights, the Museum will remain open until 7:30 pm with seasonal themes as well as a chance to experience new exhibits and engaging activities for all ages. Get more information at [High Desert Museum.org](http://HighDesertMuseum.org) \*

[End 12/29] Central Oregon Scouts BSA will be collecting and **recycling Christmas trees** in your community on the weekends of December 30th and 31 and January 6th and 7th. They request a donation of \$10 but will gladly accept more. The money raised from the scouts' efforts will go to support the local Scout troops of Central Oregon. Go to [Take Your Tree.com](http://TakeYourTree.com) to learn more. \*

[End 12/30] Oregon State Parks will host **Winter Whale Watch Week** at 15 sites along the Oregon Coast Wednesday, Dec. 27 to Sunday, Dec. 31.

*[Every year, thousands of gray whales migrate south through Oregon's waters at the end of December, and state parks invites visitors to the coast to see their journey.]* Trained volunteers will be stationed at 15 sites to help visitors spot whales, share information and answer questions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily. There's more information at [O R Whale Watch.org](http://ORWhaleWatch.org) \*

[End 12/31] **Sleep in Heavenly Peace** is looking for bedding supplies to send out with the beds they build for children who don't have a bed of their own. The Bend Starbucks stores have barrels to receive twin-size sheets,

quilts, blankets and pillows, or, you can go to their Amazon page, choose an item, and have it sent directly to them. Go to [SHPBeds.org](http://SHPBeds.org) and look up our local chapter.

[End 12/31] The **Central Oregon Gives** campaign is going on now, and raises funds for Central Oregon nonprofits through tax-deductible donations. Each donor who contributes \$25 or more receives a thank you gift from a local business, such as a pint of beer or cup of coffee and is also entered to win larger prizes. Nonprofits that raise the most money also receive additional donations from generous foundations or local businesses. Go to [Central Oregon Gives.com](http://CentralOregonGives.com). \*

[End 12/31] The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is partnering with America's State Parks for free guided **First Day Hikes** in state parks on New Year's Day. Go to [Oregon State Parks.org](http://OregonStateParks.org) and click on THINGS TO DO and then EVENT CALENDAR.

[End 01/01] Bend Police would like to remind the community of the dangers of **driving under the influence**. They have arrested nearly 600 drivers for DUII in 2023. Please do your part to keep our roads safe – if you're going to drink or do drugs, please be responsible and call a cab, use a rideshare or otherwise arrange for a sober driver to pick you up.

[End 01/03] **High Desert Food and Farm Alliance** invites you to their first annual SOUPer Bowl Saturday, February 3 at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Skyline Drive in Bend. The fun, family-friendly event is a fundraiser to help ensure that everyone has access to good food! For \$15, attendees will get to sample soups from over a dozen local restaurants. Ticket sales begin on January 3<sup>rd</sup> at [HDFFA.org](http://HDFFA.org)

[End 01/04] The **Council on Aging of Central Oregon** is hosting a flu and COVID vaccine clinic for people 60 and over. Stop by the Senior Services Center in Bend on Thursday, January 4th from 11am - 1pm. Call 541-699-5109 for more information or click on EVENTS at [MyCentralOregon.com](http://MyCentralOregon.com) \*

[End 01/05] Central Oregon Scouts BSA will be collecting and **recycling Christmas trees** in your community on the weekend of January 6th and 7th. They request a donation of \$10 but will gladly accept more. The money raised from the scouts' efforts will go to support the local Scout troops of Central Oregon. Go to [Take Your Tree.com](http://TakeYourTree.com) to learn more. \*

[End 01/07] Join Dr. Josh Collins, Chair of the Sage Science Team for the East Cascades Audubon Society to learn about research into native wildflowers, as the missing link to sage-grouse recovery at McMenam's in Bend on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. This is a free event when you RSVP at **High Desert Museum.org**.

[End 01/12] The Timber Culture exhibit opens at the **High Desert Museum** on Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> and tells the story of Maxville—a segregated logging town that boomed in Oregon during the '20s and '30s. There's more information at High Desert Museum.org when you click EVENTS

[End 01/14] **Connect Central Oregon** is inviting you to join hands in service and celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on the MLK Day of Service on Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. To volunteer for a project of your choice, visit Volunteer.Connect Central Oregon.org.

[End 01/15] Oregon State University – Cascades' Science Pub series continues on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at Edward J. Ray Hall on the OSU-Cascades campus in Bend with "**The Roller Coaster of Hemp in Oregon,**" a talk on the history of the hemp industry in Oregon from its legalization in 2018 to today. To register, visit OSU Cascades.edu/event [dash] registration.

[End 01/19] Come to The High Desert Museum for 1920s-era music and signature cocktails at their speakeasy. Come dressed to impress in your finest threads for this 21 and older **prohibition party** on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 9pm. Find out more at High Desert Museum.org

[End 01/31] **Stroke Awareness Oregon** has a new free program called Stroke 101 that includes a slide show, trained presenters and needed materials that they offer to any group in Central Oregon that wishes to learn about stroke and stroke prevention. Get more information at Stroke Awareness Oregon.org \*

[End 02/02] **High Desert Food and Farm Alliance** invites you to their first annual SOUPer Bowl Saturday, February 3 at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Skyline Drive in Bend. The fun, family-friendly event is a fundraiser to help ensure that everyone has access to good food! For \$15, attendees will get to sample soups from over a dozen local restaurants. Get more information, and tickets at H D F F A.org



[End 04/01] If you would like to contribute to the **High Desert Droids High School Robotics Club**, so they can raise funds to build a robot and create experiences that will last a lifetime, go to “team 753.org”. Click on the dropdown, choose "Donation Page", and follow the instructions. \*

[End 04/30] The High Desert Museum is accepting submissions for the 2024 **Waterston Desert Writing Prize**, which honors creative nonfiction that illustrates artistic excellence, sensitivity to place and desert literacy, with deserts as both subject and setting. The submission deadline is May 1st. You can find more information at High Desert Museum.org. Just do as search there for “Waterston”.

[End 04/07] In recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Endangered Species Act, the **High Desert Museum** is embarking on a yearlong series of exhibitions and public programs to explore and reflect on the ESA’s impact in the High Desert and beyond. “Andy Warhol's “Endangered Species” exhibition will be open to the public through April 7<sup>th</sup> of 2024. For additional information, visit high desert museum.org.

[End 04/27] The Timber Culture exhibit at the **High Desert Museum** runs through Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> and tells the story of Maxville—a segregated logging town that boomed in Oregon during the ‘20s and ‘30s. There’s more information at High Desert Museum.org when you click EVENTS

[End 05/14] Test your knowledge of local wildlife while supporting Think Wild. **Wildlife Trivia** is the second Tuesday of each month The Lot. Help Think Wild protect native wildlife, win awesome prizes and learn more at Think Wild C O.org

[TFN] Have a drug problem? **Central Oregon High Desert Area of Narcotics Anonymous** can help. Their 24 hour Helpline is 541 416-2146. Or you can find them online at C O H D A N A.org. You never have to use again! \*

[TFN] **Voices Against Trafficking** seeks justice for all victims of human trafficking and child exploitation. A collective voice for the voiceless, they are committed to ending human bondage and sexual slavery. Their national and international partners include individuals, corporations, survivors, nonprofits, law enforcement agencies, legislators, media outlets and human

rights advocates. Learn more and help in the fight by going to [voices against trafficking.com](http://voicesagainsttrafficking.com)

[TFN] The **Council on Aging of Central Oregon** is seeking volunteers interested in helping support seniors. They need Meals on Wheels drivers in Bend and people interested in helping them connect volunteers with isolated tri-county seniors over the phone in their Caring Connections program. Get more information at [Council On Aging.org](http://CouncilOnAging.org)

[TFN] 1 in 8 children in the U.S. live in a household with a parent with a substance abuse disorder. **The Choose Joy Foundation** provides children in Central Oregon with basic needs, and they need your help. To learn more and support their ongoing effort, go to [Choose Joy Foundation.org](http://ChooseJoyFoundation.org).

[TFN] **Heart of Oregon Corps** is looking for 16-24-year-olds that need work, are looking for a place to gain real-life skills or want to get their GED or High School diploma while earning a stipend and meeting amazing friends? Heart of Oregon Corps has 6 programs hiring youth from all over Central Oregon. Visit [heart of oregon.org](http://heartoforegon.org) to find out more. Heart of Oregon Corps, Training Tomorrow's Workforce Today.

[TFN] **Every Child Central Oregon** advocate and supports local children and families impacted by foster care; committing to finding safe, nurturing homes where they can flourish during their time in care. To learn more about ECCO, how to become a resource provider, donate, or volunteer, please visit [every child central oregon.org](http://everychildcentraloregon.org)

[TFN] **CASA of Central Oregon** is looking for volunteers to help children in foster care. If you'd like to learn more about becoming a Court Appointed Special Advocate, go to [CASA of Central Oregon.org](http://CASAofCentralOregon.org).

[TFN] If you have a local event or information you'd like to share, tell us about it at **My Central Oregon.com**. My Central Oregon.com, click on events and select submit an event!

[TFN] **What If We Could.com** is a website for you to connect with over 100 local nonprofits with new opportunities every month to volunteer, give with in-kind donations, or participate in a small fundraising project. Get a co-worker or grab a family member to check it out and get involved at [what if we could dot com](http://whatifwecould.com)

[TFN] If you care for someone with Alzheimer's, you are not alone. **The Alzheimer's Association** is here to help. Visit [alz.org](http://alz.org). Or contact the 24/7 Helpline at 800-272-3900.

[TFN] **Street Dog Hero** serves dogs in need around the world and their communities through rescue, adoption, wellness, spay/neuter, and education. They also offer low-cost and free sterilization, advocacy, education, and outreach that makes lasting positive change in the lives of dogs (and cats) and their humans. To learn more about SDH, to foster or adopt, to volunteer, and to donate, go to [streetdoghero.org](http://streetdoghero.org).

[TFN] **Sleep in Heavenly Peace** wants to make sure that every child in Central Oregon has their own bunk bed and mattress. The national organization has provided more than 100,000 beds across the country, including 380 purchased, assembled and delivered to children in Central Oregon in just the last two years. SHP has free beds available and is looking for families who need them. You can apply for a bed for a child, donate, or sign up to volunteer at [shpbeds.org](http://shpbeds.org)

[TFN] Think Wild's mission is to inspire the high desert community to care for and protect native wildlife through education, conservation, rescue and rehabilitation. Check out **Think Wild's volunteer calendar** at [Think Wild CO.org](http://ThinkWildCO.org) to learn about different ways that you can help native wildlife and their habits in Central Oregon.

[TFN] The mission of **Rimrock Trails Treatment Services** is to provide comprehensive, evidence-based treatment services to improve the lives of individuals and families affected by mental health and substance use concerns. Learn more at [rimrocktrails.org](http://rimrocktrails.org).

[TFN] The **HIGH DESERT MUSEUM** brings together wildlife, cultures, art, history, and the natural world to convey the wonder of North America's High Desert. The Museum is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, and you can learn more about it at [highdesertmuseum.org](http://highdesertmuseum.org)

[TFN] **City Club of Central Oregon** is here to build a civic minded community through dialog that results in responsible civic engagement. To learn more, go to [City Club CO.org](http://CityClubCO.org)

[TFN] **Sparrow Clubs** provides financial and emotional support for children in medical need, they also empower kids of all ages to help others through charitable service in their communities. The Sparrow Clubs Program teaches life lessons in compassion and selflessness through building relationships between a Sparrow family, a school student body and our community. Learn more at [sparrowclubs.org](http://sparrowclubs.org).

[TFN] **Boys & Girls Clubs of Bend** provides youth opportunities for growth that inspire and empower them to reach their full potential in the classroom, at home and in our community. To learn more go to [BGC Bend.org](http://BGC Bend.org)

[TFN] **New Each Morning** is post-recovery support for women graduates of local recovery treatment programs. They need what you have to offer in supporting connection and hope. To volunteer or donate, go to [New Each Morning.org](http://New Each Morning.org)

[TFN] **Partners In Care** is a community-based non-profit that has been serving Central Oregon for over forty years with compassionate end of life care. Learn more about the services they provide at [Partners Bend.org](http://Partners Bend.org)

[TFN] If you care about a Veteran in Deschutes County, make sure they know about **Deschutes County Veterans' Services**. Their team is standing by to provide no cost support in understanding and filing for benefits. Call (541) 585-VETS, or email [vets@deschutes.org](mailto:vets@deschutes.org).

[TFN] **The American Red Cross** shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood and is the primary blood supplier to 65 hospitals throughout Washington and Oregon; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families. The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission. For more information, please visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org).

[TFN] **The Giving Plate** is on a mission to end hunger by reimagining food relief. From their flagship Grocery Program that serves over 1,000 families monthly to the transformative Kid's Korner program empowering children, The Giving Plate is creating a stronger, more compassionate community where no one goes hungry. To learn more, go to the [givingplate.org](http://givingplate.org).

[TFN] **Neighbor Impact's Early Head Start and Head Start** programs are designed to support children and families so that children are ready to go to school and be successful. Learn more by going to [Neighbor Impact.org](http://NeighborImpact.org) and clicking on **Get Help**.

[TFN] **Family Kitchen** is looking for volunteers to help with their regular meal service. You could cook, serve, master the dish pit or help hand out desserts, among other things. Learn more at [Family Kitchen.org](http://FamilyKitchen.org)

[TFN] **Madras Community Food Pantry** supports the residents of Jefferson County & Warm Springs who are at risk of food insecurity with high protein nutrient dense food choices. More information at [Madras Community Food Pantry.com](http://MadrasCommunityFoodPantry.com)