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Washington County Report: Ghostly goings on in North Plains; Sherwood plugs in to the future

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The creek that unofficially gave the Ghost Creek course at Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club its name is now officially named Ghost Creek.

Clear, sunny skies? Shirt-sleeve temperatures? An extra bounce in every step? Must be time for this week's Washington County Report.

We've got everything from news of a U.S. senator dropping by to lend thoughts on recharging the local economy to a chance to see locally elected officials paddling like mad on the Tualatin River. And that's just for starters – so let's get going.

U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley is scheduled to attend the Westside Economic Alliance's Sept. 29 **Breakfast Forum** at the Embassy Suites in Tigard. Oregon's junior

senator is expected to address the struggles that continue to crimp the state's economy, as well how he thinks things can be turned around.

Public officials will take to the water in kayaks and canoes Sept. 21 during the **5th Annual Tualatin Challenge**. This year's edition of the race will take off from a new starting point – the Oregon 99W canoe launch in Tualatin, located at 11675 SW Hazelbrook Road.

New Seasons Market in Progress Ridge TownSquare will hold what the Beaverton Valley Times describes as a **house warming party for the community** on Sept. 14. The event will continue through the weekend to let shoppers get acquainted with the 42,000-square-foot facility.

For years, North Plains residents have referred to the small stream flowing through town as Ghost Creek. Now, the U.S. Board on Geographic Names **has made it official**, cementing North Plains as the Halloween-themed capital of northwestern Washington County.