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Letter From the Editor

By Kathy Adair

Winter is marching its way in with a lot of heavy rainfall and the beginnings of snow on the pass. This is a good reminder that we all need to prepare for the possibility/probability of power outages, downed trees over roads and more.

This is also the time of year for giving, including donations. Believe it or not, our Alsea Valley Voice costs us approximately \$6,000 a year to print and mail. If you would like to donate to help cover the costs, we would certainly not object! We will happily send you a donation receipt for your taxes. For more information and a donation form, please read Musings from the ACE President on the next page.

While this issue is much smaller than the last one, it is filled with lots of updates from our various organizations, including an article or two from our readers. Please continue to send articles of information and better yet, fun happenings in our area. This paper is all about YOU, our community and this special part of our state.

If you would like to submit an article, please let me know. The next deadline for article submission will be **January 15th, 2025**. This will be for the January/February issue. If you are an organization or business, think about what is coming up that you would like the community to know about and let's get something in the AVV. It is helpful if articles are in Word format and emailed to me. PDF does not work very well. Many thanks to all of you who submit articles.

As always, if you have questions or article submissions, please don't hesitate to message me on Facebook Messenger or email me at our AVV email – AlseaValleyVoice1@gmail.com. Don't forget the "1" on the email. You can also still reach me on my personal email.

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Musings from the ACE President

As the end of the year nears, I have been thinking back to what has been accomplished this year. Last winter, our Art Committee launched our "Call to Artists" and we nine different groups submitted proposals for art projects for the library space. Two artists, Norma Eaton and Uyen-Thi Nguyen were chosen to create new art pieces specifically for our space and their pieces are now proudly hanging in the library. Three new HVAC units were installed in the spring and that ensures that visits to the library are comfortable in both hot and cold weather. While on the board, Naomi Shadwick wrote a grant for the Alsea Hope Grange so they could commission a new sign outside of their building. The result is spectacular! (see photo next page) During the year, board members continued to build on the launch of the Alsea Community Library Legacy Fund to accept donations for long-term maintenance of the library. We have now raised over \$33,000 for that fund. And in early September, we launched the first of what I hope are many annual Blackberry Blast events. Besides these events and activities, maybe the biggest accomplishment was to return to regular operating of the library post pandemic and to see the return of community activities in the community room.

Thank you, ACE Art Committee, for hosting the second Artist's Reception and Unveiling on Saturday, October 19th for Cottage Grove-based artist Uyen-Thi Nguyen (UTN) and her painting, which is now installed in the children's area of the Alsea Library. Thank you to everyone who stopped by to support the artist and the library. If you haven't already, please stop by and see the new piece.

You'll also want to stop by to see the current art exhibit by Oregon artist Dhira Lawrence. Her work is now shown in both the community room and library walls.

I am delighted to share that Lori Greenfield has accepted a nomination to become ACE's newest board member. Lori has joined both the board and the Art Committee. Her background in education and administration will make her a true asset to the organization. Lori accepted her new duties in October. There is an article on page 10 about her background. Thank you, Lori!

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Alsea Community Champions - Pledge Form

I (we) will contribute \$_____ towards the Alsea Library Community Center operations, Maintenance Fund, and/or Alsea Valley Voice newsletter. Please make checks payable to Alsea Community Effort, or A.C.E., and mail donations to 19192 Alsea Hwy, Alsea, OR 97234. You can also drop donations off at the library.

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I would also like to acknowledge the volunteer work of Steve Moore who has donated a significant amount of time and finance knowledge to help re-launch our Finance Committee. Steve has been working since July to help the ACE Treasurer (Michael Hill), ACE Secretary (Kathy Plaza) and me establish new finance practices for the organization. Steve also prepared the latest tax returns for the organization. Thank you, Steve!

As we come to the close of the year, I invite all Alsea Valley Voice readers to consider making a tax-deductible contribution to the ACE organization to help us continue to publish the Alsea Valley Voice. We were fortunate in 2024 to receive a grant from the Benton Community Foundation that helped to offset the costs of the AVV. It costs about \$6,000 per year to publish the bi-monthly newsletter and distribute it free to all patrons in the 97324 postal code. We are also very grateful to the many businesses who purchase ads in the AVV as the revenue from these ads also helps to defray the costs of publication. If you would like your donation to go specifically to the AVV, please include "AVV" in the tag line of your check.

The ACE board welcomes ideas, suggestions, concerns and questions about community events or ideas for community building. Please send ideas through postal mail (19192 Alsea Highway, Alsea, OR 97324) or drop off comments and notes in our comment box inside the library building.

Happy Holiday Season!

Meredith Howell, ACE President

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Library Lines

by Kathy Koetz

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Preschool Science this time was all about MAGNETS. Both the Preschool and Kindergarten had so much fun!

Alsea Community Library hosted our first Nerf Night in November. We may be looking for Nerf darts until spring...

December dates:

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Crafternoon 12/24 & 31 3:30-4:30pm

Preschool Storytime 12/4 & 12/18 9-9:45am

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Upcoming Art Exhibit

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with collages by Willamette Valley artist

Norma Eaton!

January – March 2025

You can't miss Norma's recent beautiful permanent installation as you open the door and enter the library!



Norma will be exhibiting more of her gorgeous collages during the first three months of 2025!

Norma Eaton is a collage artist with a passion for beautiful landscapes. She works primarily in collage with papers she paints herself using a variety of techniques and textures to create realistic and fanciful landscapes. She then cuts out shapes from these painted papers and glues them to a surface with clear permanent acrylic gel medium.

Alsea School District Update

by Krista Nieraeth, M.Ed

As our school year continues, Alsea Charter School is rolling! We continue to emphasize that in “In Alsea....Attendance Matters!!!” Since the beginning of the year, the attendance average for our students who are regularly attending school (90% or more of the time), is over 70%, which is up from the 55% from the 2022-2023 school year. We are proud of our families’ commitment to having our students in school every day and want to make sure we continue to have our students at school 90% or more of the time!

We’ve had a busy fall! Our entire elementary school went to Davis Family Farms to a Fall Field trip to ride on the hayride, go through the corn maze, and have some apple donuts and cider. Our 6th grade has been busy doing science experiments to learn more about cells and learning about data systems. The MS/HS Leadership class has been planning amazing assemblies to help promote school spirit.

Our fall high school sports season went well. Both our volleyball and football teams earned spots into the state playoffs this fall. While both teams fell in the first round, they represented the Alsea Wolverines well in the state.

Congratulations to the following volleyball players for earning All-League Honors:

1st Team – Kendra Stone and Megan VanLeuven; 2nd Team – Tamarra O’Brien; Honorable Mention – Lila Follett

Congratulations to the following football players for earning All-League Honors:

1st Team – Gavan Hinchberger – Defensive End and Utility Player; 2nd Team – Chris Foster – Running Back and Defensive End; Braiden Webb – Defensive Back; Honorable Mention – Tanner Hibbs – Wide Receiver and Defensive Back; Braiden Webb – Quarterback; Nate Allen – Center; and Stetson White – Running Back

Our winter high school athletic schedules can be found on the OSAA website at www.osaa.org. The middle school athletic schedules can be found on our website and on our Facebook page.

Winter Break for our district will be from December 23rd, 2024, through January 6th, 2025, with students returning on Tuesday, January 7th, 2025. We hope everybody has an amazing holiday season.

The School Board and the District are starting the Strategic Planning process to help create the vision and mission of the district for the upcoming year. The district will also be sending out a survey to our families and community to help inform the school board and district leadership of the wants and needs of the community for our school. We will be releasing the information on how to take those surveys in December. Please check our website and Facebook pages for the links when we release them.

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Our School Board meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, starting at 6pm. Please visit the board section of our website at <https://alsea.k12.or.us/board/minutes-agendas/> for the dates and time for all board meetings, as well as the agendas.

There will be two vacancies on our school board this spring. If you are interested in applying, please contact Lora Nickle at lora.nickle@alsea.k12.or.us for more information. Our board encourages anyone interested in applying to the board to attend the monthly board meetings to see the role of the board in governance of the district.

For the most updated information about the happenings at Alsea School District, please be sure to visit our website at www.alsea.k12.or.us or follow us on Facebook. GO WOLVERINES!!!!!!!!!!!!



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New ACE Board Member

Hi Folks! My name is Lori Greenfield and I am a new volunteer member of the Alsea Community Effort Board of Directors. Serving on the ACE board has been in my plans for retirement and now that time has come. I have been an Alsea resident since 1992 when I moved here with my husband, Steve Moore, and our three children, all of whom attended Alsea School. Some of you already know me from my years working at Alsea School. I was a teacher from 1994 to 2004 when I left for work opportunities in the Willamette Valley. When I retired in 2017, I began working again at Alsea School for another five years. During that time my work included a wide range of duties from teaching to supervising the playground, helping students with discipline to helping teachers with curriculum.

I first got involved with ACE by helping the art committee that brought about the Blackberry Blast this past summer. ACE has and continues to serve the community in diverse ways including emergency preparedness and the HAM radio project and publishing the Alsea Valley Voice newsletter. My personal interests are projects related to arts and culture and, of course, education. ACE is responsible for the upkeep of our beautiful community library, which is another important reason that I chose to get involved with ACE. I would love to see much more use of our library and the community room.



Making good things happen to improve our quality of life seems like good clean fun to me. I am excited to be a volunteer working together with other enthusiastic, community-oriented people. Hopefully, some or many of the ACE sponsored projects and events will strike your interest or serve a need for you and others in Alsea. Who knows, maybe you, too, will put volunteering for ACE on your list of things to do (and that could be before or after retirement).



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ACE Art News

Second Permanent Art Installation in the Alsea Community Library!

The ACE Art Committee held the “Unveiling” of Uyen-Thi Nyugen’s oil painting, “Storytime,” on Saturday, October 19th at the Library. With generous donations from the Corvallis Benton “Friends of the Library” and the Siletz Tribe, the public was invited to come enjoy food and entertainment while meeting the artist, Uyen-Thi Nyugen, of Cottage Grove, Oregon.

Steve Moore and Michelle Dedman entertained with great jazzy “oldies” and the Thyme Garden catered the tasty finger foods and drinks.

Along with ACE board members, community folks and the artist herself installed her lovely painting permanently on a prominent wall of the early childhood area of the library.

“Storytime” is a perfect fit for our library - a real conversation starter, full of details depicting Alsea’s history, culture, and natural beauty.



Thanks to Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund!

Michelle Dedman and Steve Moore



Thyme Garden Treats



Installing “Storytime”



Uyen-Thi Nyugen with “Storytime”

Benton County Community Update – City of Alsea

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL


The project is currently under construction, with curbs, paving and striping complete. Due to weather conditions the concrete flat work is not yet complete but will be as soon as weather allows. The contractor continues to experience delays in procuring electrical equipment to finish the light poles and flashing beacons. This portion of the project is expected to be finished by the end of the year or in early 2025. Please check the Public Works Projects webpage for the latest updates.

WATER UPDATE

The work on the water tanks and the well house are progressing. The new liner for the tank is fully cured and refilling of the tank is in progress. Once water quality has been checked and cleared the tank will be put back into service. The structural repairs at the well house have been completed. Remaining work at the well house include some plumbing, and electrical and chlorine system improvements. The consultant and contractor anticipate all of the work being completed in early December.

COMMUNITY HEALTH UPDATE

As we enter 2025, we’re excited to announce that we are making plans for outreach clinic days at 435 E Alder Street in Alsea. This will bring primary care closer to home with Dr. Marske and team. A local option aims to ease access for current patients of the Community Health Centers who travel to Corvallis for care. It is also an opportunity to welcome new community members to become patients with the Community Health Centers. For specific dates and appointments, call 541-766-6835. Additionally, Benton County is exploring partnerships with local 501(c)(3) nonprofits around future use of the clinic building. Although the Federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) New Access Point grant wasn’t pursued due to low Unmet Needs Score, we remain committed to enhancing health services through community feedback. Thank you for helping us share healthcare in Alsea.



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Alsea Wolverines Booster Club Update: Fall 2024

The Alsea Wolverines Booster Club helps fund our Alsea School athletes, students, families, and our community. Our projects include selling school spirit merchandise like hoodies and t-shirts, funding sports programs, special events, contributing to things teachers need, scholarships, and much more. Our purpose is to cover financial areas that the school district cannot and to create more opportunities and exposure for our rural youth.

We often have a table at local events selling Alsea Wolverines clothing and merchandise. Look for us at major Alsea sports events and December's Alsea Grange Christmas Bazaar! We'll be rolling out Wolverines basketball merch soon.

We help with funding for programs and supplies for Alsea School kids. A recent example is the financial assistance we gave the new Alsea Youth Choir. We welcome inquiries from teachers and community members alike, so if you're looking for funding for a program, project or supplies for Alsea School kids, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at info@alseaboosters.org.

This fall we raised more than \$800 for an Ethan Cantrell Memorial Fund to be used towards a memorial project.

We thank our recent grantors: Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund for awarding AWBC a \$2000 grant to fund the Alsea Youth Choir and CPI Charitable Fund for their grant of \$400.

If you would like to make a donation to the Booster Club this holiday season, send a check payable to "Alsea Wolverines Booster Club" to PO Box 267, Alsea, OR 97324. You may also use Paypal for a one-time or recurring donation: www.tinyurl.com/alseaboosters Thank you!

Please join our Boosters Facebook group. It doesn't mean you are volunteering, just supporting our effort and getting all the latest updates. Thank you - facebook.com/groups/alseawolverinesboosterclub

We're grateful to our Alsea community for helping us to support the Alsea School kids and teachers! As always, let us know ideas of how we can help Alsea School thrive!

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Alsea Community Health Update

Christine Mosbaugh, CHC Strategy and Engagement Manager

Lacey Mollel, CHC Executive Director

As we approach the new year, we're excited to share some key updates on healthcare access and opportunities for the Alsea community. Here's a look at what's coming up and how we're working to address local needs.

New outreach clinic days starting January 2025

In January 2025, we're launching outreach clinic days at 435 E Alder Street in Alsea, bringing primary healthcare closer to home. Dr. Marske and her team will be available at the clinic to serve current patients who typically travel to Corvallis, as well as community members interested in setting up care. These outreach days will provide a convenient, local option for medical care.

For specific dates, times, and to schedule an appointment, please contact us at 541-766-6835. We look forward to welcoming you and making healthcare more accessible in Alsea.

Future plans for the building at 435 East Alder Street

Discussions are underway regarding the long-term use of the building at 435 East Alder Street. Benton County is in conversation with local 501(c)(3) organizations about potential future uses of this space. This dialogue is part of our ongoing effort to ensure that community resources align with the needs and interests of Alsea residents.

Starting in 2025, we hope to have more information about the process and opportunities related to this building. For questions or interest in learning more as a 501(c)(3), please reach out to the Community Health Centers Board of Directors at CHCBOD@bentoncountyor.gov

Update on New Access Point grant application

After careful consideration, the decision was made to not apply for the highly competitive New Access Point (NAP) grant for Alsea. This decision was based on a low Unmet Needs Score, a national metric used to assess community characteristics and planning for resource allocation for new federal healthcare sites. Proximity to care outside the Alsea Valley and the small population size, along with safety and community metrics contribute to this score. To learn more, visit <https://data.hrsa.gov/topics/health-centers/sanam>

Both the CHC Board of Directors, which includes representatives from Alsea, and the Benton County Board of Commissioners were actively involved in evaluating this choice.

We remain committed to supporting the health and wellness needs of the Alsea community. While the NAP grant wasn't a fit for this location, we're open to exploring partnerships and additional services in the future, based on available resources and community interest.

Listening and Responding to Community Health Feedback

We concluded and reported on our Alsea Community Assessment to the Health Workgroup and the ACE Board in early Fall. We continue to listen to experiences and feedback to understand and guide resources for local health needs. Your input shapes the services we offer and helps us tailor our outreach efforts. We encourage you to continue sharing your thoughts and ideas with us.

Thank you for being an active part of these conversations and for your commitment to a healthier Alsea. Stay tuned for more updates and reach out to us for January outreach dates at 541-766-6835 or by MyChart if you are currently a patient.

Weather and Bees and the Harvest

By Tom Ebert

Every year is different. Last winter, end of January and early February, we had a warm spell with nights in the 40s and 50s and highs in the 50s with one day of 60 degrees. Bees came out but fruit trees were not quite ready and very few of any flowers for bees. Bumblebee queens appeared and then the weather cooled with a few days of frost. Fruit set was poor. We didn't get any peaches or plums. There were some pie cherries, but most were turned into birds - robins, I think. Crows came to pick fruit, but cherries just end up on the ground. I think crows get bored and picking fruit is just something to do. The tomato crop was not good, which may have been due to low numbers of bumblebees, the main pollinators. In the summer of 2023 by midsummer there were hundreds of bumblebee workers in our garden; this past summer, very few. I suspect queens that came out in late January and early February had poor success in establishing nests. There could, of course, be other reasons. Our native bees are major pollinators and there are a few things that can help them. One is to try to limit pesticide use or if pesticides are necessary try to spray after flowers have finished blooming. Also, there are a variety of native trees and shrubs that can be planted to support bees. A useful publication is -

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/pub/em-9391-shrubs-trees-bees>

La Niña is supposed to arrive with cooler and wetter conditions this winter so, I hope, bees will stay quiet until fruit trees are ready and bumblebee queens have a good year but, as folks used to say, "Stay tuned".



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Alsea Fire Dept. Board Meeting	Alsea Fire Hall	Last Tues monthly	7:00 pm	541-487-8701
Alsea Fire Dept. General Meeting		Wednesdays	7:00 pm	
Alsea 4-H Small Animal Club		1 st & 3 rd Thurs monthly	6:00 pm	541-207-6552
Alsea Wolverines Booster Club				503-740-9639
Alsea Food Bank	Jeni's Place	Thursdays	10:00 am-4:00 pm	541-487-3663
Alsea Garden Club	ACF Church	2 nd Sat monthly	12:00 pm	541-760-3856
Ladies' Bible Study	ACF Church	Tuesdays	9:30 am	541-487-4442
Men's Bible Study		Mondays	6:30 pm	
Church Youth Group		Sundays	6:30 pm	
Alsea HOPE Grange	Grange Hall	1 st Thurs monthly	6:00 pm	541-486-4215
Alsea School Board Meeting	School Library	2 nd Tuesday monthly	6:00 pm	541-487-4305
Alsea Valley Gleaners Distribution	18889 Haines Rd	Fridays	2:00-7:00 pm	503-951-2499
Stitch and Rip Quilting Club	Various (please call)	Mondays	10:00 am-3:00 pm	541-487-8011
Alsea Kitchen Club	Alsea Library	2 nd or 3 rd Sun semi-monthly	2:00-4:00 pm	503-255-8055

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