



On Air & All In: Charlie Eads of KGAL/KSHO

By Marcy Hermens, Staff Writer and Tangent Correspondent

In an era when radio towers are owned by distant corporations, one man has kept the dial tuned to home for more than four decades. Charlie Eads is KGAL, and KGAL is Charlie Eads.

The 79-year-old broadcaster has been part of Oregon's airwaves since 1976, arriving in Albany in 1978 to work at KGAL as sales and general manager. He purchased the station in 1981, and what followed was a masterclass in running a radio station the right way: with roots deep and ears wide open to the community.

Under his ownership, KGAL 1580 AM evolved into a SmartTalk powerhouse for news, talk, and sports. "The Valley Talk" covers local government, community groups, and events. KGAL is, quite simply, one of Oregon's last locally owned radio stations.

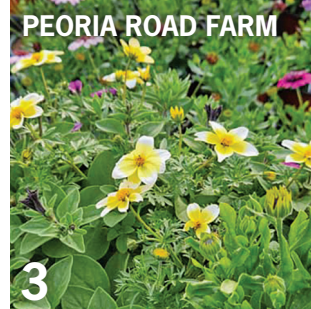
Its sister station, KSHO AM 920/FM 94.1, plays an eclectic mix spanning Nat King Cole, Van Morrison, and Taylor Swift — a playlist that Eads himself crafts with genuine joy. "He is at his happiest," one observer noted, "sitting in the KSHO Production Room, finding

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Charlie Eads sits at the microphone inside the KGAL/KSHO studio, where his steady presence has kept local radio rooted in the community for more than four decades.

INSIDE



Linn County Sheriff Michelle Duncan reviews reports at her desk, where daily operations, staffing challenges, and public safety decisions come together behind the scenes of countywide law enforcement.

Sheriff Michelle Duncan Highlights Service, Safety in Linn County

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer and Columnist

Linn County Sheriff Michelle Duncan has spent nearly three decades building a career in law enforcement, rising through the ranks to lead the agency she first joined in 1997.

After earning an associate degree in criminal justice, Duncan began as a deputy and went on to serve as an investigator and supervisor of multiple teams, including incident command. Through experience and perseverance, she advanced to sheriff — an elected position and the top role in the office.

Providing coverage across rural Linn County presents challenges, but Duncan said crime rates in many areas remain relatively low. Still, staffing shortages have been a concern.

Like many agencies, the sheriff's office has struggled to recruit qualified deputies in recent years. Duncan attributed the challenges, in part, to a wave of retirements among officers hired during the 1990s. Recruitment also became more difficult following the 2020 death of George Floyd, as public perception of law enforcement shifted and new state regulations were adopted. Pay and benefits have also been factors, though Duncan said hiring conditions are improving

Staffing Shortages Strain Recruitment Efforts.

Calls for service are prioritized, with emergencies and crimes in progress taking precedence. Lower-priority calls may take longer to address.

According to the 2025 crime report, deputies handled 33,423 calls for service, of which 4,862 resulted in formal reports. The office recorded 5,264 arrests, including 2,442 felonies.

Property crimes dropped nearly 18 percent, and identity theft investigations declined about 15 percent. However, arson increased 10.6 percent, forgery rose 52.4 percent, and crimes against persons climbed about 16 percent.

Traffic enforcement remains a focus. Traffic-related

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Saturdays, through May 2 • 10 a.m.– noon
Lebanon Senior Center, 80 Tangent St., Lebanon
Free gardening lecture series with Master Gardeners. Hands-on planting included. New this year: doors open at 9:30 a.m. Free Seed Wagon, garden magazines, and info tables.

- April 18 — Easy Plant Propagation Methods
- April 25 — Confessions of a Serial “It’ll Fit” Gardener
- May 2 — Pests & Predators in Your Garden

Register: casteen@aol.com (include name and phone). Free tomato plants and growing tips offered May 16 at 10 a.m.

Saturday Swim Lessons
Saturdays, through May 23 • 9 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.
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<https://www.lebanonpool.org> • 541-451-8551
lebanon.aquatic@gmail.com

Calapooia Food Alliance Munch Night
Friday, April 17 • 6 p.m. • \$15
American Legion Post #184, 339 Main St., Brownsville
Munch Night is a monthly gathering that brings the community together over a homemade meal and a featured presentation focused on farming, gardening, local food production, and sustainability. The April 17 program will feature retired entomologist Rich Little presenting “The Insects That Bug You.” All are welcome.

The Pirates of Penzance
April 17–May 9 • Various times
Albany Civic Theater, 111 W 1st Ave., Albany
Enjoy a lively steampunk-style production of Gilbert and Sullivan’s classic comic opera. Evening performances begin at 7:30 p.m., with matinees at 2:30 p.m. on select dates. Closed captioning available for select shows. Tickets available online at <https://app.arts-people.com/?show=286632> or at the box office prior to performances.
<https://www.albanycivic.org> • 541-928-4603

Homestead & Homemakers Market & Seed Swap
Saturday, April 18 • 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
31575 Sand Ridge Rd., Lebanon
A community market celebrating simple living, handmade traditions, and old-fashioned know-how. Featuring homemade and handcrafted items, farm-made products, fresh foods and vegetables, preserves, baked goods, herbal and natural goods, crafts, garden and farm supplies, plants, farm animals and animal products, fresh flowers, and more.

Gardeners, plant lovers, and green thumbs are invited to connect, share tips, and swap seeds for the growing season. Bring your extra seeds or simply come to explore new varieties — extras will be available.

Little RoyalTea Party
Saturday, April 18 • 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Albany Historic Carousel & Museum, 503 First Ave. W.
Kings and queens, princes and princesses are invited to dress their best for a tea party to remember. Also attending are the Party Perfection Oregon Princesses!
<https://albanycarousel.com/event/little-royaltea-party>
541-497-2934

Not Rocket Science Trivia
Thursdays • 6 p.m. • Free
Dixie Creek Saloon, 32994 OR-99E, Tangent
Weekly pub trivia with bragging rights on the line. Bring a team and play every Thursday night.

Friday Morning Veteran’s Breakfast
Fridays • 8-10 a.m. • Elmer’s Restaurant
2802 Santiam Hwy SE, Albany • 541-928-4227
Join fellow veteran’s over a cup of coffee and plate of good food as stories are shared, memories made, and friendships created. All Veterans are welcome.

Al-anon Weekly Meeting
Fridays • 7 p.m. • Halsey City Hall. 100 W Halsey St.

Fill the Van with Cans – Earth Week Fundraiser
Saturday, April 18 • 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
Lebanon Gift & Thrift, 32220 Old Hwy 34, Tangent
Support SafeHaven Humane Society by donating returnable/refundable bottles and cans during this Earth Week event. Donations will help animals in need while contributing to BottleDrop’s matching program, with up to a 20 percent match on funds raised.
<https://safehavenhumane.org/shop> • 541-928-2789

Spring Into Spring at The Gallery
Saturday, April 18 • 11 a.m.–4 p.m.
The Gallery, 294 Smith St., Harrisburg • 541-543-5920.
Celebrate art, friendship, and community with Jim and Shelly Roenspie at this special spring event. Refreshments will be served. Featured artists include Robert Canaga, Sandy Giles, Demetra Kalams, Jayce Hamblin, Shelley Roenspie, Destiny Brock, Rob Rubottom, Julie Williams, Unjin Jenkins, Rick Simpson, and Pauline Hauder.

Nettie Reed Retirement Celebration
Saturday, April 18 • 1–3 p.m.
Brownsville Library, Kirk Room
Join the community in celebrating Nettie Reed’s 37 years of service to the Brownsville Community Library. Light refreshments will be served.

Gertie Cramer 100th Birthday Celebration
Saturday, April 18 • 1–3 p.m.
Harrisburg Municipal Center, 120 Smith St.
Celebrate longtime Harrisburg resident Gertie Cramer as she turns 100. Community members are invited to stop by for cake and punch and help reach a goal of showering Gertie with 100 birthday cards. Cards may also be dropped off at City Hall in advance.

Weston A. Price Foundation Gathering
Sunday, April 19 • 12–3 p.m.
Brownsville Community Library, Kirk Room
Join this informal gathering to share natural remedy resources, recipes, and connect with others in the community. Tea and coffee will be available. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own cups, utensils, and note-taking materials. Enter through the Averill door.
<https://chapters.westonaprice.org/linnbentoncounties>
WAPFLinnBenton@gmail.com

Cobra Booster Club Meeting
Monday, April 20 • 6 p.m.
Central Linn High School Lobby, 32433 OR-228, Halsey,
Community members are invited to attend this Cobra Booster Club meeting and participate in an after-event discussion about the annual fundraiser supporting student sports and club activities for the upcoming year. Learn how to get involved and support local students. More information: cobraboosterclub@hotmail.com or visit Facebook: Cobra Booster Club.

Candidate Forum for Oregon House and Senate Races
Tuesday, April 21 • 6:30 p.m.
Lebanon First United Methodist Church
1890 S. Second St., Lebanon
The Linn County Unit of the League of Women Voters of Oregon will host a public forum for candidates running for Oregon House District 11 and Oregon Senate District 6. Scott Swanson, editor and publisher of The New Era, will serve as moderator. All are welcome to attend.

American Legion Bingo Night
Saturdays • 6 p.m.
American Legion Travis Moothart Post 184, 132 N. Main St., Brownsville
Bingo is a community fundraiser supporting programs such as Quilts of Valor and local senior activities. All are invited to play and support the Post.

Modern Square Dance Lessons
Sundays • 5:30–7:30 p.m.
First class: Free. \$6/person or \$15/family.
Lebanon Senior Center, 80 Tangent St., Lebanon
All-ages, beginner-friendly square dance lessons led by caller Shaun McKamey. No partner or experience required.
<https://www.lebanonsquarecirclers.com> • 541-401-9780

Rural Communities Prepared for Disasters Webinar Series
April 22 and May 13 • 10 a.m.–noon • Online
Free, two-part webinar series hosted by the Oregon Department of Emergency Management focused on disaster preparedness and recovery in rural communities. Topics include evacuation planning, backup power, recovery funding, and rebuilding.
<https://www.oregon.gov/oem/community-preparedness/pages/webinar-series.aspx>.

Riding Mower Maintenance Workshop
Thursday, April 23 • 4–6 p.m.
Bee Charmed Farm, 35727 Knox Butte Rd E, Albany
OSU Extension Service hosts a hands-on workshop focused on maintaining riding mowers under 25 HP (gasoline only). Learn practical skills to keep equipment running safely and efficiently for years to come.
<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/smallfarms/events/riding-mower-maintenance-workshop-under-25-hp-gasoline-only-bee-charmed-farm>

Avoid Scams with Sam
Thursday, April 23 • 6 p.m.
Brownsville Community Library, Kirk Room
146 Spaulding Ave., Brownsville
Scammers are getting smarter — but so can you. Join legal assistant Sam Heathcote for a free presentation on common scams, how to recognize red flags, and simple steps to protect yourself and your finances. This program is free and open to the public.

Spring NW Living & Outdoor Show — Linn and Benton Counties
Friday – Sunday, April 24–26 • Free
Fri. 2–8 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.–6 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
Linn Co. Expo Center, 3700 Knox Butte Rd E, Albany
Home and outdoor living show featuring exhibitors for home upgrades, remodeling, solar and exterior improvements, landscaping, outdoor living spaces, and Northwest recreation ideas. Free parking.
<https://oregonhearthandhomeevents.com>
503-383-1224

Annual Arbor Day Tree & Shrub Giveaway
Starts Friday, April 24 • 1–5 p.m.
Saturday ,10 a.m.–2 p.m., Tues.-Fri., 1–5 p.m.
Halsey Library 773 W 1st St., Halsey
While supplies last.

Halsey Spring Clean-Up Day
Saturday, April 25 • All day (items out by 7 a.m.)
Halsey (curbside pickup for sanitation customers)
Sweet Home Sanitation’s annual clean-up event allows Halsey customers to dispose of items not included in regular service. Place items at the curb by 7 a.m.; do not set out before April 11. Accepted items include tires, lumber, metal, bundled plastics, and limited furniture or appliances. No household garbage, hazardous waste, electronics, or oversized items.

Spring Fling 2026 — Military History
Saturday, April 25 • 10 a.m.–2 p.m. • Free • 541-409-6569
Oregon Veterans’ Home, 600 N. 5th St., Lebanon
Annual Spring Fling community event featuring a military history theme. Family-friendly and educational.

See what’s happening and add your event:
<https://brownsvilletimes.org/community-calendar>

LINN COUNTY PIONEER ASSOCIATION

Pioneer Picnic Seeks Sponsors for 2026 Celebration

BROWNSVILLE — The Linn County Pioneer Association is inviting local businesses and community members to support one of the region's longest-running traditions — the Linn County Pioneer Picnic, set for June 19–21.

Held annually in Brownsville, the Pioneer Picnic brings together families, neighbors, and visitors to celebrate the heritage of Oregon's early settlers. Organizers say the event continues to serve as a meaningful way to strengthen community connections, preserve local history, and honor long-standing traditions.

To help support the three-day celebration, the association is seeking both cash and in-kind sponsorships. A range of sponsorship opportunities is available to accommodate businesses of all sizes, with benefits including recognition in the official event program, social media recognition, and promotional visibility during the event.

Sponsors contributing under \$100 will be listed in the program, recognized on the association's Facebook page, and included in event-day acknowledgments. Mid-level sponsors, contributing between \$101 and \$499, will receive additional recognition, including a featured name on the association's Facebook banner during the promotional period and a small advertisement in the event program.

Top-tier sponsors who contribute \$500 or more will receive expanded promotional benefits, including multiple social media acknowledgments, a featured placement on the association's banner, and larger advertising space in the printed program.

All sponsors may also have their business name or logo included on the Linn County Pioneer Association website, provided they supply a link.

The deadline to be included in printed materials is May 1. Donations received after that date will still be acknowledged as deadlines allow. Businesses interested in hosting an informational booth during the event are encouraged to contact organizers for details.

The Linn County Pioneer Association is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, and all donations are tax-deductible. Sponsorship payments should be made payable to the Linn County Pioneer Association and mailed to P.O. Box 57, Brownsville, Oregon 97327.

For more information or to discuss sponsorship options, contact the association at lcpa1887@gmail.com or call 541-466-5656. ☎

Correction

In last week's article on WCI Off-Road, several requested corrections were not reflected in the final published version. The business name should have been spelled "Agri-Bar S" and identified as a sister company to WCI that sells agricultural equipment, including baler-mounted hay rakes and forestry mulchers. A detail regarding Keeten McWhorter's employment should have stated that she has worked there for over a year. The Brownsville Times regrets the errors. 🌻

Peoria Road Farm Market Opens for the Season



CORVALLIS — Peoria Road Farm Market opened for the season on April 15 at 33269 SE Peoria Road, just outside Corvallis.

Locally owned by Justin and Margaret Henderson, the market features a wide selection of locally grown flowers, plants, and garden starts, along with hanging baskets perfect for spring planting.

Spring hours are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily. Beginning in June, summer hours will expand to 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., continuing through Nov. 2.

With planting season underway, community members are encouraged to stop by and get an early start on their gardens.

For more information, call 541-207-3327. ☎

Local Voice to Moderate Regional Candidate Forum April 21

LEBANON — Central Linn County residents will have an opportunity to hear directly from candidates seeking to represent the region in Salem at an upcoming public forum in Lebanon. The discussion will be moderated by Scott Swanson — a familiar and trusted voice in local journalism.

Hosted by the League of Women Voters of Linn County, the forum will feature candidates for Oregon House District 11 — Ivan Maluski (Scio), Ken Jackola (Lebanon), and Angelita Sanchez (Sweet Home) — and Oregon Senate District 6 — Nicole De Graff (Marcola), Jack Tibbets (Cottage Grove), Sierrah Williams (Sweet Home), Jami Cate (Lebanon), and Patrick Starnes (Brownsville), an Independent Party candidate who will not appear on the primary ballot but will participate in the forum. Both races impact communities across Linn County.

For voters in Brownsville, Halsey, and surrounding areas, it's a chance to better understand the people and issues shaping decisions that affect our region.

The forum will be held Tuesday, April 21, at 6:30 p.m. at Lebanon First United Methodist Church. All are welcome to attend. ☎

Halsey Library Plans 'Book-It' 5K Fundraiser

HALSEY — Runners, walkers, and community supporters are invited to lace up their shoes for the annual Halsey Library "Book-It" 5K Fundraiser on Saturday, May 9, beginning at 10 a.m. at Halsey Memorial Park.

The event welcomes participants of all ages and fitness levels, whether they plan to run, walk, or simply enjoy the morning while supporting the library. Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit library programs and events, helping expand services and opportunities for the community.

Registration is \$35 and includes a race T-shirt. Discounts are available for seniors, youth, and teams. Participants who **register by April 21** are guaranteed a free race T-shirt.

Register online at <https://www.raceentry.com/halsey-librarys-book-it-5k-fundraiser/race-information> or sign up in person at the Halsey Library or Halsey City Hall. ☎

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new songs and putting together the day's playlists."

That personal touch defines these stations. KGAL carries Lebanon High School football, and KSHO carries West Albany High football. Local news and weather air on both stations throughout the day.

The stations themselves have a deep history in the valley. KGAL first signed on December 10, 1950, and was founded by W. Gordon Allen — the "G-A-L" in the call letters standing for Gordon Allen and Lebanon, the town it was originally built to serve. The station passed through several hands over the decades, however Eads gave it identity, personality, and staying power.

But Eads isn't just on the airwaves — he's woven into the fabric of the mid-valley itself. Over the past four decades, he has given back through the Greater Albany Rotary Club, the United Way, the Red Cross, and as the first chairman of the Albany Visitors Association, among many other efforts. He sponsors two scholarships through the LBCC Foundation each year. Charlie and KGAL/KSHO are also enthusiastic supporters of Albany River Rhythms, the Lebanon Concert Series, the Tangent Harvest Festival, the Lebanon Strawberry Festival, Septemberfest, the Albany Art & Air Festival, and many more local events.

In 2009, the broadcasting community recognized what the valley already knew, honoring him as Oregon Broadcaster of the Year. In 2025, KGAL celebrated its 75th anniversary — a milestone Eads achieved by simply refusing to walk away from something he loves.

Away from the station, Eads is equally devoted to family. He and his wife, Mary, have been married since 2006 and share a love of travel — particularly small-ship cruises. Family board game nights are a staple, and Charlie is a fixture at his grandsons' sporting events. Stepson Mark even joined the station team two years ago, carrying the family's commitment to the valley into the next generation.

When asked about the future, he mentions retirement. Maybe selling. But anyone who has watched Charlie Eads at work knows the truth.

The station has his name stamped all over it — in the programming, the partnerships, the music, the mission. In an era when local radio is disappearing, Charlie Eads is still here — roots down deep, dial tuned to home. ☎



Charlie Eads and his wife, Mary, attend the Newport Seafood and Wine Festival, where KGAL serves as a media sponsor.

CITY OF BROWNSVILLE

Notice of Budget Committee Meeting and State Revenue Sharing Hearings

By S. Scott McDowell, Budget Officer for the City of Brownsville

Thursday, April 30, 2026 • 7 p.m.
Brownsville City Hall — Community Room
255 N. Main St., Brownsville, Oregon

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public meeting of the Budget Committee of the City of Brownsville, Linn County, Oregon, will be held to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

The purpose of the April 30 meeting is to elect a committee chair, receive the budget message, discuss possible uses of State Revenue Sharing funds, receive public comment, review the proposed budget, and begin preparation of recommendations for the City Council.

A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after April 27, 2026, at City Hall between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or online at <https://www.ci.brownsville.or.us/budgetcommittee>.

All Budget Committee meetings are open to the public. An additional Budget Committee meeting, if needed, is scheduled for Thursday, May 28, 2026, at 7 p.m. at Brownsville City Hall, 255 N. Main St., to continue budget discussions and receive public comment.

State Revenue Sharing Hearing

Also on Thursday, May 28, 2026, at 7 p.m., the City Council will hold the second State Revenue Sharing hearing during its regularly scheduled meeting at Brownsville City Hall. Each meeting will include a discussion of possible uses of State Revenue Sharing funds, and any citizen may appear and be heard.

Please contact City Hall at 541-466-5880 at least 48 hours in advance if special accommodations are needed. ☎

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CITY OF TANGENT

Early Start Highlights Tangent City Report

TANGENT — A dry winter has allowed the city to get an early start on seasonal work, according to City Manager Joe Samaniego.

Samaniego reported that city staff have begun scheduling and preparing summer projects earlier than usual because of reduced rainfall.

Code Compliance

In recent code compliance activity, a rooster was rehomed after a resident was informed of the city’s ban on roosters within the urban growth boundary.

The city also cited a property owner after a dog bit a staff member at Tangent Elementary School. A preliminary hearing is set for April 21. According to Samaniego, the owner has since made improvements to prevent further incidents and has been cooperative with city staff.

Additionally, the city received a complaint about minors riding motorcycles unsafely and trespassing on private property. The Linn County Sheriff’s Office responded and issued a warning. Samaniego noted that the city has also directed riders to Albany MX Park as a safer alternative and has posted information in local parks.

Land Use and Development

Samaniego reported that two pre-application planning meetings were held in March. A public hearing is scheduled for April 9, and a recommendation will be forwarded to the Tangent City Council on May 11.

As the new fiscal year approaches, two properties are expected to be assessed a \$500 fee for vacant or abandoned buildings.

The city will also host a coordination meeting May 19 with regional partners to review development processes and potential improvements.

Park and Tree Board

The pavilion project at Bass Estate is expected to exceed initial estimates due to the required widening of the driveway for emergency access. Samaniego said the expansion to 20 feet is anticipated to add about \$36,000.

Although the project is supported by grant funding, the city may consider future park fee increases to offset costs and rebuild reserves. Restroom construction alone is estimated to cost more than \$40,000.

Park mowing began March 23, marking the earliest start in three years. The city is also testing a new maintenance approach along Highway 99E using the Linn County Sheriff’s work crew for seasonal mowing.

Additional site improvements, estimated at more than \$20,000, may be considered in a future budget cycle.

Downtown Development Committee

The Downtown Development Committee is focusing on sidewalk improvements, identifying priority areas for grant funding, and reviewing potential overlay zones. The next meeting is scheduled for April 20 at 11 a.m. at Tangent City Hall.

Budget and Utilities

Samaniego reminded councilors that the Budget Committee will meet May 5 at 7 p.m. at Tangent City Hall. The February utility report is included in the consent agenda for review. ☎

CITY OF HALSEY

Notice of Public Hearing — State Shared Revenue Funds and Budget

Notice is hereby given that a public meeting of the City of Halsey Budget Committee will be held at Halsey City Hall, 100 W. Halsey St., Halsey, Oregon, on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 6 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss possible uses of State Shared Revenue Funds. Any citizen may appear and be heard for or against proposed uses.

Notice of Budget Committee Meeting

A public meeting of the City of Halsey Budget Committee, Linn County, Oregon, will be held at City Hall, 100 W. Halsey St., on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 6 p.m., to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

The meeting will include the budget message and public comment. Deliberations will occur, and any person may appear and speak on proposed programs.

A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained on or after April 24, 2026, at City Hall between 8 a.m. and noon and 1–5 p.m., or at <https://www.halseyor.gov>. ☎

Prescription Drug Take Back Returns April 25 with Stops in Halsey and Harrisburg

Residents will have a chance to safely dispose of unused or unwanted medications during National Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, April 25.

State and local law enforcement agencies, in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration, will host take-back events across the region. The Linn County Sheriff’s Office will participate in a mobile collection event traveling to four cities throughout the day.

The free event allows citizens to dispose of unused or unwanted medications, including pet medications.

Collection stops are scheduled at the following Central Linn area locations:

- 1–2 p.m. — Halsey City Hall, 100 W. Halsey St.
- 2:30–3:30 p.m. — Harrisburg City Hall, 120 Smith St. ☎



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CITY OF HARRISBURG

Veterans Memorial, Regional Advocacy Lead Harrisburg Updates

By Michele Eldridge, CMC, Harrisburg City Administrator

The Harrisburg City Council met March 24 and reviewed the Linn County Sheriff’s Office report with Lt. Hardy. Councilors also approved a resolution dissolving the intergovernmental agreement for the former 911 system and authorized a new agreement with the Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments for planning and grant services as needed.

One of the most significant developments is the approval of a new Veterans Memorial, to be installed at Riverfront Park near the flagpole and gazebo. The memorial will honor those who have served in all six branches of the U.S. Armed Forces. The Oregon-based company providing the memorial hopes to complete installation before the Fourth of July, with a dedication planned for early July if timing allows.

The memorial will read: “This monument is dedicated to the Men and Women who served the United States of America in the Armed Services, During Times of War and Peace,” followed by the inscription “All Gave Some, Some Gave All.” The area surrounding the gazebo will become a dedicated memorial space, with additional features added over time. Landscaping improvements are planned in advance of the dedication and in recognition of the nation’s 250th anniversary. Veterans will serve as grand marshals for this year’s Fourth of July celebration.

The City is also planning its inaugural Veterans Memorial Service, a separate event from the memorial dedication.

First Annual Veterans Memorial Service
Saturday, June 13 • 2 p.m.
Harrisburg Area Museum, 490 Smith St.

Join the City of Harrisburg for a memorial service honoring those who have served and those who gave their lives in service to the nation. The event will begin with a flag-raising and a welcome from Mayor Duncan, with participation expected from veterans organizations and invited military guests.

The date honors 1st Lt. Russell Quinn, a Harrisburg native who died on June 13, 1944, during World War II. The City’s sister community in France, Bréal-sous-Montfort, also holds a memorial service on this date, honoring Quinn and the Allied forces who helped liberate the region. The annual observance reflects Harrisburg’s longstanding commitment to honoring veterans and preserving local history.

Earlier last week, members of the City Council met in Halsey with other regional City Council members to discuss refreshing the Small Municipality Advocacy Coalition (SMAC). Harrisburg was one of the founding cities of this group, which includes Brownsville, Scio, Halsey, Sodaville, Elgin, and Monroe.

The coalition is working to strengthen collaboration among small cities ahead of the 2027 legislative session. Efforts will focus on advocacy training, joint policy development, and resource development for communities facing similar challenges.

A key priority is “home rule,” the principle that local governments should have the authority to manage their own affairs without unnecessary state interference. Small cities across Oregon continue to face rising infrastructure costs and stricter regulatory requirements, making coordinated advocacy increasingly important.

The coalition is expected to meet monthly going forward. 🌟



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CENTRAL LINN COUNTY HOME SALES REPORT

Local Property Sales Span \$257K to \$1.9M

In February and March 2026, the Central Linn County area saw a diverse range of home and property sales across Shedd, Harrisburg, Tangent, and Halsey, with sale prices ranging from \$257,000 to \$1.9 million. Properties included a mix of rural acreage, mid-sized residential homes, and higher-value estates, with sizes ranging from under 1,000 square feet to more than 2,300 square feet and lot sizes spanning from less than a quarter acre to more than 137 acres. Most homes featured three to six bedrooms and two to four bathrooms, reflecting a blend of historic properties, updated residences, and large rural holdings. 🌟

Date	Street Address	City	Sale Price	Sq Ft	Year Built	Beds	Baths	Acres
Feb. 19	30045 Highway 99E	Shedd	\$258,700	896	1940	2	1	0.30
Feb. 25	540 Kesling St	Harrisburg	\$325,000	1,638	1911	4	2	0.46
Feb. 26	33105 Ridge Dr	Tangent	\$257,000	1,916	1953	6	4	7.60
Mar. 6	991 4th St	Halsey	\$435,000	1,940	1910	4	3	0.46
Mar. 12	33605 Seefeld Dr	Halsey	\$1,195,820	1,494	1928	3	2	137.43
Mar. 12	33781 Mount Tom Dr	Harrisburg	\$670,000	2,320	1975	3	3	4.97
Mar. 16	391 1st St	Halsey	\$320,700	1,922	1930	3	2	0.23
Mar. 19	958 Smith St	Harrisburg	\$439,000	1,555	1996	3	3	0.19

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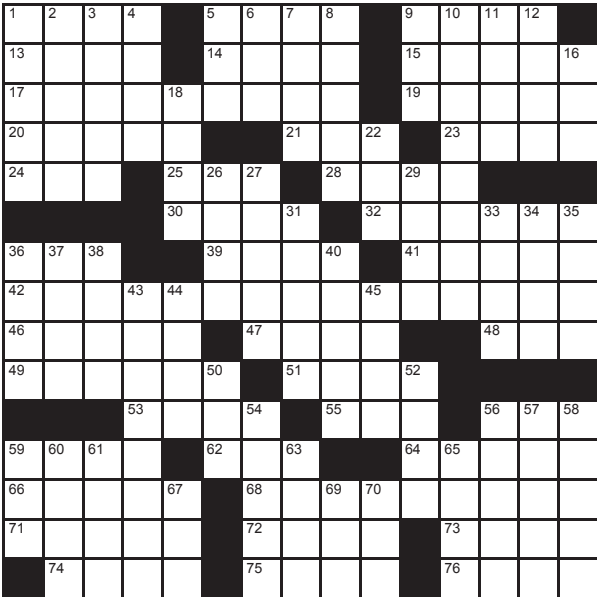
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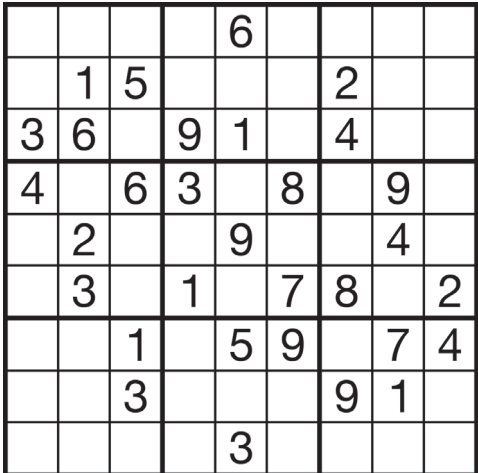
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LINN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners Hear Veterans Services Report

By Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer

ALBANY — Linn County Veterans Services helped local veterans obtain more than \$1.53 million in benefits from July 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026, Program Manager Dee Baley-Hyder told Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Sherrie Sprenger, and Will Tucker at their April 7 meeting.

Baley-Hyder said this is tax-free income that benefits veterans, a surviving spouse, or family members.

The tally from January 1 through March 31 of this year was \$323,856.76.

Baley-Hyder said that now that there are three accredited veterans services officers on staff, her office has been able to reduce waiting times for appointments from six to eight weeks to under two weeks.

Turnaround time for emails and calls to veterans has also been more efficient, Baley-Hyder said in a written report.

Staff members participated at a Veterans Information Fair sponsored by the American Legion Post 61 in Junction City.

She reported that there will not be a spring Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., but there will be one in the fall and her office will help with it.

Baley-Hyder said Rob McKibben, who has been a Veterans Services Officer for 20 years, is going to retire at the end of April.

Commissioner Nyquist said that although Linn County has done a good job assisting our veterans, he would like to see even more people getting the help they deserve. He asked Baley-Hyder to reach out to other veterans programs statewide and perhaps nationwide, to learn what others are doing to locate and help their veterans.

In other business the commissioners:

- Approved an invitation to bid on resurfacing of roadways and parking spaces at Whispering Falls Campground near Idanha. This is a U.S. Forest Service campground, but it is managed by Linn County Parks & Recreation. Bids will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Monday, April 27. The project will be paid for by the Forest Service.
- Approved a refund of \$1,000 to Jessica Hayward from the Planning & Building Department, due to withdrawal of a permit application.
- Approved having the Road Department establish a no parking area on First Street in Scio next to Centennial Elementary School. This is at the request of the Scio School District. Linn County will install no parking signs and paint the curbs and the Scio School District will then be responsible for long-term maintenance.

- Approved annexation of property owned by Craig and Debra Bateman at 47080 Evergreen Lane, Lyons, into the Lyons Rural Fire Protection District.
- Approved annexation of the following properties into the Brownsville Rural Fire Protection District: Thomas and Jamie Griffin, 36335 Raccoon Lane; Scott and Renee Williams, 36317 Raccoon Lane; Shawn and Tracy Garber, 36353 Raccoon Lane; Rex and Amy Lowther, 36359 Middle Ridge Road; Zachary and Courtney Lincoln, 36353 Middle Ridge Road; Douglas and Tawnya Dailey, 36369 Middle Ridge Road; Randy and Paula Geil, 36372 Middle Ridge Drive and Joe Dooley, 36423 Middle Ridge Drive.
- Announced that the 2026-2027 Linn County Budget Hearings will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, April 27 and run through Friday, May 1, at the Linn County Fair & Expo Center, 3700 Knox Butte Road East.
- Were asked by rural Brownsville poultry farm operator Eric Simon if the commissioners would consider adjusting the one-mile setback rule pertaining to Confined Animal Feeding Operations that was approved in December 2023. Simon purchased 60 acres near Scio with plans to develop a large-scale poultry facility — producing more than three million chickens per year — but neighbors strongly opposed the project. Simon believes his project should be “grandfathered in,” although a court ruled the original permit was invalid because the state had enacted new, stricter rules in 2023. Commissioner Nyquist suggested that Simon could apply for a conditional use variance through the Planning & Building Department. ☼

SHERIFF continued from cover

crimes decreased by 15.3 percent, though DUII cases rose just under 6 percent. Deputies responded to 453 injury crashes and 463 non-injury crashes, issuing 2,554 citations and 2,631 warnings.

Dispatchers handled more than 140,000 calls, including 54,006 emergency 911 calls. Often staffed by just two to four people, dispatchers also assisted in delivering two babies.

At the Linn County Jail, the average daily population was 176, with 4,332 bookings processed. The Civil Division processed 4,981 civil papers and issued or renewed more than 4,100 concealed handgun licenses.

Animal Control took in 230 dogs, returning 83 to owners, adopting out 72 and transferring 52 to rescues.

Beyond law enforcement, the sheriff’s office manages emergency response for wildfires and floods, including evacuations during incidents such as the Mount Tom fire. The office also increases patrols in areas like Pioneer Park during large events, including the Pioneer Picnic.

The Linn County Sheriff’s office works closely with local schools and is considering school resource officers, though staffing limitations remain. All reported threats are investigated.

Duncan noted ongoing drug concerns, including rising methamphetamine and cocaine use. She also warned about marijuana edibles, which can appeal to minors and pose risks to developing brains.

Reflecting on her career, Duncan said working in a male-dominated field has been “mostly positive, especially when they get to know my ethics and passion for serving.”

She closed with a message to residents: “Don’t be afraid to call. We are here to serve.” The Linn County Sheriff’s Office non-emergency line is 541-967-3950, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. ☼



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STAND BY ME DAY

Sponsors Sought for 40th Anniversary

BROWNSVILLE — Organizers of this year's Stand By Me Day celebration are asking local businesses and community members to support the event as it reaches a special milestone.

The annual celebration honoring the classic film "Stand By Me" will mark its 40th anniversary this year. The event is set for Saturday, July 25, 2026, in Brownsville.

Each year, the celebration attracts visitors from throughout Oregon and across the country who come to see the small town where much of the movie was shot. Organizers say the event keeps growing, and interest is already high for the anniversary year. Some local lodgings have already started to fill up as fans plan to attend.

Event organizers are now looking for sponsors and donations to make the celebration happen. This year's goal is to raise at least \$10,000 to cover the cost of the day's activities.

There are three sponsorship levels available. General Sponsors can contribute up to \$999. Special Event Sponsors can give between \$1,000 and \$2,999. Presenting Sponsors are those who contribute \$3,000 or more. Businesses and individuals may also donate goods, services, or volunteer their time.

Stand By Me Day is held in partnership with the Linn County Museum Friends, a nonprofit organization that supports the Linn County Historical Museum in Brownsville. All donations are tax-deductible, and funds raised from the event help support the museum.

Anyone interested in sponsoring or donating can contact Linda McCormick at 541-367-8591 or email her at themacs@hevanet.com.

Checks can be made payable to Linn County Museum Friends with "SBM" written on the check and sent to LCHM Friends, PO Box 607, Brownsville, OR 97327. ☺

LINN COUNTY MUSEUM FRIENDS

No Carriage Me Back Event This Year, Plans Underway for 2027

By Roger Geeting, Linn Co. Museum Friends, President

The decision to cancel the Carriage Me Back event came after the family farm that supplies the horse-drawn carriage was informed that its insurance coverage may no longer include this activity. According to LaDonna Chafin, who provides the wagon and horses, that situation has now been resolved, but it came too late to plan for this year.

I met with Don Lyon and Kathleen Swayze, who stepped up to lead the event last year after Joni Nelson's passing. Their long-time involvement made them the natural leaders. To better understand the event's needs and internal workings, I checked in with them to confirm their availability and their view of our ability to make it happen this year. They were both concerned that we were currently lacking volunteers to fill key positions, and given the possibility of a "no-go" in the future with the carriage, we agreed to cancel this year's event. We are all committed to a 2027 event by actively recruiting key volunteers, starting our research earlier, and getting organized.

We also recognize the continued absence of Joni Nelson, whose dedication and leadership have skillfully moved this event forward every year since its founding. Her contributions are deeply missed.

We look forward to welcoming the community back in 2027 for Carriage Me Back to 1883. If you would like to be part of the event, contact the Museum at 541-466-3390, Don Lyon, or Kathleen Swayze. We need supervisors, actors, traffic controllers, costumers, greeters, researchers, writers, and general helpers. ☺



CHAFIN FARM

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Airlie Winery Pinot Noir Delivers Classic Oregon Flavor

By Michelle Smith-Harper, Columnist

I love Pinot Noir, especially Oregon Pinot. Oregon is a top producer known for the vast number of award-winning Pinot Noirs.

Airlie Winery has been a favorite forever. Their wines are delicious and affordable. It's a beautiful winery with wonderful people. I always say that when the people making the wine are great, the wine tastes even better. Mary (owner) and Elizabeth (winemaker) are great people.

I always taste hints of raspberry and cherry, with a smooth finish. This is the 2020 vintage.

Pinots are food-friendly and by far the easiest to pair.

We featured this wine at our March Wine Dinner, paired with a beef pasta dish.

But this Pinot does not need food to complement it. You can enjoy a glass of this medium-bodied wine by itself anytime.

Michelle Smith Harper is the owner, operator, and chef of Harpers Wine House in Brownsville. A lifelong Central Linn County resident with deep Pioneer roots, she brings a passion for food, wine, and creativity to everything she does. When she's not in the kitchen, Michelle enjoys music, gardening, and time with family. ☺



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BROWNSVILLE LIBRARY

Surprise Gift Highlights Community Generosity

By Sherri Lemhouse, Brownsville Librarian

Happy National Libraries Week! This year, the American Library Association has chosen the theme of “Find Your Joy,” and that can be found in our local Brownsville Library all year long! As I write this, children are chirping as they play with Legos during spring break. A family group is visiting in the history room. Our afternoon program just finished, with many positive comments about the presentation, its value, and the need for the information.

Our library is fortunate to have so many wonderful community members contributing to our success. We have regular weekly volunteers, guest StoryTime readers, those who cover new books, Summer Reading Program helpers, landscape workers, program presenters, Library Advisory Board members, Friends of the Library and the Brownsville Women’s Study Club. Volunteers bring energy that transfers to everyone around them, and we have many more programs and activities for our community to enjoy. Our library is the hub of joy.

On Saturday, April 18, from 1-3 p.m., we are celebrating Nettie Reed’s 37 years as the Library Assistant at the Brownsville Community Library. Please stop by to enjoy refreshments while thanking her for all she has done.

On Thursday, May 21, at 7 p.m., Carolyn Petersen, a kidney recipient and volunteer for Donate Life Northwest, will explain the organization, its mission, and its partners. She will present an introduction to organ, eye, and tissue donation, why it’s important, and what people can do to help make a life-saving impact, delivered by someone with a personal connection. This program is free and open to the public. 🌻

BROWNSVILLE LIBRARY CALENDAR

Parents & Pals Story Time

Wednesdays • 10–10:15 a.m.
A short story time followed by free play together.

Brownsville Stitchery Group

Wednesdays • 1–3 p.m. • History Room
Bring your project, have some fun — get things done!

Songs, Rhymes & More Story Time

Fridays • 11 a.m.
Story time with rhymes, songs, and a craft activity.

Nettie Reed Retirement Celebration

Saturday, April 18 • 1–3 p.m. • Kirk Room
Join the community in celebrating Nettie Reed’s 37 years of service to the library. Light refreshments.

Avoid Scams with Sam

Thursday, April 23 • 6 p.m. • Kirk Room
Join Sam Heathcote for a free presentation on common scams, how to recognize red flags, and simple steps to protect yourself and your finances.

Library Hours: Closed Sun–Mon.
Tue–Wed & Fri 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Thu 1–7 p.m.
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HALSEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Big Love for Little Pollinators

HALSEY — The Halsey Public Library is inviting the community to dig in and celebrate the season at its upcoming Pollinator Garden Party and Arbor Day celebration, set for the last week of April.

The weeklong event, running April 24–May 1, will feature the library’s annual Tree and Shrub Giveaway, beginning April 24 and continuing while supplies last. Community members are also encouraged to stop by from April 28 through May 1 to help plant the library’s new pollinator garden.

The project highlights the important role pollinators play in the local ecosystem while giving residents a hands-on opportunity to contribute to a shared community space. Activities will include helping plant the garden and participating in simple, family-friendly projects such as rock painting.

In addition to outdoor activities, the library is highlighting a new collection of books focused on pollinators, native plants, gardening, food preservation, and sustainable living. Titles on display cover topics ranging from beekeeping and backyard gardening to canning, composting, and attracting native pollinators.

Librarian Kaitlyn Watts says the goal is to connect people with the knowledge and experience needed to support pollinators and to grow their own gardens at home. 🌻



HALSEY LIBRARY CALENDAR

Pollinator Garden Party

Stop by The Library April 28–May 1st to Help Plant the New Pollinator Garden! Rocking Painting Also Available!

Library “Book-It” 5K Fundraiser

Saturday, May 9 • 10 a.m.
Halsey Memorial Park, 300 W O St., Halsey
Register by April 21 to Guarantee a Free Race T-Shirt! Annual all-ages run-and-walk supporting the library. Registration is \$35 with discounts for teams, seniors, and youth. Register at the library, City Hall, or online: <https://www.raceentry.com/halsey-librarys-book-it-5k-fundraiser/race-information>

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Thompson’s Mills Historic Site

By Nancy Diltz, Staff Writer and Columnist

Thompson’s Mills State Heritage Site in Linn County, Oregon, is the oldest water-powered mill in the state.



Thompson’s Mill, Shedd, Oregon

It has been preserved as a state park. Work there began in 1858 and continued until 2004.

I recently had the opportunity to visit the mill, and it was amazing! The tour guide, Rick, showed us the machinery and how it processed wheat, corn, and other grains into flour and even animal feed pellets.

The machinery and the milling process are powered by the Calapooia River. The old machines can still be started by the tour guides, and they still work with precision after 160 years. They are quite loud!

When the mill was operating, the machines took whole grains and ground them with large stone slabs, turning them into fine flour for baking and other products. Grain was stored in the huge silos, which were the first ever made with poured cement.

One thing I found very interesting was a photo on the wall of Abraham Lincoln, who was the American President a few years after the mill was opened. That puts into perspective how long ago the mill started up.

I hope you can visit soon. I will be back to Thompson’s Mills in the early fall, when they press fresh apples into delicious apple cider!

You can call the Oregon State Parks Center at 800-551-6949 for more information. 🌻

HARRISBURG LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Tiny Tots Story Time

Wednesdays • 11 a.m. • Story time for ages 0–3.

Craft Club

Thursdays • 4–6 p.m.
A hands-on craft program for library visitors.

Lego Club

Fridays • 3 p.m.
Build, create, and explore with Lego activities.

Grief Support Group

First and third Mondays of each month • 6 p.m.
A support group for those experiencing grief.

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CRITTER CHRONICLES

A Year of Hope for the Brownsville Times

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer and Columnist

On April 12 of last year, the Brownsville Times held a call for writers in the Brownsville library meeting room. It marked the beginning of an amazing year — though none of us knew it yet.



SHARON K. BANKS

On that day, I was headed down Gap Road toward town when I spotted a black dachshund running at full speed down the center of the road. Her little legs carried her at a remarkable pace. I instantly knew she was in trouble. I pulled over, and she darted under my car, terrified. I tried to coax her out, but she was too scared. I wasn't sure what to do.

Just then, a car pulled up behind me. It was Jamie Gleason, a writer who was also on her way to the meeting. By what seemed like pure luck, she had dog treats in her car. With patience — and a few treats — she coaxed the frightened dog out from under my car.

There were only two homes nearby, so we knocked on both doors, but no one recognized the dog or knew where she belonged. We were already running late, so I put her in the passenger seat and headed to the meeting.

I brought her inside, and everyone immediately warmed to her presence. We found her some water, and one of the writers posted her photo on Facebook. Several volunteers even offered to care for her until her owner was found.

Before the meeting ended, we got the good news. Her owner, Bobbie Jo Rose, had been found. The little dog had followed her out when a gate was left open. The dachshund's name was Hope — a name that couldn't have been more fitting.

That day, a group of volunteer writers banded together — first to help a lost dog, then to save a local newspaper. At the time, it seemed an insurmountable task. But here we are, one year later.

With support from the communities of Brownsville, Halsey, Tangent, Shedd, Crawfordsville, and Harrisburg — and all the farms in between — and from our dedicated writers, board members, and volunteers, the Brownsville Times is up and running.

And it all started with Hope. 🌻

SAFEHAVEN'S PET OF THE MONTH

Meet Dozer!

Dozer is a sweet and affectionate boy who is full of both love and energy. He thrives in a home where he can burn off that energy through play and activity, then settle in for a well-earned nap on the couch at the end of the day. And of course, treats are always appreciated.

He is still getting used to some experiences, like car rides, but with the right person by his side, Dozer has the potential to take on anything. He may need a little time and space to warm up, but once he does, his playful and silly personality really shines through.

As part of SafeHaven Humane Society's "12 Months of Love" campaign, adoption fees are waived for all animals on the second Saturday of each month. In addition, throughout April, adopters can choose a spring flower at



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the time of adoption to receive 20–50 percent off adoption fees.

Interested in adopting Dozer? Visit SafeHaven Humane Society in Tangent, open daily from noon to 5 p.m., or view adoptable pets at <https://safehavenhumane.org>. Call 541-928-2789. 🌻

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Marian Elaine (Perry) Brown

September 19, 1932–April 2, 2026



Marian Elaine (Perry) Brown, 93, of Albany, Oregon, passed away peacefully on April 2, 2026. She leaves a legacy of love, music, and laughter that will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

She was born Sept. 19, 1932, in Tacoma, Washington, to Willis and Gladys Perry. She grew up in the Tacoma area and was an active member of McKinley Avenue Friends Church, where her strong Christian faith and lifelong commitment to kindness and care for others took root.

Marian graduated from George Fox College in 1954, where she participated in choir and drama. While there, she met J. Clinton Brown, the love of her life. They married on Sept. 10, 1955, and raised three daughters on the family's dairy farm in Shedd.

She and her husband were longtime members of Oakville Presbyterian Church. Marian taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, participated in Bible studies, and sang in the choir. She especially loved leading “favorite hymns” and continued to enjoy singing them throughout her life.

Marian worked as a social worker, a reporter for the Brownsville Times, and later as a teacher's aide with Albany Head Start and the Central Linn School District. She was also a member of Women for Agriculture and the Shedd Mothers' Club. In retirement, she volunteered for several years with Meals on Wheels and Senior Companions.

She was preceded in death by her father; her stepmother, Thelma; her brother, Robert Perry; her husband, J. Clinton Brown; and her daughter, Dawn Lawry.

She is survived by her sister, Joan Marzano of Tacoma; her daughter, Linda Booth; her son-in-law, Patrick Bishop-Brown, and daughter, Connie Bishop-Brown, all of Shedd; five grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters.

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Pacific Power Rate Increase Now in Effect for Local Customers

Central Linn County residents who receive electricity from Pacific Power are now seeing a modest increase in their monthly bills following rate adjustments that took effect April 1.

The increase, approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission, reflects an average rise of about 2.9 percent statewide — or approximately \$4.29 more per month for a typical residential customer.

Customers in nearby Albany are seeing a slightly higher increase of about 4.1 percent, or \$5.64 per month, due in part to a city-approved project to bury power lines.

According to Pacific Power, the adjustment is tied to several factors, including higher fuel and wholesale energy costs, continued investment in renewable energy, and updates to programs that assist low-income customers.

The timing of the increase complies with state law under HB 3179, which requires that utility rate hikes take effect when energy use is lowest, rather than during high-demand winter months.

Pacific Power officials say ongoing infrastructure needs, power supply challenges, and increased demand — including impacts from severe weather events such as the January 2024 ice storm — also contributed to the adjustment.

For customers looking to offset higher costs, assistance programs remain available. Pacific Power reports that more than 70,000 Oregonians receive discounts ranging from 20 to 80 percent based on income, with additional support offered through state and local energy assistance programs

Customers can also consider options such as equal pay billing or time-of-use plans to better manage their monthly energy expenses. 🌞

Sharing Hands Food Bank Hours

Food donations may be dropped off during pantry hours Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donations help support local families in need. 🌞



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- ☐ Soap
- ☐ Laundry soap

AMERICAN LEGION POST 184

The Post-Dash Report

By an ordinary seaman

I don't know who officially decided that the best way to celebrate spring is to turn a group of sugar-crazed toddlers loose in a field to hunt for plastic orbs in a beautiful, chaotic ritual. Noisy, confusing, and lots of screeching.



John Morrison keeps watch over the younger hunters in the 4-6 age group during the Easter Egg Hunt at Pioneer Park.

This past week, Post 184 and the Senior Citizens hosted the annual Easter Egg Hunt. We had the usual age brackets: the 0 to 3 “assisted” squad, the 4 to 6 and 7 to 9 middle tiers, and the seasoned pros in the 10 to 12 group. Kim Smith handled the megaphone and signal whistle. Jack Sayer, with the able assistance of Dan George, presided over the festivities. As previously reported, Commander Norm was unavailable as he was busy traveling back from Thailand. Jim Weger provided the neighborly charm that kept the peace. All of these gentlemen are Vietnam-era veterans, who, in the relative silence before the signal whistle blew, chatted quietly about what they called R&R.

Back in the late sixties, “R&R” stood for Rest and Recreation, a 5-to-7-day sanity break from the humid intensity of Vietnam. Most of the single fellas scrambled for a flight to Bangkok. Married folks headed to Hawaii for a reunion that was often more awkward comedy than romance. Soldiers showed up three sizes smaller than in their wedding photos, leading to scenes at the Honolulu airport where wives walked right past their own husbands, looking for the guy who left months ago rather than the skinny stranger

standing in front of them. Jack Sayer went to Australia, which he enjoyed very much. Australians were welcoming and friendly.

It was a “holiday from hell” or a “boo-koo” wild adventure — a brief, desperate moment to remember that a world existed without the constant hum of stress. That’s why the Legion does this. We stay busy because we know the value of a peaceful afternoon. We traded the olive drab of the past for the bright pastels of a plastic egg.

The kids eventually cleared the field, breaking every rule in the book and leaving with chocolate-smearing faces. It was much more relaxing than a jungle tour, and as always, nobody walked past anyone afterward without a friendly nod. 🌞



Jack Sayer helps oversee the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Pioneer Park, continuing a longtime American Legion Post 184 tradition.



Linda Morrison and Cindy Stucky prepare hundreds of eggs at the American Legion ahead of the community Easter Egg Hunt.

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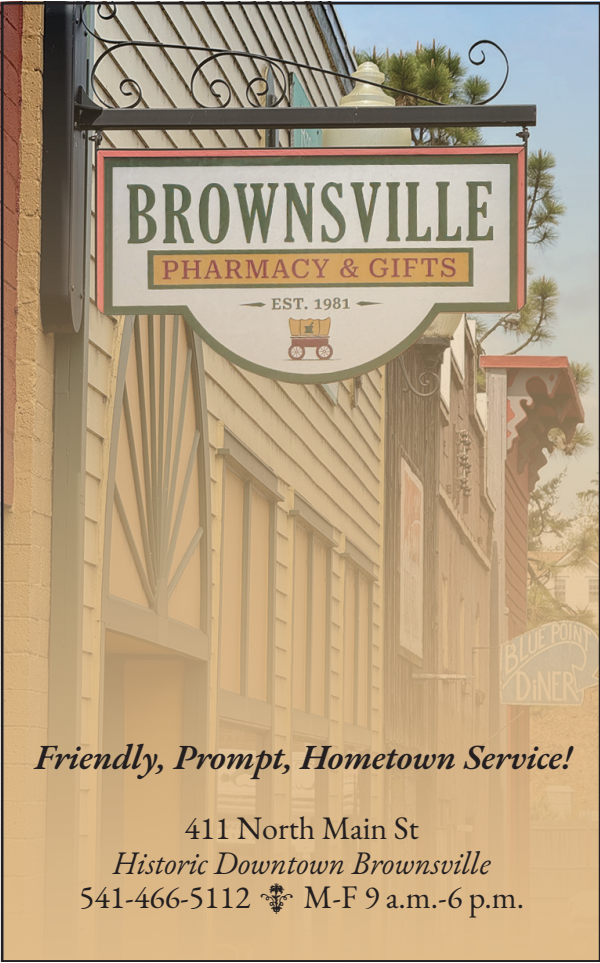
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Proposed Closure of Tangent Elementary Under Discussion

TANGENT — The possible closure of Tangent Elementary School is under discussion following recent conversations by the Greater Albany Public Schools Long Range Facility Planning Committee (LRFAC).

On April 7, the committee discussed potential school closures, including Tangent Elementary, as part of efforts to address budget constraints within the district. No final decisions have been made, and discussions are ongoing.

According to information presented to the committee, closing Tangent Elementary could result in approximately \$3 million in savings. The school currently serves about 103 students and has capacity for approximately 185. Annual operating costs are estimated at \$1.42 million, with a reported cost per student of \$13,826. Future maintenance needs for the facility are projected to exceed \$2.1 million.



MARCY HERMENS

As part of the committee's work, groups discussed how students could be reassigned if closures move forward. Several concepts included transferring Tangent students to Liberty and Oak elementary schools.

Following the April 7 meeting, the City of Tangent began sharing updates with residents and coordinating opportunities for public input. On April 9, the city re-noticed the agenda for its April 13 City Council meeting to include a discussion of the proposed closure. The city also encouraged residents to attend and participate.

The city has since launched a dedicated Tangent Elementary School Update page on its website, featuring a timeline of developments, verified information from the city and Greater Albany Public Schools, and a frequently asked questions section. Residents are encouraged to visit the page for the most current updates and links to additional district information: <https://www.tangentor.gov/post/tangent-elementary-school-update-page>.

The LRFAC is a newly formed advisory group, and it remains unclear what recommendations will ultimately be forwarded to the GAPS School Board.

If closures are proposed and later approved, the change could affect student transportation, use of the school property, and access to a facility that has supported community events and activities.

Residents who wish to provide input can attend future GAPS School Board meetings or submit written public comments to the district. The board typically meets on the third Monday of each month, and meeting details — including how to submit comments — are posted on the Greater Albany Public Schools website <https://www.albany.k12.or.us>.

CENTRAL LINN SOFTBALL

Cobras Find Their Stride, Highlighted by Breakout Win Over Culver

The Central Linn High School girls' varsity softball team has shown steady growth this season, combining youthful energy with improving execution — and on Friday, April 3, the Cobras delivered their most explosive performance yet.

Winning is always welcome, but doing so with a season-high offensive output made the victory even sweeter. Central Linn outlasted the Culver Bulldogs, 25–22, in a high-scoring contest that showcased the Cobras' developing confidence at the plate. The win marked Central Linn's third consecutive victory over Culver.

The Cobras' offense fired on all cylinders, consistently putting pressure on the Bulldogs' defense. Central Linn finished with an on-base percentage of .673 — their best mark of the season — and kept runners on base throughout the game.

Leading the charge was Lilly Diaz, who reached base in five of her seven plate appearances. Diaz powered the offense with a home run, four stolen bases, and four RBIs — her first runs batted in of the season.

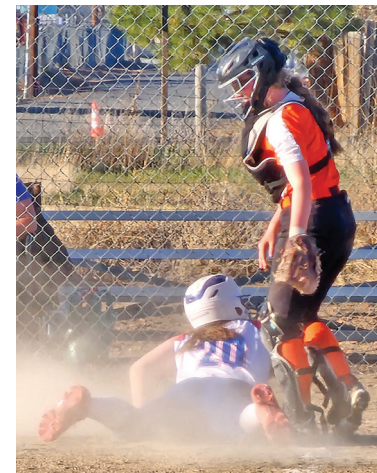
Kayla Moore also made a strong impact, going 3-for-5 at the plate with two stolen bases, one run scored, and one RBI, helping sustain rallies and keep the Cobras' offense moving.

The win evened Central Linn's record at 3–3, a reflection of the team's steady improvement after a challenging start to the season.

Throughout the spring, the Cobras have focused on building fundamentals and confidence. With a relatively young roster, each game has served as a learning opportunity, and the results are beginning to show. Defensively, the team has become more cohesive, while offensively, players are growing more comfortable and aggressive at the plate.



Brooklyn Winningham connects on a pitch in front of the home crowd.



Freshman Brynna McLain makes a play at second base as Central Linn hosts Culver.



Freshman Karsen Logan prepares to make a play while holding a runner at first base.

Upperclassmen have provided leadership, while younger players continue to gain valuable varsity experience — a combination that is helping shape the program's future.

Culver, meanwhile, dropped to 1–4 with the loss, extending its current skid to three games.

Central Linn tried to carry its momentum into an away game against Regis on April 7, but came up short, losing 22–0.

As the season continues, the Cobras appear to be finding their rhythm — and if April 3's performance is any indication, they are capable of putting up big numbers while building toward a strong finish.

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Two Killed in Highway 34 Crash

Two people were killed and another seriously injured in a head-on crash Saturday evening on Highway 34 in Linn County, according to the Oregon State Police.

Troopers responded at 6:43 p.m. April 11 near milepost 14 after a westbound Hyundai Elantra, driven by Rebecca Estelle Fonseca, 55, of Sweet Home, hydroplaned and crossed into the east-bound lane, striking a BMW driven by Ashley Sue Fraley, 31, of Lebanon.

Kayla Marie Fonseca, 35, of Sweet Home, a passenger in the Hyundai, and Fraley were pronounced dead at the scene. Rebecca Fonseca was transported to an area hospital with serious injuries.

According to a fundraiser created for the family, Kayla and her mother were traveling to celebrate Kayla's 35th birthday at the time of the crash. The fundraiser states that Rebecca faces a long recovery and that donations will help cover funeral expenses and medical needs. More information is available at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-for-kayla-rebecca-after-accident>.

The highway was impacted for about four hours. The Linn County Sheriff's Office, Lebanon Fire Department, and the Oregon Department of Transportation assisted at the scene. ☼

OSU EXTENSION SERVICE

4-H, FFA Youth Invited to Design 2026 Fair T-Shirt

Local 4-H and FFA youth have an opportunity to showcase their creativity through the 2026 Linn County Fair T-shirt Design Contest, hosted by OSU Extension Service.

The contest is open to youth who plan to attend the 2026 Linn County Fair. One winning design will be selected and printed on official fair T-shirts, giving the artist a chance to see their work worn throughout the community.

In addition to having their design featured on the shirts, the winner will meet with a professional designer from No Dinx to help finalize the artwork for production. The winning design will also be highlighted in the Extension's "Growing" newspaper and on social media.

Entries must be original work and may not include tracing or copied designs. Submissions are limited to one entry per contestant and must be created using a single color for printing on the front of a colored shirt.

Designs should be submitted as a PDF or JPG file by May 15. Entries can be uploaded online at <https://beav.es/qQW>.

The contest is organized by the Linn County OSU Extension Service as part of its continued support for youth programs and creative opportunities connected to the county fair. ☼

Free Webinar Series Focuses on Rural Disaster Preparedness

The Oregon Department of Emergency Management is offering a free, two-part webinar series designed to help rural residents and community groups better prepare for and recover from disasters.

The "Rural Communities Prepared for Disasters" series will be held April 22 and May 13 from 10 a.m.-noon. Sessions will address key challenges facing rural areas, including communication disruptions, evacuation decisions, backup power, and long-term recovery efforts.

The first session will focus on emergency response topics, including communication and

evacuation planning. The second session will cover recovery strategies, including funding, rebuilding, and community support.

The series is offered in partnership with organizations, including Oregon State University Extension Service and others, working to strengthen rural resilience.

The webinars are free to attend, include multilingual and accessibility support, and will be recorded for later viewing. Register at <https://www.oregon.gov/oem/community-preparedness/pages/webinar-series.aspx>. ☼

FRAUD FIGHTERS: PROTECTING OUR SENIORS

A Voice That Sounds Familiar Isn't Always Family

By Danielle Myers, Esq., Columnist

Among the scams that trouble our community, one of the most upsetting is the one in which a caller pretends to be a grandchild in trouble. It is often called the "grandparent scam," and it is designed to tug at your heart before your common sense has time to catch up. It usually begins with a call that comes out of the blue. The voice is shaky. The caller sounds scared. You hear, "Grandma, it's me. I need help. Please don't tell anyone."

Most people feel their stomach drop when they hear something like that. Scammers know it and depend on that moment of fear.

In years past, these tricksters relied on vague stories and hoped for the best. Today, they come prepared. Many gather information from social media, public records, or hacked accounts. Some even use new voice-cloning technology so the caller sounds like your real grandchild. It is chilling, but important to understand. These callers study how families talk, how young people speak to grandparents, and which emergencies prompt the quickest response.

The story usually involves an accident, an arrest, a travel issue, or a medical problem. No matter the details, the request is always urgent. "I need money now. Please help me." They also add a plea for secrecy. "Do not call Mom or Dad. They will be upset." The goal is to keep you isolated and in a hurry.



If you ever find yourself on the receiving end of a call like this, the most powerful tool you have is a simple pause. Scams rely on panic. Calm breaks them apart.

Here are a few steps to help protect you:

1. **Hang up, then call your real grandchild or another trusted family member.** Use the number you already have saved. Do not use a number provided by the caller.
2. **Ask questions that only the real person would know.** Choose something personal, such as a pet name, a favorite vacation memory, or something from childhood. Scammers often do not know these details.
3. **Watch for unusual payment demands.** No real emergency requires gift cards, cryptocurrency, wire transfers, prepaid cards, or apps you have never heard of. Scammers choose these methods because they cannot be reversed.
4. **Trust your instincts.** If something feels off, slow down. You are not being rude. You are being wise.

You might ask why this scam keeps happening. The truth is that it preys on good people. Many seniors are thoughtful, kind, and quick to help their families. These are strengths, not weaknesses, yet scammers try to exploit them for profit.

This series is designed to help you stay one step ahead. Knowledge is protection. A moment of care today may spare you regret tomorrow.

Until next time, stay steady, stay curious, and remember that the people who love you want you to be safe. If a call demands secrecy and rushes you along, take a breath and verify the facts before sending a single dollar. ☼



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Healing Garden Events Invite Community to Rest and Rejuvenate

LEBANON — The Lebanon Community Hospital Foundation is inviting the community to slow down, reconnect with nature, and explore a season of free healing garden events at Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital and Boulder Falls Event Center.

Guided by the theme “Nature’s Medicine: Rest and Rejuvenate,” this year’s series includes creative workshops, family activities, and self-guided experiences designed to support reflection and well-being in the Japanese Healing Gardens.

Sunday, May 3, from 1–4:30 p.m. with “De-stress With Your Senses,” a rotating series of hands-on activities exploring sight, sound, touch, taste, and smell to help participants unwind.

A “Garden Vignettes Textile Class” is planned for Saturday, June 20, from 1–4 p.m. Participants will find inspiration in the healing garden and turn it into a personal fabric piece using layering and embroidery techniques.

The season concludes with “Family Day in the Garden” on Saturday, July 18, from 11 a.m.–4 p.m. The event will include Japanese paper folding, garden games, and hands-on art. A separate bonsai experience for adults will be available for a small fee.



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Seasonal color surrounds a tranquil pond in the healing gardens, offering a quiet setting for mindfulness, walking, and community events throughout the spring and summer months.

In addition to the featured events, the foundation will offer monthly opportunities to enjoy the gardens. From May through September, the free “Stroll for Well-being” program will provide self-guided walking tours designed to promote mental and emotional health through mindfulness practices. Registration and attendance at an orientation session are required.

Garden tours will also be held from April through September, on the second Friday of each month from April through August and on the third Friday in September. The tours highlight the gardens’ design and history.

Designed by internationally known Japanese landscape designer Hoichi Kurisu, the healing gardens at Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital were created as a sanctuary for rest, regeneration, and reconnection. Built entirely through community donations, the gardens are free and open to the public year-round.

For details and registration, visit <https://samhealth.org/LebanonHealingGardens>. ☀

LINN COUNTY SMALL WOODLANDS ASSOCIATION

How to Get the Upper Hand in Noxious Weed Control

By Jim and Anna Merzenich, LCSWA members

Managing noxious weeds requires a combination of observation, timing, and the right tools. In many cases, weeds can be controlled by pulling them out by the roots, especially when the soil is moist. Manual and mechanical methods should always be considered first, with herbicides used thoughtfully and only when necessary.

Before applying any herbicide, it is essential to read labels carefully and seek guidance. Not all products sold at hardware stores are approved for forestry use.

In Oregon, landowners must comply with Oregon Department of Forestry requirements, including filing an E-Notification (FERNS) at least 15 days before application and maintaining a daily record of herbicide use.

When herbicides are used, targeting specific plants is essential. A surfactant helps the spray adhere to leaves, and a colored dye indicates where applications have been made — both are important for effective, efficient treatment. Different plants require different approaches. For example, triclopyr products are commonly used on woody shrubs and vines, while glyphosate may be used around seedlings to reduce competition for moisture. Timing also matters — spraying too early or too late can reduce effectiveness.

Patience is often required. After cutting back species such as maple or blackberry, it may



Jim Merzenich demonstrates a “dauber” during the March 26 tour, a tool used to treat cut stumps without bending over or contacting herbicide. Anna Merzenich carries loppers used to cut stalks. Daubers are available at JTI Supply in Tangent for about \$35.

take months or even years for sufficient leaf growth to return before herbicide treatment is effective. In some cases, such as thistles that have already gone to seed, manual removal and proper disposal may be the best option.

Cut-stump treatments are another effective method for controlling woody species. Applying herbicide directly to a freshly cut stump can prevent regrowth while minimizing chemical use. Tools like “daubers” allow precise application without bending over or

exposing hands to chemicals.

Equally important is tracking and identification. Digital tools such as QGIS and QField enable landowners to map infestations and monitor changes over time. Knowing exactly where weeds are located — and returning to those same spots — improves long-term control. Identification apps can also help ensure that only invasive species are targeted.

A wide range of invasive plants continues to challenge local landscapes, from Scotch broom and hawthorn to blackberry, thistle, and shiny geranium. Many spread aggressively via seeds, roots, or wildlife, making early detection and consistent management essential.

Ultimately, successful weed control depends on persistence, proper technique, and a willingness to adapt strategies as conditions change. ☀

Dark Sky Week April 13–20

By Donald Lyon, Staff Writer and Columnist

Dark Sky Week returns April 13–20, offering a chance to step outside, look up, and rediscover the night sky — while also taking simple steps to reduce light pollution.

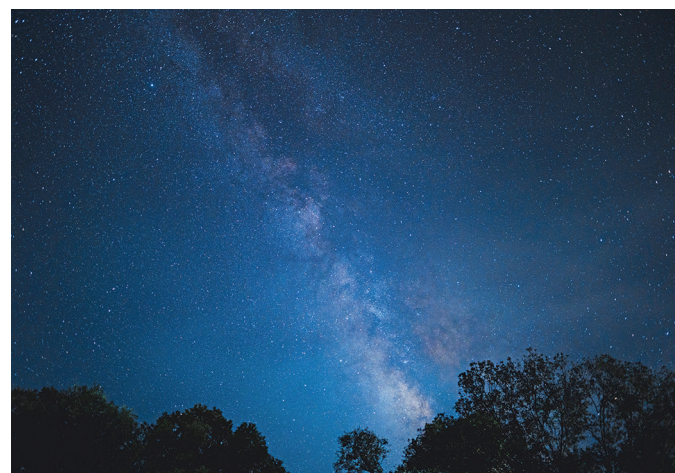
DarkSky International invites people to take the Dark Sky Pledge, plan activities, and help raise awareness about the growing impact of artificial light on our environment.

One very important reason is that songbird populations in America have declined by 30 percent since 1970. Most songbirds and other small birds migrate at night, and the bright lights from homes and businesses interfere with their navigation. You are urged to check your own light-polluting practices and ensure that your outdoor lights point downward, not up into the heavens. Maybe you don’t even need those lights and can save on your electricity bill.

How about some Dark Sky activities? Plan a night sky picnic and show the kids — and yourself — that you can get along pretty well without lights. Use your ears and nose to discover the night’s hidden realm of nocturnal animals and their activities.

If you can get away from artificial lights, out in the country or on a hilltop, look up into the night sky — there are other worlds to see. Right now, Venus, Mars, Mercury, and Saturn are visible, though it helps to know where to look.

Add the free “Sky View” application to your



A clear view of the Milky Way requires truly dark skies, something increasingly rare in light-polluted areas.

smartphone. Besides planets, you can quickly find constellations, although you’ll really need a dark night to make out all of the stars that form the zodiac and other constellations.

If you become a year-round dark sky aficionado, you may learn to track the changing seasons by which constellations rise in the eastern night sky. And if you find that you truly appreciate the dark, consider a trip to the Oregon Outback International Dark Sky Sanctuary, the world’s largest certified dark sky sanctuary in southeastern Oregon’s Lake County. With vast Bureau of Land Management land available for camping and virtually no light pollution, your night will be filled with wonder. ☀

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SHERIFF'S REPORT APRIL 5-12

Information in the Sheriff's Report is provided by The Linn County Sheriff's Daily Media Log of Dispatched Calls and Cases. Incident details may be limited or delayed due to agency availability before our weekly publication deadline. Addresses typically reflect the location of the incident or arrest, though in some cases they may indicate the origin of the call.

An individual's arrest or citation reported here does not imply guilt. Guilt or innocence is determined only through the judicial process.

The following is a list of abbreviations that may appear in our log reports: LCSO (Linn County Sheriff's Office); OSP (Oregon State Police); APS (Adult Protective Services); DHS (Department of Human Services); LCCC (Linn County Circuit Court); LCJ (Linn County Jail); LCJC (Linn County Justice Court); LCJD (Linn County Juvenile Department) AMC (Albany Municipal Court); FTA (failure to appear); FTC (failure to comply). A Roman numeral listed after a charge means that the charge is of that numbered degree: theft I (first-degree theft).

BROWNSVILLE

Mon., Apr. 6, 1:34 a.m. — Caller reported theft of a phone and cash in the 200 block of Elm St. after the resident let a friend in to use the bathroom.

2:59 p.m. — Deputy responded to a death investigation near Stubbs Rd. and Ranch Dr. The death appeared to be from natural causes. Report taken.

Tue., Apr. 7, 10:25 a.m. — Deputies assisted Brownsville Fire Department with a medical call in the 200 block of S Main St.

11:17 a.m. — Alicia Kay Hagan, 52, of Lebanon, was cited for speeding 45 in a 35-mph zone in the area of N. Main St. and Depot Ave.

1:24 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle at McKercher Park in the 37800 block of Hwy. 228. The vehicle was documented for future reference.

Wed., Apr. 8, 8:36 a.m. — Caller reported items hidden in bushes at Kirk's Ferry Park. Deputy found the items, contacted the owner, and warned them for littering. Report taken.

11:21 a.m. — Deputy checked on an abandoned vehicle parked on private property in the 37700 block of Northern Dr. The deputy advised the owner of towing procedures.

Thu., Apr. 9, 10:52 a.m. — Joshua Harden, 46, of Brownsville, was arrested for reckless burning and second-degree trespass in the 200 block of S. Main St.

Fri., Apr. 10, 9:16 a.m. — Corinda Gail Stubbs, 56, of Sweet Home, was cited for speeding 54 in a 35-mph zone in the 300 block of E. Bishop Way.

11:33 a.m. — Keith Wesley Barns, 54, of Sweet Home, was cited for speeding 64 in a 45-mph zone and driving uninsured in the 34600 block of Hwy 228.

7:31 p.m. — Deputies responded after medics to an overdose in the 100 block of Washburn St. The patient was transported to the hospital. Non-criminal.

BRUSH CREEK

Mon., Apr. 6, 1:14 p.m. — Deputy conducted traffic control in the area of Brush Creek Rd. and West Brush Creek Rd. for a broken-down log truck. A mechanic responded and got the truck running again.

CRAWFORDSVILLE/
HOLLEY

Mon., Apr. 7, 7:47 p.m. — A caller reported that they trespassed on their neighbor's property to set out a burn pile of items that should not be burned in the 39800 block of Hwy 228. The caller was informed of trespass laws and advised to continue working with the DEQ regarding burning complaints.

Thurs., Apr. 9, 1:34 p.m. — A Caller asked that a situation that occurred last weekend be documented in the 38300 block of Glass St.

HALSEY

Sun., Apr. 5, 4:13 p.m. — Driver was cited for aggressive driving in the area of Hwy. 99E and Lake Creek Dr.

6:25 p.m. — Deputy documented a report that individuals are not allowed on the caller's property in the 25400 block of Hwy 99E.

Mon., Apr. 6, 11:02 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a suspicious device at a gas pipe facility in the 26300 block of Falk Rd. Oregon State Police determined the item was a geo-cache. Report taken.

12:51 p.m. — Deputy took a fraud report from a local business in the 1300 block of Crowell Ln. involving out-of-state mail theft. Report taken.

Wed. Apr. 8, 12:39 a.m. — A Truck Driver reported that

another truck driver was intoxicated at the Pioneer Villa Truck Stop in the 33100 block of Hwy 228. A deputy investigated and learned that the reported driver was simply sleeping in the truck cab, not driving.

Thu., Apr. 9, 2:26 p.m. — Deputy interviewed a male regarding allegations made against him in the area of American Dr. and W. 2nd St.

Sat., Apr. 11, 2:24 p.m. — Caller reported finding a lost dog in the 100 block of NW 2nd St. Deputies located the owner with help from City Hall.

Sun., Apr. 12, 12:18 a.m. — Deputy responded to a trespass in the 29700 block of Nixon Dr. Deputy was unable to locate suspects on or near the property. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

1:47 a.m. — Trenton Kirchoff, 21, of Harrisburg, was arrested for DUII, reckless driving, two counts of reckless endangering, assault IV, and cited for failing to drive within his lane after a crash in the 28000 block of Peoria Rd. caused several thousand dollars' worth of damage to a home and property. Report taken.

HARRISBURG

Sun., Apr. 5, 8:12 p.m. — Deputies investigated a report that several vehicles had been entered overnight in the 1000 block of Whitledge Place. Two wallets and a purse were reported stolen, and surveillance video captured a suspect. Report taken.

10:03 p.m. — Leeland Manghelli, 48, of Harrisburg, was arrested for Assault IV, felony domestic violence, and domestic harassment in the 800 block of Crimson Pl. Report taken.

Tue., Apr. 7, 8:16 a.m. — Caller reported Keith Urban scammed them out of \$3,800 in the 32900 block of Diamond Hill Dr. Report taken.

2:15 p.m. — Caller reported that a Verizon account had been hacked and that five cellphones were sent to the 1000 block of S. 11th St. UPS assisted in preventing the caller from sending the phones to the scammers' residence. The caller is now working with Verizon customer service to return the phones and receive a refund. Report taken.

Wed., Apr. 8, 7:30 a.m. — Deputy took a fraud report in the 800 block of Sommerville Loop involv-

ing an Enterprise rental car scam. The caller reported \$400 stolen. Report taken.

7:44 a.m. — USPS Mail delivery employee wanted LCSO to be aware of multiple pieces of mail to be delivered to condemned residences that may indicate squatters at those locations.

9:08 a.m. — Brycen McMurtrey, 19, of Elmira, was cited for failure to use a seat belt and warned for equipment violations in the 600 block of S. 6th St.

9:44 a.m. — Michael Pingelton, 31, of Springfield, was cited for driving without a license and failure to carry proof of insurance in the 1100 block of S. 6th St.

11:57 a.m. — Jose Lopez-Valdez, 28, of Harrisburg, was cited for driving without a driver's license in the 100 block of N. 3rd St.

7:28 p.m. — Deputies documented a juvenile complaint involving minibikes in the area of Quincy St. and N. 6th St.

Thu., Apr. 9, 4:44 p.m. — Jesus Mendez Lopez, 27, of Eugene, was cited for driving without a driver's license and driving uninsured in the 600 block of Territorial St.

Fri., Apr. 10, 7:20 p.m. — Deputy continued an ongoing investigation into a burglary of an RV trailer outside Harrisburg in the 22400 block of N. Coburg Rd. Report taken.

Sat., Apr. 11, 8:58 a.m. — Deputy investigated an ongoing civil dispute between separated parents of a juvenile in the 900 block of Sommerville Loop. Non-criminal.

8:21 p.m. — Deputy seized a phone as evidence of child pornography during an investigation in the 700 block of Erica Way. Report taken.

SHEDD

Sun., Apr. 5, 10:17 p.m. — Juvenile was cited for using a cellphone while operating a motor vehicle after a non-injury crash in the area of Boston Mill Dr. and Hwy. 99E. Report taken.

Mon., Apr. 6, 3:38 p.m. — Employee at the Shedd Market at 31901 B St. turned in a driver's license that had been found on April 3. Report taken.

Wed., Apr. 8, 2:17 p.m. — Deputies responded to an injury motor vehicle crash in the 32600 block of Boston Mill Dr. near the I-5 overpass. A motorist was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening

injuries. Report taken.

3:28 p.m. — Kyle Halsey, 40, of Junction City, was cited for speeding 75 in a 55-mph zone, traveling south on Hwy. 99E near Bell Plain Dr.

Thur., Apr. 9, 11:11 p.m. — Deputy responded to a civil dispute report between a husband and wife in the 30500 block of Wirth Rd. No further action.

TANGENT

Sun., Apr. 5, 9:53 p.m. — Deputies responded to a non-injury motor vehicle crash in the 32200 block of Tangent Dr. The crash was non-reportable and non-criminal.

Mon., Apr. 6, 4:02 p.m. — DHS 307 referral in the 31800 block of Meadowlark Loop was reviewed and logged.

Tue., Apr. 7, 3:00 a.m. — DHS 307 referral in the 32900 block of Old Church Rd. No public narrative.

8:28 a.m. — Caller reported a suspicious vehicle in the 32000 block of Old Oak Dr. It was determined to belong to a teacher checking on student behavior before school.

2:42 p.m. — Jeffrey Komaromy was arrested on a Linn County Circuit Court warrant and transported to LCJ in the 33700 block of Oakville Rd., Albany.

Wed., Apr. 8, 3:02 p.m. — Deputies took a report of theft from a business in the 33500 block of Hwy. 99E. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

5:25 p.m. — Dwane Ludy, 60, of Albany, was cited for driving while suspended and uninsured in the 32500 block of Hwy 99E.

8:12 p.m. — Rodrigo Arista-Perez, 45, of Salem, was arrested for DUII and reckless driving in the area of N. Lake Creek Dr. and Hwy. 99E. Arista-Perez was transported to LCJ without incident. Report taken.

Sat., Apr. 11, 7:27 a.m. — Adam Daniel Jager, 25, of Shedd, was cited for speeding 80 in a 55-mph zone in the 32000 block of Hwy 99E.

Sun., Apr. 12, 8:50 p.m. — Noraylia Jackson, 20, of Corvallis, was cited for speeding 76 in a 55-mph zone in the 31800 block of Hwy. 34. ☼



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