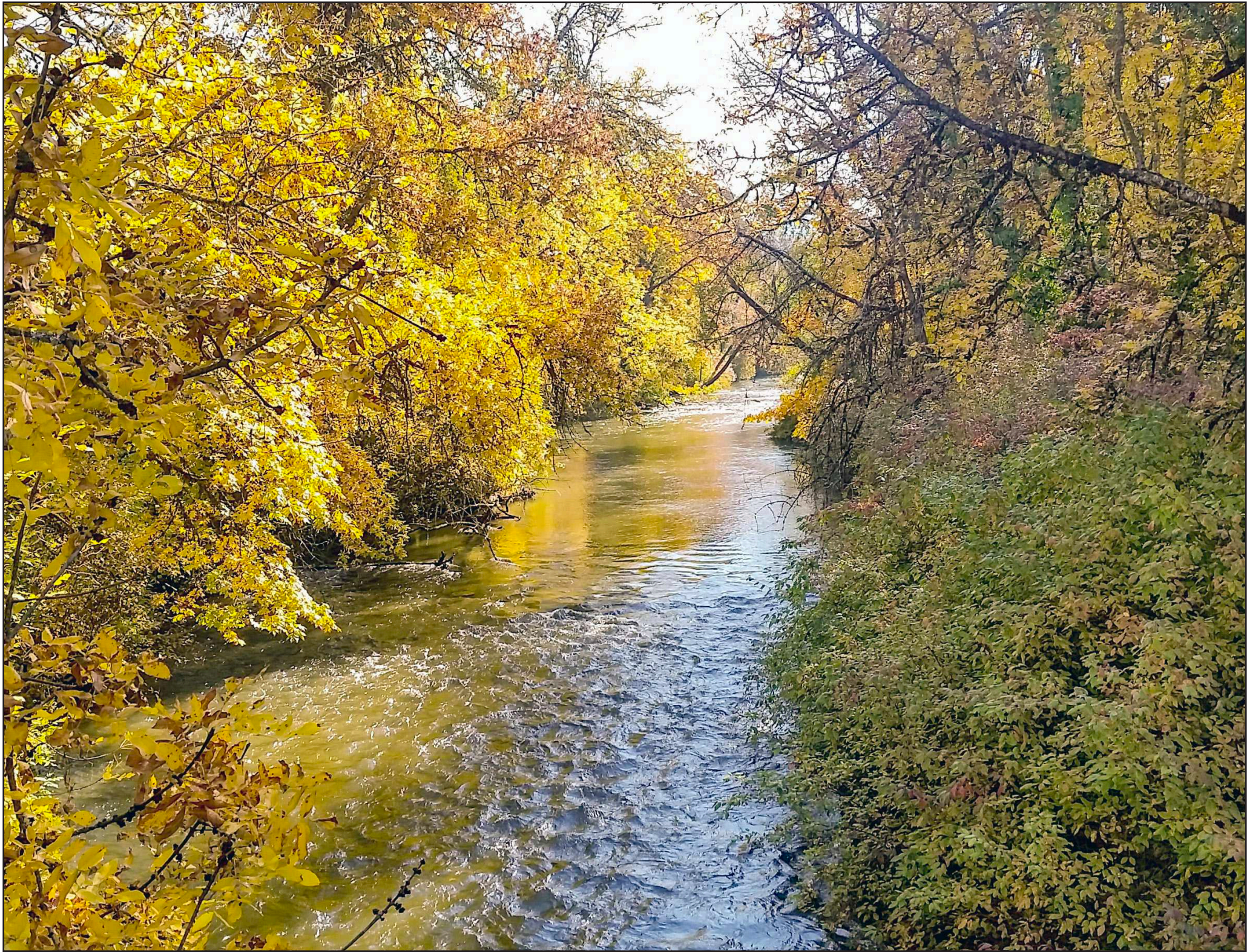


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Paul Henrichs sent in this picture of the Coast Fork River that he took while standing on a bridge on London Rd./Latham Rd.

Support *Your* Community
By Supporting *Local* Businesses



9 Reasons to Shop Local

- 1 Shopping Local Creates Jobs:** The jobs created allow spending in the local economy and helps create more jobs.
- 2 Local independent businesses invest more in our community:** They support local charities, schools and community events which financially impacts our community.
- 3 Local businesses sell a wide range of great products** at affordable prices and cater to the needs and wants of the community.
- 4 Shopping Local saves you money and time!** Travel expenses and personal time make the overall cost of items more.
- 5 Shopping Local retains our community:** Without the support in the local community, restaurants, shops and services are forced to close.
- 6 Shopping Local retains our distinctive-ness:** Local businesses respond quicker to the needs of the customers and stock products to meet the core community's needs.
- 7 Shopping Local encourages community growth.** By choosing to do business locally you help maintain Cottage Grove's diversity, charm and appeal; which in turn, attracts new community members.
- 8 Shopping Local invests in community services and city economy.** Your dollars spent in locally-owned businesses have three times the impact on your community as dollars spent outside of Cottage Grove. When shopping locally, you create funds for more city and county services through taxes. In turn, these funds are invested in neighborhood services including police, fire and ambulance as well as park and library improvements.
- 9 Local shops value you more:** Local businesses survive by their reputation and repeat business, which means you get a higher standard of service.