

Mary Lou from 1B

they did not want to raise their children with “The Establishment” values. “The trick is to be in the world, but never part of it,” Goertzen said of her non-doctrine, gentle ideology, which always favors personal freedom, peace

and — first and foremost — love.

While other seniors her age “just worry all day about money and death,” Goertzen said she puts all her energy and focus on helping others.

Bluebird of happiness in Deadwood

While author Ken

Kesey’s school bus — known as “Further” — was featured in Tom Wolfe’s “The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test” and as a Hippie symbol at the Woodstock Festival in 1969, Goertzen’s version is more of a local Deadwood and Eugene-area legend because many Hippie families stayed in the bus

when needing a place to bed down on a cold night.

“Our Bluebird has helped many wayward people seeking shelter,” explained Goertzen.

Along the way, Deadwood locals have also dubbed Goertzen with another moniker, “Keeper of the Flame” — a tribute to her more than 40 years

of service to people in the community.

Given Goertzen’s impact and influence as Deadwood’s First Lady, no doubt those within the community will carry the torch and become the keepers of the flame that shone so brightly for the past 50 years — and into the years ahead.

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Fishing from 1B

so the majority of fish are staging in the tidewater waiting for the next big rain event scheduled to arrive late next week.

Anglers are reminded that due to low forecasted returns for the 2020 season bag limits have been reduced. The bag limit for the Siuslaw River is 1 wild Chinook per day and 1 per year for the 2020 season.

Trout fishing in the Siuslaw basin (including Lake Creek) is open until Oct. 31 and provides a great, often overlooked opportunity into the fall months.

ALSEA RIVER: Fall Chinook, cutthroat trout

Fall Chinook fishing remains steady on the Alsea with some days better than others but anglers are catching fish every day. The lower sections of the tidewater have slowed down as many of the fish are now holding in the upper portions of the estuary.

Last week’s rain pushed some fish up into the river but the majority of fish are still staging in the tidewater. The dry conditions this week will keep fish staging in the estuary waiting for the next rain event.

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SALMON RIVER: Cutthroat trout, fall Chinook

Fall Chinook fishing improved on the Salmon River with last week’s rainstorms. Many fish moved up into the river and into the hatchery providing some good opportunity for the bank anglers. This week’s low and dry conditions will hold the majority of fish in the estuary waiting for the next rain event scheduled to arrive late next week.

SILETZ RIVER: Summer steelhead, fall Chinook, cutthroat trout

Summer steelhead fishing is still slow but conditions are good right now to catch a late summer steelhead. The recent

fall rains have cooled the water temperatures and will have the summer steelhead on the bite once again.

Fall Chinook fishing continues to be steady on the Siletz. Anglers are catching fish every day and are now spread throughout the system. Last week’s rain pushed a good number of fish up into the river but the river dropped quickly and now the majority of fish will continue to hold in the estuary waiting for the next big rain event.

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Cutthroat trout fishing is open in the Siletz basin until Oct. 31. This is a great time to target the larger sea-run cutthroat that move into the rivers this time of year.

WILSON RIVER: Chinook, steelhead, cutthroat trout

The Wilson is predicted to come up almost a foot with this week’s rains; that should be enough to start a few Chinook upstream.

Summer steelhead fishing has been slow should pick up with this week’s rain and provide a good opportunity. The rain and change in temperatures

can get fish that have been holding and lock-jawed more active, and increase the odds of hooking up. Also, most of the swimming recreation activity has let up, so fish shouldn’t be as spooked.

During recent resting pool counts, the number of summer steelhead in the Wilson River was up slightly from last year, but still well below the 10-year average. The majority of fish observed were in the upper river.

YAQUINA RIVER: Fall Chinook, cutthroat trout

Fall Chinook fishing has been fair on the Yaquina River as of late. Last week’s rain storms moved a few fish up into the river but the majority of the fish remain staging in the estuary waiting for more rain. Fish are now spread throughout the tidewater up to Elk City.

Anglers are reminded that due to low forecasted returns for the 2020 season bag limits have been reduced on the Yaquina/Big Elk Rivers. The bag limit for the Yaquina/Big Elk is 1 wild Chinook per day and 5 per year for the 2020 season.

COOS RIVER BASIN: Trout, marine perch species, salmon

Fishing for rockfish in the lower Coos Bay estuary has been decent while fish-

ing along the jetty and submerged rock structures. Smaller jigs with a twister tail or 1-ounce jigging spoons have been working to catch rockfish and greenling.

The daily bag limit for marine fish was recently increased to 7, which for boat anglers cannot include any copper, quill-back, China rockfish, or cabezon.

Bank anglers can still retain one copper, quill-back or China rockfish and 1 cabezon as part of their daily bag limit. Boat and bank anglers are also allowed 2 lingcod per day.

Temporary wild fall Chinook regulations are in effect for salmon anglers fishing in Coos Bay.



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