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QUARTERLY POSTING OF COMMUNITY PROBLEMS, NEEDS, AND
INTERESTS

First Quarter, 2024: January 1 through March 31

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McKenzie River Broadcasting Co., Inc.

Each quarter, on January 10, April 10, July 10 & October 10, we place in our public inspection file a list of what are considered to be the most significant Problems, Needs and Issues of the Springfield-Eugene, Oregon, community.

Along with this list are the programs that were aired to deal with these problems, needs and issues.

ASCERTAINMENT METHODS

The 1st Quarter, 2024, Issues List was finalized during discussions between Tracy Berry, Robb Holloway, and Kori Jones of KKNU-FM; Chadd Thomas, Kristi Thomas and Jeff Baird of KMGE-FM; John Tilson of McKenzie River Broadcasting, based on previous quarters' ascertainments, conversations, phone calls, and emails with listeners, community leaders and interaction with other members of the public. As always, the list is updated to reflect developing issues over the course of the quarter.

PROGRAMMING

To air information about these problems, needs and issues for KKNU-FM; McKenzie River Broadcasting Co., Inc., relies primarily on the following methods:

1. Community Forum: This is a 30 minute weekly program that offers in-depth examinations of community problems, needs and issues.
2. Newscasts Monday through Friday 6 AM, 7 AM & 8 AM. These include news stories and segments that target these problems, needs and issues.

McKenzie River Broadcasting Issues List

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**Note: Major breaking news stories that fall under these categories will be added as is appropriate and will be reflected in daily news and public affairs postings.*

ECONOMY, EMPLOYMENT, LABOR, FINANCES, INFLATION, BUSINESS, GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING, UTILITIES, COLLEGE & PRO SPORTS, EVENTS, ATTRACTIONS, HOLIDAYS, ENTERTAINMENT, LOTTERY: Economic recovery, inflation, interest rates, possible recession, including housing, fuel, food, and other prices; The influence of organized labor, especially in healthcare and education, post-pandemic including bargaining affecting nurses unions and teaching unions, as well as strikes; Workforce training; Legislature; Economy; Economic, downtown development, urban renewal, urban density; Affordable housing; Pac-12 dissolution, UO-OSU Athletics; Dan Lanning staying with Oregon Football; Other sports; Rural development, urban growth boundary; Road improvements; Local tech; Personal finance; Consumer prices; Legal cannabis; Immigration economics; Retirement concerns; County courthouse, City hall; Agriculture and farms; Technology; Energy prices, development; Cybersecurity and breaches.

DISASTERS, RECOVERY, DISASTER PREPAREDNESS, WILDFIRES, WILDFIRE RECOVERY, ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, WEATHER, CLIMATE CHANGE, AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, RECREATION: January ice storm, including utility outages, "boil water" advisory for many Springfield Utility Coard customers, road and highway closures, tree and home damage, school cancellations, and more; Wildfires and recovery; Community and residential "hardening" against wildfires; Climate change; Drought; Winter weather – snowpack and rain; Disaster and severe weather preparedness; Air quality; Climate change and health; Agriculture, Electrical grid; EVs; Natural gas referendum; Power generation; Offshore drilling; Wind, solar, and other "green" energy; Ocean health, Fisheries; Forest, wildlife, habitat; Hazardous materials; Pipelines; Oil trains; Cannabis & hemp; Pollinators; Pesticides, herbicides; Predator control including wolves, cougars, coyotes.

CRIME, SAFETY, POLICING, LAW ENFORCEMENT, ILLEGAL DRUGS: Drug & alcohol abuse, opioid epidemic; Addiction treatment; Debate over updates to Ballot Measure 110; Mental health; Police funding and policing guidelines; Community enforcement, social service funding shift; CAHOOTS; Illegal cannabis farms and businesses; Traffic safety; Cybersecurity; Severe weather, storms, natural disasters; Human trafficking; Youth protection; School safety; Child abuse; Gangs; Terrorism, Fires..

SOCIAL SERVICES, LOW-INCOME, HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS, CHARITY: Legislative package; Homelessness and Safe Sleep sites issues; Neighborhood, business, and community impacts; Crime, substance abuse, and homelessness; CAHOOTS and other alternate enforcement; Affordable housing; Homeless veterans, individuals, families, youth; "The Working Poor"; Minimum wage and living wages; Community agencies; Mental health; Older adults: Protection, health, housing, finances /

HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, PANDEMIC: Mental health; Opioid epidemic, drug abuse; Legal cannabis; Debate over updates to Ballot Measure 110; COVID-19 pandemic easing, lifting of restrictions, vaccines, treatments, long COVID; Other infectious diseases; Oregon Health Plan (Medicaid) and CCOs, ACA; Prescription drug prices; Obesity, diabetes & healthy eating; Food and product recalls; Abortion and reproduction; Childcare; Women's health; STDs, other illnesses & diseases; Environmental health, wildfire smoke, overall air quality; Safe water; Assisted suicide.

POLITICS, ELECTIONS, GOVERNMENT, COURTS: February's legislative special session; Debate over updates to Ballot Measure 110; State revenues, Legislative Emergency Board funding; Federal funding, shutdown threats, Congressional appropriations, state and local program funding; Local government; Racial justice & policing; School funding; Biden Administration, Congressional, and federal and state courts decisions impacting Oregon; Secession movements; Cybersecurity, data breaches /

SCHOOLS, STUDENTS, & EDUCATION: Schools and students, post-pandemic learning and assessments; Community college and higher education funding and program adjustments; College affordability; Curriculum, academic standards; Student honors; Student activism; Teacher contracts; New schools; Families; The childcare shortage.

TRANSPORTATION: Boeing grounding and safety issues following Alaska Airlines flight's loss of door plug shortly after takeoff from Portland's airport; Infrastructure needs and projects; Road and gas fees and taxes; Pedestrian, biker, rider safety; Hiking-biking trails; Airlines; Eugene's airport expansion; Lane Transit District; Hybrid, electric vehicles; Spring-summer travel; Rail safety; Transportation systems ridership recovery.

RACIAL JUSTICE, RACE, RACISM, BIPOC (BLACKS, INDIGENOUS, PEOPLE OF COLOR, TRIBES), LATINX, IMMIGRATION, CIVIL RIGHTS, CIVIL LIBERTIES, HUMAN RIGHTS, DISABILITIES, LEGAL, COMMUNITY, FAMILY, CHILDREN, YOUTH, OLDER ADULTS, RELIGION, WOMEN, LGBTQ, GENDER ISSUES, SEXUAL HARASSMENT, ANIMALS, PETS: Racial equality and administration of justice; Civil rights, Civil liberties; Older adults; Families and children; Youth programs & protection; Domestic-sexual violence; Immigration-DACA, LatinX community; LGBTQ; Fair housing; Privacy, cybersecurity; Religion, churches; Community and charitable events; Older adults; Pets, animal rights.

MILITARY, VETERANS, WAR ON TERRORISM: Veterans, jobs, mental health (PTSD, suicide, etc.) and homelessness; Military families; Homeland and local security; Balancing terrorism with civil rights; National Guard deployments; Oregonians in the military; Hacking and privacy.

KKNU-FM KMGE-FM KEUG-FM ISSUES / PROGRAMS LIST

ISSUES: *Finances, Housing, Low-Income, Employment, Economy*

NAME OF PROGRAM: COMMUNITY FORUM
Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 01/07/24 and 01/14/24

TIME: 6:30 a.m.: KKNU / 7:00 a.m.: KMGE & KEUG

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name, Title, Organization: Ross Kanaga

Contact information: ross.kanaga@devnw.org

City and State: Lane County, Oregon

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

The New Year is upon us. A lot of people like to make New Year's resolutions, but have you made any financial resolutions just to keep yourself financially fit? Ross Kanaga joins us, as he does every year, with tips from Dev Northwest. Kanaga says the pandemic disrupted a lot of people's budgeting and financial planning. While many built up their savings for a while, many have seen their savings diminish amid inflation and increases in grocery prices, rent, and housing costs. Kanaga says if you don't already have a spending plan, this is a good time to create one. Begin by tracking your expenses. It can be simple: Pull out a piece of paper or a virtual one on your phone and write down what you spend, from regular expenses to daily purchases. By doing this activity for a month, you just become more connected and aware of where your money is going. Kanaga says it sets you up better to develop a budget because instead of looking at your checking account you're seeing where the money flows. If you're sharing your financial life with someone else, it's really a good to start having these discussions. They do get easier over time. And once you've tracked your expenses, set some financial goals. They can be simple at first, but you can build on them over time. And make a spending plan. Figure out your priorities, work to create an emergency fund, and more. That includes, for many, tackling debt. And long-term, it should include saving. DevNW offers unlimited classes and counseling—all for a \$75 annual household membership. And the non-profit also offers classes and resources for first-time homeowners and those working to determine whether it makes sense to buy or to continue to rent. DevNW also has a workplace program to bring financial literacy to businesses and their workers.

KKNU-FM KMGE-FM KEUG-FM ISSUES / PROGRAMS LIST

ISSUES: *Employment, Economy, Families, Health, Government, Business*

NAME OF PROGRAM: **COMMUNITY FORUM**
Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 01/21/24

TIME: 6:30 a.m.: KKNU / 7:00 a.m.: KMGE & KEUG

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name, Title, Organization: State Employment Economist Gail Krumenauer, Oregon Employment Department Director David Gerstenfeld, Unemployment Insurance Director Lindsi Leahy, and Paid Leave Oregon Director Karen Madden Humelbaugh
Contact information: OED_COMMUNICATIONS@employ.oregon.gov
City and State: Salem and Wilsonville, Oregon

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

The Oregon Employment Department is sharing a handful of updates this week. Topics include Oregon's job situation, unemployment claims, tax information for individuals and businesses, the migration to a new benefits-filing system, and the Paid Family Leave program. State Employment Economist Gail Krumenauer offers a snapshot of the jobs picture. As we approach tax-filing season, Oregon Employment Department Director David Gerstenfeld offers an update, not only for those who received traditional jobless benefits, but those who received benefits through the state's new Paid Family Leave program. He also discusses Oregon's new contributions and benefits system for both Paid Leave Oregon and Unemployment Insurance, known as "Frances Online." We learn more about the Employment Department's expanded online portal, Frances Online, from Unemployment Insurance Director Lindsi Leahy. And Paid Leave Oregon Director Karen Madden Humelbaugh provide an update on Paid Leave Oregon and how workers and employers can avoid common mistakes when submitting applications for benefits.

KKNU-FM KMGE-FM KEUG-FM ISSUES / PROGRAMS LIST

ISSUES: *Health, Mental Health, Safety, Government*

NAME OF PROGRAM: COMMUNITY FORUM
Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 01/28/24 and 02/04/24

TIME: 6:30 a.m.: KKNU / 7:00 a.m.: KMGE & KEUG

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name, Title, Organization: Dr. Tom Jeanne, Deputy State Health Officer and Epidemiologist with the Public Health Division of the Oregon Health Authority
Contact information: Afiq.Hisham@oha.oregon.gov
City and State: Portland, Oregon

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

It's an educational campaign from the Oregon Health Authority with a focus on new ways of thinking about alcohol: Asking people to think beyond things like Dry January to, in a larger sense, alcohol's role in your life and in society. This morning, we learn more about Oregon's "ReThink the Drink" campaign. One in five people in Oregon drink excessively. Most people in this group are not affected by alcoholism or an alcohol use disorder. However, by drinking excessively, people increase their odds of developing an alcohol use disorder later in life. It's easy to cross the line into higher-risk drinking without realizing it, partly because society makes it easy for us to drink this way. Dr. Tom Jeanne, Deputy State Health Officer and Epidemiologist with the Public Health Division of the Oregon Health Authority discusses the campaign, which launched close to one year ago, and how it's being measured for success. Recent approaches included a public affairs and advertising campaign tailored for the holidays and the New Year; general trends in excessive alcohol consumption both over the past few years; and by demographic. "ReThink the Drink" also focuses on building a supportive group and community for people who are looking to make changes. And we offer tips for those seeking to reduce their drinking and for those who are supportive of them making that change.

KKNU-FM KMGE-FM KEUG-FM ISSUES / PROGRAMS LIST

ISSUES:

NAME OF PROGRAM: COMMUNITY FORUM
Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 02/11/24

TIME: 6:30 a.m.: KKNU / 7:00 a.m.: KMGE & KEUG

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name, Title, Organization: John LeBow, Vetrans Legacy board president

Contact information: <https://veteranslegacyoregon.org/>

City and State: Outside Veneta, Oregon

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

For many veterans, returning home after wartime can be a challenging reentry. Some are dealing with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder or have developed substance-abuse disorders. They are living on the streets. That's where Veterans Legacy comes in. The non-profit organization some years ago took over the Lane County Sheriff's former work camp out in the Coast Range southwest of Veneta, now known as Camp Alma. Veterans Legacy offers a therapeutic residential treatment facility in an agricultural setting that offers a unique approach and mission. Our guest this morning is John LeBow, the board president and one of the folks who helped found the organization. He discusses the effort to restore and refurbish the camp, updating rooms and furniture, to accommodate the 11 veterans it's currently serving. The oldest is 75 and the youngest is 30. Some clients are referred to the organization, but many are contacted through outreach by a peer mentor and others, who travel to areas where homeless individuals camp. LeBow says much of the residential treatment funding comes through state programs created when voters approved Ballot Measure 110 to specifically treat substance-abuse disorders. LeBow says, unfortunately, it's rare that they have a veteran on campus that doesn't have a dual diagnosis of mental-health and substance-abuse issues. In addition to providing a safe environment, Veterans Legacy offers peer mentors and connects clients to treatment services and counseling. Fundraising remains important. On February 24, the organization is hosting its Jukebox Memories dinner-dance-auction at the Elks Lodge at 1701 Centennial in Springfield.

KKNU-FM KMGE-FM KEUG-FM ISSUES / PROGRAMS LIST

ISSUES: *Business, Employment, Safety, Health, Economy, Government*

NAME OF PROGRAM: **COMMUNITY FORUM**
Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 02/18/24 and 02/25/24

TIME: 6:30 a.m.: KKNU / 7:00 a.m.: KMGE & KEUG

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name, Title, Organization: Aaron Corvin, Oregon OSHA, Oregon Department of Consumer & Business Services

Contact information: aaron.corvin@dcbs.oregon.gov

City and State: Salem, Oregon

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

It's a continuing effort to improve safety in the workplace. Early next month, there's a two-day event in Eugene. It is the Cascade Occupational Safety and Health conference. It's a joint effort of Oregon OSHA, a division of the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services, and the Cascade Chapter of the American Society of Safety Professionals. It offers a mix of speakers and seminars, exhibits, networking, all sorts of things that, as an employer or an employee, can help keep you and your company and its workers safe. This morning, we sit down with Aaron Corvin from the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services and Oregon OSHA. He says it's one thing to read all the safety paperwork and look at all the materials, but there's something about when you're there in person at a gathering like this and you can ask questions and interact with other people. It's a way to really drive home a lot of those important safety lessons. Oregon OSHA handles enforcement of workplace health and safety rules, and conferences like this one are part of its robust education program. Attendees can network, refresh their knowledge about various topics, and learn new topics. The Eugene conference takes place March 4-5. Corvin says topics include safety and health issues, serving on a safety committee, how to make that committee effective, leadership, emotional and mental health, and other issues. There's also a keynote on stress and how it affects the brain and decision-making, as well as sessions on sleep schedules and work schedules. These are big topics for those in the transportation industry, material movers, and others, and can affect everything from indoor work to driving. Oregon OSHA also has newer rules on safe workplaces during heatwaves and wildfires. And there's a focus on basic safety and inspections. There's also a panel on

young workers and keeping them safe. Corvin says there's data federal data that show that younger workers are more likely to be injured on the job. They are new to the workforce, often have limited training or work in environments with more safety challenges, whether it's a summer job or regular employment. And it's not all about safety and enforcement. The conference also will honor local businesses and employers who do things well and create safe environments for their workers.

McKenzie River Broadcasting's

COMMUNITY FORUM March 2024

with host Robb Holloway

SUNDAY, (airdate) MARCH 10, 2024

KKNU 6:30am KEUG/KMGE 7:00am

Guest: Sparrow Club Director Julie Burkett

Length: 27:44 Subjects: Education, Community involvement

Julie talked about the Sparrow Club and what it's mission is. To have an entire student body and faculty wrap its arms around a challenged individual (a child in the school) and the difference it makes for the Sparrow and the community that serves him/her.

McKenzie River Broadcasting's

COMMUNITY FORUM March 2024

with host Robb Holloway

SUNDAY, (airdate) MARCH 17, 2024

KKNU 6:30am KEUG/KMGE 7:00am

Guest: St Vincent DePaul Executive Director Bethany Cartledge

Length: 27:34 Subjects: Economy, Homeless, Community, etc.

Bethany talks about what the mission statement is for SVDP and it's network. What the goals are with the budget that is fruitful thanks to its stores. What she sees in the future and what work she did in the past to get into her role.

McKenzie River Broadcasting's

COMMUNITY FORUM March 2024

with host Robb Holloway

SUNDAY, (airdate) MARCH 24, 2024

KKNU 6:30am KEUG/KMGE 7:00am

Guest: CASA Executive Director Kendra Jones

Length: 23:02 Subjects: Education, Child abuse and neglect

Kendra addresses the great need in the foster care world in Oregon and what they are doing to help. What is the number of folks without a CASA and what is happening to them in some cases? How can one become a CASA and what does it take?

McKenzie River Broadcasting's

COMMUNITY FORUM March 2024

with host Robb Holloway

SUNDAY, (airdate) MARCH 31, 2024

KKNU 6:30am KEUG/KMG 7:00am

Guest: Volunteers in Medicine Executive Director Deleesa Meashintubby

Length: 29:29 Subjects: Economy, Homelessness, Healthcare

We talk about the importance of getting medical attention to everyone and making sure there is a catch-all in our community. What are some doing that can't see a provider? How are they funded and who is volunteering to tend to the average folks here?

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COMMUNITY FORUM March 2024

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING FORM

DATE OF BROADCAST 01/02/24

TIME OF BROADCAST 5:30AM-8:30AM / KGNU-FM

NAME OF PROGRAM Morning News

LENGTH OF PROGRAM 30 Seconds

ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED
CRIME, SAFETY, SCHOOLS: Eugene Police say they were made aware yesterday evening about a Reddit post containing a threat for today at Churchill High School. But police and the FBI have determined the threat originated from outside the state and add that the Eugene Schools remain on Winter Break today. Still, concerned families overnight flooded the phone lines of Central Lane 911 reporting the original Reddit post. Investigators say they are working to identify the person behind the post and ask that you not call 911 about the Reddit post. Instead, if you have direct or additional information about who's behind the post, please call the Eugene Police Non-Emergency Line. / CRIME: A 39-year-old Eugene man faces charges for Menacing, Resisting Arrest, and Open Container after a series of incidents on Friday evening off Coburg Road. Investigators say it started shortly after 6:30 p.m. when the suspect, Christopher James Koehn, allegedly asked a driver for a ride and, when the driver declined, kicked the vehicle. A short time later, another call came in regarding a man threatening to fight and shoot people at Ta Ra Rin Restaurant at 1580 Coburg Road. Although no weapons were observed, he was reported to have behaved aggressively toward a family in the restaurant with small children. When an officer arrived, they said Koehn refused to take his hands out of his pockets, closed the gap between himself and the officer, and refused commands to get on the ground. Not knowing whether Koehn had a weapon, the officer deployed his Taser when Koehn ignored commands and moved toward the officer. But the Taser had no effect and the officer struggled to take Koehn to the ground and get control of him. Other officers arrived to take the suspect into custody. / HEALTH, LABOR: Registered nurses with Sacred Heart Home Care Services have authorized a possible strike if contract talks fail to produce a new contract in the coming weeks. Union leaders with the Oregon Nurses' Association on Friday provided the update for the close to 90-member bargaining unit. ONA leaders say the home health and hospice nurses have been bargaining with parent company PeaceHealth for almost one year and that their old contract expired in April. They say key areas in the contract talks are pay, safety standards, and increased recruitment and retention of skilled nurses. / SAFETY, CHILDREN: The Consumer Product Safety Commission has ordered a recall of toys sold at Walmart.com containing powerful magnetic balls that could pose a hazard to children if swallowed. The agency said that the balls, which are each only one-fifth of an inch in diameter, exceed federal standards for magnetic strength and could clump together to block parts of the digestive system

when ingested. This magnet kit was sold at Walmart.com by Joybuy Marketplace Express, a unit of the Chinese e-commerce giant JD.com. The CPSC estimates that 2,400 magnet ingestions involving various items were treated in hospital emergency rooms between 2017 and 2021 and is aware of seven deaths related to the ingestion of hazardous magnets, including two outside of the U.S. /

SPORTS: Bo Nix threw for 363 yards and five touchdowns to cap a record-breaking career, and No. 8 Oregon closed out a season that started with national title expectations by rolling over No. 18 Liberty 45-6 in the Fiesta Bowl. Nix played like a Heisman Trophy finalist after opting to join his teammates on the field one last time, throwing for 257 yards and four touchdowns as the Ducks built a 31-6 halftime lead. Nix finished 28 of 35 in just over three quarters and completed 77.44 percent of his passes this season, breaking the NCAA record of 77.36 percent set by Alabama's Mac Jones in 2020. Tez Johnson had 11 catches for 172 yards and a touchdown, part of a 584-yard afternoon by the Ducks. ; On Friday, No. 15 Notre Dame had a 40-8 victory over No. 21 Oregon State in the Sun Bowl. Many players on both teams opted out of the game. Jimmy Valsin III had the lone score for Oregon State, catching a 33-yard pass from Ben Gulbranson. Offensive lineman Tyler Voltin ran in the 2-point conversion from the wildcat formation. /

PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING FORM

DATE OF BROADCAST 01/03/24

TIME OF BROADCAST 5:30AM-8:30AM / KKNU-FM

NAME OF PROGRAM Morning News

LENGTH OF PROGRAM 30 Seconds

ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED EDUCATION, FINANCES: It's still not available for everyone, and they're still working out a few of the quirks, but a new version of the Federal Student Aid Application, which is known as FAFSA, is now available for the 2024-2025 school year. This is the big form that students and their families fill out to qualify for financial aid offers. The U.S. Department of Education has been working on a redesign for quite a while trying to reduce the number of questions and make it easier to fill out. Those changes include the ability to list more colleges and submit the FAFSA in more languages. Normally, the applications are available in October, but the simplified form soft-launched last week and should be more widely available later this month. Keep an eye on the <https://studentaid.gov/> website. The FAFSA sends your financial information to the schools you say you are interested in attending. It previously only allowed you to send your information to 10 schools, but the new application will allow you to send your application to up to 20. Each school that admits you will send you a financial aid package. The amount of financial aid you get depends on each institution. The application is also used to determine eligibility for other federal student aid programs, like work-study and loans, as well as state and school aid. Sometimes, private, merit-based scholarships also require FAFSA information to determine if you qualify. Anyone planning to attend college next year—both first-time college students and returning students—can apply for the FAFSA. Many decide not to apply thinking their family's income is too high to be considered, but all students are advised to fill out the application. / CRIME, EDUCATION, SAFETY: Eugene Police say that online threat directed at Churchill High School does not appear to be credible. But out of an abundance of caution, police have staff at the school today and an officer was at a sports event last night. It comes after another spate of online threats directed at a number of schools in Oregon and across the country. Police say they were made aware of a Reddit post containing the threat on Sunday evening and fielded many concerned calls from families and students. But police and the FBI determined the threat originated from outside the state and said its timing of a possible incident on Tuesday came while Churchill and the rest of the Eugene Schools were not holding classes because they still were on Winter Break. Investigators say you have information about who's behind the post, please contact them through the Eugene Police Non-Emergency Line. / ELECTIONS, SAFETY, CRIME, CIVIL LIBERTIES: The Oregonian and OregonLive are reporting that a judge in Harney County yesterday denied the

state's legal objections to his ruling that Oregon's voter-approved gun control law violates the state constitution. Measure 114 is one of the toughest in the nation. It requires people to undergo a criminal background check and complete a gun safety training course to obtain a permit to buy a firearm. It also bans high-capacity magazines. But the measure has been mired up in state and federal courts since it received narrow approval from Oregon voters last year. In November, Circuit Judge Robert Raschio in southeastern Oregon's Harney County said the measure violated the state Constitution's right to bear arms. The state plans to appeal. / ELECTIONS, POLITICS: Former President Donald Trump is appealing a decision by Maine's Democratic secretary of state that he cannot be on the ballot there because he violated a constitutional ban against people who "engaged in insurrection" holding office. The Republican presidential candidate's lawyers on Friday also offered new legal arguments about why he should be allowed to remain on Oregon's ballot. Oregon's secretary of state has said Trump will remain on the primary ballot. But there's a been a new challenge from a group that filed suits in other states seeking to prevent the former president's name from appearing before Republican primary voters. /

PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING FORM

DATE OF BROADCAST	01/04/24
TIME OF BROADCAST	5:30AM-8:30AM / KKNU-FM
NAME OF PROGRAM	Morning News
LENGTH OF PROGRAM	30 Seconds
ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>WEATHER, SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: We really haven't had a lot of true winter storms this season, but the National Weather Service is forecasting a storm that arrives late Friday night in the Cascades and will last through Sunday evening. Forecasters say snow might be heavy at times, with winds gusting to 40 miles an hour. That could make travel difficult. The storm might drop 10 to 14 inches of snow above 3000 feet, and 2 to 8 inches between 2000 and 3000 feet. The snow is forecast to ease a bit later Sunday into Monday. But if you're traveling into and over the Cascades this weekend, be prepared. Make sure your vehicle has traction tires or devices and a full tank of gas or charge. And carry essential things like extra warm clothing, food, and other emergency supplies. /</p> <p>HEALTH, PANDEMIC, SAFETY: It's the same advice from years past: Cover your cough. Stay home when you're feeling ill. Wash your hands frequently. And wear a mask when needed. As the winter virus season ramps up, more U.S. hospitals are requiring masks and limiting visitors. It comes as health officials face a post-holiday spike in flu COVID-19 and RSV. Here in Oregon, flu and COVID numbers are growing a bit. RSV has stayed relatively flat. But there were high levels of flu-like illness reported in 31 states just before Christmas. Updated national numbers are going to be released tomorrow and health officials predict infection numbers are going to continue to grow over the next few weeks. /</p> <p>ELECTIONS, LEGAL: Former President Donald Trump is asking the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn a Colorado ruling that bars him from that state's ballot over his role in the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol attack. The Republican presidential candidate on Wednesday appealed the Colorado Supreme Court's finding that an insurrection clause in the Constitution's 14th Amendment renders him ineligible. The Colorado court's December ruling was the first time in history a court disqualified someone from running for the White House for having "engaged in insurrection." Trump's appeal comes a day after his legal team asked the Maine Superior Court to review a ruling by Democratic Secretary of State Shenna Bellows that Trump cannot be on that state's ballot. Earlier this week, Trump appealed a decision by Maine's Democratic secretary of state that he cannot be on the ballot there because he violated a constitutional ban against people who "engaged in insurrection" holding office. The Republican presidential candidate's lawyers on Friday also offered new legal arguments about why he should be allowed to remain on Oregon's ballot. Oregon's secretary of state has said Trump will remain on the primary ballot. But there's a been a new challenge from a group that filed suits in other</p>

states seeking to prevent the former president's name from appearing before Republican primary voters. / CRIME, SAFETY, EDUCATION: Eugene Police say they were contacted last night by Eugene School District staff and made aware of continued online threats. Investigators say they appear to have come from the same source, which police and the FBI earlier determined was outside Oregon. Investigators do not believe the threats are credible. But they say officers will continue to have a presence today at Churchill High School. And they say if you know who might be behind the posts, contact Eugene Police. But please, do not call 9-1-1. Use the agency's non-emergency line. /

PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING FORM

DATE OF BROADCAST	01/05/24
TIME OF BROADCAST	5:30AM-8:30AM / KKNU-FM
NAME OF PROGRAM	Morning News
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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>ECONOMY, EMPLOYMENT, FINANCES: Hiring continued at a strong clip last month. The economy grew by 216,000 jobs in December, showing surprising resilience at the end of a strong year for the labor market. The national unemployment rate held at 3.7 percent—close to historic lows. The employment picture has grown tighter in recent months, with fewer job openings and fewer people quitting before they have a job lined up. But the latest numbers from the Labor Department indicate not only that December’s numbers beat expectations, but that 2023 marked a strong year overall. Analysts say U.S. payroll employment grew by 2.7 million jobs in 2023. Those sectors with the largest increases included health care, social services, government employment, and construction. The resilience of the job market has been matched by the durability of the overall economy. Far from collapsing into a recession, strong consumer spending and business investment continues to drive expansion. But despite the economy’s steady growth, low unemployment, healthy hiring and cooling inflation, polls show many Americans are dissatisfied with the economy. That disconnect, which will likely be an issue in the 2024 elections, has puzzled economists and political analysts. A key factor is the public’s exasperation with higher prices. Though inflation has been falling more or less steadily for a year and a half, prices are still 17 percent higher than they were before the inflation surge began in the spring of 2021. At the same time, though, average hourly pay has outpaced inflation over the past year, leaving Americans with more money to spend. Indeed, as they did for much of 2023, consumers, a huge engine for U.S. economic growth, hit the stores in November, shopped online, went out to restaurants, or traveled. ; We’ll see the latest Oregon employment numbers in a couple of weeks. But our unemployment rate stands at 3.6 percent, a notch lower than the U.S. number. Last month, analysts with the Oregon Employment Department predicted continued growth over the next decade and will add more than 220,000 jobs. The Information sector is forecast to have the fastest growth—good news for the many smaller businesses that provide the bulk of its workforce. Also projected for strong growth: Private Healthcare, Social Assistance, and Leisure and Hospitality. Some industries are projected to lose jobs, including news media, production and distribution of various paper-related products, and retail trade. Additionally, the manufacturing sector is expected fall short of its peak historic employment. But with growing numbers of retirements and other leaving the workforce, analysts say all Oregon industries and sectors still will offer plenty of job opportunities over</p>

the next decade. / MENTAL HEALTH, YOUTH: It's the latest push to shore up and expand mental health services for Oregon youth. Oregon Governor Tina Kotek yesterday announced details of a \$25 million partnership with coordinated care organizations across the state to expand youth behavioral health services. In Lane County, that includes \$2.3 million to the Looking Glass Project to increase the number of psychiatric residential treatment beds. A similar effort in Douglas County, the Adapt Project, will receive \$7.5 million—which is working to develop a recovery campus on 40 acres east of Roseburg. The statewide effort comes after the coordinated care organizations built up unanticipated profits during the pandemic and worked with Oregon officials to determine the best way to reinvest the funds in the communities they serve. / ENVIRONMENT, LEGAL. YOUTH: They were known as the "Climate Kids," even though all now are young adults. A federal judge in Eugene has again ruled that a lawsuit brought by a group of Oregon-based climate activists can proceed to trial. The decision comes years after they first filed suit in an attempt to hold the nation's leadership accountable for its role in climate change. U.S. District Court Judge Ann Aiken late last week rejected a U.S. Department of Justice request to dismiss a 2015 lawsuit brought by young people who allege the federal government knew the dangers posed by carbon pollution, but it has continued with policies and subsidies to support the fossil fuel industry. The plaintiffs in the Oregon case argue the government has violated young people's constitutional rights to life, liberty, and property. In a statement, Julia Olson, an attorney with the group Our Children's Trust representing the plaintiffs, said she expects a trial in the case later this year. The case, known as Juliana v. United States, was brought by 21 plaintiffs, including a number from Lane County, were between the ages of 8 and 18 when the lawsuit was filed in 2015. They say they will move forward on the question of whether the federal government's fossil fuel-based energy system, and resulting climate destabilization, is unconstitutional. The plaintiffs alleged in the original lawsuit that they have a constitutional right to a climate that sustains life and that the U.S. government's actions have encouraged a fossil fuel economy despite scientific warnings about global warming. It has been challenged by the Obama, Trump, and Biden administrations. / HEALTH, SAFETY: As colder temperatures fill the air and people stay indoors to keep warm, public health experts encourage homeowners and tenants to test their homes for radon—an odorless, tasteless, and invisible gas. While radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that comes up from the ground through cracks and gaps, long-term exposure to high levels can harm health. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States after cigarette smoking, and the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates radon is responsible for more than 21,000 lung cancer deaths per year in the U.S. Radon buildup can happen in any home, often reaching its highest levels during the winter months and putting many parts of Oregon at risk of exposure. That's why testing homes for the gas during National Radon Action Month in January is key in detecting radon early, according to Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) Radon Awareness Program. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: Federal transportation safety officials grounded more than 140 Boeing 737 Max 9 jets while airlines await instructions on how to inspect the aircrafts' integrity. It comes after an Alaska Airlines jet with 171 passengers and six crew lost a portion of its fuselage when it suffered an inflight blowout minutes after takeoff from Portland on Friday evening. That led to a sudden cabin depressurization at 16,000 feet, forcing passengers to don oxygen masks as the flight crew made an emergency return to PDX. There were no injuries, although the force of depressurization ripped the shirt off a teenage boy sitting closest to the hole in the fuselage. Aviation officials with the National Transportation Safety Board have recovered the chunk of the fuselage—known as a “door plug”—that was expelled from the aircraft. The NTSB said a teacher discovered the lost door plug on Sunday in his backyard near Portland and sent two photos to the safety board. Investigators will examine the plug, which is 26 by 48 inches and weighs 63 pounds, for signs of how it broke free. Door plugs are located midway between the aircraft wing and tail at a spot where jets equipped with larger numbers of passenger seats must install an additional emergency exit. They are installed by a third-party company after Boeing constructs the aircraft. In the place of the optional exit, the door plug covers that portion of the fuselage and inside the passenger compartment looks like an ordinary window panel. In addition to recovering the door plug from a backyard, searchers located two cell phones that belonged to passengers on Friday's terrifying flight and were reported sucked out of the aircraft. One was discovered in a yard, the other on the side of a road. Both were turned over to the NTSB, which vowed to return them to their owners. / CRIME, BUSINESS: Verizon is blaming vandalism for an outage in cellular service in the Eugene-Springfield area on Saturday. The company provided no details, but said customers lost the ability to make calls and access the internet for about four hours. Verizon had a series of isolated outages across the country and along the West Coast on Friday and Saturday. / WEATHER: The National Weather Service has posted a Blizzard Warning for the Cascades starting early tomorrow morning, with up to two feet of snow possible during a 24-36 hour period. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED WEATHER, SAFETY, UTILITIES, TRANSPORTATION: We've had scattered power outages across the region, including close to 1,700 customers served by Pacific Power in the Cottage Grove area, a couple hundred near Junction City, and so on. In the Coast Range of Benton County, the Alsea Schools are on a two-hour delay because of an overnight power outage. Mother Nature's also been hosing down Western Oregon the past few hours. We've had well over half an inch of rain since midnight. The mountains got a shot of snow overnight with more on the way—possibly a couple of feet on the Cascade passes over the next 24-36 hours and the potential for multi-inch accumulations above 1,500 feet. Heading for Willamette or Santiam Pass? It's windy up there—with sustained wind speeds of 25-35 mph and gusts to 50 mph the next day or so. The National Weather Service warns that could create whiteout conditions for drivers, which is forecasters have that warning posted about blizzard conditions above 3,000 feet in effect through tomorrow afternoon. We've been in the mid-40s all morning but as the front drags cold air into the valley the mercury will dip below 40 around sunset. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY, EDUCATION: The lost door panel was found Sunday near Portland in the back yard of a schoolteacher's home. Bob Sauer is a longtime instructor at Caitlin Gable High School in the Portland area and used the story as a teachable moment on physics and terminal velocity. NTSB officials said it will be sent to the agency's lab in Washington, D.C., for detailed study that might help pinpoint why the plug broke loose. On Sunday, a passenger's cellphone that had been sucked out of the plane was found. It was still operational, having survived its plunge from the sky. It was open to the owner's baggage claim receipt. ; Federal investigators say a door panel slid up before flying off an Alaska Airlines jetliner last week, and they are looking at whether four bolts that were supposed to help hold the panel in place might have been missing when the plane took off. The comments Monday from the National Transportation Safety Board came shortly after Alaska and United Airlines reported separately that they found loose parts in the panels — known as door plugs — of some other Boeing 737 Max 9 jets. Officials with United Airlines said those included bolts that needed "additional tightening." Alaska Airlines officials said initial reports from their technicians also indicated "some loose hardware was visible on some aircraft." The door plugs are inserted where emergency exit doors would be located on Max 9s with more than about 200 seats. Alaska and United have fewer seats in their Max 9s, so they replace heavy doors with the plugs—

wall panels containing a passenger window that blend in with the rest of the aircraft's interior. The panels can be opened for maintenance work. But the bolts are used to prevent the mechanism from moving upward on rollers when the plane is in flight. / FINANCES, BUSINESS: The IRS has announced January 29 as the official start date of the 2024 tax season and expects more than 128.7 million tax returns to be filed by the April 15 tax deadline. The announcement comes as the agency undergoes a massive facelift, attempting to improve its technology and customer service processes with tens of billions of dollars allocated to the agency through Democrats' Inflation Reduction Act, signed into law in August 2022. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED **TRANSPORTATION, WEATHER, SAFETY:** As this week's winter storms wallop the Northwest, crews with the Oregon Department of Transportation say they are prepped, ready, and working on state highways. But they say the weather is challenging for everyone. ODOT officials warn that strong winds can blow sand, salt, and deicer off roads as soon they are spread and falling trees can quickly close a road. Whiteout conditions make plowing and driving dangerous even for expert drivers. If you are able to cancel or delay travel until the weather improves, do so. Lower elevations also have seen challenging weather with heavy rain, wind, ice, and some snow. Delaying or canceling travel plans can be hard, so if you do have to travel, follow these tips: If you decide to travel, do your research to fully understand the conditions you may face along your route. Use tripcheck.com to see what the conditions are like where you need to go and look at forecasts to see what's coming. Give yourself extra time to reach your destination. Make sure you have a capable vehicle with traction tires and chains. Many areas in the coming week may require chains to travel. Have good windshield wipers and a full charge or tank of fuel. Pack an emergency kit including food, water and warm clothes, in case you are delayed or a road closes. One crash or downed tree can close a road for hours. Consider using public transportation to get where you need to go - leave the driving to a professional. If you are out walking or rolling during the storms, help drivers see you by wearing bright colors. Give everyone, especially our plows, extra space in snowy or icy conditions. No matter where you are in Oregon, prepare for challenging conditions in the days to come. Stay home if you can, or plan ahead and prepare if you have to travel. / **TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY:** The extended grounding of some Boeing 737 Max jetliners is adding to pressure on Boeing and the subcontractor that made the fuselage and installed a panel that blew out leaving a gaping hole in an Alaska Airlines plane last week. Investigators know the sequence of events that led to the blowout Friday night, but they don't know the cause. A key question is whether bolts used to help secure the panel, called a door plug, were installed. A National Transportation Safety Board investigator says the bolts have not been recovered and the agency won't know if they were even in place until the door plug is examined in a laboratory. Adding to Boeing's problems, Alaska Airlines and United Airlines — the two U.S. carriers that fly the Max 9 — reported finding loose bolts and other hardware in other panels, suggesting quality issues with the door plugs are not limited to one plane. The plugs are installed in Max 9 fuselages by subcontractor

Spirit AeroSystems, which was spun off by Boeing in 2005. Spirit has a history of manufacturing problems, many uncovered in a U.S. House probe of two fatal crashes involving Boeing 737 Max 8 planes. / YOUTH, HEALTH, LOW-INCOME: About 21 million children are likely to receive food benefits this summer through a newly permanent federal program. Oregon is one of 35 states that have opted into the nutrition push known as the Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer or "Summer EBT." Families with children who are eligible for free or reduced-price lunches—which are those who are at or under 185 percent of the federal poverty line—will be eligible for Summer EBT, which will cover about 70 percent of the eligible population in its first year. Eligible families will receive \$40 per month per child during the summer — or a total of \$120 per child. The money will be loaded on an EBT card, which can be used at stores that also take Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. In an October report, the USDA said an estimated 17 million households in the U.S. reported problems finding enough food in 2022. That was up from 13.5 million in 2021, when there was more pandemic-era federal food aid. Oregon also offers the USDA's Summer Food Service Program, which provides sites where kids can eat for free during the summer months. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>WEATHER, SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES: Icy weather is headed toward Western Oregon this weekend, and the National Weather Service has issued an advisory. The Willamette Valley, they say, could see a mix of rain and snow—but also the possibility of freezing rain. This is largely from Friday afternoon through Saturday night. ; Public works crews say they're gearing up for the possible conditions, but they add that snowplows can't really work effectively unless there's at least two inches of snow on the ground. But they're also ready with their fleet of deicers should things get a little bit more problematic. Forecasters warn that power outages and tree damage might be likely because of the anticipated ice. Local public works crews are preparing for the possible icy weather Friday through Sunday. And they are encouraging you to stay home and reduce driving as much as possible should the snow and ice hit. Officials with Eugene Public Works say they have a fleet of 13 plows, eight sanders, three deicer application trucks, and an assortment of small equipment. More ice than snow is anticipated in Eugene-Springfield and officials say more than two inches of snow must fall before plows can work effectively. Crews say they treat roads based on traffic priorities and emergency needs. Officials add that property owners are responsible for keeping the sidewalks in front of homes clear of snow and ice for safety. Community members also are advised to stock up on food, medications, pet supplies, and other necessities you might need. ; McKenzie Bridge received a few inches of snow overnight. Good news for skiers and boarders up on Santiam Pass: Hoodoo opened yesterday for the season. /</p> <p>SPORTS: He's a popular guy, and Oregon head football coach Dan Lanning is back in the national sports conversation. Alabama's Nick Saban yesterday announced his retirement after his teams won seven national championships and he turned Alabama into a national powerhouse. Among the names being discussed as a possible successors: Oregon's Lanning, who led the Ducks to that win in the Fiesta Bowl on New Year's Day. It's not the first time in recent months that Lanning has been mentioned in connection with high-profile coaching vacancies. But last time, he said there was zero chance he'd be coaching anywhere other than Eugene and that he has a lot he still wants to accomplish at Oregon. He says he also likes being able to live here and raise a family here. /</p> <p>EDUCATION, LABOR: Bargaining resumes today between negotiators for the University of Oregon and the union representing its the Graduate Teaching Fellows or GTFs. Members have voted to authorize a strike on Wednesday if the</p>

two sides cannot reach agreement on a new contract, which could impact some Winter Term classes. The GTFs teach classes, work in labs, and perform other academic duties. They plan to hold a rally later today on campus. Bargainers for the Graduate Teaching Fellows Foundation and the U-of-O exchanged their final offers at the end of October, followed by a mediation session. / CRIME, HEALTH, POLITICS: Oregon's first-in-the-nation law, Measure 110, decriminalized the possession of small amounts of heroin, cocaine, and other illicit drugs in favor of an emphasis on addiction treatment. But it hasn't worked as planned. Now, state lawmakers are floating a proposal to recriminalize minor drug possession and make other changes that would be considered during next month's legislative session and, if approved, would be forwarded to Oregon voters. The Oregonian and OregonLive report that backers think the move to elevate minor drug possession from a violation on par with a traffic ticket to a low-level misdemeanor crime could help cut down on open drug use and steer more addicts into treatment. They say making possession of small amounts of fentanyl, heroin, methamphetamine, and other street drugs a crime again creates chances for people to get treatment help after an arrest: before being booked into jail and before they enter a plea. They would also be candidates for diversion if they end up being prosecuted. One provision under consideration would expunge the conviction. /

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WEATHER, SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: The National Weather Service is forecasting hazardous winter weather starting this afternoon and continuing through Sunday. While the mountains might see total snow accumulations of 1 to 6 inches, ice accumulations of up to one-half inch are possible. Meteorologists say freezing rain is in the forecast for the Eugene-Springfield area, with power outages and tree damage likely due to the ice. Travel could be difficult. The hazardous conditions also could impact this evening's commute. / SPORTS: It's possibly one of the best recruiting moves of the college football post-season. With his name being bandied about as a possible successor to Alabama's Nick Saban, Oregon head football coach Dan Lanning said he's staying with the Ducks. In a video posted online, Lanning said, "I want to be here in Eugene for as long as Eugene will have me." He added, "If you're scared your coach is leaving, then come play for us. The Ducks aren't going anywhere and I'm not leaving." It's a big boost for Ducks fans and a big enticement for top players looking for an opportunity with an elite program. It comes as Oregon prepares to move to the Big Ten Conference later this year. Lanning led the Ducks to a win in the Fiesta Bowl on New Year's Day. He said again yesterday that Oregon will be his final job, as far as he's concerned. It's not the first time in recent months that Lanning has been mentioned in connection with high-profile coaching vacancies. But last time, he said there was zero chance he'd be coaching anywhere other than Eugene and that he has a lot he still wants to accomplish at Oregon. He says he also likes being able to live here and raise a family here. / SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: That California man whose iPhone was sucked out of the Alaska Airlines jet at 16,000 feet on Friday over Portland got his phone returned to him this week. Yeah, Alaska Airlines shipped it back. The iPhone's owner told a reporter for the Los Angeles Times that his phone is working perfectly and has no dings or cracks. It was found by the side of a road southwest of Portland by a man who was spending his lunch break looking for debris from the blowout of that door plug on that 737 Max 9 jetliner. He found the iPhone under some shrubbery which officials say might have helped break its fall. As for the phone's owner, he's still a little bit shaken up. He was sitting in the row behind the blown-out section of fuselage and says his Nike shoe and sock were sucked off one foot and out of the plane. ; The Federal Aviation Administration announced this morning it will audit Boeing's aircraft production and increase oversight of the company after a panel blew off an Alaska Airlines jetliner over Portland last week. The FAA is

investigating whether Boeing failed to ensure that a panel that blew off a jetliner in midflight last week was safe and manufactured to meet the design that regulators approved. The investigation focuses on plugs used to fill spots for extra doors when those exits are not required for safety reasons on Boeing 737 Max 9 jetliners. The door plugs are installed by Boeing supplier Spirit AeroSystems, but investigators have not said which company's employees last worked on the plug on the Alaska plane that suffered the blowout. The day after the blowout, the FAA grounded Max 9 jets, including all 65 operated by Alaska and 79 used by United Airlines, until Boeing develops inspection guidelines and planes can be examined. Alaska canceled all flights by Max 9s through Saturday. NTSB investigators said this week they have not been able to find four bolts that are used to help secure the 63-pound door plug. They are not sure whether the bolts were there before the plane took off. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED WEATHER, SAFETY, EDUCATION, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES: The high temperature Sunday in Eugene-Springfield: 27 degrees. The low: 20. We're still hovering in the 20s this morning and that, combined with the coating of ice and snow we received over the weekend, means everything from sidewalks and driveways to parking lots and roadways remain treacherous. The ice storm brought down trees and power lines. Thousands of Lane County residents, businesses, and other buildings remain without power. Some have been without light and heat for more than 48 hours. Utility crews are working around the clock to restore power but say conditions are challenging: First, they have to clear tangles of downed trees then deenergize wires to restore the main transmission lines. Then it's onto the feeders that might serve a group of hundreds of customers. Then there are the taps that go to hundreds of homes. In rural areas, outages affecting individual homes or clusters of homes might be miles apart. Icy roads and toppled trees pose a big safety challenge for crews and residents: On Interstate 5, chains or traction tires are required between the Harrisburg exit to the north and the Curtin exit south of Cottage Grove. A 27-mile stretch of Oregon Highway 126 through the Coast Range is closed from just west of Noti to Mapleton. So, too, are 28-miles of Oregon Highway 36 from Poodle Creek Road to just west of Deadwood is shut down. Other closures include sections of Marcola Road near the Lane and Linn County line, all of McKenzie View Drive, the eastern end of Deerhorn Road, and a portion of Territorial Road in southern Lane County. And that's not even taking into account the hundreds of other storm-fueled disruptions on dozens of local roads. Officials say if you encounter downed trees and powerlines, turn around. Do not attempt to move them or clear them yourself. Even though they're on the ground, those powerlines might still be energized. With roads still a mess, Lane Transit District has suspended its LTD bus, RideSource, and Diamond Express service for today. Go to www.ltd.org for details. Many local Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday observances and events are postponed. That includes the MLK marches and celebrations in Springfield and Eugene. Many schools and government offices were already closed for the holiday. And the storm has prompted many businesses to shut down for now, saying it's not safe for employees, customers, or clients to be on the roads. Many medical clinics, offices, recreation sites, and other locations are closed because of the ice and snow. If you had a medical appointment or procedure scheduled at your clinic today, check their website or call for updates. Your waste hauler might

also be postponing neighborhood pickup. Check their websites for updates. The Egan Warming Centers are open again tonight. Coordinators of these emergency overnight shelters also are asking for donations to gloves and blankets to help them meet emergency storm needs. We're getting a break on the weather today—although cold air is lingering in the Southern and Central Willamette Valley. Our high temperature here in Eugene-Springfield will be in the upper 20s. Compare that to highs in the 40s on the coast and in places like Blue River and Oakridge. Meteorologists with the National Weather Service in Portland say one more shot of freezing rain is expected Tuesday morning through mid-afternoon. Then we'll warm into the 40s and will remain on-and-of rainy through the weekend. ; As the weekend storm arrived, the City of Eugene declared an ice and snow emergency and Springfield and other communities also began emergency operations. Emergency declarations such as Eugene's one mean that all vehicles must be removed from designated snow emergency routes so crews can sand and clear roads. Typically, emergency routes are local highways, arterials, and bus routes. The ordinance gives the City the authority to tow vehicles parked or stranded along emergency routes. Then the City is able to ensure that emergency vehicles, buses, and other essential traffic can move safely around town, and that parked and stalled vehicles do not hamper ice treatment operation. The parking ban will remain in effect until further notice. Please do NOT drive around snowplows if you encounter them on the road. Passing plows puts everyone in danger, including road crews. If you encounter a traffic light that is dark or flashing, remember that such intersections should be treated as all-way stops. City crews are working to remove trees and limbs in the public right of way. Anyone who sees a tree or tree limb presenting a hazard on a road or in a median should call 541-682-4800 to notify Eugene city staff. Please include details on how big the hazard is, where it is and how many lanes of traffic it is blocking. Trees that are not causing a hazard but still are in public areas can be reported online using the maintenance request form. If you need assistance with basic needs such as food, medication, etc., call 2-1-1 for assistance. ; Eugene's Airport already has seen 21 flight cancellations and six delays on today's schedule. Portland International Airport already has listed 33 flight cancellations and nine delays. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>WEATHER, SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION, EDUCATION, UTILITIES: Not a lot of thawing here in the southern Willamette Valley yesterday. The forecast calls for a low of 20 degrees overnight in Eugene-Springfield with moisture moving today. Unfortunately, while the warmer air will send rain our way, it will arrive in the form of freezing rain for several hours this afternoon until things start warming up. Not surprisingly, many local school districts and organizations already have announced that they will be closed today. This includes many public school districts, private and charter schools, colleges and universities, and more. If something is not listed and you suspect it might be affected, check the organization's or district's webpage. Many government offices, programs for seniors, Head Start and childcare facilities, courts, recreation centers, parks, medical clinics, and other facilities also will remain closed today. If you had a medical appointment or elective medical procedure scheduled for today, check to see whether it is being postponed. Utility crews continue to work around the clock. They are navigating snarls of downed trees and potentially electrified wires. It's cautious and physically demanding work. Thousands of Lane County residents, businesses, and other buildings remain without power. Some have been without light and heat for more than 72 hours. Utility crews are working around the clock to restore power but say conditions are challenging: First, they have to clear tangles of downed trees then deenergize wires to restore the main transmission lines. Then it's onto the feeders that might serve a group of hundreds of customers. Then there are the taps that go to hundreds of homes. In rural areas, outages affecting individual homes or clusters of homes might be miles apart. Icy roads and toppled trees pose a big safety challenge, for crews and residents: On Interstate 5, chains or traction tires are required between the Harrisburg exit to the north and the Curtin exit south of Cottage Grove. A 27-mile stretch of Oregon Highway 126 through the Coast Range reopened overnight, but crews warn of debris on the roadway and slow going on the stretch from just west of Noti to Mapleton. But 28-miles of Oregon Highway 36 from Poodle Creek Road to just west of Deadwood remain shut down. There are fewer closed roads locally, but keep an eye out for utility crews and debris. Officials say if you encounter downed trees and powerlines, turn around. Do not attempt to move them or clear them yourself. Even though they're on the ground, those powerlines might still be energized. At the Eugene Water & Electric Board's Hayden Bridge Water Filtration Plant, generators were keeping things running yesterday after the storm</p>

knocked down three regular power sources. Crews worked to clear downed trees and get things back on their normal power supply. On the roads, it's been challenging heading into and out of the Willamette Valley. Among the reports was this one from the Oregon Department of Transportation about ice on Interstate Five south of Cottage Grove: On Sunday night, vehicles spinning out, crashing or losing traction on northbound I-5 in south Lane County blocked the interstate for hours. ODOT crews and Oregon State Police needed to awaken drivers sleeping in their cars between midnight and 3 a.m. Monday, and there were off-ramp backups of vehicles heading for fuel stations. Northbound Interstate 5 continued to be backed up for several miles in south Lane County on Monday with delays lasting two or more hours. One couple shared their story of an 11-hour drive from Reedsport to Eugene. Although the interstate is open, the delay was so long and the forecast so severe, that ODOT urged travelers to delay their trips. With more cold temperatures overnight and more freezing rain expected today, crews have applied more deicer and salt, and made more passes in this section with plows than they have in a decade or more. But such tools are limited in this severe weather: Freezing rain will cover sand, deicer, and salt. One major factor in the slowdown is vehicles not chaining up or stopping to chain up in the travel lanes. Law enforcement has begun to cite violators of the chain law. Alternate routes are not viable because they are less maintained in winter weather and also impacted by this ice storm. If you cannot reschedule your trip for later this week, bring chains and be prepared to put them on your vehicle. And be prepared for hours of delay due to severe packed ice and traffic coming to a standstill for long periods. Also, be aware that towns south of Eugene may have power failures and fuel stations could run out of fuel - or even places to park." With conditions remaining treacherous, Lane Transit District is again canceling its LTD bus, RideSource, and Diamond Express shuttles. Your waste hauler might also be postponing neighborhood pickup. Check their websites for updates. ; A reminder: Road emergencies remain in effect in the Eugene-Springfield area. Emergency declarations such as the one in Eugene's mean that all vehicles must be removed from designated snow emergency routes so crews can sand and clear roads. Typically, emergency routes are local highways, arterials, and bus routes. The ordinance gives the City the authority to tow vehicles parked or stranded along emergency routes. Then the City is able to ensure that emergency vehicles, buses, and other essential traffic can move safely around town, and that parked and stalled vehicles do not hamper ice treatment operation. The parking ban will remain in effect until further notice. Please do NOT drive around snowplows if you encounter them on the road. Passing plows puts everyone in danger, including road crews. If you encounter a traffic light that is dark or flashing, remember that such intersections should be treated as all-way stops. City crews are working to remove trees and limbs in the public right of way. Anyone who sees a tree or tree limb presenting a hazard on a road or in a median should call 541-682-4800 to notify Eugene city staff. Please include details on how big the hazard is, where it is and how many lanes of traffic it is blocking. Trees that are not causing a hazard but still are in public areas can be reported online using the maintenance request form. If you need assistance with basic needs such as food, medication, etc., call 2-1-1 for assistance. ; Eugene's Airport already has seen 34 flight cancellations for today. Portland International Airport already has listed 30 flight cancellations and five delays. ; More than 120,000 Oregon homes and businesses were without

electricity, most of them in the Portland metro area, a day after high winds and a mix of snow and ice brought down trees and power lines. Some 100 trees toppled over the weekend in a community just south of Portland, including one that fell on a house and killed a man. Two other people died of suspected hypothermia and a fourth died in a fire that spread from an open-flame stove after a tree fell onto an RV. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>WEATHER, SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES, EDUCATION: First the freeze, now the thaw. Temperatures finally climbed above freezing overnight in the southern Willamette Valley and are continuing to climb this morning. But before they did, we received another coat of ice in the form of freezing rain. After several hours, the temperature warmed enough for the precipitation to become ordinary, unfrozen rain—but not before applied another glaze of ice to streets and highways, sidewalks, and driveways. As the thaw continues, watch for standing water and some ice jams around storm drains and low-lying areas. Ice might linger on some road surfaces, sidewalks, and driveways for days, especially in shaded or north-facing areas. Roads remain challenging in many places. That stretch of Oregon Highway 126 through the Coast Range between Mapleton and just west of Noti closed again overnight. Highway 36 remained shut down from just east of Swisshome to Poodle Creek Road. Sections of U.S. Highway 20 are closed between Brownsville and Sweet Home, and from Foster Lake to the Junction with Highway 126 at Santiam Junction. Downed trees and powerlines continued to block some secondary roads, even here in the Eugene-Springfield area: Yesterday evening, officials closed South Willamette Street between 52nd Avenue and Fox Hollow Road because of falling trees. Northeast of Springfield, Lane County took similar safety steps to halt travel along Sunderman Road. ; With conditions remaining treacherous, Lane Transit District is again suspending its LTD bus, RideSource, and Diamond Express shuttles. ; Utility crews continue to deal with tangled trees and downed wires. Last night's freezing rain brought down more trees, erasing some of the progress they made in recent days. Crews, who now face the added challenge of falling ice, have restored power to thousands of customers. But thousands more are now well into their fourth or fifth day without heat and light. Officials say it could be a few more days before power is restored to everyone. The ice storms caused millions of dollars in Lane County alone. Yesterday evening, members of the Lane County Board of Commissioners issued an emergency declaration. That's the first step in applying for disaster funds from the state and federal governments. Oregon Governor Tina Kotek last night acted on that petition, declaring a State of Emergency in Lane County to support the response and recovery efforts. ; Once again today, many local school districts, private and charter schools, colleges and universities, and other organizations are closed. The University of Oregon, Bushnell, and Pacific University-Eugene campuses are closed today. In some cases, classes might be</p>

held remotely. Lane Community College has closed its Eugene and Cottage Grove campuses but LCC is operating normally in Florence. Oregon State University in Corvallis hopes to open its campus at noon today. ; Some medical facilities hope to open two hours late or sometime midday. Others are offering telehealth services. State offices in Lane County are closed today. Some people are working remotely. U.S. District Court in Eugene opens at noon. Lane County Circuit Court is closed for the day. Jurors will receive rescheduling notices. ; Your waste hauler also might be postponing neighborhood pickup. Check their website for updates. ; Many parks and recreation sites are closed again today for safety reasons. At least nine Oregon State Parks also have closed or partially closed due to ice, snow, and downed trees. They include Elijah Bristow State Park and Jasper State Recreation Site east of Pleasant Hill because of large numbers of downed trees and challenging road conditions. Near Halsey, Thompson's Mills State Heritage Site is closed due to a power outage and an icy parking area. A handful of other state parks in the Coast Range, Willamette Valley, and Columbia Gorge also closed due to storm damage, fallen trees, and power outages. In addition, three Willamette River Greenway access points have closed including Pengra, Cloverdale, and Lynx Hollow. /

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With ice lingering on many roadways and in rural areas, a number of schools, colleges and universities, and other organizations will remain closed again today. But others hope to reopen. ; Here are some school updates: The Eugene Schools are closed today. Springfield Schools will be closed today and tomorrow. Respite Centers open at Springfield High School and Hamlin Middle School. The Bethel Schools are operating today, as are the schools in the Lowell, Oakridge, and Siuslaw districts. But many outlying districts are closed today, including Creswell, South Lane, Pleasant Hill, Fern Ridge, Crow-Applegate-Lorane, Junction City, Blachly, Mapleton, Marcola, and McKenzie. Many districts are closed to the north of us, including Monroe, Harrisburg, Corvallis, Philomath, and Sweet Home. Others are operating on a delayed schedule, including Alsea, and Greater Albany. Many Christian Schools and charter schools, including Marist High school and Eugene Christian School are closed here in Lane County. So is Head Start of Lane County. ; Here's a summary of some local colleges and universities: Lane Community College is again closing its Eugene and Cottage Grove campuses for the day, although some remote learning will take place. LCC's Florence campus is open. The University of Oregon is operating on a regular schedule. Bushnell University in Eugene is open. Pacific University's Eugene campus is closed. Oregon State University's Corvallis campus will open at noon. All Linn-Benton Community College locations open at 10 a.m. ; Some medical and other facilities are opening today, although they might be on delayed or reduced schedules. ; The ice continued to melt overnight in the southern Willamette Valley, but Tuesday's freezing rain took down a lot more trees and power lines. When power went out, it did not just knock out heat and lights. In an area served by the Springfield Utility Board, it also affected parts of the water distribution system, which lost pressure for a time. That led to a "Boil Water" Advisory for customers in the utility's West and East distribution system. Customers who do not have power are urged to use bottled water until the Boil Water Advisory Notice is lifted. And last night, Lane County Environmental Health added a "Boil Water Advisory / Food Preparation Advisory" for food-service establishments in the eastern portion of the Springfield Utility Board's service area. The notice advises affected restaurants and food-service establishments to immediately cease all food preparation and service. This area is the green area on SUB's Boil Water maps. It's because potentially harmful bacteria might be present in the water supply after

the power outage, affecting the establishment's ability to safely prepare and serve food. The order will last until 24 hours after the boil water advisory is lifted. Some exemptions may apply. Restaurants within the affected area who have questions regarding this notice can call their Lane County Health Inspector. ; The American Red Cross Cascades Region is helping to operate a shelter in Creswell at New Hope Baptist Church, 597 Front Street for those without power. It opened last night and will stay open as long as is needed. ; Lane County Government has opened a non-emergency call center in response to the ice storm and ongoing recovery efforts. The call center will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and is staffed by Lane County personnel. The number is (541) 682-3977. Emergency calls should still be directed to 9-1-1. Lane County has a webpage with update on the ice storm and local resources at www.LaneCountyOR.gov/ice ; A quick summary of some of this morning's tens of thousands of outages in our area: The Springfield Utility Board says 21 "mutual aid" personnel from utilities outside the area have joined their own crews in the challenging work of restoring power. In some locations in the hills, SUB officials say poles must be replaced before lines can be restrung. Another challenge is significant tree damage to affected homes. It and many other local utilities are warning customers in especially damaged areas that they could be one week or more without power. Eugene Water & Electric Board officials say they restored power to more than 10,000 customers yesterday, but that more than 14,000 homes and businesses remain without heat and light. Utility officials say the outages are "vast" and are scattered across their entire system. In some neighborhoods, one side of the street might have electricity, while the opposite side is in darkness. Pacific Power is reporting outages affecting more than 9,300 customers across the southern and central Willamette Valley. This includes parts of the Creswell and Cottage Grove areas, Goshen, Coburg and Junction City, Monroe, Brownsville, Sweet Home, and near Corvallis and Philomath. Lane Electric has seen major outages across its service area, stretching from south of Eugene-Springfield past Cottage Grove as well as east out the Highway 58 corridor. The utility notes that some members in Creswell and Pleasant Hill have been impacted by an outage at its Cloverdale substation. All the transmission lines to that substation were substantially damaged and will require a complete rebuild. That could mean those customers are without power for at least another week. Officials with the Emerald People's Utility District say that after making progress following the weekend storms, Tuesday's freezing rain set them back almost to square one. They are replacing shattered poles, rebuilding distribution lines, clearing trees and debris while making significant wire repairs. They are working to restore power everywhere from out Highway 58 in the Pleasant Hill area, to Marcola, at the Dexter feeder and portions of Jasper-Lowell Road, in the Cottage Grove and Goshen areas, and to the Short Mountain Landfill. The Blachly-Lane Co-op has more than 1,100 outages this morning across its service territory. They are spread from outside Eugene and Junction City into the Coast Range and communities including Blachly and Deadwood. But crews were able to restore power to more than 1,400 customers yesterday. Just to the south of us, in northern Douglas County, Douglas Electric Cooperative is down to just 18 customers without power in an area west and south of Cottage Grove. The Oregon Department of Transportation had crews assisting with "rolling slowdowns" and occasional traffic halts in the northbound lanes of Interstate 5 two miles north of Creswell last night as utility crews repaired downed

power lines. Watch for intermittent rolling slowdowns again today as crews continue their work. ; Oregon Highway 126 remains closed west of Noti to Mapleton because of downed trees and utility lines. The closure is expected to last into the afternoon. A stretch of Oregon Highway 36 also remains closed from Poodle Creek Road to just east of Swisshome. And a half-mile stretch of Highway 99 is closed just north of Saginaw because of downed trees and powerlines. But a stretch of U.S. Highway 20 between Brownsville and Sweet Home and from Foster Lake to Santiam Junction reopened yesterday. ; Some encouraging news from Lane Transit District: LTD will resume its neighborhood bus service on a limited basis starting at 9 a.m. RideSource resumes service at 5:30 a.m., with trips being evaluated on a case-by-case basis. The Diamond Express shuttle also will resume normal service today. Lane Transit's Customer Service Center at Eugene Station opens at 8 a.m. EmX service and some neighborhood routes may be modified due to icy conditions and tree debris. No rural routes will be in service until they can be better assessed. South Lane service is suspended today, as those facilities don't have power or internet. Teams are working to clear LTD's 1,300 bus stops, two primary stations, eight neighborhood transfer stations, 60 EmX platforms, and 20 miles of bus lanes. Some stops might not be completely cleared by this morning, so riders should use their best judgment when approaching a stop. ; Flight delays continue to ripple across Oregon and the rest of the country. There are fewer cancelations today but still some delays. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED WEATHER, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES, HEALTH, SAFETY, EDUCATION: Utility crews continue to encounter challenging situations as they work to restore power to thousands of customers after the past week's ice storms. While workers are making daily progress, many local utilities say it could take another week to get the heat and lights back on in some hard-hit areas. Officials remind you to stay clear of downed power lines: Some might still be electrified and can be deadly. Utility crews follow what's known as a "hierarchy of repair" to get customers back online. They start by repairing "feeders" that deliver energy from substations to local distribution systems. Often, that work alone will restore power to large numbers of homes and businesses. Then, they move on to repairing "taps" – which serve clusters of homes. Those repairs can be slow if large numbers of trees have fallen and access to a neighborhood or a rural subdivision is challenging. Officials with EWEB add that our local electrical systems don't always align with the layout of our streets, so neighbors across the street from one-another might be served by different parts of the system. That means the lights and heat might be in place on one side of a street while the other side remains in darkness. ; The "Boil Water" advisory remains in place for some customers of the Springfield Utility Board after a power outage affected parts of the water distribution system, causing it to lose pressure for a time. The advisory is for customers in SUB's West and East distribution system, which includes Glenwood. Customers who do not have power are urged to use bottled water until the Boil Water Advisory Notice is lifted. Lane County Environmental Health's "Boil Water Advisory / Food Preparation Advisory" also remains in place for food-service establishments in the eastern portion of the Springfield Utility Board's service area. The notice advises affected restaurants and food-service establishments to immediately cease all food preparation and service. This area is the green area on SUB's Boil Water maps. It's because potentially harmful bacteria might be present in the water supply after the power outage, affecting the establishment's ability to safely prepare and serve food. The order will last until 24 hours after the boil water advisory is lifted. ; Lane County Public Health has seen a dramatic increase of hospitalizations due to Carbon Monoxide poisoning this month and are encouraging you to take preventive measures. They say this is especially important during power outages because some households might be using heating sources that should not be used indoors. Carbon Monoxide—also known as "CO"—is an odorless, colorless gas that can kill you. It is found in

fumes produced any time you burn fuel in cars or trucks, small engines, stoves, lanterns, grills, fireplaces, gas ranges, furnaces, or generators. CO can build up indoors and poison people and animals who breathe it. The symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are headaches, dizziness, weakness, upset stomach, vomiting, chest pain, and confusion. If you or someone you know is experiencing these symptoms, go outside immediately to breathe fresh air and call 911. If you are unable to go outside, open a window or door and stand there while calling 911. To prevent CO poisoning, make sure anything that burns fuel—including gas generators—are placed at least 20 feet from doors, window, and vents. Additionally, make sure any carbon monoxide detectors in your home have fresh batteries and are operational. ; Many local governments and recreation districts have created warming centers for those whose homes have been cold for days. Want to find a site near you? Call 211 for information. In some cases, these are short-term shelters at churches or other locations that offer spots to overnight. At others, they are daytime locations where residents may warm up. All offer the ability to recharge devices with low or dead batteries. ; Across Eugene-Springfield and other communities, city tree crews are responding to thousands of work orders for fallen trees and limbs or tree debris. Their highest priority is clearing tree debris from roads and the right-of-way. After that comes assessing and clearing debris on the edges of roads and in medians. You may contact your local government to report a tree or limb blocking traffic. But do NOT move tree debris from your private property into the street for any reason because this is a traffic hazard and also blocks crews from accessing the right-of-way. Tree response teams are working closely with local utilities because some debris is tangled with downed powerlines, which poses a danger. Those lines must be assessed and, if needed, deenergized before crews can begin clearing the mess. Remember: If you see a downed utility line of any kind, do not touch it. Instead, call your utility to report its location. ; There has been an almost threefold increase in call volume for Eugene-Springfield Fire and EMS. Eugene Springfield Fire EMS crews are partnering with agencies and local hospitals to respond to injuries and falls, welfare checks, medical issues, and fire calls. The record call volumes by midday yesterday included 783 incidents and over 1,600 individual unit responses. Sunday and Monday both broke the record for the number of calls in a single day with 281 calls and 316 calls, respectively. Units have spent over 842 hours responding to incidents. The fall injuries on Monday accounted for 108 calls alone. ; The Eugene Police Department has been responding to numerous calls from the public for welfare checks on elderly and other people at special risk of exposure or who may be stranded at home or in buildings and, in some cases, transporting them to warming sites. Officers have also been ensuring 911 center employees are able to get to work, providing round trips for staff who would otherwise not be able to make it to the center. CAHOOTS has not been able to operate due to staffing challenges. Police and fire have handled those calls. Central Lane 911 also handled calls for South Lane Dispatch Wednesday night for seven hours after that center's service went down. ; Many school districts are planning to remain closed today because of icy or impassable roads, storm damage, and/or power outages. The Eugene and Springfield School Districts are closed again today. But the Bethel Schools are open and operating on a normal schedule. Here are other Lane County public school districts that are closed today: Creswell, South Lane, Pleasant Hill, McKenzie, Junction City, Fern Ridge,

Crow-Applegate-Lorane, Blachly. Head Start of Lane County is closed today. Willamette Leadership Academy is closed. Pacific University's Eugene campus is closed. In Benton County, the Monroe Schools are closed. Almost all of the Lane Council of Governments or L-COG's "Senior & Disability Services" and meal sites remain closed today. The exception is the Florence SDS office. ; The Oregon Department of Transportation has reopened that stretch of Oregon Highway 126 through the Coast Range, but it's still slow going. Watch for utility and repair crews and hazardous debris. A 25-mile section of Oregon Highway 36 between Swisshome and Triangle Lake remains closed. Downed trees and power lines continue to close a half-mile stretch of Oregon Highway 99 just north of Saginaw. This afternoon around 3 p.m., ODOT crews will conduct "rolling slowdowns" or delays for traffic in both directions of Interstate Five near Milepost 185-- about halfway between Goshen and Creswell. ODOT is assisting utility crews working to restoring seven downed power lines that cross the freeway. Parts of the Portland area and the Columbia Gorge received more freezing rain yesterday afternoon and evening, snarling traffic and causing more outages. ; Lane Transit District plans to resume its neighborhood bus service and EmX weekday service at 6 a.m. today. RideSource will resume service at 5:30 a.m., with trips being evaluated for safety on a case-by-case basis. Diamond Express is back to regular service today. LTD's Customer Service Center at Eugene Station will open at 7 a.m., and Springfield Station's Customer Service Station will open at 9 a.m. Some routes might be modified due to icy conditions and tree debris. Rural routes 91, 92, 93, 95, 96, and 98 are running on a regular schedule. But there are some detours in place. Check LTD.org for details. LTD's South Lane service still is canceled because much of Cottage Grove remains without power. Teams continue to clear LTD's 1,300 bus stops, two primary stations, eight neighborhood transfer stations, 60 EmX platforms, and 20 miles of bus lanes. Some stops may still not be completely cleared by this morning, so riders should use their best judgment when approaching a stop. /

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It was a long weekend of cleanup and repair in the wake of the last week of ice storms. There were some big improvements and some continuing challenges: On Friday afternoon and evening, the Springfield Utility Board lifted its Boil Water advisories that affected many of its customers. Water remained a challenge for many who experienced broken pipes during the freeze. On Sunday, SUB temporarily deployed two drinking water trailers to allow residents to fill up to two personal-size water containers. Utility crews across the region restored power to thousands more customers. But others remain without heat and light in their homes. ; Yesterday alone, workers with Eugene Water & Electric Board and contract crews restored power to more than 1,100 across Eugene. But 285 outages remain affecting more than 2,400 customers. Some are scattered across Eugene and might affect only a handful of homes on one side of a street. But others are more extensive: More than half of EWEB's customers without power are in the lower McKenzie Valley, where crews are still working to repair large transmission and feeder lines. Teams with the Springfield Utility Board said they spent much of yesterday restoring power not only to homes and businesses but to traffic lights at some busy intersections. Crews with Lane Electric and some of the many "mutual aid" teams who have arrived from other regions made more progress on Sunday, restoring power to more than 280 members. They also say they have good news for the more than 384 members in Creswell and Pleasant Hill who rely on Lane Electric's Cloverdale Substation for power: They expect that substation to be back online, powered by a backup generator, on Wednesday. Still, some residents in remote corners of the utility's service area might be without power for another week to ten days. Lane Electric covers 2,600 square miles and 16 cities. Officials say many of the affected homes are in very rural, remote, and heavily forested areas where substations, main distribution lines, tap lines, and service lines to individual homes were badly damaged. Crews with the Emerald People's Utility District spent much of yesterday focusing on areas in and around Cottage Grove, Creswell, Coburg, Marcola, and Noti. That work continues today. Blachly-Lane officials say their crews have restored power to most customers but have another 75 outages that are the focus this week. ; Utility crews worked over the weekend to return heat and light to buildings in the Springfield School District. They were able to restore power to 17 schools over the weekend and today will focus on Thurston High School, Agnes Stewart Middle

School, and Briggs Middle School. Springfield School District officials say once all schools have power they can reopen. They anticipate students will return to class tomorrow. In the hard-hit Cottage Grove area, the South Lane Schools are closed again today. Over the weekend, a number of local businesses stepped up to donate food and other emergency supplies to affected residents. The Siuslaw Schools are on a two-hour delay this morning because of an accident that's closed lanes in both directions on U.S. Highway 101 south of the Siuslaw River bridge. Classes will resume this morning in the Creswell School District. But Creswell's school buses are on their "snow routes"—not because of snow but because of downed trees, debris, and powerlines that continue to block some secondary roads. The Willamette Leadership Academy also is closed for the day.

; Lane County opened resource centers for residents to use over the weekend to warm up, have a hot meal, pick up snacks to go, recharge mobile devices, and connect with service providers such as Senior and Disabled Services, trauma services, Medicaid services, housing resources, and others. Lane County also is collecting information related to property damage and residents' continuing needs for assistance, so they may better target their post-storm response. /

TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: On Sunday morning, deputies with the Lane County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a single vehicle crash spotted in a muddy field along Edenvale Road near Highway 58 in Pleasant Hill. Deputies say the driver was found deceased underneath the vehicle, a 2014 Nissan Altima. Investigators believe the driver was the only occupant and was likely not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash, resulting in her ejection from the vehicle. The crash reportedly occurred sometime the night before but was not discovered by nearby residents until Sunday morning. The driver's identity is being withheld until relatives are notified. /

LABOR, HEALTH, BUSINESS: Registered nurses with PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Home Care Services say they plan to go on strike if contract talks fail to produce a new contract by February 1. Union leaders with the Oregon Nurses' Association say they are planning a two-week walkout for their 90-member bargaining unit. ONA leaders say the home health and hospice nurses have been bargaining with parent company PeaceHealth for almost one year and that their old contract expired in April. They say key areas in the contract talks are pay, safety standards, and increased recruitment and retention of skilled nurses. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED WEATHER, EDUCATION, UTILITIES, TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY, HEALTH: Most Springfield Public Schools are open today, but three remain closed because of storm damage. They are Thurston High School, along with Agnes Stewart Middle School, and Briggs Middle School. But all others in the Springfield district are resuming classes. After a storm-related closure, students in the South Lane Schools in the Cottage Grove area also returned to class today. ; More homes and businesses have heat and light after another day of repair work across the storm zone: Officials with the Eugene Water and Electric Board report they've restored power to all but about 1,400-plus customers in 335 outage areas. At the peak of last week's ice storms, more than 24,000 were without power. EWEB officials expect most power restorations will be completed by Thursday. The ice storm incurred enormous damage on the lower McKenzie River Valley, where crews are working to repair large transmission and feeder lines. On Monday, crews made progress in the Deerhorn, Camp Creek, and Cedar Flat areas. But officials say some back roads remain inaccessible, hindering progress. The Springfield Utility Board says crews continued power restoration efforts across their service area, including the heavily damaged Thurston area. But it's been slow work and efforts at some locations are taking days to repair because of the extent of the damage. Leaders with Lane Electric say the Creswell area bore the brunt of the damage on their electrical system. Of the 158 damaged utility poles on Lane Electric's service area, 118 of them are in the Creswell area. In addition to the crews working to replace the shattered poles and restring power lines, Lane Electric anticipates having its Cloverdale substation back on-line tomorrow with the help of a massive back-up generator. Other outages are in the Pleasant Hill, Fall Creek, Dexter, Cottage Grove, and Lorane areas. But Lane Electric officials say 90 percent of their customers now have power. Crews with Emerald People's Utility District yesterday were able to restore power to more customers yesterday in the Creswell, Pleasant Hill, Jasper, Goshen, Dexter, Cottage Grove, Coburg, Marcola, and Veneta areas. The work continues this morning. Even in areas where power is restored, officials warn there's a continued risk of limbs falling from damaged trees and knocking out power. ; The storm emergency has eased. Lane County is suspending operations of its non-emergency call center. Officials say it comes as the number of daily calls decreased. Calltakers instead will focus on assisting with other recovery efforts. At its peak, the call center fielded 320 calls during one day, but that number fell to fewer than 30 over the last two

days. Lane County continues to share storm-related recovery updates at www.lanecountyor.gov/ice/

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the county and raises the costs of repairs. Keep an eye out for any suspicious activity around repair sites. Investigators say legitimate workers will be wearing appropriate safety equipment, have flaggers posted if their work encroaches on the roadway or impedes drivers, and they will be using vehicles marked with their contractor or power company numbers or logos. If you see suspicious activity, please call the Lane County Sheriff's Office immediately at 541-682-4150. When prompted by the recording, select Option 1. / CRIME, WEATHER: When this month's ice storms hit, there was a rush to set up generators to provide essential power to homes and businesses. Unfortunately, there also was an increase in the theft of generators. Yesterday, a Springfield Police Department Officer spotted two new generators inside a disabled vehicle and contacted police dispatchers. Another officer overheard that communication and shared that a similar model of generator was being used by Union Pacific Railroad to power crossings in the Jasper Road area. That second officer contacted a railroad employee who said they had, in fact, just discovered that four of their generators were stolen overnight and were preparing to report the thefts. The first officer worked with a Union Pacific employee to match the serial numbers on the generators to those in the vehicle. The officer then contacted the vehicle's registered owner, who lived in the area and unlocked the vehicle so the generators could be recovered. Later that afternoon, the officer was contacted by an individual who said an additional generator had been bought and later dumped in the area of Clearwater Park. The officer recovered that generator and arranged for it and the others to be returned to the railroad. Have any information in the generator-theft cases? Police are still trying to locate the person responsible for taking them. Contact the Springfield Police Department. / CRIME, SAFETY, HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, POLITICS, GOVERNMENT: Oregon Democratic lawmakers on Tuesday unveiled a sweeping new bill that would undo a key part of the state's first-in-the-nation drug decriminalization law, a recognition that public opinion has soured on the measure amid rampant public drug use during the fentanyl crisis. Its authors say the bill would recriminalize the possession of small amounts of drugs as a low-level misdemeanor, enabling police to confiscate them and crack down on their use on sidewalks and in parks. It also aims to make it easier to prosecute dealers, to access addiction treatment medication, and to obtain and keep housing without facing discrimination for using that medication. Backers admit the new bill is a compromise, but say it also is the best policy they can come up with to keep communities safe and save lives. Voters passed the pioneering decriminalization law, Measure 110, with 58 percent support in 2020. But Democratic legislators who championed it as a way to treat addiction as a public health matter, not a crime, are now contending with one of the nation's largest spikes in overdose deaths, along with intensifying pressure from Republicans and growing calls from a well-funded campaign group to overhaul it. Researchers say it's too soon to determine whether the law has contributed to the state's deadly overdose surge, and supporters of the measure say the decades-long approach of arresting people for possessing and using drugs didn't work. The bill is set to be introduced during the legislative session that starts on February 5. / WILDFIRES, UTILITIES: An Oregon jury awarded \$85 million Tuesday to nine victims of wildfires that ravaged the state in 2020, the latest verdict in a series of legal proceedings that are expected to put the utility PacifiCorp on the hook for billions of dollars over its liability for the deadly blazes. PacifiCorp expects post-verdict rulings and

insurance payments to bring its share of the verdict to just under \$80 million, the company said in a statement. The fires were among the worst natural disasters in Oregon's history, killing nine people, burning more than 1,875 square miles and destroying upward of 5,000 homes and other structures. Last June a jury found PacifiCorp liable for damages for negligently failing to cut power to its 600,000 customers despite warnings from top fire officials, saying its power lines were responsible for multiple blazes including the ignition and spread of the Santiam-Beachie, Echo Mountain, South Obenchain, and the "242" fires. PacifiCorp has appealed. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>WEATHER, SAFETY, COMMUNITY, UTILITIES, LOW-INCOME: Lane County is opening three locations where people can bring storm debris created by last week's severe weather. They are: Hendricks Bridge Park, east of milepost 10 on Highway 126 East; Cloverdale, on Bradford Road North, just past the intersection with Cloverdale Road east of Creswell; AND Sears Road, 78712 Sears Road, Cottage Grove. The debris collection locations will be open Fridays through Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the following dates: Friday, January 26, Saturday, January 27, and Sunday, January 28; Friday, February 2, Saturday, February 3, Sunday, February 4; and Friday, February 9, Saturday, February 10, Sunday, February 11. The sites might remain open past February 11 if there's continued high demand for debris drop-off locations in rural areas. Private property owners may drop off storm debris free of charge. When you arrive at one of the sites, you'll be asked to confirm your ZIP Code and county staff will estimate the volume of debris in cubic yards. Commercial contractors performing clean up for a fee may not use these locations. Lane County Road Maintenance Manager Orin Schumacher says he anticipates these sites will be busy so if you're waiting to drop off debris, please be patient and cooperate with staff directions as they work to operate the sites as efficiently as possible. Eligible debris: Tree limbs and branches; trees less than 24 inches in diameter (larger trees must be cut down to 24 inches in diameter or less); and heavy shrubbery. Do not bring: Household garbage or recycling; building materials, plywood, damaged siding, etc.; regular yard debris (grass, mulch, etc.); rocks or earth; tree root balls; or materials greater than 24 inches in diameter. If you bring garbage or other items to these drop-off sites, you will be turned away. ; Utility crews continue to make progress restoring power after this month's ice storms. But they warn it could take days before some especially challenging or remote locations will be re-energized. The Springfield Utility Board anticipates restoring electricity to the 42nd and Olympic area today and is continuing work at locations across the Thurston area as well as along parts of Centennial and other locations. The Eugene Water and Electric Board still has 244 individual outages affecting more than 950 customers. The sites are scattered across town and in the lower McKenzie Valley. Lane Electric hopes to restore power to most members homes on or before Monday. They installed a backup generator yesterday at the Cloverdale substation and expected to begin reenergizing the lines connected to that substation overnight. The Emerald People's Utility District restored power to</p>

another 600 customers yesterday and says it's working to repair damage to equipment serving another 1,300. They say many of the remaining locations were heavily damaged, making repairs especially complicated. ; (TB-LCOG-SDS) – If you are a SNAP recipient in Lane County who has food spoil during the power outages caused by this month's winter ice storms, you may apply for SNAP Replacement benefits. The deadline to apply is February 16. There are some requirements: Your application must include a detailed list of food items lost and the estimated cost. Food must have been purchased with SNAP benefits. The maximum replacement benefit is equal to what you normally receive in one month of SNAP benefits. The Lane Council of Government's Senior & Disability Services staff also can assist you with filing for the replacement benefits. / SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION, GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS: Federal regulators have approved an inspection process that will let airlines resume flying their Boeing 737 Max 9 jetliners, which have been grounded since a side panel blew out of a plane in midflight earlier this month. The head of the Federal Aviation Administration said Wednesday that his agency's review of the scary incident on board an Alaska Airlines Boeing jet gave him confidence to clear a path for the planes to fly again. The official, Mike Whitaker, said the FAA would not agree to any Boeing request to expand production of Max planes until the agency is satisfied that quality-control concerns have been addressed. ; Alaska Airlines says the grounding of some Boeing planes will cost the airline \$150 million. Alaska disclosed the fallout from the grounding of its Boeing 737 Max 9 jetliners on Thursday. Some major U.S. airlines are struggling to cover higher costs for labor and other expenses. American Airlines says that fourth-quarter profit fell sharply, and it's forecasting a loss in the first quarter of the new year. Southwest Airlines is posting a loss for the fourth quarter. Both airlines are reporting sharply higher labor costs, and they're also paying more for items like maintenance. /

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WEATHER, SAFETY, UTILITIES, TRANSPORTATION, RECREATION:
Forecasters with the National Weather Service say the storm that's arriving across Western Oregon could bring 1 to 3 inches of rain to the region, with 2 to 5 inches possible over the Coast Range. Snow levels will be rising today, and hover at 7,000 to 8,000 feet this afternoon through this weekend. With all this rain, and snowmelt from the Coast Range and Cascades, rivers will rise, but river flooding is not expected. However, many small streams and creeks will be running high into Sunday. Heavy rainfall will create pools of standing water in low lying areas and other poor drainage spots. In addition, there is an elevated landslide risk in some parts of southwestern Oregon. That particularly affects those areas that have seen significant tree damage due to the recent storms and strong winds. ; In the wake of this month's ice storms, many parks and recreation spots remain closed while crews assess the damage, and remove downed trees and power lines, repair damaged structures, fences, and other features. Until things are back to normal at your favorite spots, parks managers, public works, and utility crews are asking you to respect closure signs. ; It's similar to the situation on some roadways that sustained heavy storm damage. One notable example is a big section of Deerhorn Road, east of Springfield: The road provides access to many homes and other spots along miles of the scenic McKenzie River. Utility crews are still clearing the mess and working to restore power. The road is still being cleared. The hope is to reopen the western end of Deerhorn Road later today. That would be a couple of days ahead of schedule. But in the meantime, they're urging residents and others to only use the eastern access until the entire roadway reopens. And they ask that you not move closure barriers and drive or walk around them. It puts your safety—and those of repair crews—at risk. ; Crews yesterday continued their efforts to restore power to homes hit hard by this month's ice storms: Leaders of the Springfield Utility Board hope to have power restored to most customers by the end of the weekend. But they remind you that if there's damage to equipment they do not own—including the hardware that connects your home to utility lines, you'll need to have a licensed electrician repair that damage. SUB has a special program that gives electricians permission to make emergency repairs. Details are on the utility's website. Crews with the Eugene Water & Electric Board have pared their total number of outages to just under 190. The damage remains scattered across EWEB's Eugene service area and its customer area in the Lower McKenzie Valley. Lane Electric hopes to have

power restored to most of its customers by the end of the day Monday. Challenging repair work remains in the Creswell-Cloverdale area, around Fall Creek, and south of Eugene near portions of Fox Hollow Road and Forest Boulevard. The Emerald People's Utility District restored power to another 500 customers yesterday. EPUD's crews have been supplemented by 130 "mutual aid" lineworkers. They will spend the next few days focused on restoring power to the remaining 800 or so customers who have spent almost two weeks without electricity. These includes regions around Creswell and Cottage Grove; Pleasant Hill, Dexter and Jasper; Junction City, Marcola, and Lorane. / EDUCATION, PANDEMIC, GOVERNMENT: There's still a lot of room for improvement in Oregon's high school graduation rates. State education officials say roughly four in every five high school seniors graduated on time in 2023. But that's identical to the numbers from 2022—representing a plateau rather than a hoped-for improvement. Officials say there was some encouraging news: The statewide graduation rate was up a bit for students who experienced homelessness, special education students, and those who are Pacific Islanders. But graduation rates for Indigenous and Black students remained lower than their White and Asian classmates. Still, officials say the 81.3 percent on-time graduation rate underscores the resilience of Oregon students and their families. At the same time, they know that more investment is needed to assist younger students who struggled through the pandemic's challenges, including remote learning and distanced classrooms. They continue to lag in some key academic and social areas. / LABOR, BUSINESS, HEALTH: Registered nurses with PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Home Care Services say they are postponing the start of their planned strike to later next month. Rather than walkout on February 1 if there is no contract agreement, they say they will go on strike for two weeks beginning on February 10. Union leaders with the Oregon Nurses Association say that gives the company two more weeks to transfer patient care to other agencies or achieve a tentative deal. ONA leaders say the 90 home health and hospice nurses have been bargaining with parent company PeaceHealth for almost one year and that their old contract expired in April. They say key areas in the contract talks are pay, safety standards, and increased recruitment and retention of skilled nurses. / RECREATION, COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT: After months of work extending a nature trail around the western portion of Eugene's Delta Ponds, crews yesterday installed a critical link. Contractors used a crane to set a 100-foot pedestrian and bicycle footbridge in place. It closes the loop on the 1.5-mile Delta Ponds trail. This spring, Eugene Parks officials say crews will build a new boardwalk to complete the route and allow visitors to make a continuous loop around the natural area. Funding for the project comes from the voter-approved 2018 Parks and Recreation Bond, System Development Charges, and a \$350,000 Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Local Government Grant. Delta Ponds is a 150-acre waterway site consisting of numerous ponds, channels, wetlands, and associated riparian areas. This unique natural area owned by the City of Eugene borders a stretch of the Willamette River, just downstream from Valley River Center. For many, it is a favorite spot for bird watching, fishing, and enjoying the outdoors. /

NEWS TOPICS COVERED ON KGNU NEW COUNTRY 93.3

JANUARY 29—FEB 2

SOCIAL SERVICES-- Heating Assistance Public Svc phone number Thursday

HOMELESSNESS--Homeless Point in Time Count 2x Wednesday & Friday

RACIAL JUSTICE--Racial/Antisemitic racial/religious issue. Arrest made Friday

EDUCATION--4H Adult 101 Class for teens --Education Monday & Thursday

HEALTH--Blood Donations needed – Wednesday & Thursday

FEB 5-9

EDUCATION--OR Dept of Education – Summer Food Service Program – Grants to attract more schools/non-profits to get summer meal to kids/teens.

EDUCATION & HEALTH--Eugene Public Library news, Literacy Success Initiative to help schools teach students reading and writing; Feb 21 is School Exclusion Day time to get immunizations up to date; 4J school district buys new administrative building.

SOCIAL SERVICES--Low income Energy Assistance Program- Service to help locals cover heating/cooling costs, SNAP benefits

HEALTH-- Blood donation needs, OR Nurses Assoc. set to strike

ECONOMY- jobs growth, local gas prices on the rise, Oregon tax kicker

RECREATION--Local Parks news—Half of local parks reopened post ice-storm, but not Howard Buford (Mt. Pisgah)...Cascade Raptor Center re-opening this week with lots of volunteer help.

DISASTER RECOVERY--Springfield residents storm debris drop off sites

BUSINESS--Local Media- Eugene Weekly going to press this week

FEB 12-16

HEALTH: Nurse strike/Peacehealth, school exclusion day

EDUCATION: College students push state to support student emergency needs pkg to provide funding for college basic needs

HOMELESSNESS—new online service for those facing a housing crisis to find housing

ECONOMY-Rosboro closing mill- laying off 25; sports gambling is a huge revenue producer for the state of Oregon

POLITICS: Elections office hiring temporary workers for upcoming elections; elections contest for kids elementary through college to create I Voted coloring pages for elections; congressional session and bills they are addressing: daylight savings, drug measure 110, housing; Feds approve floating wind farm off coast of Coos Bay; Pacific Power provides grants for local electric projects

CRIME--Lost animal scam

FEB 20-23

ECONOMY: Nike and other big name companies laying off thousands of employees

HEALTH--Nurse Strike continues this week

TRANSPORTATION--LTD Changes carry on policy on busses; EV charging stations grant fixing and adding EV stations in Oregon; EV rebate program; HWY 126 road construction updates and closures

COLLEGE SPORTS-- New Pac 12 Commissioner announced; Eugene Emeralds & Eugene City Council looking for stadium funds will add a bond measure for voters in May

EDUCATION-- OSU Ecampus highly ranked online school

ECONOMY/POLITICS: OR senators rejected a bill to get rid of daylight savings time; Grants Pass V Johnson supreme court case & homelessness; Ems & the city of Eugene bond measure for \$15 million bond proposal; grant proposal to fight drug addiction in jails

CRIME-- LCSO scam information and internet scams on the rise.

FEB 26—MARCH 1

SOCIAL SERVICES-- Lane County Human Services/Egan Warming Ctr/ St. Vincent Depaul Winter Blanket Drive

EMPLOYMENT--OR Parks & Rec seasonal job recruiting—hiring 250; Three sawmills closed taking 183 jobs,

ECONOMY--Inflation is effecting how consumers shop, especially in the grocery stores

GOVERNMENT--Potential Government shutdown; Oregon Legislature passes \$350 million housing package pushed by Governor Kotek to tackle state's housing issues

EMPLOYMENT--Oregon Unemployment online upgrade to Frances Online Update

GOVERNMENT--Tax Filing Help in Lane County, free computer kiosk available to tax payers to file for free; Drug decriminalization law getting updated and lawmakers near approval of a new bill; LCOG unveiled new app that will allow people to livestream all local government meetings...

ENERGY--NW Natural Gas giving customer credit in February & April

DISASTER RECOVERY--Fire compensation from PacifiCorp; Higher home owners insurance due to wildfires

TRANSPORTATION--LTD expands their communication options, customers can subscribe to text or email alerts; Gas prices on the rise, quick jump up in the last week of more than 20 cents per gallon

TRANSPORTATION--Union Bargaining/Universities of Oregon contract negotiations moving forward with new contract

EDUCATION/CRIME--School threat closed UCC on Monday

MARCH 4-8

MONDAY--

GOVERNMENT--Decriminalization bill passes senate, now goes to the Governor.

OR State Supreme court elections, 5 justices are up for re-election in 2024.

EMPLOYMENT--Frances Online gets live today for the OR Employment Dept.

TRANSPORTATION--Alaska Airline passengers on the flight that lost the door plug are suing for \$1Billion.

PANDEMIC--CDC drops COVID 5-day isolation recommendation, treat it like any other respiratory virus.

RECREATION--3 local parks reopened to the public, Mt. Pisgah will reopen 3/15

TUESDAY--

GOVERNMENT--Drug decriminalization legislation heads to the governor; OR session wraps up by Sunday; Housing legislation to address housing shortage and affordability also heads to the governor; Super Tuesday: Biden & Trump primary races; US Supreme court rules in favor of Trump being able to be on the ballot

TECHNOLOGY--States are trying to figure out how to regulate AI and how it is being used in so many ways that can end up being discriminatory in some applications

TRANSPORTATION--Boeing under fire from the FAA...being audited; General Motor recall of trucks for tail gate issue

Wednesday--

GOVERNMENT--Super Tuesday results

HOMELESSNESS--Supreme Court case originating from Grants Pass OR regarding homeless encampments & how cities can deal with them

WILDFIRES--PacifiCorp paying out more to fire victims

RECREATION--Pickleball complex coming to LCC in 2025

GOVERNMENT--Daylight Savings legislation dies...we spring forward on Sunday; Credit card late fees being capped

RECREATION--; Near record breaking numbers using OR state parks for day use & campgrounds

Thursday--

TRANSPORTATION--LTD changing routes due to lack of bus drivers

GOVERNMENT--OR Employment Dept. touting its new Frances Online and how many consumers it is helping

CRIME--EPD & SPD big drug bust by Street Crimes Unit; EPD needs public help finding suspects stealing Centurylink copper wire affecting emergencies and everyday communications

BUSINESS--Steelhead Brewing Company closing its doors for good this weekend

EDUCATION--4J Superintendent, Andy Dey, is resigning from the position; OR School Districts will get \$30 mil for summer school programs

Friday--

RACIAL JUSTICE--Eugene man charged w/federal hate crime for defacing Temple Beth Israel

GOVERNMENT--Free Tax filing option for Oregonians through the OR Dept. of Revenue website; OR lawmakers finish up short session by passing campaign finance reform bill

Daylight Savings Time

COLLEGE SPORTS-- OSU WBBX beats Colorado to move on in Pac 12 conference

MARCH 11-15

Monday--

PRO SPORTS--Eugene Ems gets more funding from state of Oregon for multi-use stadium

DISASTER--3 year anniversary since the ShakeAlert Earthquake Early Warning System; S. Eugene homeowners evacuated bc of landslide

GOVERNMENT--Federal government avoids shutdown with congress passing funding bill
Taxes can be filed for free if you use the OR Dept. of Revenue

TUESDAY--

CRIME--EPD arrests Springfield man on theft, burglary and car theft

WILDFIRE RECOVERY--OR Fire Marshal encouraging creating more defensible space around your home adding a free assessment of your property and owners will be paid \$250; OR ranked #2 in nation for number of Firewise USA sites after adding 39 new sites last year

EDUCATION--4J School District meeting to choose an interim Superintendent for the district as they search for full replacement

GOVERNMENT--Congress wants to ban TikTok if it doesn't cut ties with its Chinese parent company

WEDNESDAY--

CRIME--Attempted child abduction in Dexter has LCSO looking for suspect; LCSO made arrests in mail theft and car break-ins in Mapleton area

DISASTER RECOVERY--Governor has requested federal funds for January's ice storm impact

ECONOMY--Inflation is on the rise...latest numbers

GOVERNMENT--Legislature pushing bill to ban TIKTOK or force the parent company to sell; Presidential race is set as both Biden & Trump get enough delegates setting up a rematch

THURSDAY--

LAW ENFORCEMENT/CRIME--EPD receives grant to help cover cost of replacing body worn cameras; Scams: HS students receive phishing emails in their school emails; Springfield woman loses savings to scammers

LOTTERY--Mega Millions & Powerball jackpots

FRIDAY--

EDUCATION--LCC tuition on the rise. Tuition increasing by 4%

FINANCES--OR taxpayers have been getting their taxes done and taking advantage of the largest kicker tax credit in OR history

TRANSPORTATION--Electric vehicle rebate program is back, starting in April qualifying EVs can come with a \$7500 rebate

RECREATION--OR State Parks will help whale watchers at 15 viewing sites along the coast March 23-31st

LOTTERY--Mega Millions/Powerball huge money still up for grabs

GOVERNMENT/EMPLOYMENT--Sen. Bernie Sanders pushing new bill to reduce work hours for Americans to 32-hours a week, rather than 40 hr work weeks.

MARCH 18-22

MONDAY--

LOW INCOME--Income eligible families can receive summer meal funds through the state

COLLEGE SPORTS--March Madness and sports betting allowed in 38 states including Oregon;

March Madness and end of Pac 12, teams in the tournament

TUESDAY--

SOCIAL SERVICES--Senior Companion program volunteers are needed to help disabled and isolated adults, sign up through LCC

HEALTH--Allergy season starting early and will last longer

TRANSPORTATION/ECONOMY--Nationwide and statewide gas prices on the rise; Roadwork in downtown Eugene in progress to help slow cars down and make biking/walking more accessible

GOVERNMENT--Federal government avoids shutdown by agreeing to a funding deal

ECONOMY/BUSINESS--Joann Fabric files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy; Price of chocolate on the rise

WEDNESDAY--

CRIME--Large marijuana grow busted in Pleasant Hill area; Late night LTD bus vs pedestrian. Pedestrian was laying in the bus lane covered by a blanket when they were hit

ECONOMY--Gas prices on the rise up 50 cents in just one month in Oregon

GOVERNMENT--Largest tax kicker in Oregon history has taxpayers getting their income tax filing done as soon as possible to take advantage of the kicker benefits

EMPLOYMENT--Frances Online, new employment department online platform upgrade is not getting rave reviews from Oregonians

LOTTERY--Mega millions getting bigger and bigger

THURSDAY--

CRIME--EPD arrests robbery suspect

HEALTH--Annual report from the OR Death with Dignity Act shows a 30% increase in prescription requests, amendment removes the state residency requirement.

COLLEGE SPORTS--OSU getting to host the first/second round women's games for the NCAA tournament

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS--Fire officials are calling for residents to address debris/tree clean up now to prevent fire risks during fire season, burn season ends in June

ECONOMY--Feds decide not to drop interest rates because inflation is still too high; Lawmakers need to make a final decision on latest 1.2 trillion government funding package before deadline Friday night

FRIDAY--

EDUCATION--4J School Dist announces their interim Superintendent, Colt Gill former superintendent for Bethel

GOVERNMENT--Government spending package needs to be passed today to avoid a government shutdown

BUSINESS--Antitrust lawsuit filed against Apple accusing tech giant of monopoly on smartphones

COLLEGE SPORTS--Oregon Duck men upset 6-seed S Carolina; March madness brackets

MARCH 25-29

MONDAY--

GOVERNMENT--Lawmakers passed spending bill to avoid a federal government shutdown

OR Governors office sees massive personnel shakeup with multiple top aides leaving

LOTTERY--Powerball & Mega-Millions jackpots and odds of winning

COLLEGE SPORTS-- OR Duck men recap of double OT game...loss

OSU Women's team win and Sweet 16

TRANSPORTATION--Airline safety in question as flight problems on several airlines making news headlines

BUSINESS--Freelance workers or anyone getting paid through apps like Venmo, PayPal will have to report more of their earnings in tax year 2024

TUESDAY--

LOTTERY--Powerball/Megamillions...billions up for grabs and advice on what to do if you ever won...odds are you won't

GOVERNMENT--Supreme Court hears arguments on first abortion case in 2 years...at stake, access to abortion medication; Tax time...unclaimed tax refunds from 2020, time is running out to claim

COLLEGE SPORTS--Pac 12 finalizes financial agreement with schools leaving; March Madness Pac 12 going out with a bang...5 women's teams made it to the Sweet 16

CRIME--LCSO busy with finding illegal drugs with their new K9 addition and another case where a suspect chase the deputy before other units showed up...suspect pointed what looked like a rifle at deputies

HOMELESSNESS--Local non-profit organization that helps unhoused youth gets million dollar grant

WEDNESDAY--

TRANSPORTATION--ODOT bridge report says the agency is losing ground on keeping up with maintaining and replacing old OR bridges; Studded tires deadline to take them off your vehicle is this Sunday

BUSINESS--Bi-Mart pilot program to recycle batteries

GOVERNMENT--Governor Kotek's wife and her increased role in the governor's office is coming under scrutiny

THURSDAY--

EDUCATION--LCC offering high school juniors & seniors one class tuition free to get a jump start on college courses

CRIME--LCSO K9 Bear making more drug busts near UO campus; SPD seeking public help after a house party got out of hand and shots were fired into a house; Trauma Interventions Programs of Lane County is looking for volunteers and is holding a training at EPD soon.

CLIMATE CHANGE--Water managers are keeping a close eye on and reporting on Oregon's snowpack

TRANSPORTATION--MLK Blvd is slated for traffic changes to cut down on accidents

FRIDAY--

GOVERNMENT--Governor signs temporary stop gap to shield landowners from lawsuits when people are injured while using public trails;NBureau of Land Management supporting access to reliable high speed internet service for rural communities and helping address wildfire risk

HEALTH--Allergy season in Lane County arriving early this year

COLLEGE BASKETBALL--Portland hosting Sweet 16 & Elite 8 games giving the city a big financial boost

OSU taking on Notre Dame today in first Sweet 16 game