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October 2, 2017 At least 50 people are dead and more than 400 wounded after a gunman opened fire at the Mandalay Ba Casino in Las Vegas Sunday night. The shooting occurred during Jason Aldeans performance during the final day of the Route 91 Harvest music Festival. Police report the shooter is dead and identified as a 64 year old local resident.

October 6, 2017 (1:30 min) A new law took effect in Oregon yesterday allowing cities that use red light cameras to use the technology to also catch speeders. Despite the expansion, Bend Police has no intention of installing red light or photo radar cameras because officers would lose the opportunity to educate drivers. The technology would also cost additional money and manpower.

October 10, 2017 (1:30 min) Social-media reports Monday night about a rumored shooting to take place Tuesday at Bend's Mountain View High School prompted the principal to send a note to all parents about the ongoing investigation and plans for increased police presence at the school Tuesday.

October 11, 2017 7:10am (1:30) Bend Police stepped up patrols at Mountain View and other high schools yesterday following reports that a threat may have been made on social media. Detectives are working to track down the origin of the rumor.

The National weather Service reports wind patterns will continue to send smoke in Central Oregon from Northern California, through this evening. According to the Forest Service, the haze that blanketed our area yesterday is from the more than a dozen wildfires devastating the Npa Valley and not from any local fires or burning operations. Bend Fire asks that people not call 911 regarding the smoke unless you see a specific smoke column or flames.

October 12, 2017 Bend Police shut down access to the area around SE 2nd and Scott St, for about 2 hours. Traffic was backed up. It was discovered an intoxicated man commit suicide.

October 16, 2017 Oregon's Fish and wildlife Commission adopted new fees for recreational and other licenses at their meeting in Prineville, Friday. The new fee structure takes effect January first. The fees for kids hunting and fishing licenses aren't changing. For adults, the cost of an annual hunting license will go up \$1.50...adult fishing licenses go up 3 dollars.

October 18, 2017 St Charles will lay off as many as 30 employees this week. CEO Joe Sluka says its one of a number of steps the health system is taking to close a 25 to 35 million dollar budget gap in 2018. More than 70 other caregivers have accepted voluntary buy outs and others will take pay cuts. Health care system is broken at both state and federal level...seeing revenue decline...while labor and medical supply expenses are rising.

October 23, 2017 Oregon's DMV is warning used car buyers to watch for flood damaged vehicles. Thousands of vehicles were flooded in Texas and Florida by the Hurricanes. Electronics are the biggest problem. Check vehicles identification number to see if it has a clean title and look for dried mud under the dash and strange odors.

October 26, 2017 last winter was called a one in 25 years storm and the City of bend is taking a hard look at street clearing policies and procedures. The city upgraded equipment, is hiring and training more staff to prepare for long hours and difficult conditions, and is trying to be more interactive with residents. A new map will show where the snowplows are working and new Snow Emergency Zones will be targeted to keep residential roads from becoming one lane streets.

October 26, 2017 The cost of registering your car or truck goes up January 1st from \$86 to \$112 dollars for a two year license. Renewal notices are going out now for vehicles expiring in anuary. It doesn't matter if you pay before the end of the year, you'll still pay the higher fee. Trip permits are also going up for truckers. The states new transportation package is funded by increased vehicle related fees...it also includes a half percent tax on new vehicles and a \$15 dollar tax on bikes that cost more than \$200.

October 30, 2017 Open enrollment starts Wednesday for individuals who need to buy health insurance through the federal exchange. Signing up through healthcare-dot-gov is the only way to get help with the cost of insurance, if you qualify. The website shows which plans are available and costs. IRS still requires everyone to have health insurance or face a penalty. Open enrollment runs November 1st through December 15th.

December 15, 2017 7:10 am (2 min) Engineer Rick explained NET Neutrality. The Federal Communication Commission decision to eliminate net neutrality rules will give internet service providers ability to control access and speed restrictions on websites. Oregon congressman Greg Walden fought for the change and applauds the move. Companies like Netflix and Reddit oppose the change saying it'll hurt entrepreneurship. Republicans will work to pass new restrictions that would try and stop I S P's from slowing or blocking websites or apps.

December 18, 2017 Speed limits are going down for several sections of streets in Bend. Powers road will go from 35 to 30 miles and hour, between Parrell and Brookwood Blvd; Southeast 15th from Ferguson to Knott is going from 50 to 45...and between Lostine Circle and Ferguson it will be 35 miles per hour. And, Country Club Drive will go from 40 to 35, between Knott and Murphy Road. New speed signs will go up this month.

December 19, 2017 Hwy 22 remains closed east of Detroit due to damage from Friday nights fatal tanker crash. The truck was carrying more than 11 thousand gallons of gasoline when when it crashed; the tanks ruptured and exploded causing a massive fire and killing the driver, 58 year old Ron Scurlock of Bend. ODOT says the highway is being excavated and will need to be rebuilt and repaved before it can open. Early testing by the DEQ shows no impact on area drinking water supplies, despite some fuel spilling into the North Santiam River. Holiday travelers are hoping it will reopen in time for Christmas.

December 20, 2017 The Oregon Department of Transportation is warning drivers navigating mountain passes NOT to rely on GPS units. Hwy 22 remains closed due to damage caused by Fridays fiery

tanker crash that killed a Bend man. ODOT says in some cases, GPS is routing people through unmaintained forest service roads. Until the Santiam Highway reopens, drivers are encouraged to use established detours, like Highway 20. Large trucks should use 126 or 26.

December 26, 2017 Cascade East Transit has approved several route changes, all aimed at making the system easier for riders. Many students who live outside the areas serviced by their school buses use C E T to get to school. New routes will take effect on January 2nd.

December 26, 2017 Bend Fire is working to help fire victims. "After the Fire" booklet guides people through clean up and recovery. It was published last month.

December 29, 2017 In the middle of December there were two teen suicides in Bend. Unrelated. Bend La Pine School launched an app last week in an effort to help students access critical emotional support. "First Step" is now on all iPads issued to students in grades 6 through 12. It provides immediate access to a youth crisis line as well as other local resources. Julianne Repman says the district planned to roll it out in January, but moved the timeline up after two local teens committed suicide December 14. The First step program can also be accessed from any computer or mobile device at FirstStepOregon.org