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Eddy Provost, Kathy Plaza and Phil Plaza posing beneath the new library artwork

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# **Letter From the Editor**

By Kathy Adair

Summer is here and the heat has been a challenge for many, including our plants. Due to this excessive heat, fire watchers are on high alert, which makes this is a perfect time to be doing what we can to protect our homes and minimize chances of fire damage.

In this issue, you will read about the new art installation at our Community Library which was funded through a grant. This is such a beautiful piece of art that was designed specifically for our area by artist Norma Eaton. We also have a new survey from the Benton County Health Department that we encourage you to fill out. There is also information on an upcoming blood drive. Lots going on in our little community. Love it!!!

If you would like to submit an article, please let me know. The next deadline for article submission will be **September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. This will be for the September/October 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 – <u>AlseaValleyVoice1@gmail.com</u>. Don't forget the "1" on the email. You can also still reach me on my personal email.





# Musings from the ACE President

The ACE Art Committee and ACE Board members did a fabulous job hosting an Artist's Reception and Unveiling on Saturday, June 22nd for Salem-based artist Norma Eaton and her collage that is now installed in 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.

The community has a chance to share input about local healthcare needs through a survey that has been developed by the Community Health Centers of Benton and Linn Counties. The data collected through the survey is important because it could be used to secure federal funds for local healthcare activities. Understanding healthcare access challenges and healthcare preferences will help the Health Centers Leaders and local leaders move forward on what's needed for Alsea. Please read the article in this issue by the Population Health and Engagement Manager for the Health Centers, Christine Mosbaugh, and add your thoughts to the survey. The healthcare team will be collecting survey data through August 10, 2024.





Finally, I would like to thank long-time resident Michael Hill for accepting the nomination to become the new Treasurer for Alsea Community Effort. Michael assumed his new duties on July 1. He has been working with Naomi Shadwick, our former Treasurer, to smoothly transition financial operations. Michael brings extensive financial and fundraising experience to the Board. You can read more about Michael and the other ACE Board members on our newly updated website at <a href="https://www.alseacommunityeffort.org">www.alseacommunityeffort.org</a>.

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.

Meredith Howell, ACE President





#### Michael Hill – ACE's New Treasurer

By Michael Hill

We bought our Alsea slice of heaven from Cliff and Joyce Sweeney back in 2007, put a manufactured home on it, built a garage with a guest house, a chicken coop, garden shed, mower shed, and an office. In December 2010, I retired as a consultant on land use for the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, rented out the condo in Santa Monica where I'd lived for 30 years and moved up and in. I went to school in the District as did my parents and grandparents. My great-grandfather helped create the District back in 1875 and his brother served on the Board shortly thereafter, as did I nearly a century later.



Before becoming a consultant, I retired as a high school teacher for Los Angeles Unified School District in 1998. I ran a one-room schoolhouse for high school dropouts in Venice, CA. Best job I ever had. Before that, I was a Marriage, Family, and Child Counselor.

I lived near the beach all my life before moving to Alsea, and was very active in the Santa Monica community with several nonprofits and governmental agencies. I am grateful to be here in Alsea – the peace and quiet and the abundant beauty are humbling. I look forward to working with the ACE board in keeping the spirit of Alsea strong and growing.

# **Blood Drive**



Save your Blood for the

# Alsea Community Blood Drive

# Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 1-6 pm

Alsea School Gym

Make your own appointment at
time online at

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Enter zip code 97324, create an account and reserve your appointment time!

# **Save Your Blood!**

Save your blood for the next Alsea Community Blood Drive on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 1-6 PM.

You cannot donate after September 17<sup>th</sup> and still donate in Alsea (56 days apart).

As usual the Blood Drive is in the Alsea School Gym and you can make your own appointment online at American Red Cross, finding our Drive by entering Alsea zip code 97324.

THANKS so much for supporting Alsea & the American Red Cross.

### **Library Lines**

by Kathy Koetz

Wow, when summer decided to arrive, it really let us know what heat is! Did you know that our Library (and all the others in Benton County) is a designated cooling place? We have great air conditioning (thank you ACE for the new heat pumps) and some really fun things to do when it is just too hot outdoors! We have books, puzzles, video games, and much more to enjoy with friends!

Have you stopped by to see our fantastic new art piece by Norma Eaton that depicts the Alsea Valley? It is hanging on an east wall inside the Library and is well worth the visit!

Summer Reading is going strong. All participants have until the end of August to read for 45 days and turn in their reading log to get another free book and a Bingo card. Complete and turn in the Bingo card to be entered into a prize drawing for some awesome stuff such as a gift card to Yogurt Extreme or Parks & Rec (can be used at Osborn Aquatic Center). Or a super cool Lego set! Teens could win an art set, Squishmallow, Nerf stuff, or gift card. So keep on READING!

Join us for our last Summer Reading programs in August:

Saturday August 3<sup>rd</sup> Pool Party at Osborn FREE to all Summer Reading Participants and their families 5:30-7pm

Tuesday August 6<sup>th</sup> LEGOS 3:30-4:30pm

Tuesday August 13<sup>th</sup> Outdoor Summer Reading Finale Party 2-4pm



Sea Urchins and Kelp Under the Sea

#### It's the Most Gleaning-ful Time of the Year

by Emily Blake

Mid-late summer is abundant at Alsea Valley Gleaners (AVG). We're receiving over 500lbs of fresh organic produce each week from Gathering Together Farm and lots of other summer goodies from the stores where we do pickups. We have a work party the third Saturday of each month to work on site projects, and distribution each Friday is warm and friendly.

#### Some recent AVG news:

- We voted on some Board changes in July. Emily Blake is back as Coordinator, Mary Jackson is our new Secretary, and Buddy Clark joined the Board after over a year as a very helpful member. After 2 1/2 years of dedicated service as Executive Director, Russ Ceperich stepped down into a board member role due to his many other obligations. AVG's Board election in late July includes Lance Abney running to renew his Board member seat and Paula DeLoriea running for Treasurer.
- We'd like to thank the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund for awarding AVG \$600 and \$1577 grants toward utilities and project costs in the last year!
- Gleaning season is upon us... If anyone in the area has a field, garden, orchard, or patch with a bumper crop with too much to handle and you'd like to donate that food, AVG is happy to send volunteers out to glean (harvest). We'll then distribute that extra to our members. Please contact Emily at <a href="mailto:avgleaners@gmail.com">avgleaners@gmail.com</a> or 503-255-8055 about gleaning opportunities.

AVG is a member-powered nonprofit. We're like a co-op, not a government handout. We pick up donations weekly from nearby grocery stores, farms and other sources that would otherwise go to waste. Members get to do their own "shopping": free meat, produce, bread, eggs, milk, frozen, snack items, household goods, etc. You get to choose your own food! Members put in 5 service hours per household per month and must earn less than the maximum income in the table below.

We welcome new members and you can save hundreds on your food budget each month. Come down and check it out - our distribution site is 18889 Haines in Alsea and we're open Fridays from 2-7pm.

| # in Household             | Monthly Income | Annual Income |  |
|----------------------------|----------------|---------------|--|
| 1                          | \$3,765        | \$45,180      |  |
| 2                          | \$5,110        | \$61,320      |  |
| 3                          | \$6,455        | \$77,460      |  |
| 4                          | \$7,800        | \$93,600      |  |
| 5                          | \$9,145        | \$109,740     |  |
| 6                          | \$10,490       | \$125,880     |  |
| 7                          | \$11,835       | \$142,020     |  |
| Each additional person add | \$1,345        | \$16,140      |  |





# **ACE ART NEWS**

Have you had a chance to visit the Alsea Community Library recently? If so, you have seen the gorgeous permanent art installation gracing the large high wall visible upon entry from the foyer? This very large piece of artwork was created by Norma Eaton, a Willamette Valley artist whose proposal was chosen by the ACE Board of Directors from a pool of nine awesome proposals submitted last January. Norma used a "painted paper collage" process that involved cutting and layering her hand-painted papers to portray the images she created from photographs of the Alsea Valley area, combined with imaginative flora and fauna.





This ACE Art Project is half completed now! The second permanent art installation chosen will be finished in the fall and will be installed on another large high space over the entrance to the Children's Area of the Library. Uyen-Thi Nyugen of Cottage Grove is working on her "Story Time" painting, which will be unveiled in October. Date and time TBA in the next AVV.

These permanent installations are made possible with generous donations and grants from The Friends of the Corvallis-Benton County Library, Oregon Community Foundation, and Polly Plumb Productions.

Kathy Plaza, ACE Secretary











Norma Eaton, Artist

LEFT – Kathy Plaza and Cheryl Ross unveiling the new artwork





Naomi Shadwick, Kathy Koetz and Cheryl Ross

#### Gardener's Corner

By Kathy Adair

Summer decided to come in with a vengeance this year. We went from cold, wet weather to having extreme heat without any sort of edging into it. Not only have we been having issues with the extreme swing, but our plants are suffering as well. Just as we need to stay hydrated, so do they, even more so if they are in pots or hanging baskets.

The best time to water is in the evening, as long as your plants are still looking hydrated. This is because it allows more of the water to work its way down into the soil with less evaporation. If they are wilting, the need to water is important. You never want them to dry down too severely. Take your time when watering, too, as you would be surprised how much water it takes to get down to the bottom of the roots. Either use a hydration monitor or stick your finger in the soil to test. You should feel moisture at the end of your finger.

If you want a bigger bounty, squash and tomatoes will benefit from having some of their branches and runners removed to allow the energy to go into the fruits. Peppers are loving this heat and handle dryness a bit better than other veggies. Onions like plenty of water and space, so if you planted your onions close together, use some of the younger ones to allow the onions space to grow.

Don't forget to deadhead your flowers so they continue to bloom through the summer. Pansies and petunias benefit from the occasional "haircut" with scissors when they get straggly. Then, just feed every three days or so to get them back to their beautiful and colorful state. Don't feed if the plant is wilted. The salts in the feed will kill the plant. If your plant is showing signs of wilting, just give a light watering until the leaves are back to being plump and then you can feed.

Just as we like to eat to maintain good health, so do your plants. Remember to give them some nutrients, whether you use something like Miracle Gro or something more organic. Your plants will reward with you with color and a lots of fresh produce. I hope your summer is filled with fun and bounty!

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- Resource fair





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# Alsea Community Action Collaborative Update

by Sara Cash

Alsea Community Action Collaborative is uniquely and strongly positioned to serve as a catalyst for community-based projects, as a facilitator for increased collaboration both within the Alsea community and with outside partners and funders, and as a point of contact and liaison with public and private external agencies and organizations that affect the future of Alsea. Our list of

contacts continues to grow along with the web of discussions on how community-based solutions could be implemented to create bright futures for our Alsea kids for generations to come.

Work continues to build framework and capacity to address the myriad challenges facing the Alsea community. Benton County Community Health Centers is developing a grant application that could lead to funding for operating the Alsea Health Clinic in some form. Various Benton County and Oregon State governmental departments have initiated discussions about infrastructure investment which, linked with changes in zoning and land use regulation, could lead to new housing options for the Alsea community. The revived Alsea Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) should be up and running by the publication of this issue (read another article in this issue by Janet Hendrix about the new Alsea CAC members).

Benton County and ODOT should be in Alsea in the next few months to work on a Safe Routes to School project on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets. A one-page pdf on the plans in process can be viewed at <a href="https://pw.bentoncountyor.gov/public-works-projects/">https://pw.bentoncountyor.gov/public-works-projects/</a>. At the time of writing, the link there to the actual plans is empty. Hopefully the plans will be posted soon.

Assistant County Administrator for Benton County, Rick Crager, has announced that his office will be sending regular updates of county projects and news of interest to the Alsea community. You may have seen the first issue of the Alsea Community Update in late June in your email or in the Alsea Neighbors and Friends Facebook group. If you would like to be on the email list to receive that newsletter, please contact Sara Cash at the contacts below. The county departments involved in various Alsea projects are meeting at least quarterly for updates on progress, which should be reflected in the newsletters.

Another place to keep current with Benton County information related to Alsea is the new Alsea Citizen Advisory Committee webpage on the Benton County website at <a href="https://cd.bentoncountyor.gov/benton-county-alsea-cac-citizen-advisory-committees/">https://cd.bentoncountyor.gov/benton-county-alsea-cac-citizen-advisory-committees/</a>. This page is a work in progress for Alsea to develop as a one stop shop for all Benton County information pertinent to Alsea. If you would like to post something to this page, please contact Sara Cash at the contacts below. Also don't forget to use the beautiful new Alsea website created as a labor of love by community member Emily Blake at <a href="https://www.alseaoregon.us/">www.alseaoregon.us/</a>. You can contact Emily there if you have items you would like to add to the Alsea website.

The countywide comprehensive plan rewrite, a two-to-three-year process starting in the next few months, will provide a unique opportunity to impact the future of Alsea for at least the next 30-50 years. Coupled with the Governor's Housing Initiative, changes to zoning could allow for infrastructure, housing, and economic development that could give the Alsea community the flexibility and growth we need to thrive in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. With more and more work taking place online, we no longer need to export our kids so they can find a "good" job. Increased housing options in Alsea would allow us to house our own community and the workforce needed to staff our school, clinic, etc.

The participation of the entire community is needed to help create this vision of Alsea's future. All voices are welcome. No one knows better than we do what our community needs, wants, and dreams of for a healthy, thriving future. My hope is that we can hear from all generations and factions of our community so that we can arrive at the best possible future plan. Homeowners and renters in the hamlet, rural homeowners and renters, business owners, farm and forest owners, the school and other local organizations, and our young people can come together to collaborate on the best possible future for all of us.

If you have questions, comments, or would like to get involved in these important projects, please reach out to Sara Cash, Project Coordinator for ACAC, at <a href="mailto:acac97324@gmail.com">acac97324@gmail.com</a> or 541-602-7819.

Our NEW MAILING ADDRESS IS: ACAC, PO Box 121, Alsea OR, 97324

# Newly Formed Citizen Advisory Committee

By Janet Hendrix

The Citizen Advisory Committee for Alsea had been dormant for quite some time when the past chairperson, Mimi Stout, was contacted by Benton County about getting it rolling once again. And after about 8 months of monthly meetings we are finally on board!

Our newly elected committee members will be joining pre-existing members Mimi and myself to form the new committee, pending final approval by the Benton County Board of Commissioners.

The new members are Zeb Olsen, Tim Pearson and Mystie Munsey. The two alternates are Scottie Jones and Randy Hart.

Zeb brings his knowledge of the land-use process to the table as well as his knowledge and experience in the timber industry.

Tim will be helping us all to better understand the needs of the school and how the state-wide land use policies affect our school both in population and budget.

Mystie is a property owner within the Village Commercial zone and our Rural Service District (water & sewer). She also has contact with ODOT concerning changes to our highway and the safe crossing issues for school children.

Scottie Jones owns and operates Leaping Lamb Farm Stay. She also operates a website for all farm stays nationwide. She's involved with the Scenic Highways and Byways and several statewide organizations involving agri-tourism.

Randy is very active with our emergency preparedness here in Alsea and Lobster Valley.

I feel we are fortunate to have such a diverse group of knowledgeable people to be a voice for the Alsea area.

Historically, the CAC has been concerned with land-use issues as they arose. We have been told that this newly formed CAC may play a more expanded role. The first order of business will be to orient new members, update the by-laws and start work on a new Comprehensive Plan.

A HUGE thank you to GARY STROM and DEB CODDINGTON for their years of volunteering on this committee!

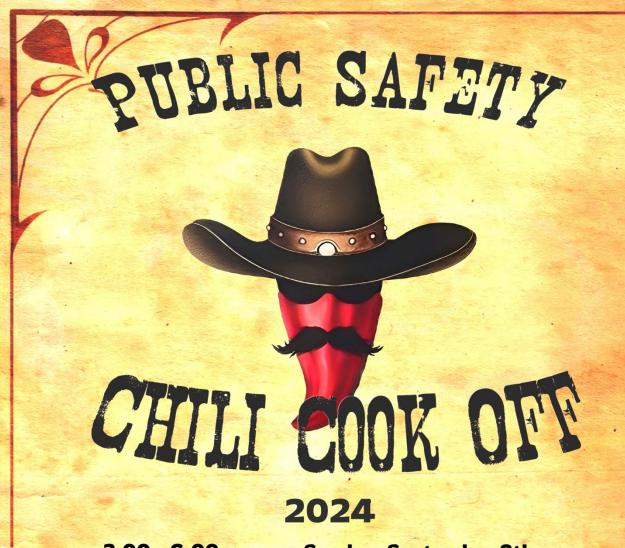
ALL are invited to the monthly meetings, which occur on the first Monday of each month. (unless it's a holiday, then the meeting will move to the second Monday of that month)

If you have any questions, comments, or would like to get involved, please reach out to a committee member or contact Sara Cash at <a href="mailto:acac97324@gmail.com">acac97324@gmail.com</a>, 541-602-7819, or ACAC, PO Box 121, Alsea OR, 97324.

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#### New Access Point opportunity and our commitment to hear community needs

by Christine Mosbaugh, Population Health and Engagement Manager- Community Health Centers of Benton and Linn Counties

On May 30, 2024, HRSA, the Health Resources and Services Administration, let us know that they would be taking applications for New Access Point funding in Fiscal Year 2025. We have been waiting to hear about this for a year and a half and now that we are here, are working hard to understand the application process and timeline.

#### Details of the award:

- 77 awards, across the US
- New, establishing, and existing organization can apply
- Up to \$650,000 per award (subject to 2025 fiscal year Congressional approval)
- Must provide primary care, behavioral health, and substance use services
- Requires a medical home model and wrap arounds care team services
- Anyone who is awarded funds must be operational within 3 months of the award
- Organizations should learn about an award by June 1, 2025

This opportunity has been part of our conversation with Alsea Health Center patients, the community appointed Alsea health workgroup, and other community partners, as we work to identify the needs and ways forward to meet Alsea's health needs.

The application for this funding is due in two-steps, the first on August 15<sup>th</sup>, and the second on September 30<sup>th</sup>. This funding is for Fiscal Year 2025 and a clinic would be expected to open between June 1 and September 1, **2025**.

#### Your role:

As we continue to work ways to support Alsea, we would love to include as many voices as possible, via a survey. You can fill this out in three ways: 1) Take a photo with your smartphone of the QR code below to go to the link; 2) Type in the link <a href="https://forms.office.com/g/BiXVqcXqKz">https://forms.office.com/g/BiXVqcXqKz</a>; and 3) We will have paper surveys at the library.

Please complete the survey by August 10, 2024, so we can include your perspectives and consider local needs.



We will use this survey information as we work with our CHC Board of Directors. This group includes representation from the Alsea Valley. The CHC Board will ultimately decide what our application looks like for this New Access Point opportunity. We will talk with them later this month, to lay out long-term needs, viability, and sustainability of any new proposed service areas.

If you have any questions or comments, please reach out to me at <a href="mailto:CHCBOD@bentoncountyor.gov">CHCBOD@bentoncountyor.gov</a> or a general email to <a href="mailto:CHCBOD@bentoncountyor.gov">CHCBOD@bentoncountyor.gov</a>.

# Press Release FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Lacey Mollel appointed Executive Director of the Community Health Centers of Benton and Linn Counties, effective July 1, 2024

**Corvallis, OR June 27, 2024**- The Community Health Centers of Benton and Linn Counties (CHC) Board of Directors approved the selection of Lacey Mollel, current Interim Executive Director, to the permanent role, on June 17, 2024. County Administrator, Rachel McEneny, appointed her to the position effective July 1, 2024.

Lacey came to the Community Health Centers in May of 2022 as the Director of Operations. With nearly two decades of experience in healthcare, spanning direct patient care in large hospitals, to administrative roles in rural health clinics and a critical access hospital in Southwest Kansas, Lacey brings a broad, accomplished, and well-matched background for the needs and opportunities available to our Community Health Center in our area.

Serving as the Interim Executive Director of the Community Health Centers of Benton and Linn Counties, since August 17, 2023, Lacey led the CHC through numerous challenges, with incredible dedication and skill. Mollel led the CHC in a review and application for updated payment methodologies with the state, provided a clear budget for the CHC, and continues to evaluate revenue cycle management for the clinics. Her work, additionally, includes ongoing and deep commitment in relationships and services in Alsea, Monroe, and Sweet Home. Lacey has been instrumental in advancing our CHC Board Strategic Plan, focusing on patients, staff, finance, and community involvement.

Lacey's diverse background includes being raised in Tanzania's "bush" and living with her Maasai husband, which gives her a unique perspective on global health challenges and solutions. Lacey and her husband are also raising four multi-national, multi-lingual, multi-racial, and multi-cultural children, deepening her understanding of diverse community needs.

Her leadership style is characterized by kindness, warmth, and direct communication. Lacey's thoughtfulness, professionalism, and compassion shine through in her actions. She has been a true champion for health services throughout Benton and Linn Counties, setting a high standard for staff, colleagues, and other leaders.

We are honored to welcome Lacey Mollel as the Executive Director of the Community Health Centers of Benton and Linn Counties, effective July 1, 2024.

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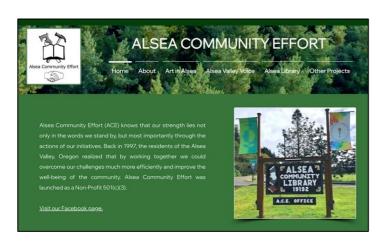
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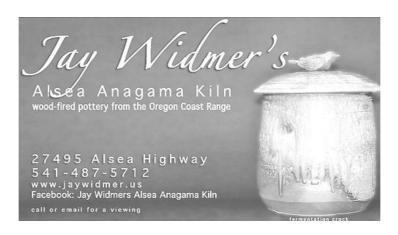
#### **About Community Health Centers of Benton and Linn Counties:**

The Community Health Centers of Benton and Linn Counties provide comprehensive healthcare services to the residents of Benton and Linn Counties. Our mission is to enhance the health and well-being of our community through accessible, high-quality, and patient-centered care.



# **ACE Website Redesigned**

Alsea Community Effort has a refreshed website design! Emily Blake volunteered her time to redesign our website and keep things current. There, you'll find info on ACE's projects, including art in Alsea and an online archive of the Alsea Valley Voice newspaper with current and past issues. Check it out at: <a href="https://www.alseacommunityeffort.org">www.alseacommunityeffort.org</a>















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# Free Nitrate Screening at Alsea Community Library

Source: Elias Stroock, OSU Extension Service Intern

Alsea, Oregon: Oregon State University Extension Service will be providing free nitrate testing for community members that have domestic wells. The event will be at the Alsea Library community room, located at 19192 Alsea Hwy. This screening will be held on Thursday, October 3rd from 3-6pm.

Nitrate is a contaminant in groundwater that can cause many health issues. If you have a domestic well, it is important to test at least once a year and regularly in homes with infants, pregnant women, and immune-compromised individuals. It is not naturally occurring, so if nitrate appears it is possible that other contaminants have reached the groundwater.

To get a free nitrate test at our screening, bring about 1/2 a cup of unfiltered well water in a clean container. The test will only take 5-7 minutes if the clinic is not busy. Various educational resources will be available concerning nitrate, other groundwater contaminants, well water, and septic-related topics.

For additional information on well water and septic systems, free Rural Living Basics classes, and other nitrate screening events, visit the OSU Extension Service website <a href="https://wellwater.oregonstate.edu/">https://wellwater.oregonstate.edu/</a> or for more information call 541-713-5009.



# Alsea Community Library October 3rd from 3 pm - 6 pm

Where: Community Room at 19192 Alsea Hwy, Alsea

What to Bring: 1/2 cup of unfiltered well water in a clean cup to be tested. Testing will take 5-10 minutes

High *nitrate* levels can cause <u>short</u> and <u>long</u> term health effects

Questions? Contact Chrissy Lucas at chrissy.lucas@oregonstate.edu or 541-713-5009

For a schedule of upcoming events go to https://wellwater.oregonstate.edu





Why:



# Alsea's New Azure Standard Drop

Alsea now has a drop for Azure Standard! For those who aren't familiar, Azure Standard is a family owned and independent company based in Oregon dedicated to providing carefully chosen, affordable organic, natural and non-GMO groceries, health, household, and garden products. The website has over 12,000 products!

Azure is not a physical store - you place your order online and then pick up your order on a certain date at your nearest drop point. When you set up your Azure account, you select a drop. Then shop, check out, pay, and on the specified date at your chosen drop point, you go and pick up your purchases.

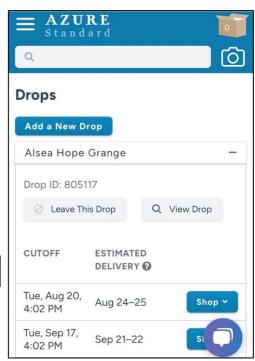
We have a new monthly drop at Alsea Hope Grange. (Previously, we had to go to a drop in Waldport.) Everyone's August orders need to be done online by Tuesday, August 20th at 4pm and will be delivered sometime the weekend of August 24th (exact details on date and time of delivery will be announced by

Azure when the orders close). Anyone is welcome to join the drop.

Azure is a terrific source for a wide range of bulk food (25/50+ lb bags of every kind of dried goods, etc), frozen products, supplements, and so much more. Buying bulk is a great way to save money and trips to the grocery store. If anyone has any questions or needs assistance in the signing up and ordering process, contact Sylvia Frazier at (603) 852-2971.

Go here: <a href="www.azurestandard.com">www.azurestandard.com</a> to sign up and order. You can add things to your cart anytime before 8/20 for this month's drop. Be sure to add Alsea Hope Grange as your drop!

Add Alsea Hope Grange as your drop:



| 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. and mail donations to 19192 Alsea Hwy, Alsea, OR 97234. You can also drop donations off at the library. |   |  |  |  |  |
| Name(s)   | Phone   |  |  |  |  |
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| •   | e) would like my donation to remain anonymous ase contact me(us) to set up automatic deduction payments |  |  |  |  |

# **REGULAR EVENTS CALENDAR**

| EVENT/NAME                                 | LOCATION              | DAY                                   | TIME             | PHONE NUMBER   |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Alsea Community Effort<br>Board Meeting    | Online - Zoom         | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs Monthly         | 6:30 pm          | 541-487-5061   |
| Alsea Community Action Collaborative (CAC) | Alsea Library         | 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday Monthly        | 6:00 pm          | 541-602-7819   |
| Alsea Fire Dept. Board Meeting             |                       | Last Tues Monthly                     | 7:00 pm          | - 541-487-8701 |
| Alsea Fire Dept. General Meeting           | Alsea Fire Hall       | Wednesdays                            | 7:00 pm          |                |
| Alsea 4-H Small Animal Club                |                       | 1st & 3rd 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 <sup>nd</sup> Sat Monthly           | 12:00 pm         | 541-760-3856   |
| Men's Bible Study                          | ACF Church            | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat Monthly           | 8:00 am          | 541-487-4442   |
| Alsea HOPE Grange                          | 0                     | 1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs Monthly         | 6:00 pm          | 541-486-4215   |
| Line Dance Class                           | Grange Hall           | Mondays                               | 6:00 pm          | 541-452-1919   |
| Alsea School Board Meeting                 | School Library        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs Monthly         | 7:00 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 <sup>nd</sup> or 3rd Sun<br>Monthly | 2:00-4:00 pm     | 503-255-8055   |

Check out the full Alsea Valley Community Calendar at <a href="www.alseaoregon.us">www.alseaoregon.us</a>

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