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## J-S Ranch public hearing now set for Oct. 20

By Mary Owen

Once again, farmers, ranchers and rural residents in Linn and Marion counties will have a chance to discuss potential concerns regarding mega-chicken factories coming to the area.

The first meeting slated for Sept. 20 was canceled after *The Canyon Weekly* went to press. It was moved to 2 p.m. on Oct. 20.

“Foster Farms is looking to put up industrial-sized chicken factories in Aumsville/Stayton and Jefferson/Scio,” said Christina Eastman, a member of Farmers Against Foster Farms and Scio resident. “It is not right for our communities to have this in our backyard. We’re asking them to take this somewhere more appropriate.”

FAFF is a nonprofit created to

communicate and offer information on the issue, which has raised concerns from throughout the Scio area and beyond in the last few months.

The Scio facility is proposed by Eric Simon, president of Ideal Ag Supply of Brownsville. Simon wants to erect a dozen 60-foot by 600-foot poultry sheds on Jefferson-Scio Drive approximately 1,100 yards from the Santiam River.

Simon said the project, called J-S Ranch, has been waiting for permits and better weather to begin working onsite.

The Scio operation would produce six flocks per year which is 3,480,000 birds/year yielding 4,500 tons of manure/year. The permit also noted that Simon anticipates earnings of about \$1.4 million gross per year from the operation.

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## Historic Mill City newspaper now available online through OSU

The *Mill City Enterprise* is now available online through the University of Oregon Libraries Historic Oregon Newspapers website.

Last year, the North Santiam Historical Society was awarded a grant through the State Library of Oregon to digitize a large portion of the *Enterprise* dating from Nov. 25, 1948 to Dec. 25, 1975. The grant was funded by the Library Services and Technology Act and Oregon Digital Newspaper Program.

The three decades selected for digitizing were a dynamic time in the history of the North Santiam Canyon. The *Mill City Enterprise* was in a position to record the unique perspectives of the people who lived and worked in the North Santiam Canyon during those turbulent times.

Newspapers were not created to last. The idea was that newspapers would be read and immediately thrown away. Because newsprint becomes brittle and disintegrates with age most newspapers have an expected life of fewer than 50 years, even with care. Digitization protects the information contained on those pages.

The digitized paper can be found at <https://oregonnews.uoregon.edu>.

## HELPING REBUILD THE CANYON

### *SRC brings contractors together to help after the fire*

By Mary Owen

Last year, a group of licensed and insured construction industry members got together to donate materials and labor to fast-track a community center, city hall and fire station for the city of Detroit.

The group came together as the Santiam Rebuild Coalition (SRC), under the umbrella of the SEDCOR Construction Alliance. Nick Harville, business retention and expansion manager for SEDCOR/Marion County, and Rich Duncan, owner of Duncan Construction, are leading the group. At an organizational meeting last October, over 90 contractors pledge to provide labor and materials, and in late January, land was secured. Groundbreaking took place on March 20 and construction began.

Last Friday, SRC celebrated one year since its initial meetup with companies dedicated to helping Detroit after the September 2020



The Detroit Community Center is being built at 345 Santiam Ave., Detroit.

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wildfires razed most of the city. Today, the number of contributing companies has grown to about 130, according to Harville.

“I’m very proud of the Santiam Rebuild Coalition,” Harville told

visitors to SRC’s Facebook page. “What they have given back to their Canyon neighbors is nothing short of amazing.”

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## Gates grandmother raises money for kids’ books



Paisley Iverson and Alexis DeWalt, granddaughters of Jme Iverson, enjoy reading books from Usborne Books and More. SUBMITTED PHOTO

By Mary Owen

A grandmother of five wants to help Santiam Canyon youngsters handle the emotional aftereffects of last year’s wildfires activity book by activity book.

“Our kids are grown, and our granddaughters love spending their free time at the farm,” said Jme Iverson, a long-time Gates resident. “They love these books.”

A favorite pastime of the youngsters is reading books that Iverson sells through Usborne Books and More.

“They offer great quality books that are designed to teach kids,” she said.

As the first-year anniversary of the fires approached, new emotions brought up old memories for Iverson.

When once again smoke from a nearby fire filled the air and helicopters flew back and forth each day, compounded by still not having a permanent home, Iverson said her mental health started to suffer.

“I got to thinking that if it’s affecting me, there have to be many others that are suffering as well,” she said. “As difficult as this is for us adults, it is much harder on the younger generation.”

Iverson decided to start

fundraising to purchase Usborne activity books to help kids get through a “very difficult time.”

“These workbooks are from our ‘mindful kids’ collection,” she said. “They give the tools for dealing with those tough emotions and feelings.”

The activity books cover topics such as *Letting Go!* for young people who need support through experiences of loss, change, disappointment and grief. *No Worries!* helps kids who feel anxious or stressed. *Be Brave!* is for young people who feel scared or afraid.

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# Memorial bench dedication set for Saturday

The public is invited to a Memorial Bench Dedication in honor of community volunteer Anita Leach, who lost her 26 year battle with breast cancer on Sept. 7, 2020.

The event takes place at 3:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 9, outside the Freres Family Gymnasium on the Santiam High School Campus, SW Evergreen Street in Mill City.

Organizers note Leech was a driving force for doing good throughout the community. She devoted countless hours to help make the Santiam Canyon a better place to live, and her commitment to children was especially strong. She touched many lives, and her presence is greatly missed.

In honor of her life and service to the Canyon, Santiam Canyon School District is honoring Leech's memory with the placement of a hand carved bench outside the new auxiliary gym.

The dedication will take place outside the gym entrance. Minimal seating will be provided for those unable to stand. Be prepared to follow COVID social distancing guidelines.

Light snacks will follow.

# October is National Adopt a Shelter Dog month

Since 1981, the American Humane Society has celebrated Adopt a Shelter Dog month each October in an effort to help the estimated 3-4 million animals waiting in shelters every year get the loving, forever homes they deserve.

The Linn County Sheriff's Office encourages anyone looking for a new pet to please consider adopting a rescue pet from a local shelter.

The Linn County Sheriff's Office Animal Control division is a great place to start, and currently has dogs up for adoption. For more information and to see the list of currently adoptable dogs visit: <https://buff.ly/3xLXUJj>.

Other local shelters with dogs for adoption include: <https://safehavenhumane.org/> <https://www.oregonhumane.org/adopt/> <https://heartlandhumane.org/>.

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# Charter Review Committee has openings

The City of Detroit is seeking one part-time resident and one full-time resident, to serve on a Charter Review Committee along with three Detroit council members.

Anyone interested in serving is asked to send an email to the city of Detroit. Include your whether you are a full-time or part-time resident, your address in Detroit and contact information. Also, a paragraph explaining why you are interested in serving on the

Charter Review Committee.

The meetings will take place via Zoom one hour per month. It should take three or four meetings to review the Charter.

The closing date to submit your interest is Oct. 31.

Send letters to City of Detroit, PO Box 589, Detroit, OR 97342 or [detroit@wvi.com](mailto:detroit@wvi.com).

For more information, call 503-854-3496.

# J-S Ranch from page 1

A public notice was released by the Oregon Department of Agriculture on Sept. 20 for public comment on the proposed chicken facility. J-S Ranch is requesting to be permitted for 580,000 broiler chickens per flock to be raised on the acreage for Foster Farms.

Simon assures little air and land disturbances from his proposed chicken farm, which he said will be managed to mitigate any concerns.

FAFF members remain concerned about the effect of ammonia from fecal matter and urine-soaked feathers blown by mega fans will have on the land and nearby river.

The upcoming J-S Ranch public hearing offers the opportunity to learn about the proposed CAFO, the permit process, ask questions or provide oral testimony. It will be by webinar and teleconference only.

Written comments to be added to the permit review process are due by 5 p.m. on Oct. 25, and may be sent ODA-CAFO Program, Attn: Simon-J-S Ranch Comments, 635 Capitol St. NE, Salem, OR 97301.

Comments can also be faxed to 503-986-4730 or emailed to [simonj-sranch@oda.state.or.us](mailto:simonj-sranch@oda.state.or.us).

To view the Application to Register (ATR)#995343, Land Use Compatibility Statement (LUCS) and Animal Waste Management Plan (AWMP) for this proposed CAFO, visit the public notice section for area IV on the CAFO Program website: <https://oda.direct/CAFO> You can also request an electronic copy of these documents. To request electronic copies call 503-986-4699 or,

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The Oregon Department of Agriculture will review and consider all comments received during the comment period. Following this review, ODA may proceed as proposed, request that modifications be made to the application, or deny permit registration.

For more information, check out the conversation on the Farmers Against Foster Farms Facebook page or visit [farmersagainstoffosterfarms.com](http://farmersagainstoffosterfarms.com). Hearing information can be found at [www.oregon.gov/oda/programs](http://www.oregon.gov/oda/programs) and follow the links.

# October Fire Prevention month; alarms can help

This October to mark Fire Prevention Month, the Oregon Office of the State Fire Marshal asks Oregonians to learn the sounds of their alarms. Firefighters respond each year to structure fires that injure or kill people where the smoke alarm is not functioning or is missing.

According to the ten-year data collected from the Oregon Fire Service for the National Fire Reporting System, 250 people have died, and more than 1,400 have been injured in structure fires. Since 2011, over 1,400 incidents reported alarms missing, without adequate

power, or disabled. Fire and carbon monoxide alarms are good at telling us what they need if we listen:

- One chirp or beep means there is an issue with the alarm getting power.
- Recurring beeps or three beeps in a row is the smoke alarm telling you it needs to be replaced.
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## Santiam Rebuild Coalition *from page 1*

According to Harville, the Detroit community center, 345 Santiam Ave., is only part of the coalition's "unsung dedication."

"They gave lumber and goods to build sheds for victims, then helped build sheds," he said. "They did site work at several locations, did electrical work to keep people safe, how many ramps stairs, railings they've built."

Additionally, Harville reported repair of vandalized houses "up the North Fork." The group also provided septic, well, architectural and engineering help.

"They donated a truckload of bathroom fixtures and much more in the past year, and are just getting started," Harville said. "I applaud these companies. So should you!"

Elaine Hopson called participating companies as showing "a wonderful sense of community and dedication."

"People pulling together because they care about their community!" echoed Debbie White in her post. "It's so wonderful to see here in Detroit!"

The city's goal for the Detroit Lake Community Center is to create "a self-sustaining space for the families of Detroit and visitors to safely meet, gather and grow." The center – in the site of the former school – will be nearly 24,000 sq. ft. of space which will be used for various activities.

Possible uses include event space for lease, shared office space and equipment, historical displays, more employment opportunities, an emergency center, and an outdoor pavilion for larger seasonal events.

People can still buy a brick as a part of Detroit's historic rebuild. A small custom-engraved brick is \$150 and includes an inscription that consists of 17 characters, including spaces on two lines.

A large custom-engraved brick costs \$300 for three lines and the same number of characters per line. The bricks will be laid on pathways surrounding the new community center.

Contractors can find the volunteer/supply donation form on [www.SantiamRebuildCoalition.org](http://www.SantiamRebuildCoalition.org).



The Detroit Community Center is being built at 345 Santiam Ave., Detroit.

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To make cash or other contributions

or to buy a brick, visit [www.DetroitLakeFoundation.org](http://www.DetroitLakeFoundation.org).

## Free firewood permits offered

Beginning Oct. 1, the Willamette National Forest began offering free personal-use firewood permits, with a limit of six cords per household, per year.

Permits will be available over the phone to continue to protect the health and safety of staff and communities.

Permits will be mailed to customers directly along with a map. This process generally takes five to seven business days. Commercial-use firewood permits or sales may also be available. Permit availability may vary by district depending on the availability of wood and the type of permit.

Additionally, firewood charge permits may be purchased for \$10 on the Willamette National Forest. Processes for the free use firewood program and cost for charge permits may differ for other national forests.

The following districts also

transitioned to the free use firewood program: Mt. Baker, Snoqualmie, Mt. Hood, Olympic, Rogue River Siskiyou, Siuslaw and Umpqua.

A second transition will occur no later than Jan. 1, 2022, for the following national forests: Deschutes, Fremont-Winema, Gifford Pinchot, Malheur, Ochoco, Okanogan-Wenatchee, Umatilla and Wallowa-Whitman.

The Colville National Forest has offered free use firewood since 2019, and will continue with the same level of service to the public.

Free use firewood is granted to individuals for personal use without regard to race, creed, color, national origin, age, handicap or sex, and without restrictions regarding wealth or residency of the recipient.

Visit <https://go.usa.gov/xMy5C> for additional information about the free firewood program.

## Books *from page 1*

At this time, \$392 has been donated toward the \$7 cost per activity book, which, when purchased, will be distributed to the Mill City Christian Church and Santiam Elementary School. The goal is to raise \$1,000 by the end of October to purchase enough books to also include the city of Detroit, Iverson said.

"These books help support children and teens impacted by the lasting trauma and tragedy of the Santiam Canyon fires," Iverson said. "These workbooks support and encourage mental health, healing and processing."

Iverson plans to distribute the activity books by early November. To donate toward the book purchase, pay by Venmo at @jme-Iverson, PayPal at [jmeiverson@gmail.com](mailto:jmeiverson@gmail.com), or order directly by going to [f9668.myubam.com](http://f9668.myubam.com).

"If you have any questions, please feel free to message me at [m.me/bradandme](https://m.me/bradandme). Iverson," Iverson said.

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Linn-Benton Alert is a system that can push out emergency notifications to Linn and Benton county residents about any emergency event or evacuation.

"We strongly encourage every resident to sign up if they haven't already done so," the Sheriff's Office said in a press release.

The system was instrumental in notifying residents of evacuation areas throughout Linn County during the catastrophic fires last September.

Residents can choose how and where they receive alerts including cell, home, and/or work phone, by text message or TTY (hearing impaired devices) and more.

For more information and to sign up, visit: <https://buff.ly/3kEzPiR>.

# Look out for pedestrians as days grow shorter

October is Pedestrian Safety Month -- a great time to brush up on the basics of keeping everyone safer on our roads, whether you're commuting to work or just getting exercise.

Pedestrian safety is especially important as the days get shorter and foggier. Fatal crashes involving pedestrians are far more likely to take place at night when it's harder to see people walking.

In 2019, 76 percent of pedestrian fatalities in the U.S. occurred when it was dark out, according to the latest data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Fatal crashes involving pedestrians are also more likely to occur away from an intersection. In 2019 in the U.S., according to NHTSA, 73 percent of pedestrian fatalities occurred at locations that were not intersections such as crossing in between intersections.

In the U.S., 6,205 pedestrians were killed in traffic crashes in 2019. An estimated 76,000 pedestrians were injured in traffic crashes, the NHTSA data shows.

In Oregon, the number of pedestrians killed in a motor vehicle crash increased from 79 in 2018 to 85 in 2019. Between 2015-2019, 16 percent of all those who died in crashes were pedestrians.

The top driver error involved in these crashes: failing to yield right-of-way to a pedestrian.

### Everyone should:

- Plan ahead to avoid unplanned

delays.

- Know and follow traffic laws.
  - Be aware of their surroundings.
  - Pay attention to weather and road conditions and drive accordingly.
  - Focus on the task at hand: walking, rolling, biking or driving.
  - Drive, walk, bike or roll sober.
- Alcohol and drugs impair your abilities and judgment.

### Drivers should:

- Look for pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists when you look for oncoming vehicles and other traffic. Be especially mindful in parking lots, at stop signs, when backing up, or parking.
- Be extra cautious when driving in hard-to-see conditions or in places where you normally see people crossing such as parks, schools, shopping areas and busy intersections.
- Slow down and be prepared to stop when entering a crosswalk.
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and stop well back from the crosswalk to give other vehicles an opportunity to see crossing pedestrians.
- Follow the speed limit, especially around people walking and in school zones and in neighborhoods where children are present.
- Check all crosswalks before turning to see if people are trying to cross and to look for oncoming cars.

### Tips for pedestrians:

- Stay alert and ditch the distractions: Keep your eyes and ears open and ditch the distractions like texting,

talking on the cell phone, or listening to headphones.

- Cross with caution and cross at corners: Don't assume the coast is clear just because you're using the crosswalk and the WALK sign is on. Continue to watch for traffic as you cross -- especially for turning vehicles.
- Be clear to drivers: If you wish to cross, be sure to make eye contact with drivers. If you're not sure the driver sees you, let the vehicle go first.
- Be visible: Wear bright clothing (even white clothing may not be visible at night). Add reflective material or a blinking light to your jacket or backpack or carry a flashlight at night. Be extra careful when walking at dawn or dusk.
- Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways or backing up in parking lots.
- Face oncoming traffic and use sidewalks when they are available. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible.
- Cross streets at crosswalks or intersections, where people driving expect pedestrians. Look for cars in all directions, including those turning. If a crosswalk or intersection is not available, find a well-lit area where you have the best view of traffic. Wait for a gap in traffic that allows enough time to safely cross and continue watching for traffic as you cross.

For more information on ODOT's Pedestrian and Bicycle program visit [www.Oregonwalkbike.org](http://www.Oregonwalkbike.org).

## October is time for mental health screenings

October is National Depression and Mental Health Screening Month

This national observance month works to bring awareness to the need for depression awareness and the need for accessible and affordable mental health screenings.

A number of different factors can often come into play with depression that can include a mix of environmental, genetic, psychological, and biological components.

Not everyone experiences depression in the same way, but it can affect anyone at any time.

It is important to take that next step and seek out professional help and be screened if you or someone you care about feels they may be depressed.

Depression is a highly treatable condition with many different options available, but a professional should be sought out to help determine the best course of action for every individual that is suffering from it.

There are many resources throughout Linn County. For more information, visit: <https://buff.ly/3oBvzTW>

For a broader national look at resources you can also visit: <https://buff.ly/2Mda2il>

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# Santiam football visits Salem Academy

By James Day

The Santiam High football team faces another showdown game Friday night as the Wolverines look to qualify for the Class 2A playoffs.

Santiam, 3-2 overall and 2-1 in the Tri-River Conference, visits Salem Academy (2-3 and 2-1) on Friday night.

“Salem Academy is a good team,” Wolverines coach Josh Ruby told *The Canyon Weekly*. “They have some guys that run the ball hard and they flow and tackle well on defense. It will be a tough game.”

The Tri-River (Special District 2) receives three automatic playoff berths and could be in line for the lone at-large bid among the five 2A leagues.



Regis is 3-0, Kennedy is 2-0 and Santiam and Academy are tied for third at 2-1.

Regis and Kennedy play in Mt. Angel on Friday night.

“We are still right in the mix for finishing with a good record and getting into the state playoffs,” Ruby said.

Santiam is coming off a 32-6 home loss to Kennedy.

The Trojans scored on their first two drives, helped by a Santiam fumble, and never trailed, although the Wolverines pulled within 12-6 in the second quarter on a 3-yard run by **Quentin Clark** that finished an impressive 12-play, 70-yard drive.

Kennedy scored again just before the half to lead 18-6 and was never threatened in the second half.

Santiam’s four second-half drives

ended with two punts and two lost fumbles.

“We didn’t play our best game on Friday,” Ruby said. “We fumbled the ball too many times and did some little things wrong. We can’t beat a good team when we do that. We have to play better and we have to coach better than that. We are going to continue to work hard to do that.”

“I am very proud of what this group has done so far this year. We just have to play hard the rest of the season and take it one game at a time.”

Santiam rushed for 145 yards against Kennedy. Clark led the way with 73 yards on 16 carries. **Matthew Brady** added 44 yards on 6 carries and blasted up the middle twice for 13-yard gains during the Wolverines’ scoring drive. **Trenton Stafford** added 13 carries for 38 yards.

## A note from the Principal Leadership students vote for no homecoming dance this year

It often takes a village to put on events at Santiam. Our Leadership students are a HUGE part of the village that make events such as homecoming, prom and assemblies awesome. Unfortunately, due to some of the circumstances that come with hosting a school-sponsored event, our leadership students have voted to not have a school-sponsored homecoming dance this year. I know that the students put a lot of thought and consideration into this decision and I know it did not come lightly. But – I support the decisions that our students make.

Mrs. Rasmussen

Principal Santiam Jr./Sr. High

# ODE releases October school health advisory

## Advisory in effect statewide Oct. 2 – 31

The Oregon Health Authority and the Oregon Department of Education are partnering to prioritize the safety protocols needed to reliably return to full-time, in-person school for all students.

As fall and winter arrive in Oregon, students and staff will be spending more time indoors which brings increased risk of spread of COVID-19.

Every county in Oregon remains in high community transmission according to CDC metrics. It is critical that Oregonians work together to preserve in-person learning for students.

To maintain the continuity of instruction during school this year, OHA and ODE are issuing the following School Health Advisory, to remain in effect statewide Oct. 2 – 31, unless otherwise updated:

To reduce spread and the number of students and staff excluded from school due to quarantine, each school should review their Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity

of Services Plan to:

- a) Consider how they can implement additional layers of protection; and
- b) Enhance implementation of current layers.

All eligible youth and adults who come in contact with school-age children should vaccinate to reduce spread of COVID-19 in the school community and reduce the number of students and staff who need to quarantine due to exposure to COVID-19.

Federal approval of the COVID-19 vaccine for children under 12 is expected this fall. When the vaccine is available, families should vaccinate all eligible children to reduce spread of COVID-19.

Families with school-age children and educators should limit gatherings and non-essential activities with people from other households to the extent possible.

If you are visiting people from another household, you should wear a mask, maintain a physical distance of 6 feet, and keep activities outdoors as much as possible.

To the extent possible, schools and

other organizations should reduce extracurricular activities.

If schools and other organizations proceed with extracurricular activities, they should consider holding them outdoors and implementing additional precautions like face coverings and physical distancing.

Schools should hold family events online, rather than in-person. If events are held in-person, hold the events outside, ensure all participants wear masks, and maintain physical distancing of 6 feet to the degree possible.

### Red Cross Blood Drive

Santiam Junior/Senior High School will host an American Red Cross blood drive from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Oct. 11. To participate you must be 17 or older, or 16 with parental permission.

To sign up and schedule your time slot visit: [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

If you are unable to access the online scheduling center, call Santiam Junior/Senior High School at 503-897-2311.

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# Calendar

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### MONDAY

**Stayton Community Food Bank** – 9 a.m. - noon, 1210 Wilco Road. Monday - Friday. 503-769-4088

**Walk-in COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic** – 2 - 5 p.m., Santiam Hospital, 1401 N 10th Ave., Stayton. No appointments or pre-registration needed. Runs Monday - Friday.

### TUESDAY

**Mill City and Gates Community Center Food Pantry** – 10 a.m. - noon, 258 SW Cedar St. Open every Tuesday except the first Tuesday of the month. Repeats 6 - 8 p.m. Thursdays. 503-897-4904

**Mill City Senior Meals** – noon, First Presbyterian Church, 236 W Broadway. Pick up lunch Tuesday or Thursday. Meals on Wheels available. 503-897-2204

**ESL, GED, Citizenship Classes** – 6:30 - 8 p.m., Stayton United Methodist Church, 1450 Fern Ridge Road, Stayton. No cost for class. Workbook is \$20. Runs through June. Repeats Thursdays. Mary, 503-779-7029.

### WEDNESDAY

**Jefferson Food Pantry** – 3 - 6 p.m., 310 N Second St., Jefferson. Serves communities of Scio and Crabtree. No ID necessary. 503-779-9807

**Alcoholic Anonymous** – 7 p.m., Gates Church of Christ, 40070 Gates School Road. Open discussion group.

### THURSDAY

**North Santiam Gleaners** – 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., IOOF Hall, 38952 Highway 226, Scio. Set up at 8 a.m. Food distribution 10:15 - 11:45 a.m. 503-394-2147

### FRIDAY

**Cars & Coffee** – 9 a.m., Covered Bridge Cafe, 510 N Third Ave.,

Stayton. Bring your classic vehicles for coffee, breakfast and a cruise on country roads. Park on Marion Street.

**Idanha and Detroit Community Food Pantry** – 9 a.m. - noon., 397 Church St., Idanha. 503-854-3030 and leave a message.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** – 6 p.m., Santiam Outreach Community Center, 280 NE Santiam Blvd., Mill City. 971-332-5676

### SATURDAY

**Wildfire Survivor Support Group** – 10 - 11 a.m., Santiam Outreach Community Center, 280 NE Santiam Blvd., Mill City. Coffee, conversation. Facilitated by trauma-informed, state certified traditional healthcare workers. 971-332-5676

### SUNDAY

**Santiam Canyon Tool Library** – Noon - 3 p.m., 40070 Gates School Road, Gates. Members can check out tools, equipment and how-to instructional materials. Picture ID required. santiamcanyontoolibrary.myturn.com

## THIS WEEK

### FRIDAY, OCT. 8

**Haunted Forest** – 7 - 11 p.m., 8372 SE Okey Lane, Turner. \$10 adults. \$5 children 12 and under. Food collected for Stayton Community Food Bank. Repeats every Friday and Saturday night in October.

### SATURDAY, OCT. 9

**Memorial Bench Dedication** – 3:30 p.m., Freres Family Gymnasium, SW Evergreen, Mill City. A memorial bench dedication in honor of community volunteer, Anita Leach, who lost her 26-year battle with breast cancer on Sept. 7, 2020. The dedication will take place outside the gym entrance. Minimal seating will be provided for those unable to stand. Be prepared

to follow COVID social distancing guidelines. Light snacks follow.

### MONDAY, OCT. 11

#### INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

**Red Cross Blood Drive** – 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Santiam Jr./Sr. High, 265 SW Evergreen, Mill City. Appointments needed by visiting redcross-blood.org.

**Scio City Council** – 6 p.m., Scio City Hall, 38957 NW First Ave. Agenda available. Open to public. 503-394-3342, ci.scio.or.us

**Lyons Fire District Board** – 7 p.m., Lyons Fire Station, 1114 Main St. Agenda available. Open to public. 503-859-2410, lyonsrfd.org

**Lyons Library Board** – 7 p.m., Lyons Public Library, 279 Eighth St. 503-859-2366

### TUESDAY, OCT. 12

**Ancestry Detectives** – 10 a.m. Zoom. Discuss successes using hints from September meeting's program on Family Search. Contact David Stewart, ancestrydetectives353@gmail.com, for details. Ancestrydetectives.org

**Santiam vs Gervais Volleyball** – 5:30 p.m., Santiam High, 265 SW Evergreen, Mill City.

**Scio vs Blanchet Catholic Volleyball** – 6 p.m., Scio High, 38875 NW First Ave.

**Mill City City Council** – 6:30 p.m., Mill City City Hall, 444 S First Ave. Open to public. Agenda available. 503-897-2302, ci.mill-city.or.us

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 13

**Santiam Canyon School Board** – 5:30 p.m., Santiam Elementary School, 450 SW Evergreen, Mill City. Open to public. Agenda available. 503-897-2321, santiam.k12.or.us

### THURSDAY, OCT. 14

**North Santiam Watershed Council** – 6 p.m. Zoom. Open to public. Meeting ID: 890 8301 3419. Password: 475977. 503-930-8202, northsantiam.org

**Chamber After Hours** – 6:30 p.m., The Craft Shack & More, 218 SW Broadway St., Mill City. A North Santiam Chamber of Commerce event. Any member of the community who has an interest in sharing their business, nonprofit or community event are welcome to attend. 503-897-5000

### FRIDAY, OCT. 15

**Grange Haunted House** – 6 - 9 p.m., Santiam Valley Grange, 1140 Fifth St., Lyons. Appropriate for all ages. Fog machine in use. Social distancing and masks required. 503-859-2161

**Santiam vs Regis Football** – 7 p.m., Santiam High, 265 SW Evergreen, Mill City.

**Haunted Forest** – 7 - 11 p.m., 8372 SE Okey Lane, Turner. \$10 adults. \$5 children 12 and under. Food collected for Stayton Community Food Bank. Repeats every Friday and Saturday night in October.

**Charley's Aunt** – 7 p.m., Spotlight Community Theatre, 383 N Third Ave., Stayton. Spotlight Community Theatre presents *Charley's Aunt*: A Victorian Farce in Two Acts. \$15 general admission. \$12 seniors and students. \$6 youth. Tickets on sale online at spotlightct.com or at the door. Repeats 7 p.m. Oct. 16; 2:30 p.m. Oct. 17. 503-302-0936

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# Mulching ornamental gardens prevents problems

By Diane Hyde

## OSU Linn Co. Master Gardener

Fall rains are now a semi-regular thing and plants are responding with green growth...until cold temperatures slow them down again.

How can we help ornamental plants revive from the summer drought and prepare for next summer? Mulching will help by filtering and conserving water, reducing weed growth, improving soil quality and promoting root growth.

Mulch is material spread over the surface that influence plant growth under the soil. Organic mulches are accumulated in natural areas. Gardeners emulate natural mulches by applying bark dust, wood chips, fir or pine needles, hay and tree leaves. Geotextile fabrics and plastics are effective at stopping weeds from sprouting from the soil, but when covered with a thin layer of other mulch the weeds grow on top of the fabric or plastic or through the gaps. When weed

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roots grow into the fabric it is difficult to remove as it becomes unsightly. Why not just use a thicker (3" to 4") layer of organic mulch and reapply it every 2 to 4 years?

Mulching reduces surface evaporation and runoff, protects soil from compaction by rain and foot traffic, promotes water penetration into the soil and encourages larger root systems that store water for the plants. Fall mulching can smother annual weed seeds in the soil and increase water retention next summer.

A good mulch will block light from weed seeds so they cannot sprout. A woody mulch will not provide enough nitrogen for weed seedlings to grow. Composted mulches and older bark dust may encourage weeds by providing nutrients. Most of the nitrogen

needed by plants in the top 3 to 6 inches of soil under mulch is used by microorganisms that compete with small plants and new transplants too. Newspaper or cardboard under compost is often used to block the light and soil microbes from the annual seeds in the lower soil while small plants establish their roots. At least 3 inches of mulch may be needed to smother existing weeds and prevent seedling germination. Mulch does not control perennials like blackberries, bindweed, horsetail or quackgrass so they must be removed before mulching.

Mulched plants are generally healthier, more resistant to diseases and pests, and better insulated from extreme cold or heat. Young trees establish and grow faster with a mulched space 4 feet around them but not piled against the trunk. OSU Extension has free publications available at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog>. Search for EC1561 Improving Garden Soils or EC1629-E Mulching Wood Ornamentals.

## Mill City Eagles



- 10/09 Poker 6-9
- 10/14 Aerie Meeting 6:30
- 10/15 Dinner TBD
- 10/20 Bingo Burgers & Brews 7-9
- 10/21 Aerie Meeting 6:30
- 10/22 Ribs 5:30-7:30
- 10/28 Aerie Meeting 6:30
- 10/29 Dinner TBD
- 10/30 Halloween Party 7-11
- 10/31 Trunk & Treat
- 11/05 Steak Night & Murder Mystery
- 11/06 Roger Crowell's Celebration of Life 2
- 11/11 Veterans Day Celebration 5:30 Dinner TBD
- 11/13 Turkey Shoot 12
- 11/27 Civil War Potluck Time TBD

# Log brands must be renewed by the end of the year

The Oregon Department of Forestry wants to remind timber operators that their state-registered log brands must be renewed between Oct. 18 and Dec. 31.

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Timber operators whose addresses have changed since their initial registration or last renewal need to provide ODF with their current address before Oct. 18 to ensure they receive their renewal certificate.

Address information can be sent to

the ODF's Log Brands Unit by phone: 503-945-7259 or by email: [Log.Brands@oregon.gov](mailto:Log.Brands@oregon.gov)

Operators who registered in 2021 must still renew their brands for the new five-year period (Jan. 1, 2022 – Dec. 31, 2026).

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## Linn County Sheriff's Office Log: Sept. 28 – Oct. 4

- SEPT. 28**  
**Burglary, 10:39 a.m., Railroad Street, Scio.** Burglary related to another one in area was investigated.  
**Traffic Hazard, 3:03 p.m., Shelburn and Slangal drives, Scio.** Abandoned vehicle was located and towed as a hazard. Vehicle blocking intersection.  
**Traffic Complaint, 4:27 p.m., SW Cedar Street, Mill City.** Extra patrols requested.
- SEPT. 29**  
**Search and Rescue, 1:54 a.m., Thomas Creek Drive, Scio.** Deputies located subject and led her to a paved roadway where she was able to navigate her way home.  
**Traffic Complaint, 9:27 a.m., Kingwood Avenue/Gates School Road, Gates.** Extra patrol request for speeding log trucks.  
**Violation of Order, 1:17 p.m., SW Sixth Avenue, Scio.** Report of two people who should not be together. No legal documents supporting the accusation.  
**Warrant Service, 1:22 p.m., SW Ivy Street, Mill City.** Male, 36, of Mill City was cited and released on a PV warrant.  
**Shots Heard, 6:57 p.m., Lyons-Mill City Drive, Lyons.** Deputies were unable to hear any shots while in the area.  
**Traffic Stop, 7:33 p.m., NE First Avenue, Scio.** Driver warned for defective trailer lights.  
**Traffic Stop, 8:19 p.m., N Main Street, Scio.** Driver warned for speeding.  
**Traffic Stop, 8:53 p.m., Highway 226, Scio.** Driver cited for 56 MPH in 30 MPH zone.
- SEPT. 30**  
**Extra Patrol, 4:20 a.m., Fish Hatchery Drive, Scio.** Extra patrol of Roaring River Park. Nothing out of the ordinary.  
**Suspicious Vehicle, 4:59 a.m., SE Fairview Street/SE Remine Road, Mill City.** Report of suspicious lights in a field. Deputies advise it was a patrol deputy doing extra patrol.  
**Assist Other Agency, 5:19 a.m., Richardson Gap Road, Scio.** Deputy covered OSP on a traffic stop.  
**Animal Complaint, 7:44 a.m., S First Avenue, Mill City.** Deputies located a loose dog. Dog owner located.  
**Dog Complaint, 9:29 a.m., SW Douglas Street, Mill City.** Dog owner issued written warning for nuisance barking.  
**Kidnapping, 9:44 a.m., NW Clayton Place, Scio.** Deputies investigated a report of a female screaming for help. Female was found and transported to hospital. Circumstances surrounding her plea for help is being investigated.  
**Civil Dispute, 12:28 p.m., Richardson Gap Road, Scio.** Caller had questions about her deceased parents' estate. Deputies advised her to talk to a civil attorney.  
**Neighborhood Dispute, 12:49 p.m., Rodgers Mountain Loop, Scio.** Dispute over property lines and shared driveway.  
**Dog Complaint, 1:21 p.m., Kingwood Avenue, Gates.** Verbal warning to dog owner for dog at large.  
**Assist Other Agency, 6:24 p.m., Highway 226, Lyons.** Deputy came upon two-vehicle crash. Driver and passenger of one vehicle were transported to Santiam Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.  
**Burglary, 6:43 p.m., Hungry Hill Drive, Scio.** \$4,120 in tools and items stolen. Ongoing investigation.  
**Possible DUI, 6:58 p.m., SE Kinwood and S First avenues, Mill City.** Report of suspected DUI driver. Deputies unable to locate.
- OCT. 1**  
**Extra Patrol, 2:07 a.m., Hungry Hill Drive, Scio.**  
**Domestic Disturbance, 1:07 p.m., SW First Avenue, Mill City.** Deputies responded to a welfare check.  
**Civil Dispute, 3:18 p.m., Rodgers Drive, Scio.** Deputies responded to civil dispute about a chain blocking a driveway. The parties were advised to remain civil.  
**Traffic Complaint, 5:13 p.m., Highway 226, Scio.** Vehicle passed a deputy at a reckless, high rate of speed in opposite direction. Under investigation.  
**Theft, 6:47 p.m., SE Ivy Street, Mill City.** License plates stolen off a parked vehicle. Ongoing investigation.  
**Trespass, 8:34 p.m., Loma Drive, Scio.** Male got stuck in the ditch on the caller's property. When asked to leave the property, there was a verbal argument. Male was trespassed from property and pulled out of the ditch.  
**Suspicious Circumstance, 9:37 p.m., SE Kingwood Avenue, Mill City.** Suspicious phone call from unknown person.
- OCT. 2**  
**Death Investigation, 3:32 a.m., Ridge Drive, Scio.** Death investigation. Apparent natural causes.  
**Traffic Stop, 5:49 a.m., Shilling Drive, Scio.** Driver warned for headlight out.  
**Suspicious Vehicle, 4:08 p.m., N Main Street/NW Second Avenue, Scio.** Vehicle was gone upon deputies' arrival.  
**Traffic Stop, 5:18 p.m., Slangal Drive, Scio.** Instruction-permit-only driver stopped for unsafe passing with no licensed driver present. Driver cited for operating a vehicle without privileges.  
**Suspicious Person, 6:16 p.m., SW Eighth Avenue, Mill City.** Deputy was unable to locate subject.  
**Warrant Service, 6:17 p.m., SE Mountain Avenue, Idanha.** Male of Stayton issued a criminal citation in lieu of physical custody for an outstanding warrant.  
**Recovered Stolen Vehicle, 6:59 p.m., Highway 226, Scio.** Deputies detained subjects from a stolen vehicle. Suspects were turned over to Stayton Police, who took the original stolen vehicle report.  
**Disturbance, 7 p.m., Stayton-Scio Road, Scio.** No evidence of crimes.  
**Theft, 8:52 p.m., W Scio Road, Scio.** Juvenile male made charges in his Playstation account using his parents' card.  
**Suspicious Circumstance, 9:40 p.m., S First Avenue, Mill City.** No damage reported. No one was located.
- OCT. 3**  
**Possible DUI, 12:56 a.m., Stayton-Scio Road/Slangal Drive, Scio.** Deputies unable to locate. No license plate provided.  
**Disturbance, 1:12 a.m., SE Willow and SE Church streets, Idanha.** Deputy checked area for a disturbance heard by caller but did not locate.  
**Trespass, 12:12 p.m., Lyons-Mill City Drive, Lyons.** Trespass notice given to suspect per owner's request.
- OCT. 4**  
**Traffic Hazard, 7:58 a.m., Stayton-Scio Road/Mertz Drive, Scio.** Deputy responded and did not find a horse on the road or in unfenced pastures.  
**Accident, 12:09 p.m., Fish Hatchery Drive/Richardson Gap Road, Scio.** Two-vehicle crash.  
**Counter Traffic, 2:50 p.m., Meyer Street, Scio.** Caller upset with the process of an eviction notice. Caller was advised of the proper process of getting his stuff back from the residence he was evicted from.  
**Suspicious Vehicle, 6:04 p.m., Larwood and Fish Hatchery drives, Scio.** Deputies contacted owner who stated his vehicle was broken down and was in the process of having it fixed. Owner advised to have the vehicle moved once it was fixed or it may be towed.  
**Traffic Complaint, 6:58 p.m., Meritt Road, Scio.** Deputies spoke with driver at their residence about driving behaviors and possible repercussions of their actions.  
**Accident, 7:46 p.m., Highway 226/Shindler Bridge Drive, Scio.** Single-vehicle, non-injury crash. Driver hit a deer. Vehicle was towed due to damage.  
**Suspicious Circumstance, 9:20 p.m., Richardson Gap Road, Scio.** Suspicious circumstance involving someone calling for help. No crime. Everything at residence was secure.  
**Extra Patrol, 9:50 p.m., S First Avenue, Mill City.** Traffic enforcement on SW Broadway Street. Speed between 16 and 28 MPH observed. No warnings or citations issued.  
**Disturbance, 11:25 p.m., SW Linn Blvd., Mill City.** Fight at Trio Tavern. Neither party wished to press charges on one another. Instigating party of trespassed indefinitely.

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