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Alsea Valley Voice

Alsea Emergency Response

By Phil Plaza

After seeing the devastation caused by the tornadoes across Kentucky and beyond, perhaps it is time to review the 2008 Alsea Emergency Response Plans. What did you say? Alsea has an Emergency Disaster Plan? For those of you new to the Alsea/Lobster Valley area, yes indeed there is an Alsea Emergency Disaster Response Plan, which was developed in 2008. And it was last updated in 2016.

Upon review of the plan one can see that most of the original 2008 plan's recommendations for disaster preparedness have either been successfully completed or very nearly completed. For example, one of the first and most important priorities, a secure and improved communications system with the Benton County Sheriff's Emergency Office, is currently being completed through the volunteer efforts of a group of dedicated local folks, a series of grants awarded to Alsea Community Effort (ACE) and the contributions of several business organizations.

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Library Lines

by Kathy Koetz

February brings with it the promise of warmer weather to come, but it isn't yet time to put away the thoughts that came with the cold and rain of winter. Our newest display contains many useful items/ideas for those who do not yet have their emergency kits prepared or those who may have had to use some of their emergency items and are wondering if they should purchase the same items or if they should try something different. Come in and check it out! We also have the updated for 2021 Alsea Emergency Response Plan for you to read.

February also bring thoughts of gardening and tree pruning. We have books that can help you get started!

Have you been tuning in to our Facebook Live Storytimes on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am? If not, you have been missing some really fun stories read for you by many of our wonderful Librarians! And don't forget Telephone Tales, fun little stories you can listen to on your phone. Call 541-766-6568 to hear recorded stories in English or Spanish. New Stories Weekly!

We are still making Storytime and craft kits for patrons to order for Delivery or come by and pick one up at Alsea Community Library! I post the order link on Facebook and we have some here each time a new one is ready. Recent kits included one to build a bridge for a tiny friend (friend included!) for ages 4-11 and a Weather wheel kit for Pre-School ages. Really fun stuff!

Is your child ready to join a book club? We have a First Reader Book Club for Early Readers Kids club for grades 1-3 and a Tween Book Club for those in grades 4-6. Each Kit contains a book and activities, along with the usual discussion questions that can be done at home. Kids and Tweens have the option of joining in online at https://cbcpubliclibrary.net/virtual-events/.

And we are always updating our book and DVD collections! Drop by and browse or just say hello.

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Alsea School Wrestling Team

By Travis Rice, ASD Technology/Communications Manager

If you've driven down Deadwood Highway lately and seen cars parked at the Alsea Grange you may be wondering what's going on. Well, they're not there for a Grange Dance or even a Holiday Bazaar, it's a sign that the Alsea Wrestling program is back up and running.

Under the guidance of former Alsea studentathletes, Head Coach, Scott France and his Assistant Coach Rick Gammon (a 4th place finisher at State as a Junior), Alsea is busy molding the next generation of 'mat rats' while making the Grange their temporary home.

Attempting to revive any sports program, no matter the level, is no small feat. Ensuring you have the proper equipment, practice space, buy in from the school board, transportation arrangements and adequate numbers of student athletes, among many other factors is something France has grappled with, head-on and has frankly had his eye on for quite some time. He describes the process he had to go through in order to see his goals come to fruition,

"For years it has been a goal of mine to get the Alsea Wrestling program back because I know the positive impact the sport can have on young people. First, we needed to find students interested in trying a new sport. I met with a group of students who were interested in learning more about what the wrestling program would be like at Alsea. Once we got it approved through our school board, we contacted schools in our league to organize our league dual meets and tournaments to compete in."

Coach France is able to relate to his student athletes and share his personal experiences that not only helped him place 6th in the State Tournament his Junior season, but also made him a more well-rounded young man. Afterall, it's not solely about wins and losses, it's also about how sports can truly be transcendental,



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These folks deserve some healthy kudos for their efforts, which are ongoing.

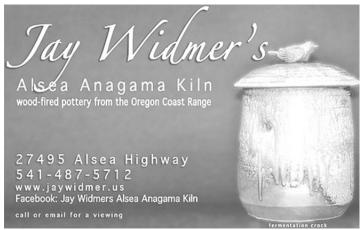
Several other previous recommendations have been completed, including finding local resources which had been identified and updated. For anyone out there who would like to be included as a resource during a disaster, there is always an opportunity. This could include offering assistance with machinery for infrastructure repair, maintenance and clean up. Are you a qualified medical person with skills in first aid, perhaps Red Cross training, or veterinarian who could offer assistance with animal care and recovery efforts? Do you have food preparation experience for large groups of people, maybe skilled in logistics, communications, or possibly can assist with sheltering of people or even animals? There are opportunities. You can e-mail philplaza@hotmail.com or call 541-487-4195 if you have questions.

Did you know there are designated shelter areas, presently being updated? All this and much more is described in the Emergency Plans. There is a reference copy in the Alsea Library if you want to know more about preparations for a disaster.

How prepared are you and your family for a 24 hour, one week, two week or even heaven forbid one month disaster? I can tell you in the event of a major disaster Alsea will be last on the list for Benton County assistance. Hopefully you noticed the bridge repair work that has been going on. This will help for sure. But our community should be prepared with food, shelter, potable water and medical support.

Soon at the Alsea Library will be displayed various resources for both reading and distribution. For those new to the area you can familiarize yourselves with what is already organized in the event of a natural disaster. You can take home information to assist with preparations for the safety of you and your family in the event of a natural disaster. Just check out the display at the Alsea Library. Those who already know about the Alsea Emergency Response Plan, maybe it is time for a review, perhaps finding new information or adding to the resource listing. Most of us feel prepared, have made plans and gathered resources. But after seeing the recent destruction, due to flooding, fires, and tornadoes perhaps we should do a quick review of our family plans and re-familiarize ourselves with the Alsea/Lobster valley Emergency Response Plans. During a natural disaster we will be required to be a community for each other and should be prepared.





little things sharing love, light & whimsy

By Carol Pearson

Asking the right question at the right time does not come naturally to me.

This is not a life problem; it's just the way it is! However, I DO know the value of asking questions to build rapport with my students. I've been at it long enough to know that many of the answers are of a never ending nature. In short, asking questions/building rapport is risky business! On Tuesday, however, the stars were aligned.



"What did you do at recess today?" I asked the group of 3 who would be learning at my table for the next 20 minutes. The impossibly cute, curly haired girl sitting in the middle chair announced: "we played boyfriend and girlfriend". Without missing a beat, she scooted her chair to the right just a bit so that she was sitting RIGHT next to the character who was obviously "the boyfriend". He was looking straight ahead with a stare.

He wasn't looking at me, or at her....just looking straight ahead nodding his head "yes". Needing details, I asked "How DO you play boyfriend and girlfriend?" (read: in 2022) I asked.

The curly haired girl continued "oh! I am the cheerleader and he is the football player". You could literally hear giddy in her voice and see stars in her eyes that were, by now, looking up at the ceiling! The boyfriend continued to shake his head yes. It wasn't an enthusiastic "yes" but more of a satisfied confirmation that the cheerleader character was getting things right. Forcing eye contact with him, I directed the next question his way: "is there a TEAM of football players?" I enquired. He stopped nodding and slowly answered "No. I'm the only one." Pause. Pause. Pause. Then he sighed, and said "But. I always win". (Well no wonder you play this game at recess).

Looping the third student into the conversation, I asked "how about you, sweetheart?" "What did you do at recess?" Like she had the best role in this little game of bliss, she enthusiastically answered "Oh! I'm her sister!!" She continued with a giggle, "I just tell her what to do and stuff".

Sigh. At once my heart was filled with light & thankful amusement; and then I carried the interaction with me for the next couple of days.

Now I'm telling you about it.

Aren't kids the greatest?

My takeaways from this interaction: #1 Pretending is alive and well in 2022. THANK GOODNESS! #2 Happiness & Contentment can be found SIMPLY by doing your part/by owning your role in the game! #3 The possibility of always winning, coupled with a "it's no big deal" attitude is LIFE GOALS!! (also: Hooray for cheerleaders. Hooray for single player football. Hooray for sisters. Hooray for scooting in close to the boyfriend. Hooray for giggles. Hooray for 3 little learners who are so cute that, if this were a scene in a movie??--they would each play themselves!)





Musings from ACE President's Corner

By Naomi Shadwick, Past Volunteer President

The ACE Board held the January 2022 meeting and discussed the goals of ACE for the coming year and into the 2023 year. The first order of business was to elect new officers. We are happy to announce that our new president is Eddy Provost. He is stepping up to the plate to lead us with enthusiasm as we develop plans and processes to accomplish those things that enhance the community of Alsea.

We are sad to say that after many years on the ACE board with her commitment to ACE and to the continued sustainability and operations of the Alsea library and other projects for the children of Alsea, our current secretary, Eva Riedlecker, has resigned. She and her family will be moving to Corvallis. We will miss her. We have elected her replacement, Meredith Howell. As a long-time supporter of the Alsea community and a person that wears many hats with Oregon communities, she will be a wonderful addition to the ACE operations. Lastly, Naomi Shadwick was elected as ACE's treasurer to continue managing the financial accounting for the organization.

ACE's volunteers are continuing to stretch their wings and take on more project development in the areas of emergency preparedness and community engagement. As mentioned in the last edition of the AVV, ACE received support to further develop community communications and outreach. We are moving forward with the implementation of tasks to meet the goals of this project.

Our Alsea Valley Voice editor, Kathy Adair, along with our volunteers who help in publishing the Alsea Valley Voice has been able to better manage the publication and distribution of the AVV. We are continuing to improve these operations and expect that our AVV will grow in its information-sharing.

IT'S BIZNESS TIME...

by Janet Hagen

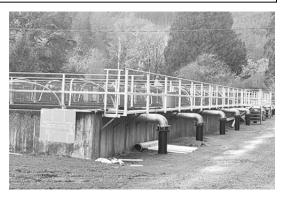
As one of the AVV writers, I just wanted to say how happy it is to be "back in print"! The internet is great for some things, but for local news it seems there is nothing better than the printed word. As you may or may not have noted, I love to write about business! In our little community, we have many tucked away and I'm always up to let our readership know more about what we have to offer out here. So if anyone has a business out here with information to share or knows of one they're curious to learn more about, and especially if any of our advertisers would like to be featured, please feel free to contact me. Let's talk and get our skill-sets shared out here! The more we know each other, the more we can keep our dollars spending locally. Contact: Janet Hagen 541-487-8671 or herblovingjanet@hotmail.com



Alsea Fish Hatchery

By Kathy Adair

I had the pleasure of talking with Matt Frank, Manager of Alsea Fish Hatchery, who has been working here since 2003. The hatchery was built in 1936 and has been an important part of hatchery fish production providing harvest opportunity for anglers through the years, focused on Rainbow Trout and Winter Steelhead. Since I'm married to a man who loves to fish, this has



definitely been a better year than the last few, so I wanted to hear how this affects our local hatchery. Matt was kind enough to talk with me about his observations and share some of his wealth of knowledge.

My first question to Matt was "how is this season different than in the last few years"? He said that last year was the worst winter steelhead hatchery return on record. This year, with all the early rains, we had substantial water to the hatchery in early December. That was not the case in the last couple of years or so, when good water levels didn't reach the hatchery until late in December. If we do not have good flow levels the fish won't move up to the hatchery. Ocean conditions also play a critical role in the numbers of fish returning to the hatchery. If there is plenty of food in the ocean then survival of smolts improves which means there are more fish returning.

This year, the number of wild Coho passed upstream of our dam was one of the best in recent history. Matt said that they have gotten 498 Coho captured in hatchery adult traps to date, which is double the amount of some of their best years. The lowest years have only seen about 15 to 20 Coho and maybe only a third of them were females. These fish are released above the hatchery where there is about 18 miles of additional habitat for them to spawn.

My next question was "do you think this year will build fish numbers in the future"? This was where I got schooled and is apparently something a lot of people don't realize. Matt let me know that the 140,000 smolt release number was based on historic release numbers and a stakeholder process through the Coastal Multispecies Conservation and Management plan. Forty thousand of those are traditional hatchery stock which are early arriving, adipose and left maxillary clipped, and 100 thousand are derived from wild parents which are later arriving, adipose and right maxillary clipped. When there are lots of females, then the hatchery is able to take fewer eggs from each fish and use more females insure the gene pool remains diverse. It is also important to keep hatchery fish separate from wild, so the hatchery fish don't interact with the wild fish. All hatchery females have their eggs removed and are released back into the river far enough downstream that they won't return to the hatchery and will go back into the ocean to possibly come back next year. There are approximately 3000 eggs in each female, but the hatchery only uses about 750 – 1,500 per female from the early returning traditional stock to maintain diversified genetics. All eggs for the wild broodstock are utilized in the later returning component. This genetic diversification is extremely important in maintaining a healthy fish population.

Matt said they don't take eggs just from one rush of fish, but will take eggs throughout the season. This ensures that fish will return throughout the season, which is December through the end of April.

This season, they are seeing anglers catching fish weighing anywhere from 5 or 6 pounds upwards of 15 pounds or so. While this season seems like a great fishing season, according to Matt, this is just slightly above average for this point in the season. Historical records show years that were far better and some of our fishermen, like my husband, Kerry, remember when fishing was amazing. Those



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amazing runs were driven by stellar ocean conditions and management in the early 1970's thru the mid 90's utilized Traditional Alsea stock up and down the Oregon coast. Many of those fish imprinted and returned to the Alsea River instead of where they were intended. With the introduction of wild brood programs the straying has been greatly reduced. Ocean conditions have also been good for the past couple of summers which has vastly improved marine survival. I asked if he knew whether eggs or artificial bait was working better and he said that he sees more artificial bait being used, but thinks it's because a lot of fishermen don't want to take the time to cure their eggs. As fishermen know, fishing success comes down to being in the right spot at the right time and the fish willing to take their bait.

I found it fascinating when he said they grow 175 thousand Rainbow Trout that go into the Florence and Newport lakes, Thissell pond and the Portland Metro area waters.

They also have a wild Winter steelhead brood stock program for the Siletz River that produces 50,000 smolts annually. Anglers, guides and traps help provide the hatchery the wild brood stock needed to support the later returning wild broodstock program in the Siletz and Alsea. In the Siletz a hatchery steelhead will have its adipose fin clipped and a wild fish will have all its fins intact.

If you have not taken the time to visit the Alsea Fish Hatchery, it is worth taking the short drive down Fish Hatchery Road to visit them. There are four employees on site who live in the houses there. They are a wealth of information and it's really cool to see the fish in the various holding pens. Due to the better fishing conditions, they have seen more fisherman and visitors this season. If you are homeschooling, this would make for a great science, math and language arts lesson. For more information, they have a great Facebook page at North Fork Alsea Hatchery and their website gives some more pertinent information at

https://myodfw.com/alsea-hatchery-visitors-guide.

LOSS (One of Life's Inevitabilities, but...)

By Dale Cox

Recently I had a routine visit with a medical provider. I've seen him for years, good bedside manner, professional, friendly, good at explaining things, helped me a lot. He asked how I was doing. For a moment I considered responding with the often used, yet not very informative, "fine". But I didn't. I said I was feeling a bit dysphoric in response to covid19 and politics. He responded, "me too". Loss is inevitable, but with covid and politics, it feels a bit like piling on.

Merriam Webster defines "Dysphoric" as "unhappy, uneasy, dissatisfied". That's what I've felt from time to time over the past eighteen months, just a bit down and feeling a loss.

If you have negotiated the past eighteen months without experiencing loss: good for you. I have not. Major events, earthquakes, etc. are sometimes marked by clocks frozen in time. The calendar on the wall in my Corvallis office is still on March, 2020. I'll change that soon. Some say these times are a loss of "normal". At 72, I am experiencing the loss connected to aging. Losses for sure, but I was doing okay. Maybe what I've lost is the normalcy of the inevitable loss we all must experience.

Before covid--what's the verb, struck, invaded, infected, attacked, certainly not befriended--us, I had a "normal" routine. Several days a week, chose clothes, got dressed, and drove to the office. On the way, stop at Dutch Brothers for coffee. I would see a few clients, chat with colleagues, and come home. Mary Ann and I would do "normal" life routines and travel a couple of times a year to see our two "kids" and five grandchildren. I enjoyed an occasional poker game with friends or a potluck with hugs and close proximity to others.

Now, I get dressed, mostly working from home, and sweat pants or fleece (shorts in the summer), might be worn all day. No Dutch Brothers and I haven't cut my hair since March 2020, (the hair a symbolic gesture now, a safety decision then). Over a year went by without seeing three of our grandkids. Few potlucks and far fewer hugs. Played poker with the guys recently; that was a win regardless of quarters exchanged.

So, some aspects of "normal" are reappearing. With vaccinations, travel is safer. We spent Christmas in Virginia with our son Sean and his family. Our daughter Erin and her family joined us. We had some anxiety around the most recent covid variant, but other than a three hour flight delay, a great trip. The loss is evident even in that, wearing masks through the airport, a part of me wondering if that other person might have covid, wanting not to, but thinking about staying six feet apart, irritated by the guy on the plane that pulls his mask down as soon as the attendant walks past. I breathe and accept that his decisions are based on his own reactions to covid. We all cope with loss in different ways.

Before a couple of years ago, I never brought up the topic of politics with my clients. Now I consistently ask how folks are dealing with politics as well as covid. It's not a left or right thing. Regardless of party affiliation, there is stress in politics these past few years.

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To apply please visit: www.co.benton.or.us/hr/page/careers I enjoy quotes. I've collected hundreds over the years, so here are a few. In the first century BC a philosopher, Epictetus, said "It's not the event that disturbs mankind, its mankind's perception of the event". Does that mean it's not covid that causes my dysphoric experience; rather it's my perception of covid? To some degree, absolutely! Freud said, "We consider that we have succeeded when hysterical misery becomes ordinary unhappiness." So, I'll work on my response, my perception, how I think about covid and politics, and pursue "ordinary unhappiness" rather than misery. A last quote, this from Eric Fromm. "One cannot be deeply responsive to the world without being saddened very often." He wrote in the mid twentieth century, so sadness, and other emotions, about what is happening in the world is certainly not a new thing. It is important to be aware of history. There was great loss in the civil war and the pandemic of 1918. There are lessons to learn. Can we have thoughts and actions that generate fewer pandemic deaths, and less potential for civil war?

A psychologist, Tara Brach, says just labeling our condition is half the journey toward recovery, or dealing with our situation. As humans, we pay more attention to negative than positive. Probably kept us alive (the Neanderthal watching the beautiful sunset and smelling roses was more easily eaten by a saber tooth tiger). Fighting this loss or pretending it's not there, just makes it linger more strongly. Labeling it can be a step toward a greater balance of coping with the negative stuff and having gratitude for the positive. "Normal" indeed involves loss.

Me, I'll strive to label the loss I experience, both the "normal" losses and those added by covid and politics. I will love my brother, politically the opposite from me. I will love him no less because of his beliefs, and try to remember Epictetus' words around perception. His perceptions are as valid as mine, he just perceives things differently. Surely we can talk about our perceptions without the disturbance of which Epictetus spoke. And I'll be careful regarding covid and seek a balance between being overly cautious and careless.

A favorite word of mine is Equanimity. I will seek equanimity, the definition of which is, "mental calmness, composure, and evenness of temper, especially in a difficult situation." I am far from that state, but it seems worth seeking. Happy New Year to all.



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Gardener's Corner

By Kathy Adair

It's a new year and many of us have already started seeding plants for the spring and summer growing season. For those of you who don't have a greenhouse, never fear, you have at least three options for getting high-quality plants at great prices without having to leave our area.

While this may seem early for many of you, in actuality, this is a good time to start planning on your veggie and flower gardens. While much of your gardens are dormant, this is the time to prune roses and lay some ground cover before spring comes and things start popping up. One of the things we are doing is laying cardboard down around certain plants like our raspberries to create a barrier against grass and weeds. I don't like to use herbicides and pesticides, so if there is a more beneficial way to get similar results, I'm all for it. I do have a recipe for an organic weed killer, so that helps, too.

Since the weather this winter has been wetter, this is a good time to look at the size of your garden beds and whether you need to increase the size or downsize. Those of you new to our area need to know that our growing season is much shorter than many other locations, especially in the valley. It's also cooler, so growing bountiful gardens can be something of a challenge, especially if you are surrounded by a lot of trees, but there are lots of plants that are perfect for our area, so you can have a great harvest.

I recently had the pleasure of talking with Pamela Turpen of Turpen Family Farms and was so amazed at what she and Robert accomplish. They have 1400 chickens that provide eggs for at least 14 different stores and businesses. I am still in complete awe of having that many chickens doing such an amazing job of providing local eggs. Plus, they have a wonderful nursery where they grow a wide variety of garden and bedding plants. While they do sell from their farm when possible, they primarily sell at Farmer's Markets, the nearest one being Waldport. (I'm still blown away by that many chickens.)

Rolfe and Janet Hagen own The Thyme Garden, a definite destination for their amazing herbs, herb



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If you pass by our Plant Sale signs in April, May or June, please feel free to stop by. We will have a huge variety of veggie and flowers to help fill your gardens, too.

Gardening is not just an important part of giving you fresh food or flowers, but it calms the soul, gives you a great sense of accomplishment, and it's the special people you meet along the way that enrich our lives.

WRESTLING TEAM CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

"I began wrestling for Alsea in 6th grade for Coach Chilcote and continued through high school with Coach Woosley and my dad, Coach France. What I loved most about wrestling was the fact that it is an individual sport and I had to rely on myself to work hard, be successful, and compete to the best of my ability. When I fell short, there was no one else to blame but myself and I used my losses to learn and grow in the sport. My favorite memory about wrestling for Alsea was the competition I had with two students from other schools that I wrestled against from middle school through high school. We ended up becoming good friends through our rivalry."

The memories and life-long relationships, fostered by France during his time at Alsea, is something he's hoping to replicate with his wrestlers in order to create the same emotions he was able to experience,

"Wrestling for Alsea is one of my greatest memories which is one reason why I wanted to give back to this community and have new students have the same experience."

Coach France invited us out to take an inside peek at his team and how they go about preparation each day at practice. While wrestling is a very physically demanding sport, that doesn't mean there can't be any fun had. The practice began with a brief warm-up to get muscles loosened and then moved to what we'd describe as 3-on-3 knee football game.

Wrestlers had to work to get free from their defender using the moves they have been practicing to try to get to the other side of the mat and score a touchdown. A taped towel played the part of the pigskin. Coach France's ability to incorporate fun and hard work into a single drill was neat to see. Wrestlers had both smiles on their faces as well as sweat dripping from them. The old saying 'If you love what you do, you'll never work a day in your life' was on full display as we watched both Coaches partake in all activities with their team.

The current team consists of five wrestlers – Jacob McGrew (138, So.), Isaac Rutland (140, Sr.), Brayden Connour (182, Sr.), Gerald Peck-Cleveland (127, Fr.), Gunner Kill (190, Fr.). Coach France is busy building these young men up and fully understands the task ahead,

"We currently have five wrestlers on our team. They are all competing in the sport for the first time. They are performing well for all being new wrestlers. We are working on building a strong foundation, basic moves, conditioning, grit, and sportsmanship. I am impressed with their work ethic and willingness to learn a new sport all while having fun. I hope my wrestlers grow a love for the sport and want to continue in future years."

The team has competed in 3 dual meets to date: Harrisburg, North Douglas, and the most recent, Benton County Championships in Philomath. France's boys all placed in their respective weight classes in the Benton County Championships: Gerald Peck-Cleveland and Braden Connour took 4th place while Jacob McGrew and Isaac Rutland took 6th.

As the work continues for the Alsea Wrestling program there is quite a bright future ahead and Coach France summarizes what he's looking to accomplish moving forward as this program grows,

"I am most excited to watch them (the kids) develop their skills and grow as wrestlers. As for the program moving forward, I hope to establish a middle school program so students can learn basic skills at a younger age so they have time to grow as wrestlers and have the potential to be competitive at the high school level. I hope more students will be interested in joining the program next year and we can continue this important program at Alsea."

If there's one thing you can count on, it's that these boys, led by their dedicated coaching staff, are going to compete day-in and day-out to become the best wrestlers they can be on the mat, and the best young men they can be in the community. All Alsea community supporters are encouraged to come out and cheer on their Varsity Wrestling Team, something they haven't been able to do for nearly 13 years according to France. Go Wolverines!

ALSEA REGULAR EVENTS CALENDAR

Event	Place	Day	Time	Phone
Alsea Community Effort ACE – Board Meeting	Alsea Library, Community Room	2 nd Thursday bi-monthly	6:00 pm	Lib. 541-487- 5061
Alsea Fire Dept. Board Meeting	Alsea Fire Hall	Last Tuesday monthly	7:00 pm	541-487-8701
Alsea Fire Dept. General Meeting		Every Wednesday	7:00 pm	
Alsea 4-H Small Animal Club		1st and 3rd Thursdays	6:00 to 7:00 pm	541-207-6552
Alsea Wolverine's Booster Club				
Alsea Food Bank – Jeni's Place	Jeni's Place	Every Thursday	10:00 to 6:00 pm	541-487-3663
Alsea Garden Club	ACF Church	2 nd Saturday monthly	6:00 pm	541-487-5191
Men's Bible Study		Every Thursday	5:30 am	541-487-4442
Men's Breakfast	Deb's Café	First Saturday monthly	7:30 am	
Alsea HOPE Grange	Grange Hall	1st Thursday monthly	6:00 pm	541-486-4215
Alsea School Board Meeting	School Library	2 nd Wednesday monthly	7:00 pm	541-487-4305
Alsea Valley Gleaners – Board Meeting	18889 Haines Road Alsea	Monday following last Thursday monthly	5:30 to 7:00 pm	541-487-5002
Alsea Valley Gleaners Distributions		Every Thursday	10:00 to 3:00 pm	
Stitch & Rip Quilting Club	Various (please call)	Every Monday	10:00 to 3:00 pm	541-487-8011

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