



THE BROWNSVILLE TIMES

VOLUME 138, NO. 17

SERVING CENTRAL LINN COUNTY, OREGON SINCE 1889

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026

Halsey Navy Pilot Helped Bring Apollo Astronauts Home — Then and Now

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer and Columnist

HALSEY — Long before Apollo 11 made history, a Navy pilot with local ties was already part of some of the space program's most dangerous missions.

Lt. Cmdr. Carl John Frank of Halsey served as co-pilot on the recovery of Apollo 8 — the first crewed mission to orbit the moon and a pivotal moment in space exploration.

At the time, much about spaceflight — especially re-entry — was still unknown. To prepare, the U.S. Navy established a recovery corridor in the Pacific Ocean known as “the avenue,” which was lined with emergency and medical support ships.



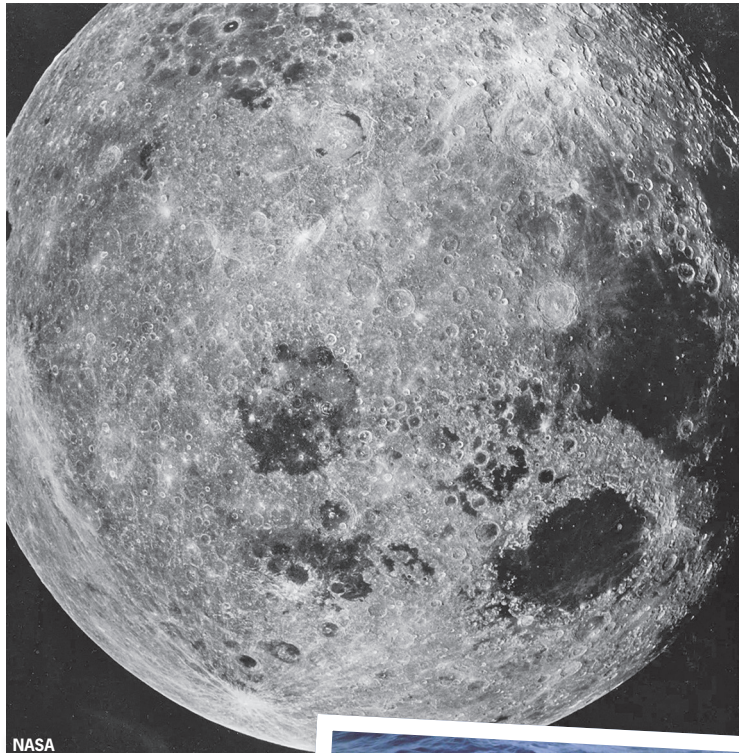
Apollo 9 approaching touchdown in the Atlantic March 13, 1969.



Carl John Frank, far right, stands with fellow Navy pilots during his service aboard the USS Saratoga in 1958.

As the capsule descended, parachutes deployed and appeared to function as planned — a major relief. The risks, however, were significant. A capsule entering too steeply could burn up; too shallow, and it could skip off the atmosphere and be lost in space.

APOLLO continued on page 14



NASA

TOP: The far side of the moon, photographed by the Apollo 8 crew during their 1968 mission.

Apollo 11 crew await pickup from the USS Hornet after splashdown, July 24, 1969.



NASA

Earth Day Comes Home

By Jeff Brown, Staff Writer and Columnist

Every spring, as gardens are tilled and lawns turn green again, April 22 arrives with a familiar reminder: it's Earth Day. But its roots lie in a simple idea — taking better care of the place we all call home.

Earth Day began in 1970, as Americans grew increasingly concerned about pollution. Rivers in some cities were so contaminated that they caught fire. Smog hung over highways, and litter lined both city streets and rural roads. U.S. Senator



NASA

Hello, World: Earth glows against the darkness of space in this image captured April 2, 2026, by a crew member aboard Orion spacecraft during the Artemis II mission, shortly after completing the translunar injection burn toward the Moon.

Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin believed the country needed to pay closer attention. On April 22, 1970, an estimated 20 million Americans took part in rallies, cleanups, and educational events — one of the largest civic demonstrations in the nation's history.

That first Earth Day sparked lasting change. In the years that followed, the federal government established the United States Environmental Protection Agency and enacted major laws to protect clean air and water. What began as a single day of awareness has since grown into a worldwide movement observed in more than 190 countries.

Yet despite its global reach, Earth Day still comes down to local action — especially in small towns like ours. Here in Linn County, that may look like community cleanups, recycling drives, or school-led projects that encourage students to take pride in their surroundings. Across Oregon, state parks and environmental groups mark the day with volunteer efforts such as trail maintenance, tree planting, and guided nature walks, while national organizations continue to lead campaigns addressing issues like climate change, plastic pollution, and conservation.

Closer to home, the spirit of Earth Day shows up in everyday choices. Picking up trash along a fence line keeps it from washing into nearby creeks. Planting a tree provides shade and improves air quality for years to come. Recycling, conserving water, supporting local farmers, and composting kitchen scraps are small habits that add up over time — practical ways to care for both the land and the community.

Perhaps most important is the example set for the next generation. When children see adults caring for parks, gardens, and open spaces, they learn that stewardship is simply part of being a good neighbor.

At its heart, Earth Day is about responsibility — the understanding that we borrow this land from those who come after us. In a world that often feels complicated, it offers a straightforward message: take care of what takes care of you.

And around here, that lesson still rings true. ☼

INSIDE

NEW ARTISTS



3



TABLE TALK

4



8 PLANT SALE

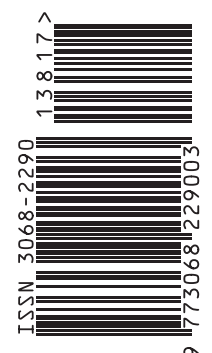


BUILDING TRADES

9

MAILING LABEL BELOW

\$2.00



ISSN 3068-2290

9 773068 229003

ONGOING EVENTS

Sunny Nights Swim & Deep Water Aerobics
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays • 6 p.m.
Lebanon Community Pool, 1800 5th St., Lebanon
Led by longtime instructor Debbie, the ongoing sessions offer low-impact exercise, social connection, and a welcoming group of members, both longtime and newcomers alike.
lebanon.aquatic@gmail.com • 541-451-8551.

Lebanon Swim Club
Tuesday & Thursday afternoons • Ongoing
Lebanon Community Pool, 1800 S. 5th St., Lebanon
Youth are invited to join the Lebanon Swim Club, a year-round program focused on building swimming skills, fitness, and friendships. A summer session may also be offered.
541-451-8551 • Lebanon.Aquatic@gmail.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Food Garden 2026 — Grow Successfully Free Lecture Series
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 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 30 • 9 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.
Lebanon Community Pool, 1800 S. 5th St., Lebanon
Open to the public. Sign up now!
https://www.lebanonpool.org • 541-451-8551
lebanon.aquatic@gmail.com

‘The Pirates of Penzance’
Now–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



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.

‘Little Women’
Thursday, April 23 • 7:30 p.m.; Friday, April 24 • 8 p.m.
Central Linn High School
The Central Linn Drama Department presents “Little Women.” Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

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

Free Coffee, Donuts, & Fellowship
Wednesdays • 9:30 a.m. • Central Valley Church,
657 American Dr., Halsey (not a church sponsored event).

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.

Halsey 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 City Hall, 100 W Halsey St.
Halsey Library, 773 W First St.
Free trees and shrubs will be available beginning April 24 at both City Hall and the library. Community members are encouraged to stop by early, as supplies are limited.

Silver Screen Cinema — ‘The Blob’ Screening at Post 184
Friday, April 24 • 7 p.m. • \$2
Travis Moothart Post 184, 132 Main St., Brownsville
Enjoy a showing of the 1958 cult classic “The Blob.” Concessions available. RSVP by text to 541-915-9322

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

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 city residents 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.

Oregon Ag Fest
Saturday, April 25 • 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.
Sunday, April 26 • 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Oregon State Fairgrounds, 2330 17th St. NE, Salem
\$15 for ages 16 and older. 15 and under free
Now in its 39th year, Oregon Ag Fest is a family-friendly celebration of the state’s agricultural heritage, offering hands-on exhibits and activities that help visitors learn where their food, fiber, and flora come from. Highlights include a petting zoo, pony rides, a llama show, logging demonstrations, vintage tractors, a craft and garden show, and interactive activities such as planting seed-lings, digging for potatoes, and watching chicks hatch. Free parking.
https://www.oragfest.com

Tangent Spring Recycle Event
Saturday, April 25 • 9 a.m.–2 p.m.
Tangent Elementary School, 32100 Old Oak Dr.
Tangent residents who are Republic Services customers can drop off yard waste, unpainted and untreated wood, scrap metal, large appliances (including those with freon), and electronics such as TVs, computers, and mobile devices. Barbecues and lawn mowers must have all fluids and tanks removed. No household trash, hazardous waste, tires, or paint accepted.

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

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.

Prescription Drug Take Back Day
Saturday, April 25 • 1–2 p.m.
Halsey City Hall, 100 W. Halsey St., Halsey
Saturday, April 25 • 2:30–3:30 p.m.
Harrisburg City Hall, 120 Smith St., Harrisburg
Safely dispose of unused or unwanted medications during National Drug Take Back Day. Hosted by the Linn County Sheriff’s Office in partnership with the Drug Enforcement Administration. Free and open to the public; includes pet medications.

Tangent Arbor & Bee City Day Celebration
Sunday, April 26 • 1–3 p.m. • Free
Tangent City Hall, 32166 Old Oak Drive, Tangent
Celebrate Tangent’s Tree City and Bee City status with a free community event featuring information on tree care, pollinator-friendly landscaping, and ways to support healthy habitats. Enjoy a free hot dog while learning tips to improve your property and support butterflies and bees. Rain or shine. RSVP via the Facebook event is encouraged to help organizers plan for supplies.
https://www.facebook.com/share/1CFH28Ufqo.

Halsey Library Pollinator Garden Party
April 28–May 1 • 1–5 p.m.
Halsey Library, 773 W 1st St., Halsey
Help Plant the new Pollinator Garden! Rock painting is also available! All ages welcome.

Camas Springs Property Tour
Friday, May 1 • 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Camas Springs property, 38717 Crawfordsville Dr, Sweet Home
Hosted by the Linn County Small Woodlands Association, this tour explores a restored woodland property featuring natural soda springs, blooming camas fields, and mature stands of Ponderosa pine and incense cedar. The event coincides with the seasonal arrival of band-tailed pigeons and includes a tribute to Karyn Callaway. Registration is required: https://linncounty-swa.com/event/camas-springs-property-tour.

Central Linn FFA Plant Sale
Friday–Saturday, May 1–2 and May 8–9 • 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Central Linn High School Greenhouse, 32433 Hwy 228
Shop a wide selection of student-grown plants, including flowers, hanging baskets, vegetable starts, herbs, and strawberries. Prices range from \$2–3 for 4-inch pots, \$6 for bedding plant 6-packs, and \$35 for hanging baskets. Proceeds support Central Linn FFA student programs and activities.

Harrisburg Mayfest 2026
Saturday, May 2 • 1–4 p.m.
Hart Community Center, 354 Smith St., Harrisburg
Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon with planting activities — take home flowers or herbs in starter pots — along with a 2nd annual beard competition, 10-minute escape room, games, prizes, food, and refreshments. Watch https://www.facebook.com/harrisburgoregon for additional event details.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 184

Beware the Silicone Menace: Lessons from 'The Blob'

By an ordinary seaman

If you walked into the Travis Moothart Post 184 any morning between nine and noon, you might find a few of us nursing coffee and discussing the usual town drama: the price of grass seed, the mystery of the neighbor's new fence, and why the NFL can't define a "catch." But it got me thinking about a different kind of mystery, one involving a meteorite, a Pennsylvania basement, and a giant pile of red silicone.

I'm talking, of course, about the 1958 film classic, "The Blob".

Now, I spent many years in the high-tech business, and I can tell you: we never had a product launch as effective as a space jelly that eats doctors. It's a simple, honest rural nightmare. A meteorite crashes, an old-timer pokes it with a stick (never a good move), and suddenly there's an aggressive, man-eating Jell-O mold roaming the streets.

The hero of our story is Steve Andrews, played by a "teenager" named Steve McQueen. I say "teenager" because McQueen was twenty-eight at the time. McQueen was famously "difficult" on set. A method actor trying to bring deep emotional nuances to a movie where the primary antagonist is basically dyed caulk.

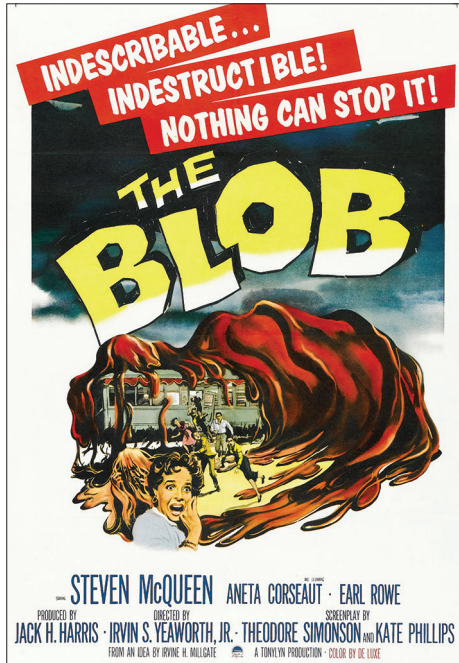
But here's the real kicker for those of us who appreciate a good business hedge: McQueen was offered \$3,000 upfront or 10 percent of the gross. Needing rent money and certain the film would flop, he took the three grand. The movie, which cost a measly \$110,000 to make, went on to gross \$4 million. Steve's "sure thing" cost him about \$400,000 in 1950s money. If offered an incentive, take it, the seaman always says.

The film is a hoot. It's silly, it's homey, and it's a reminder that if you see a glowing rock in the south pasture, leave it alone. Or at least, ask for the 10 percent gross.

Instead of concluding with the traditional "THE END", "The Blob" ends with a giant question mark, suggesting the Blob is just chilling in the Arctic, waiting for the next unsuspecting old guy to poke it with a stick.

As an aside, the film features a catchy theme song by a then-unknown Burt Bacharach. Yep, the "Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head" guy wrote a pop tune about space-ooze.

Wrap up your evening with a classic dose of small-town sci-fi charm when "The Blob" screens at 7 p.m. Friday, April 24, at Travis Moothart Post 184, 132 Main St. Admission is \$2, with concessions available. ☼



ALBANY HISTORIC CAROUSEL & MUSEUM

Derby-Themed Fundraiser Brings Southern Flair to Albany May 2

ALBANY — A lively evening inspired by the Kentucky Derby is scheduled for Saturday, May 2. "A Night at the Races" will combine Southern charm, entertainment, and fundraising at the Albany Historic Carousel & Museum, located at 503 First Ave. W in Albany.

The adults-only event invites guests to wear their best Derby attire and enjoy an energetic night with simulated horse race betting, raffle drawings, a silent auction, and a wine pull. Attendees can also indulge in grazing stations, mint juleps, and a full cash bar while mingling and participating in themed activities.

Special competitions for best hat, best shoes, and best dressed will increase the excitement, along with photo opportunities in a "winner's circle" setting.

VIP ticket options include early entry, hors d'oeuvres, and exclusive perks, while general admission provides a full evening of entertainment and a raffle ticket.

Organizers recommend purchasing tickets early since space is limited. Proceeds from the event will benefit a local cause. Ticket prices range from \$70 to \$800. Buy tickets online at <https://square.link/u/xlAVxt7Q> or email CarouselEvents4@gmail.com for help.

More info on the Facebook event at <https://www.facebook.com/events/2232544050486335> and online at <https://albanycarousel.com>. ☼

BROWNSVILLE ART ASSOCIATION

New Artists and Spring Class Highlight Creativity at Brownsville Art Center

By Mikayle Stole, Editor

The Brownsville Art Center is welcoming new artistic talent this spring while also offering the community a hands-on opportunity to get creative.

Recently added to the gallery are three artists bringing a variety of styles and mediums to the space. Woodworker Doug Neve, of Lebanon, is now exhibiting handcrafted scroll saw puzzles, turned bowls, and finely crafted pens — work rooted in generations of family tradition and shaped by the natural character of the wood.



Also new to the gallery is Jodi Litterell, whose stained glass pieces blend color, light, and design in intricate, puzzle-like compositions. A former math teacher, Litterell approaches her work with a problem-solving mindset, creating carefully constructed pieces inspired by patterns and nature.

Painter Doris Vinton rounds out the trio, contributing detailed, expressive works that capture quiet, reflective moments. Her paintings often focus on figures and natural settings, emphasizing light, texture, and emotion.

In addition to showcasing new artists, the Brownsville Art Association will host an upcoming class, May Flowers in Collage, led by Brynn Carter.

The class will be held Saturday, May 16, from 1–3 p.m. at the Brownsville Art Center, 255 N. Main St. Designed for ages 6 to adult, the workshop invites participants to create a colorful floral composition using an acrylic-painted background and layered paper collage techniques. The class is limited to 10 students, and all materials are provided. Registration closes Saturday, May 9.

Together, the new exhibits and upcoming



class highlight the Art Center's continued commitment to fostering creativity and offering opportunities for both artists and the community to connect.

For more information or to register for the class, visit <https://brownsvilleart.org>.

To sign up for their monthly newsletter email brownsvilleartassociation@gmail.com and ask to be added to the email list. ☼

Go Solar with a Local Company You Can Trust

Serving the Willamette Valley

Free, No-Pressure Quotes
Top-Rated Customer Service
Real Renewable Energy Solutions that Work

YOUR LOCAL SOLAR SOLUTION

PURE ENERGY GROUP

MILES HENDERSON

541-730 9899 miles@pureenergy.group

ALYRICA

INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER

Local | Transparent Pricing | 30-Day Satisfaction Guarantee | Community Focused

541-929-3330 541-368-2425 alyrica.net

TABLE TALK: DINING IN AND AROUND BROWNSVILLE

Chicken Shanty Serves Up Comfort Food in Albany

By Jeff Brown, Staff Writer and Columnist

A newer lunch spot in Albany keeps things simple with a menu built around chicken, fries, and a few fun extras. The Chicken Shanty, which opened just two years ago, is in the same parking lot as Bi-Mart along Santiam Highway and is open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. The restaurant’s tagline sums up the menu’s idea: “Comfort Food at its Best.”

The focus here is on chicken sandwiches, wraps, tenders, and wings. One helpful feature is the menu’s flexibility. Any wrap can be made into a sandwich, and any sandwich can be made into a wrap, allowing customers to order whichever style they prefer.

For this visit, the bacon and avocado wrap was the choice. Every entrée comes as a combo that includes a side and a drink, making it a complete meal without needing to order extras. Prices for a sandwich or wrap meal generally fall between \$15 and \$16, which feels reasonable for a filling lunch.



Sides are simple yet substantial. Customers can choose from French fries, Cajun fries, or four mozzarella sticks. The fresh-cut French fries served with the wrap were hot and crispy.

Another nice touch is the selection of sauces. Customers receive two free sauces with each sandwich or wrap, and there are eight options to choose from. Options include cool ranch, honey mustard, barbecue, buffalo, and several others, offering plenty of ways to change the flavor.

The chicken itself was the highlight. Even though it was breaded and fried, it was not greasy. The breading was light and added a nice crunch without overpowering the chicken. For someone who does not usually eat much fried chicken, it was surprisingly enjoyable.

One menu item that immediately catches the eye is the “Chicken Turd Cookie.” The name alone makes it hard to pass up. Despite its unusual name, it turned out to be a delicious chocolate-chunk cookie and a sweet way to finish the meal. The staff was very friendly.

Overall, The Chicken Shanty offers a straightforward menu, reasonable prices, and a satisfying lunch experience. 🍴

SEASONS EATINGS

Warm Bowls and Fresh Bakes for Cool Spring Days

By Lisa Keith, Columnist

Hello Friends! I received one of the best, most sincere compliments of my cooking/baking/recipe-sharing career: an enthusiastic reader from Colorado said she looks forward to reading my column so she can cook every single recipe published! It was a “Julie, Julia” moment! So very sweet.

This week, I am sharing some more of my favorite cozy recipes. Since Spring has yet to truly arrive, I thought it quite appropriate. The first one has been a favorite of my family since the 90s. My mom found it in one of the many magazines she subscribed to. Tortellini Soup comes out perfectly delicious every time. I have paired it with a recipe from a dear, departed fiend and former writer for the Times and other publications, Gini Bramlett. Her recipe for Herbed Zucchini Bread pairs well with any soup or salad and comes together quite nicely.

Italian Tortellini Soup

- 1 lb. Italian sausage (we like spicy in our house!), browned and drained
- 1 large onion, diced
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 Tbsp each basil, oregano, and parsley
- 1–2 large carrots sliced
- 1–2 zucchini, sliced
- 2–4 C beef broth
- 1 can diced tomatoes (with liquid)
- 10–12 oz dried tortellini (psst, ravioli works well too!)



Warm the olive oil with herbs and veggies until the onion becomes transparent. Combine all ingredients except the pasta and bring to a simmer until veggies are tender. Then add pasta and cook until al dente, at least 10–15 more minutes. Optional: Add 1 cup of good red wine with the pasta for a lovely depth of flavor.

Herby Zucchini Bread

- 2 C flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp baking soda
- ¼ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp fresh ground black pepper
- ¼ tsp cayenne pepper
- 2 Tbsp combination of your favorite herbs (Italian, ranch blend)
- 2 Tbsp chopped green onions
- 2 C grated sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 C shredded zucchini
- 2 eggs
- ¼ C olive oil
- ½ C milk (all options work)



Mix the dry ingredients in one bowl and the wet ingredients in another. Combine. At this point, you can choose to make them into muffin-size or standard loaves. Make sure whatever size container you want is well greased and floured. Bake at 350°F for 20+ minutes for muffin-size and 45+ minutes for standard-size. Test for doneness with a toothpick or skewer.

Thank you, friends, for your continued faithfulness and encouragement! Have a lovely week. Feel free to email me at iamcheflisa@gmail.com. 🍴

LEBANON

1847

OREGON

BAR & GRILL

Buy an entree & receive 50% off an appetizer

505 Mullins Drive, Lebanon • 541-451-1847

Tuesday–Saturday, 4–9 p.m. • Happy Hour, 4–5 p.m.

OVR

Overton Valley Ranch

EST. 1860

BROWNSVILLE

OVERTON VALLEY BEEF

GRASS FED • GRASS FINISHED

USDA Certified Angus Beef • 100% Natural

No BS. Just quality beef: \$5.49/lb (includes slaughter, cut, & wrap) custom boxes available!

Family owned and operated

Kyle Koontz • 541.990.3374

OVERTONVALLEYRANCH.COM

PIONEER VILLA

RESTAURANT & SALOON

Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner • 5 am–10 pm

33180 Hwy 228, Halsey • 541-369-2801

pioneervillatruckplaza.com

Armando's

Mexican Restaurant

Phone Orders 541-466-3636

122 Spaulding

11–9 • Sunday 12–8

Family Friendly

\$5 OFF

When you spend \$40+

Mema's Country Kitchen

HAND MADE WITH LOVE

403 N Main St

Brownsville

Natoshya Moffitt

541.405.2147

memascountrykitchen@yahoo.com

Facebook: Mema's Country Kitchen

Mon–Thur (open if lights on) • Fri–Sun 9–6

160 W Bishop Way

BROWNSVILLE

LIQUOR

DAILY 9 to 8

Where Bars & Restaurants Shop

541.610.0001

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. ☎

LIFETIME VISION SOURCE OF LEBANON

MEMBER VISION SOURCE NETWORK

ROGER MUNK, OD • BRANDYN WYATT, OD
LUKE BORAN, OD

www.lifetimevisionsource.com

90 MARKET ST, STE 20
LEBANON, OR 97355

T: 541-451-2020
F: 541-451-1785

GENERAL DENTIST
COSMETIC • FAMILY

Kirt M. Glenn DMD PC
102 E. Bishop Way Brownsville

541-466-5171
ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS

www.dentistinbrownsville.com

JEFF LONGTAIN, HIS

Director of Hearing Services

(541) 227-5720

jlongtain@myhearingcenters.com
1144 Willagillespie Road #6
Eugene, OR 97401

MY HEARING CENTERS



HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL

Council Hears Community Updates, Approves Downtown Grant

The Harrisburg City Council and Harrisburg Redevelopment Agency met Tuesday, April 14, where Mayor Bobby Duncan proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. The proclamation highlighted the work of United Way of Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties and the Linn County Child Abuse Network, known as CAN, in supporting child safety and prevention efforts. More information is available at <https://www.unitedwaybl.org/linncan.html>. Confidential reports may be made by calling 1-855-503-SAFE.

The council also heard a presentation from The Brownsville Times, a nonprofit community newspaper that now provides weekly local coverage, including news from Harrisburg. Sharon Banks, board chair, and Caitlyn Walden, Harrisburg correspondent, said the paper's long-term goal is to build a sustainable subscriber base to support ongoing local journalism.

During other business, the Tri-County Chamber of Commerce requested an increase in city support for Harrisburg's Summer Sounds program, from \$1,000 to \$1,500. The city and the chamber have partnered on the concert series since 2021, with the chamber handling band contracts and event coordination and the city assisting with sponsorships and street closures. The 2026 lineup is expected to be announced soon.

The Harrisburg Redevelopment Agency approved a \$7,967.50 reimbursement grant for Patrick and Donnell Freeman, doing business as Clyde the Glide, to replace windows at 285 Moore St. The project aims to improve the appearance of the downtown building.

City staff also reported progress on several administrative and planning matters, including budget preparation, insurance valuation reviews, and follow-up on a recent DEQ site visit. Staff said the owners of the proposed Sommerville Meadows subdivision have decided not to proceed with the original plan and will instead pursue minor partitions and gradual home construction using existing infrastructure near South 9th Street. ☎

Eagle Park Access Limited

HARRISBURG — City officials are reminding residents that Eagle Park remains open, though vehicle access is currently limited. The access driveway beyond the dog park is closed for the time being, with the city targeting a reopening between Memorial Day and Labor Day, when conditions are typically dry.

Pedestrian access remains open, and visitors are welcome to explore the park where river levels and muddy conditions allow.

Officials also emphasized that Eagle Park is a city park, and dogs must be kept on leashes outside the designated dog park area.

Residents interested in future plans for Eagle Park can view development concepts and trail layouts through presentations submitted to the State Recreational Trails Program Board. The materials are available as PDFs at the bottom of the Eagle Park page on the city's website.

To reach Eagle Park, turn south onto South Second Street from Highway 99/Third Street near the water plant, continue to Sommerville Avenue, then follow the gravel access road past the Knife River property. The dog park is the first developed area along the route. ☎

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>.

Watch the April 9 Council Meeting

The Halsey City Council meeting held April 9 is available for public viewing online. Community members who were unable to attend can watch the full meeting, including council discussions and agenda items, on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tuRXOSxkiJU>. Coverage of the meeting will appear in the next issue of The Brownsville Times. ☎

CENTRAL LINN ELEMENTARY

Spring Carnival May 15

Central Linn Elementary School's Parent Teacher Club will host its annual Spring Carnival on Friday, May 15, from 4–7 p.m.

Admission is \$5 per person and includes unlimited access to more than a dozen games and activities, including Cobra Launch, axe throwing, inflatables, balloon pop, Connect 4, giant Jenga, bean bag toss, mini golf, Kerplunk, and life-sized Tetris.

The event will also feature a Class Art Auction showcasing artwork created by Central Linn students, as well as basket raffles with \$1 tickets offering chances to win themed baskets valued at hundreds of dollars.

Food will be available for purchase, including smash burgers, popcorn, kettle corn, snow cones, and cotton candy.

All proceeds support field trips, student incentives, activities, and enrichment opportunities. ☎



Nicholson Construction & Remodel LLC

Affordable Home Upgrades:

Exterior: Siding - Paint - Doors - Windows - Decks - Patio Covers
Interior: Drywall - Paint - Trim - Cabinet Install - Kitchen & Bath Remodels

Real Estate Repair Addendums

CCB# 213147 Bonded & Insured

Call Jason: 541-401-1355



ValleySide Junk

REMOVAL SERVICES

541-206-7936

vsjunkremoval@outlook.com

your local, blue-collar team chasing the luxury of helping others. We don't quit until the job is complete! No job is too big or too small.

LINN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners Increase First-Time Youth Wage Grant Stipend to \$4

By Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer

ALBANY — At their April 14 meeting, Linn County Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Sherrie Sprenger, and Will Tucker unanimously approved increasing the First-Time Youth Wage Program stipend from \$3 per hour to \$4 per hour for this coming summer.

This will be the 20th year for the popular program that is supported by a portion of the county’s share of Oregon’s video lottery funds.

Administrative Assistant Amanda Giles noted in a written report that Linn County’s minimum wage is now \$15.05 per hour. She reported that in the last 10 years the program has supported 168 unique businesses and there have been 786 youth participants.

In 2025, employees who were 14 to 19 years of age, worked a total of 47,000 hours and the program paid out \$28,145 in stipends.

Treasurer Michele Hawkins told the commissioners the county has sufficient lottery funds set aside to support the \$1 per hour stipend increase. In the past 10 years, 2018 saw the highest total payout of \$56,434 and in 2016, the payout was \$56,264.

Qualifying businesses must employ 35 or fewer employees and the young people must be first-time employees who have not previously worked for the individual business. An employer can only hire three (3) qualifying young people at any given time. Maximum reimbursement per employer is \$6,000, with a maximum of \$2,000 per newly hired young person.

To qualify, businesses must hire eligible employees between May 1 and September 30. The employee must be legal to work in the United States and a resident of Linn County. Youth ages 14 through 17 must be hired with a Bureau of Labor & Industries permit. The employer must certify they are following all Federal and State youth labor laws (State Board of Labor & Industry [BOLI] rules and regulations).

For more information, call Amanda Giles at the Linn County Board of Commissioners office at 541-967-3825, or visit www.linncountyor.gov/businessdevelopment/page/youth-wage-grant.

In other business the commissioners:

- Were told the Planning & Building Department issued 257 total building permits in March, compared to 292 a year ago. There were 18 permits for dwellings; three for single family dwellings; one for manufactured dwellings. Eleven permits were issued for dwelling

- alterations and three permits for accessory buildings. Code enforcement staff opened six new cases and closed 12 cases.
- Accepted the annual Emergency Management Performance Grant for the Linn County Sheriff’s Office. The grant funds about 50 percent of the LCSO Emergency Management staffing costs.
- Gave Roadmaster Amy Ramsdell the authority to extend a contract to purchase fuel from Carson for the Road Department.
- Announced that the Budget Hearings for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, April 27 at the Linn County Fair & Expo Center. 3700 Knox Butte Road East, Albany.
- Approved several items for the Health Department, including extending an Intergovernmental Agreement with Portland State University for Alcohol & Drug outreach from September 29, 2025 to September 29, 2026.
- Extended an agreement with Marion County from June 30, 2026 to June 30, 2027, not to exceed \$91,468 to provide occupational therapy services.
- Approved a Services Contract with Ejido Oso to provide food sourcing for the Food for Health program, not to exceed \$78,000. This is a pass-through funding from the InterCommunity Health Network CCO.
- Approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Multnomah Education Services District to provide and maintain a web-based survey to allow county employees to record and document time associated with Medicaid administrative claiming activities. Not to exceed \$71,746.
- Approved software licensing agreements with Qualifacts Systems for software to manage the Alcohol & Drug Program’s electronic medical records not to exceed \$50,094. A separate agreement not to exceed \$159,832 was approved to provide the same service for the Mental Health Department.
- Held a public hearing concerning an application for an Outdoor Assembly Permit to conduct a five-day outdoor pirate festival called Port Nassau on a small farm on Allen Lane southwest of Albany. Property owner Brooke Knutzen outlined several changes planned for the proposed event including limiting the number of tickets to 1,000, providing tickets that control the flow of participants by hour of entry, no alcohol sales on-site and including an emergency egress roadway on property owned by a neighbor. Opponents cited safety concerns due to the narrow width of Allen Lane, possible trespassing by participants and the potential for fires that could escape the site and damage other properties. The commissioners agreed to accept new written testimony only until 5 p.m. on April 21 and to reconvene the public hearing for a possible decision at 10 a.m. on April 28. 🌻



COUNTRY FINANCIAL®

AUTO | HOME | LIFE | BUSINESS | RETIREMENT

Jeff Garver Insurance Agency

Our office has proudly served Oregon and Washington farm, ranch and rural properties for over 50 years!

- Rated A+ by AM Best since 1997
- Named top pick by Forbes
- Ranked No. 1 by J.D. Power for customer loyalty

- Top-rated in service and claims in every state we serve
- Celebrating 100 years in 2025
- Providing life insurance for 96 years



JEFF GARVER
Financial Adviser
Insurance Agent
Farm Certified Specialist



KALISTA KENNEDY
Associate Agent
Office Manager
Home/Auto/Commercial

33254 Hwy 99 E • Tangent

Office: 541-926-4883 • Cell: 541-231-9955

Jeff.Garver@countryfinancial.com

Family Dentistry

Douglas M. Johnson DMD
Nicholas Mantovani DDS

ALBANY: (541) 928-5414 SCIO: (503) 394-3345

www.douglasjohnsondmd.com



**The Hottest thing in town...
Besides you.**

Gas Fireplace or electric,
new install or service,
we’ve got the spark
you’ve been waiting for.

Find your new flame!





541-754-1681
www.stephensheating.com

Stephens
HEATING & AIR
CONDITIONING, INC.
CCB #53426

CENTRAL LINN FFA

Plant Sale Returns with Student-Grown Spring Blooms

Greenhouse program offers flowers, produce starts, and hands-on learning

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer and Columnist

The Central Linn High School agriculture program is thriving this spring, with the campus greenhouse filled with vibrant, student-grown plants just in time for the annual FFA plant sale.

Students have spent the past several weeks cultivating a wide selection of plants, starting from seedlings and transplanting them into pots and hanging baskets. The greenhouse now features a variety of florals, tomato plants, herbs, and strawberries.

The Central Linn FFA will host its annual plant sale over two weekends — May 1–2 and May 8–9 — from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the high school greenhouse.

Hanging baskets will be available for \$35, 6-packs of bedding plants for \$6, and 4-inch pots ranging from \$2 to \$3.

Freshman Wyatt Ramshur said his favorite part of the class is working in what students call the “dirt department,” where he mixes soil using specific ratios of compost, dirt, and fertilizer.

“We get to make the soil just right for the plants,” he said.

Students are also responsible for maintaining plant health leading up to the sale. Recent work has included pruning calibrachoa plants to promote fuller growth and prevent early blooming.



Creed Mast, left, and Gage Leabo prune calibrachoa plants to encourage fuller growth ahead of the Central Linn FFA plant sale.

The agriculture program is led by instructors Allison Williams and Darrelle Parker, who also advise the school's FFA chapter. In addition to the on-campus sale, FFA students will sell plants at the Albany Farmers Market on April 25, May 16, and May 30.

For junior Gage Leabo, the plant sale represents more than just plants — it helps support student opportunities.

“It means more fun trips for the students,” Leabo said. “I like that the program is self-supporting. You put in the work and see the reward.”

Leabo said his favorite plants are begonias and hanging baskets, while junior Creed Mast said he enjoys working with petunias.

Freshman Rylin Day, who was labeling Black Magic petunias, said she enjoys watching plants grow from small seedlings into full blooms.

Inside the greenhouse, the result of that work is clear — a warm, fragrant space filled with color, growth and student pride.

The annual sale offers the community a chance to support local agriculture education while bringing home a piece of spring. ☀

TANGENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Community Rallies Against Possible School Closure

Residents urge council to oppose inclusion of Tangent Elementary in district review

By Marcy Hermens, Staff Writer and Tangent Correspondent

More than 40 residents filled the Tangent Fire Station on Monday, April 13, urging the Tangent City Council to formally oppose any consideration of closing Tangent Elementary School.

The meeting was moved from City Hall to accommodate the turnout, which included school staff, Principal Jana Pierce, and Greater Albany Public Schools Superintendent Andy Gardner. The issue comes as the district's Long Range Facilities Advisory Committee reviews its four smallest elementary schools.

During public comment, 13 people spoke — all opposing the school's inclusion in closure discussions — along with three written comments echoing that stance.

Residents repeatedly emphasized the school's role in the community. “It's the heart of the community,” said Ben Verhoeven, a second-generation local business owner with two children enrolled and another soon to attend.

Others warned of long-term consequences. Debra Meadows, a longtime resident, said the town has grown significantly over the years and described the potential loss in stark terms: closing the school now “would be ripping our heart out.”

Several speakers pointed to nearby Shedd as a cautionary example after its elementary school closed decades ago, followed by population decline.

Parents also spoke to why they chose Tangent. Anna Venegas said she drives her children from outside the boundary specifically for the small-school environment. “I chose it because the school is small — everyone knows everybody,” she said.

Brice Walter, a local parent and firefighter volunteer, acknowledged the district faces difficult financial decisions but urged leaders to consider the broader impact. He described the school as a cornerstone of the town's identity and infrastructure.

Gardner confirmed the committee is reviewing Tangent, Lafayette, Oak, and Central elementary schools, but emphasized that no decisions have been made. He described Tangent Elementary as “a very good performing school.”

His comments downplaying the importance of class size drew concern from some attendees, who view small classes as a key strength of the school.

Questions were also raised about timing. With a facilities bond planned for spring 2027, residents said they expect clarity on any proposed closures before voters are asked to weigh in.

Tangent Elementary has served the community in its current form since 1953, with roots dating back to 1854. Residents said closing the school would undermine recent efforts to revitalize the town, including the return of the Tangent Harvest Festival and new city investments in public gathering spaces such as the proposed pavilion.

The review process is ongoing, and community members said they plan to remain engaged. Their message to the district was clear: remove Tangent Elementary from the closure conversation.

The full April 13 meeting can be viewed online at <https://www.facebook.com/reel/1307427921273180>. ☀

CENTRAL LINN BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

Cobras Struggle in Early Season Matchups

It was a difficult stretch for Central Linn boys' varsity baseball and girls' varsity softball, as the Cobras lost a pair of baseball games to Monroe and suffered a shutout loss to Regis in softball.

During the Central Linn boys' doubleheader against Monroe on Tuesday, April 14, Monroe controlled both games, preventing Central Linn from building offensive momentum. The Cobras scored one run in the first game but were held scoreless in the second.

The Dragons' wins of 11–1 and 10–0 dropped the Cobras to 0–11 for the season.

In softball, Central Linn also fell short in a tough matchup against Regis on Tuesday, April 7. The Rams rolled to a 22–0 victory, powered by strong performances at the plate and on the mound.

Regis pitcher Addie



Bishop threw three hitless innings, while Olivia Adams led the Rams offensively by going 3-for-4, with four RBIs. Central Linn struggled to generate offense in the game. The loss marked Central Linn's third of the season, and reflected the Rams' continued strength in the series.

Both Central Linn teams have faced a demanding early schedule, and the recent results show the level of competition the Cobras have encountered. Despite the setbacks, the season still offers opportunities for growth as both squads work to regroup and improve in league play.

For the baseball team, the focus will now be on breaking into the win column after a 0–11 start. For the softball team, the challenge will be bouncing back from a difficult loss and finding consistency as the season continues. ☀

The Frame House, LLC
Custom Framing Since 1970
Your complete source for custom Picture Frames
Complete line of art supplies
Al Severson
Owner
434 W First Ave.
Albany OR 97321 541-928-7676

 **Danielle M. Myers, Esq.**
Attorney at Law, LLC
• Estate Planning/Probate
• Criminal Defense
333 N. Main St., Brownsville (541) 600-0422
danielle@dmmyerslaw.com
www.dmmyerslaw.com

SOUTH ALBANY HIGH SCHOOL

Built to Last: How SAHS's Building Trades Program Funds Itself — and Students' Futures

By Marcy Hermens, Staff Writer and Tangent Correspondent

Matt West came to South Albany High School 15 years ago with a contractor's hands and a teaching degree. At the time, the school offered metal and wood classes — but no construction program. West saw the gap and built one.



Matt West (foreground) works with a student on framing techniques in the South Albany High School Building Trades program.

Early on, he faced a challenge: the school budget alone couldn't sustain a job-ready program. His solution was simple and effective. Students built doghouses and garden sheds, sold them to the community, and used the proceeds to buy more materials — creating a self-funding cycle that still defines the program today.

Now teaching eight classes, West has grown the program enough to share an additional instructor with the woods program. The team coordinates support where it's needed most. Student-built projects have expanded to include chicken coops, and enrollment continues to rise.

Coursework progresses from safety and tool basics in Building Trades 1 to framing, roofing, gutters, and job-site vocabulary in Building Trades 2. Students can

continue into advanced levels and special projects.

This year, the program partnered with Tangent Together, which commissioned a 10-by-20-foot structure — larger than the typical 8-by-12 shed — giving students a new challenge. Builders FirstSource in Tangent continues to support the program as a key materials partner.

Students bring a range of goals. Junior Matthew, who has worked on four sheds, doesn't plan a construction career but values the practical skills. Sophomore Alex hopes to turn his interest in building into a livelihood. Liam, also a sophomore, is repeating Building Trades 2 to strengthen his skills as a backup career option.



A student-built shed now in use at the Albany Fire Department.

"Construction is always hiring — it's reassuring to know I'll have marketable skills if I need them," one student said.

What began as a gap to fill has become a thriving program. Fifteen years later, the builds are bigger, the classes are fuller, and students continue to gain skills that will last a lifetime.

For information about purchasing a student-built structure, contact matt.west@albany.k12.or.us.

CENTRAL LINN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Extends Superintendent's Contract, Advances CTE Plans

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer and Columnist

The Central Linn School District Board approved a new three-year contract for Superintendent Dr. Rob Hess during its April 13 meeting, a key decision that anchors district leadership as major projects and academic initiatives continue.

Board members approved the contract following multiple revisions and legal review, citing confidence in Hess's leadership and the collaborative tone of negotiations. The agreement ensures continuity as the district moves forward with facility upgrades, including the Career and Technical Education (CTE) building, and ongoing efforts to improve student performance.

In other business, the board approved several staffing changes, including the hiring of a speech and language pathologist, two long-term substitute teachers in music and special education, and a part-time junior-senior high principal.

Student activity updates highlighted a busy spring season, with athletics underway, band and choir performances, college visits, and strong results from the district's FFA program. A recent Booster Club fundraiser raised nearly \$50,000 to support student activities.

Facilities and maintenance updates included repairs to softball bleachers, cleaning of the high school roof, and upgrades to library lighting. Work continues on the CTE building, where board members reviewed updated design concepts.

Plans call for a hands-on, work-based layout that allows students to move projects through multiple stages of production. Proposed modifications include improved equipment access and flexible classroom configurations.

The board also approved revisions to the 2026-27 school calendar, shifting a teacher workday and adjusting the final week of school to better align with instructional priorities.

In equipment decisions, the board voted to surplus two buses and a Ford Ranger due to repair costs, while retaining other equipment for instructional use.

Academic data presented at the meeting showed mixed results. Reading performance continues to improve, with more students meeting benchmarks, while math scores remain below state averages. District leaders noted that about 85% of students participated in state assessments and emphasized ongoing efforts to strengthen math outcomes.

Financially, the district remains stable, with contingency funds expected to carry forward into the next fiscal year.

The meeting concluded with discussion of improvements to the district's website, particularly to make athletic schedules and event information more accessible to families.

Overall, the board's actions reflected a focus on stability, growth and continued investment in student opportunities across the district.

NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Central Linn School District, Linn County, State of Oregon, will be held to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

The meeting will take place Monday, April 27, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at Central Linn Elementary School Conference Room, 239 W 2nd St., Halsey.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the proposed budget. This is a public meeting where the Budget Committee will deliberate. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee.

A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after April 27 at the Central Linn District Office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.



Greenways Academy
Powered by eDynamic Learning

Fall Enrollment for
Full-Time K-12
Online Learning

greenwaysacademy.com
(314) 432-7534







emergence
addiction and behavioral therapies

RECOVERY,
FOR THE
FUTURE
YOU WANT.

4emergence.com
541-967-6597



BROWNSVILLE LIBRARY

Oregon Trail in Miniature on Display

By Sherri Lemhouse, Brownsville Librarian

A handcrafted 1/6-scale model of the Drinkard family wagon is now on display at the Brownsville Community Library, offering visitors a detailed look at a piece of Oregon Trail history.

Local resident John David Erickson recently brought the miniature wagon to the library after completing the project over several years. Erickson said he was inspired to create the model after seeing the 1/6-scale wagon built by Walter Herron for the Linn County Historical Museum. With guidance from Herron, Erickson created an exact scaled replica of the historic wagon.

According to information displayed with the model, the project also carries a personal connection to Brownsville's history. The wagon was made from wood harvested from a walnut tree planted by John Bull Moore, who crossed the Oregon Trail as a boy in the mid-1800s. Moore later settled in the Willamette Valley, purchased property in Brownsville, and built a home there in 1893. He planted the walnut tree on the property and told his children not to pick its leaves so future generations could enjoy its nuts. The tree died in 2007, and its wood was later used by Erickson, the current property owner, to craft the model wagon.



In addition to Erickson's wagon, the display includes other items related to the Oregon Trail and pioneer life. The library also received a loan from the Linn County Historical Museum, which includes Lincoln Logs and two horse-and-wagon models to illustrate daily life during the pioneer era.

The display will remain at the library through the end of May. ☼

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.

Library Hours: Closed Sun–Mon.

Tue–Wed & Fri 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Thu 1–7 p.m.

Sat 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Connect with the Library

146 Spaulding Ave., Brownsville • 541-466-5454

<https://www.brownsvillecommunitylibrary.org><https://www.facebook.com/BVORLibrary>

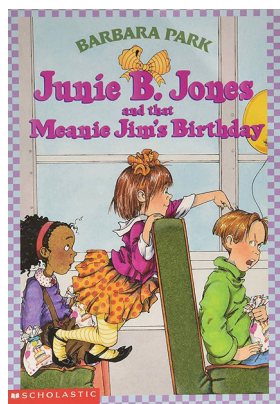
KIDS' KORNER

What is a Bird-Day?

By Nancy Diltz, Staff Writer and Columnist

"It's My Bird-Day!" by Mo Willems (2026) will tell you all about it! If you have already read any of the books about Pigeon, such as "Will Pigeon Ride the Roller-Coaster?" and "Don't Let Pigeon Ride the Bus!" then you will love to hear about more of Pigeon's adventures.

If you haven't met Pigeon, you are in for some fun! The book jacket asks you this question: "Pigeon has the hat. And the hot dog cake! He is ready for the presents! But... do YOU think the Pigeon can handle his BIG bird-day surprise!?" In this brightly colored and boldly illustrated picture book for new readers, you will be able to celebrate Pigeon's birthday (or Bird-Day) right along with him. Available at The Brownsville Library.



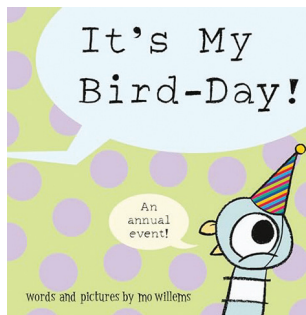
For older readers in Grades 1–5, "Junie B. Jones and That Meanie Jim's Birthday" by Barbara Park will take you on another adventure with Junie B. Jones. Junie B., whose real name is Juniper Beatrice, is a bossy, impulsive, and creative first grader, often in trouble but always getting herself out of it. It's the meanest kid in Room 9's birthday, and only Junie B. is not invited. Dav Pilkey, the author of "Dog Man" and "Captain Underpants," says, "...this hit chapter book series keeps kids laughing and makes reading fun." Available at The Brownsville Library.

Activity

For Bird-Day fun, try these games any day!

Guess the Object: Fill a bowl with a bag of raw rice. Add small objects to the bowl. Have a blind-folded friend reach in and try to guess as many objects as possible.

Treasure Hunt: Hide a small prize. Create clues such as walk down the hall, turn left, go to the kitchen, look under the couch, etc. In each spot, leave another instruction card. After several tasks are completed, the last instruction card should lead to the prize for the lucky treasure hunter! ☼



Halsey Library 'Book-It' 5K Fundraiser May 9

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 T-shirt, while supplies last. T-shirts were guaranteed for those who registered by April 21. Discounts are available for seniors, youth, and teams.

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. ☼

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>

Library Hours: Closed Sun–Mon.

Tue–Fri 1–5 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Connect with the Library

773 W 1st, Halsey • 541-369-2705

<https://www.halseyor.gov/library><https://www.facebook.com/HalseyLibrary>

HARRISBURG LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Tiny Tots Story Time

Wednesdays • 11 a.m. • Story time, songs and rhymes for ages 0–3. Play and socialize afterward.

Friday Storytime & Activity

Fridays • 10 a.m.

Adult Craft Night Out

Thursdays • 4–6 p.m.

A hands-on craft program for library visitors. Free knitting and crochet lessons. Share and learn tips and tricks while you work on your own crafts or pick up something new.

Lego Club

Fridays • 3 p.m.

Build, create, and explore with Lego activities. Earn Lego prizes.

Library Hours: Tue 1–5 p.m.; Wed 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Thu 1–6 p.m.; Fri 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; Sat 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

Library patrons can also access digital books through the Libby app and language-learning tools through Rocket Languages.

Connect with the Library

354 Smith St., Harrisburg • 541-995-6949

<https://www.ci.harrisburg.or.us/library><https://www.facebook.com/HarrisburgOregonLibrary>

SHORT TERM RENTAL



Available on Airbnb 925-289-9119

TheAverillHouse@gmail.com

BOOKS TO CONSIDER

Revisiting ‘Wuthering Heights’ Through the Lens of Life

By Nancy Diltz, Staff Writer and Columnist

Emily Brontë wrote one book in her short life-time of 30 years, published in 1847: “Wuthering Heights.” Millions of copies have been sold worldwide; an exact number cannot be calcu-lated. In January 2026 alone, over 72,000 copies were sold! At least 35 film and television ver-sions of the book have been created. That is an enormous amount of attention given to a novel that is 180 years old. If you haven’t read it in a while, maybe since High School English class, or have never read it, I encourage you to give it a try or view a film version.

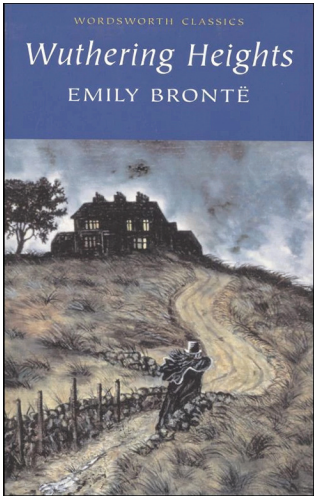
Last week I read “Wuthering Heights” again for the third time. It was as intriguing as the first time. I convinced my husband, who had never read the book or seen a film version and did not expect to enjoy it, to watch the 1992 adaptation with me. He did not plan to like it, but surprisingly, the intense characters and Gothic scenery quickly captivated him. Film producers have been attempting to re-create Brontë’s haunting tale since 1939, and many of the film versions are quite captivat-ing. The version we watched stars Ralph Fiennes and Juliette Binoche, who captured the subtle underlying madness and obsession of a love story set in isolated Yorkshire, England.

Many wonder how the young writer, Emily Brontë, knew her subjects so intimately. The tale is full of multi-layered aspects of love, revenge, passion, class status, nature, morals, family, emotions, and death.

Why should you read “Wuthering Heights”? I personally think that reading this story is to appreciate the writer’s ability to share the intricate depths of human emotion and behavior with readers. In re-reading a work of literature such as “Wuthering Heights,” you can filter the story through your life experiences.

My first reading as a teenager focused on the plot and the characters’ circumstances. My second reading at middle-age revealed the character’s flaws, mistakes, and shortcomings. I expected my recent reading to simply be a repeat; however, I found it more moving and noticed I had a new em-pathy for the struggling characters and their plight.

It is worth the journey, and, as with all travel, you will return changed and enriched by the experience. “Wuthering Heights” is available at the Brownsville Library. 🌻



HALSEY PARKS & LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Spring Events and Library Needs Highlighted

The Halsey Parks & Library Committee met April 9 at the Halsey Public Library, focusing on upcoming community events, park improvements, and long-term library needs.

Planning continues for the annual “Book-It” 5K taking place on May 9, with orga-nizers working to increase registrations and secure donations. Outreach efforts are expanding to local businesses, schools, and regional media, while volunteers are being organized for race-day logistics, including registration, timing, and refreshments.

The committee also shared updates on the upcoming Arbor Day and Pollinator Garden activities, scheduled for April 24–May 1 with student field trips taking place April 28–29. More than 100 students are expected to participate in planting and hands-on learning, supported by community volunteers. Native plants such as sage, yarrow, and rosemary will be featured in the garden.

Library discussions included the future of the aging bookmobile, which currently serves as an important storage resource. Committee members are exploring repairs, potential replacement options — including converting a used bus — and future fundraising efforts such as an art sale.

The committee also clarified how the library passport program works. Participating libraries may offer different levels of access to visiting pa-trons, ranging from checking out physical books to using online catalogs. Residents are encouraged to contact individual libraries ahead of time to confirm what services are available through the program.

Additional updates included early planning for Oregon Battle of the Books participation and future park work parties, with tree planting and landscape improvements expected later this spring.

The committee will continue event planning and revisit park projects following the 5K. 🌻



MIKAYLE STOLE

THE
BROWNsville
TIMES

Periodical postage paid at Brownsville, OR (USPS 0680-000).
Published every Thursday by The Brownsville Times, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

POSTMASTER: Send change of address to The Brownsville Times
PO Box 278
Brownsville OR 97327

SUBSCRIPTION RATES:
PRINT & DIGITAL yearly \$96 monthly \$8
DIGITAL ONLY yearly \$36 monthly \$3

Monthly subscriptions must be paid by credit card or ACH transfer. For ACH payments, please include a voided check.

Editor/Publisher: Mikayle Stole | editor@brownsvilletimes.org
Volunteer Coordinator: Nancy Diltz | misscabc@yahoo.com

Board of Directors:
Sharon Banks, *Chair* | thebrownsvilletimes@gmail.com
Michael Humphreys, *Treasurer*
Dan Murphy, *Secretary*
Jeff Brown, Eric Kilgore, Donald Lyon, and Caroline Pearce
Members at Large

Advertising: Jeff Brown 541-657-8148 | advertise@brownsvilletimes.org
Deadline for Advertising: Thursday at 5 p.m. (for the following issue)
Deadline for Article Submissions: Friday at Noon. (for the following week’s issue)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: <https://brownsvilletimes.org/contact>
EDITORIAL GUIDELINES: <https://brownsvilletimes.org/editorial-policy>

📞 458-266-0511
343 N Main St, Brownsville OR 97327 | <https://brownsvilletimes.org>
Office Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 9 a.m. to noon, Thursdays 1 to 4 p.m.

SERVING THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY

Is your
Medicare Advantage
plan ready for 2026?

Donald Lakeberg
LICENSED INDEPENDENT AGENT

- ✓ Advantage Plans
- ✓ Supplement Plans
- ✓ Prescription Drug Plans

PHONE: 503-737-4081

LakebergGroup

A Trusted Local Agency in Albany, Oregon
Email: DONALD@LAKEBERGGROUP.COM • WWW.LAKEBERGGROUP.COM

WORSHIP DIRECTORY

BROWNSVILLE

Brownsville Assembly of God

313 Washburn St • 541-466-5030

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Services 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Classes Wednesday 7 p.m. all ages

Brownsville Christian Church

117 N Main St • 541-466-3273

<https://brownsvillechristianchurch.com>

Sunday Service and Children's Church 11 a.m.

Adult classes 10 a.m.

Brownsville Community Church

198 Washburn St • 541-936-9131

<https://hislifeinbrownsville.com>

First Baptist Church of Brownsville

27910 7 Mile Ln • 541-642-3000

<https://www.fbcbrownsvilleoregon.org>

Sunday Services and Nursery 9 and 10:45 a.m.

Holy Trinity Catholic Church

104 W Blakely Ave • 541-367-2530

holytrinitybrownsvilleor@gmail.com

Weekday Mass Wednesday Noon

Sunday Service 11:30 a.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

1111 North Main St • 541-570-2903

Sunday Service 10 a.m.

Brownsville Mennonite Church

34795 OR-228 • 541-466-5622

CRAWFORDSVILLE

Crawfordsville Calvary Chapel

38353 Glass St • 541-730-4519

<https://www.crawfordsvillecc.org>

Sunday Service 10 a.m.

HALSEY

Central Valley Church

657 American Dr • 503-602-6796

<https://www.cvchalsey.com>

Sunday Corporate Service 8 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m. (during school year)

Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

Monday Prayer 7-8 p.m.

Wednesday Community Coffee & Donuts 9:30 a.m.

Halsey Mennonite Church

910 E 1st St • 712-432-8773

<https://www.halseymennonite.org>

Sunday Service 10 a.m.

1st & 3rd Sunday evening 6 p.m.

Prayer meeting 1st & 3rd Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.

Harvest Reformed Baptist Church

411 W 2nd St • 541-220-1902

<https://harvesttrbc.org>

Sunday School 9 a.m.

Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Fellowship Meal Noon

Spirit of the Valley United Methodist Church

611 W 3rd St • 541-654-8144

spiritofthevalleyumc@gmail.com

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Valley Christian Fellowship

690 W 2nd St • 732-434-3592

<https://vcfhalsey.com>

Sunday Service 10 a.m.

Wednesday Service 7:15 p.m.

HARRISBURG

Calvary Chapel Tri-County

255 Smith St • 541-995-8221

<https://cctriconity.com>

Sunday Service 10-11:30 a.m.

Wednesday Morning Women's Study 10 a.m.

Wednesday Night Study 6:30-8 p.m.

Harrisburg Christian Church

601 Smith St • 541-995-6723

<https://www.harrisburgchristianchurch.org>

Sunday Worship 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible studies and children's programs available

Harrisburg Church of God (Seventh Day)

820 Diamond Hill Rd • 541-995-8003

<https://harrisburgcog7.com>

Saturday Classes 10 a.m.

Saturday Service 11 a.m.

Harrisburg Mennonite Church

23688 Powerline Rd • 541-995-3446

<https://www.pilgrimministry.org>

Sunday Service 10 a.m.

Harrisburg Riverside Church

210 LaSalle St • 541-743-1582

Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses

550 Peoria Rd • 541-995-4800

<https://www.jw.org/en>

Life Bible Church

23650 Peoria Rd • 541-995-8282

<https://www.lifebiblechurch.org>

Sunday Services 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Wednesday Service 6:30 p.m.

United Methodist Church

710 Smith St • 541-995-6656

SHEDD/PEORIA

Oakville Presbyterian Church

29970 Church Dr • 541-758-0647

<https://oakvillechurch.org>

Sunday Service 10 a.m.

Riverside Christian Fellowship

29360 Abraham Dr • 360-880-4734

Sunday Prayer 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Service 10 a.m.

Sunday School 11 a.m.



SHOPPE • OF • SHALOM
Halsey, Oregon
27515 Hwy 99E

GIFTS • BAKING SUPPLIES
BULK FOODS • FABRIC
HOMESCHOOL • BOOKS
DISHWARE • DECOR
LOCAL ARTISAN CRAFTS

M-F: 9-5 • Sat: 9-12
(541) 369-2950



GROCERY DEALS
295 N. 3rd St
Harrisburg, OR 97446
(541) 995-5132
M-Sat 9am-7pm
Closed Sunday

Follow Us!
 grocerydealsOR.com 

ALL Refrigerated Salsas

99¢ ea.



Cannot be combined with other offers
Expires 5/30/26 *while supplies last!

MARK LIFE'S GREAT PASSAGES WITH US

Notices of birth, marriage, or passing may be submitted for publication.

Kindly send particulars in 50 words or less to editor@brownsvilletimes.org

or place a longer paid notice at <https://brownsvilletimes.org/notices>



*Fine Jewelry
Custom Repair*

541-926-1907
jordansjewels@msn.com
www.jordanjewelers.com

202 W 1st Avenue
Albany, OR 97321

HEALTH & WELLNESS

‘Joy in the Mourning’ Grief Support Group Offers Nearby Support

HARRISBURG/JUNCTION CITY — A grief support group is offering a safe and welcoming space for individuals coping with the loss of a loved one or facing an anticipated loss.

“Joy in the Mourning” meets at 6 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month at the Harrisburg Municipal Building/Library, 354 Smith St. The group also meets at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Thursday and Friday of each month at the Junction City Moose Lodge, 427 Front St.

Organizers say the group was created in response to a lack of accessible grief resources in smaller communities, where distance and transportation can make it difficult to attend services in larger cities. The group is designed to provide a local option for those seeking connection, understanding, and support.

The non-denominational group is open to anyone experiencing grief and offers a confidential setting where participants can share feelings, reflect on their experiences, and find encouragement from others who understand loss.

Organizers say the group is especially helpful for those navigating the weeks and months after an initial loss, when support from family and friends may begin to fade but the need for care and connection remains strong.

Residents of Brownsville, Halsey, Shedd, Tangent, Crawfordsville, and surrounding Central Linn communities are warmly invited to attend either or both meeting locations. Whether you are newly navigating loss or continuing your healing journey, you are welcome. At the Junction City location, coffee and cookies are provided, offering a relaxed, comforting space to gather.

Cheryl said that even amid grief, participants often leave laughing and with a renewed sense of joy — a reflection of the group’s name, “Joy in the Mourning.” Organizers also encourage those who feel called to support others to consider starting a similar group in their community, helping ensure that no one has to grieve alone.

For more information, contact Cheryl at 541-285-8207 or email wackt55@yahoo.com.



ccb# 123198

Gary Sprauer Construction

ROOFING

Tear Off & Replace • Metal & Composition
Major Rot Repairs & Alterations

Call Gary 503-989-0368



**Pioneer Bookkeeping
& Tax Service**

202 N Main Street, Brownsville • 541-466-3144

Cindy Clark, LTC#4910
“Full Service for Small Businesses!”
Income Tax Preparations • Reasonable Rates
Evenings & Weekends by Appointments
OBTP#B00696

MOUNTAINTOP REFLECTIONS

Two Truths for Today

By Jacque Hoekstra, Columnist

I enjoyed a recent conversation with someone who has walked with God for over seventy years. They said they heard him speak to them for the first time. Then they admitted it was probably just the first time they credited it to his words rather than their own thoughts. When they applied his words to their situation, and more situations later, they said the effect on their life was profound and positive. I was thrilled to hear it!

When they relayed their experience to me, they said it was my fault, because I often say, “We are all able to hear from God. It is not just for prophets and pastors.” I replied, “He wouldn’t say, ‘My sheep know My voice’ unless he was always speaking to us” (John 10:27 NKJV). Sometimes, we believe a lie in (and out of) the church, which tells us we have to perform to receive the benefits of being in Christ. Yet, he never says this. He says we are his righteousness from the moment of salvation. (Romans 3:22-24) We enter the process of sanctification (becoming more like Christ) at salvation, but God sees the finished product from the beginning.

We must believe what he says is true. If you are his sheep, you can fully hear him. You know his voice. Ask him to help you discern between your voice and his. If it is not something you would naturally say or think, give him credit; if it calls you to new levels of trust or courage, or if it glorifies him, you know his voice. When the voice feels condemning or like it will rob you of something good, credit the devil. If it sounds selfish, well, I’ll leave it there. (Romans 6:6, 7)

When my friend suggested they thought they were not worthy to hear, I responded, “Jesus did not die on the Cross to return to heaven, to peer down from his throne to watch and wait for us to screw up so he could punish us. He already paid the price! We’ve been serving an angry God for far too long.” Scripture actually says, “For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him” (2Ch 16:9a NKJV).

These are two beautiful truths for today. Jesus is speaking to you, and you know his voice. He is not eagerly waiting for you to mess up. He is enthusiastic about watching over you to support, encourage, and strengthen you. He says, “Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand” (Isaiah 41:10 NKJV).

He is not an angry God; he is your willing Savior. He is for you and not against you. Jesus is alive and speaking. Will you listen, hear, believe, and follow where the Shepherd leads you? ☼

NKJV: Scripture taken from the New King James Version®. Copyright © 1982 by Thomas Nelson. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

PUZZLE KEY

Puzzles on page 5

S	L	O	W		S	E	A	M		B	O	A			
W	A	D	I		E	L	S	E		E	A	R	S		
I	R	O	N		C	L	A	N		T	R	E	A	T	
M	A	R	K	E	T		P	U	R	R		N	Y	E	
					R	O	B		S	E	A	B	A	S	
					T	O	R	E	R	O	S		L	Y	E
	L	A	N	E		I	O	T	A		R	A	S	H	
O	R	C	A		U	S	U	R		E	R	I	E		
W	O	E	S		S	E	R	E		F	I	R	M		
					O	D	E		S	E	A	T	T	L	E
S	I	G	N	E	R	S		S	R	O					
A	T	E			E	S	T	S		O	R	N	A	T	E
D	E	N	I	M		R	O	O	M		I	D	E	A	
	M	I	N	E		A	L	V	A		C	A	R	S	
				E	N	D		Y	E	A	S		E	M	M

2	3	7	5	1	9	6	4	8
5	9	1	4	6	8	3	2	7
8	6	4	3	7	2	9	1	5
3	1	8	2	5	6	4	7	9
6	5	9	7	4	1	8	3	2
4	7	2	9	8	3	1	5	6
7	2	6	1	9	4	5	8	3
9	4	3	8	2	5	7	6	1
1	8	5	6	3	7	2	9	4

PLANET
RECYCLE
OCEAN
REUSE
WORLD

POLLYANNA CLUB

April Meeting
Highlights Health
Programs

By Nancy Diltz, Staff Writer, Columnist, and
Pollyanna Club Secretary

The Pollyanna Club met on Thursday, April 9, for their regular monthly meeting. The meeting began with a friendship dinner of delicious chicken salad and sides. The guest speaker, Erin Sedlacek, Program Manager for Samaritan Health Services, shared information with the group about free programs available in the tri-county area. There are six-to-eight-week classes, such as “Living Well with Chronic Conditions” and “Freedom from Smoking,” plus a one-year program on Diabetes Prevention.

Members enjoyed a fun trivia game in which they guessed the prices of a variety of products available in 1992, compared to today’s prices. Fresh homemade cookies were distributed as prizes.

The next meeting will be held on May 14.

The Pollyanna Club is one of Brownsville’s longest-standing service organizations, with roots dating back to its 1926 reorganization. Founded as both a social and charitable club, it has supported generations of local projects, from schools and scholarships to community events like the Pioneer Picnic Kiddies Parade, which it has sponsored since 1939. Over the decades, members have contributed to organizations such as the Red Cross, the American Cancer Society, and local youth programs, and continue to support Sharing Hands, the Veterans Home, the Central Linn Clothing Closet, and area families in need. With deep ties to the community — and even some members descended from original families — the club remains committed to service, friendship, and local pride.

Interested in becoming a member? New members are welcome. To learn more or join, contact Susan at 541-409-5059 or snkaro@gmail.com. ☼



Grains
& Breads

- ☐ Bread
- ☐ Buns
- ☐ English Muffins
- ☐ Cereal
- ☐ Crackers
- ☐ Dry Pasta

- ☐ Sugar
- ☐ Snacks
- ☐ Spices



Food donations may be dropped off at 107 W Bishop Way in Brownsville during pantry hours Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. ☼

GROCERY LIST
Canned Goods

- ☐ Complete Meals
- ☐ Canned Tuna
- ☐ Canned Chicken
- ☐ Canned Spaghetti
- ☐ Canned Ravioli
- ☐ Canned Soup
- ☐ Canned Broth
- ☐ Canned Veggies
- ☐ Canned Fruit
- ☐ Jelly/Jam
- ☐ Syrup
- ☐ Ketchup & Mustard

- ☐ Milk
- ☐ Cheese
- ☐ Kraft Mac & Cheese
- ☐ Fresh Fruit

- ☐ Toothbrushes
- ☐ Toothpaste
- ☐ Shampoo
- ☐ Conditioner
- ☐ Soap
- ☐ Laundry soap

SERVICE NOTICE

Raynard Edward McCormick Jr.

October 25, 1939 – February 10, 2026

Raynard Edward McCormick Jr., 86, of Brownsville, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2026.

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 25, 2026, at the Brownsville Recreation Center, 234 Park Ave.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the OSU College of Engineering or the OSU Baseball Team through the Oregon State University Foundation, 4238 SW Research Way, Corvallis, OR 97333.

Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. For more information, visit <https://www.sweethomefuneral.com>. ☼

INSTALL • RESURFACE • REPAIR

CCB#225744



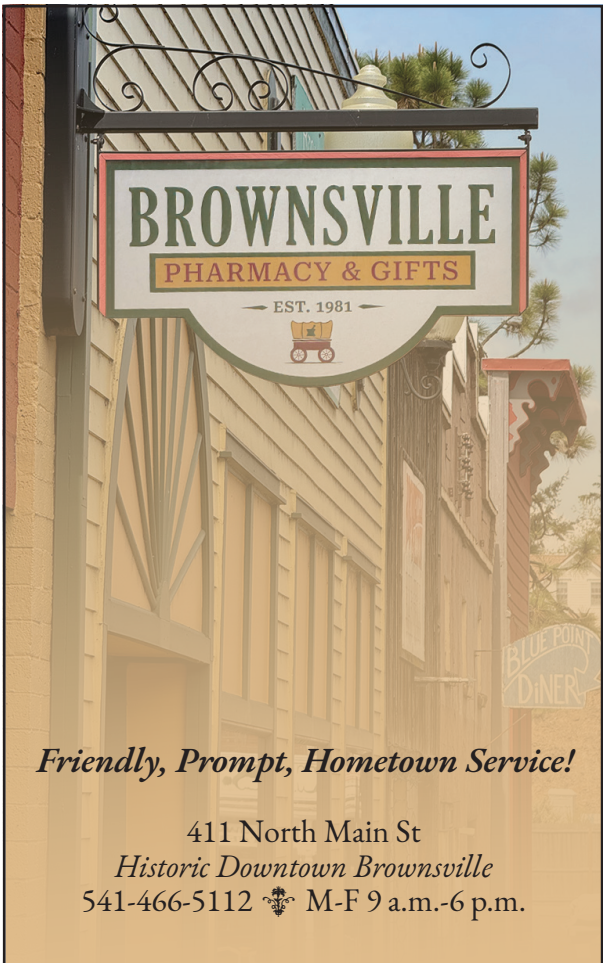
Full-service Chip Seal Paving

- Residential Driveways
- Commercial Parking Lots
- Pavement Maintenance

503-673-3399

WeGotAsphalt.com

Paving the Willamette Valley Since 1998



Friendly, Prompt, Hometown Service!

411 North Main St
Historic Downtown Brownsville
541-466-5112 ☼ M-F 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

APOLLO *continued from cover*

When Apollo 8 splashed down, its parachutes filled with water, flipping the capsule upside down. Inside, the astronauts remained strapped in as it rocked in the ocean. With the hatch submerged and one crew member becoming ill, the situation was precarious until emergency flotation balloons righted the capsule.

At first light, recovery teams approached in a small four-man raft — simple but effective.

Frank and his crew tracked the capsule through the night using limited technology and close coordination with the recovery ship. He flew a helicopter later known as “Old 66,” an aircraft that would become iconic in Apollo history. Lacking radar or GPS, pilots relied on ship guidance, visual cues, and experience.



“Old 66,” the U.S. Navy recovery helicopter, hovers above the Apollo 11 capsule following splashdown in the Pacific Ocean on July 24, 1969.

To preserve the helicopter’s identity despite Navy renumbering, crews repainted it as “66” for missions, then returned it to its assigned number afterward.

Frank’s service extended across multiple missions. He participated in the recovery of Apollo 10, piloting a helicopter assigned to the backup Navy SEAL swim team, and flew aircraft involved in Apollo 11 and Apollo 12 recovery operations.

Back in Linn County, families gathered around black-and-white televisions in 1969 to watch the moon landing. In a nation divided by war and social unrest, the moment brought a rare sense of unity.

Today, that experience looks very different. Residents can follow missions in real time on smartphones, livestreams, and social media.

Modern Artemis missions rely on advanced tracking and recovery systems, enabling faster, more precise operations — a stark contrast to the tools available during Apollo 8. In the current climate of political division, the program reflects a positive, renewed emphasis on international cooperation, bringing countries together in a shared effort of exploration.

Now 91, Frank has witnessed the evolution of spaceflight firsthand. From tracking capsules in the dark Pacific to today’s precision recoveries, his experience spans one of the most remarkable periods of technological progress.

His advice to aspiring astronauts is simple: “Go for it. There are so many possibilities — such an upgrade. It’s a dream.”

While astronauts became the public face of the space program, their safe return depended on service members like Frank — a local link to humanity’s greatest achievement. 🌟



Carl Frank today.



U.S. Navy divers assist the Artemis II crew aboard an inflatable raft as a helicopter approaches following splashdown in the Pacific Ocean near San Diego on April 10, 2026.

POWERING LINN

Why Your Landlord Should Be Your Power Provider

By Kayl Enders, Columnist

In Brownsville, where a historic downtown of 1880s-to-1920s buildings anchors a town of about 1,700 people, every small-business cost matters. Power is one of the biggest. That is why Oregon should consider a simple idea: allow landlords to install solar and battery systems, then sell that power to tenants at a small discount to the utility rate.

The tenant benefits first. The café, antique store, office, or workshop keeps buying electricity the usual way, except some of it comes from the roof overhead at a lower price. No extra hassle — just a lower bill.

The landlord wins too. Instead of sending excess solar power back to the grid for a low wholesale credit, the building owners could sell it on-site at a higher value. That creates a business case for upgrading older buildings, carports, and parking lots.

Utilities could also benefit — if the model includes battery storage and participation in a virtual power plant. In that case, these buildings are not isolated solar sites but coordinated energy assets that can reduce grid strain when demand is highest.

This matters in Brownsville and across Central Linn County. We are small, but our roofs, shops, and local properties are part of a much larger energy system. Research from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory found that U.S. rooftops could support 1,118 gigawatts of solar capacity and generate 1,432 terawatt-hours annually, with medium- and large-sized buildings accounting for roughly 35 percent of that potential. Oregon is already exploring how virtual power plants could improve affordability and grid resilience. Central Linn County should not be left out of that conversation.

A good policy would allow landlords, tenants, and utilities to pull in the same direction. 🌞

Edward Jones®
Financial strategies.
One-on-one advice.

Andrea J Yoder
Financial Advisor
1195 Main St., Sweet Home, OR 97386
andrea.j.yoder@edwardjones.com
541-223-2864
➤ edwardjones.com | Member SIPC

Alex Johnson II Principal Broker
Mobile: 541-730-5064
Email: alex2.truelife@gmail.com

TRUELIFE
FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS
VETERAN OWNED

- Medicare Solutions
- Life Insurance
- Cancer Insurance

www.TrueLifeFinancialSolutions.com

David K. Hansen
RETIREMENT & INVESTMENT SERVICES
LINCOLN INVESTMENT
541-242-3553
dhansen@lincolninvestment.com

Securities offered through Lincoln Investment, Broker/Dealer, Member FINRA / SIPC. Advisory Services offered through Lincoln Investment or Capital Analysts, Registered Investment Advisers.

Sharing Hands Thrift Store Lawn Mower Raffle

BROWNSVILLE — Sharing Hands Thrift Store is holding a raffle for a brand-new Craftsman lawn mower, giving community members a chance to support the organization while entering to win a practical springtime prize.

Tickets are available at the store, with pricing set at \$5 for 20 tickets or \$10 for 50 tickets. The winning ticket will be drawn on Friday, May 1.



MIKAYLE STOLE

Proceeds from the raffle will help support Sharing Hands’ ongoing efforts to serve local residents through its thrift store and community assistance programs.

The mower is currently on display outside the store, where visitors can view the prize and purchase tickets during regular business hours. 🌻

CLASSIFIEDS

LEBANON COMMUNITY POOL
Supporting Youth Programs and Community Wellness
Summer Youth Sponsorships

Lebanon Community Pool is seeking donations and sponsors to support summer youth programs. With community help, the pool aims to offer a 50 percent discount on swim lessons and club participation. Sponsors can support Saturday swim lessons with donations of \$52 (in-district) or \$64 (out-of-district), covering 50 percent of costs for two children ages 0–15. A \$344 donation funds a youth swim club membership at 50 percent for two participants. All donations are tax deductible. With a 60 percent child poverty rate locally, many families lack access to water safety, exercise, and recreation.

Annual Membership Special

The pool also offers an annual senior couple membership for less than \$1.25 per day. Enjoy water exercise, classes, and lap swim. Open seven days a week. Annual couple membership is \$398 at 1800 S. 5th St., Lebanon.

lebanon.aquatic@gmail.com • 541-451-8551
<https://www.lebanonpool.org>

AL-ANON WEEKLY MEETING
Fridays • 7 p.m. • Halsey City Hall, 100 W Halsey St.

SUBSCRIBE TODAY!

Name

Address

CityStateZip

Email

Phone

☐ \$8 month by Credit Card-OR- ☐ \$96 year

Mail your annual payment check (or a voided check for monthly ACH payments) to
The Brownsville Times
PO Box 278, Brownsville OR 97327
brownsvilletimes.org/subscribe
☎ (458) 266-0511

SHERIFF'S REPORT APRIL 13-20

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. 13
1:21 p.m. — Gregory Williams, 54, of Brownsville, was arrested on a state-wide probation warrant and misdemeanor warrant from Lebanon Justice Court in the 200 block of S Main St. Report taken.
2:07 p.m. — Paul Hilburn, 63, of Lebanon, was arrested on a Linn County Circuit Court warrant in the 400 block of Averill St. Report taken.
6:19 p.m. — Caller reported that three vehicles were parked near her property near Cochran Creek Dr. and Brownsville Rd. Deputy spoke with several males who had just repaired a vehicle that had lost a tire.
7:02 p.m. — Non-injury crash reported in the 27800 block of Seven Mile Ln. Aydin Konnie, of Brownsville, was cited for cell phone use, driving uninsured, and failing to maintain lane. Report taken.
Tue., Apr. 14
10:10 a.m. — Pioneer Park patrol conducted. Warning issued for off-leash dog.
10:28 a.m. — Matthew Robles, 22, of Foster was cited for speeding in the 34300 block of Hwy 228.
11:01 a.m. — Walter Smith, 51, of Lebanon, was cited for driving while suspended and failing to install an Ignition Interlock Device in the 200

block of Park Rd.
12:05 p.m. — Noah Larson, 21, of McMinnville, was cited for speeding near Seven Mile Ln. and Forry Dr.
2:16 p.m. — Ashlie Waggoner, 45, of McKenzie Bridge, was arrested on warrants in Marion County for delivery of meth and in Polk County for parole violation near Washburn St. and W Kisling Ave. Report taken.
11:40 p.m. — Deputies responded to a verbal domestic disturbance between family members in the 200 block of W Blakely Ave. Non-criminal
Wed., Apr. 15
10:32 a.m. — Denise Doan, 69, of Brownsville, was cited for driving uninsured, driving while suspended, and failing to install an Interlock Ignition Device in the 200 block of S Main St. Her vehicle was towed as a nuisance. Report taken.
3:54 p.m. — Austin Lindsey, 43, of Foster, was cited for speeding 55 in a 35-mph zone near E Bishop Way and Hume St.
4:24 p.m. — Deputies and Brownsville Fire responded to a small warming fire in the 200 block of S Main St. Fire was extinguished.
Thu., Apr. 16
7:23 p.m. — Deputies documented a Neighborhood dispute in the 800 block of Northpoint Loop.
Fri., Apr. 17
3:07 p.m. — Deputy spoke to a citizen in the 300 block of Kirk Ave. regarding the other holder of their bank account who was withdrawing funds without the caller's permission. The caller was advised that this was a civil matter.
5:54 p.m. — Alexander Parker, 19, of Sweet Home, was cited for speeding near Harrison Rd. and Seven Mile Ln.
BRUSH CREEK
Saturday, April 19
8:37 p.m. — Hiker reported a suspicious blue Ford Powerstroke pickup with trash in the back near Horse Rock Ridge Trail on West Brush Creek Dr. after dark. Deputy checked the area but was unable to locate the vehicle or trash.
CRAWFORDSVILLE
Fri. Apr. 17
4:23 p.m. — Deputy responded to a civil dispute between exes in the 38600 block of Hwy 228.
HALSEY
Mon., Apr. 13
3:48 a.m. — Antonio

Alvarez Gonzalez, 36, of Salem, was cited for speeding 76 in a 55-mph zone in the 25600 block of Hwy 99E.
3:22 p.m. — Deputies investigated a single-vehicle crash near Lake Creek Dr. and Falk Rd.; vehicle left the roadway into a ditch. No injuries reported. Non-criminal.
Tue., Apr. 14
4:55 p.m. — DHS cross report documented in the 32400 block of Hwy. 228. No crimes reported.
Thur., Apr. 16
5:21 p.m. — Deputies answered questions about scams and junk mail in the 800 block of W 5th St.
Sat., Apr. 18
12:39 p.m. — Suspicious person call logged in the 27300 block of Peoria Rd. No public narrative.
HARRISBURG
Mon., Apr. 13
8:36 a.m. — Caller needed assistance finding her boyfriend, who left after an argument in the 700 block of LaSalle St. He was found.
9:09 a.m. — Sandra Force, 71, of Junction City, was cited for driving while suspended and failing to register a vehicle near S 6th St. and LaSalle St. Vehicle was nuisance towed. Report taken.
11:25 a.m. — Alfonso Carrillo, 32, of Eugene, was arrested for driving while misdemeanor suspended near N 3rd St. and Monroe St. A licensed driver took the vehicle. Report taken.
2:45 p.m. — Deputy took a report of fraudulent bank activity and possible online theft in the 600 block of Dempsey St. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.
4:18 p.m. — Deputy logged information about a suspicious male near the schools near S 6th St. and LaSalle St.
Tue., Apr. 14
9:09 a.m. — Daniel Stone, 46, of Junction City, was cited for cell phone use while driving near LaSalle St. and S 3rd St.
10:15 a.m. — Cheryl Jackson, 59, of Eugene, was cited for driving uninsured near S 6th St. and LaSalle St.
11:21 a.m. — Bryce Dockins, 34, of Albany, was cited for failing to renew registration near Diamond Hill Dr. and N 7th St.
1:06 p.m. — Zachary Pederson, 27, of Harrisburg, was cited for failing to provide proof of insurance near N 3rd St. and Monroe St.
1:32 p.m. — Jennifer Young, 62, of Eugene, was cited for failing to carry

proof of insurance near S 5th St. and Kesling St.
3:09 p.m. — Andrew Windom, 51, of Lebanon, was arrested on an outstanding warrant and cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured near S 3rd St. and LaSalle St. Report taken.
4:46 p.m. — Deputy helped resolve a belongings dispute in the 600 block of LaSalle St.
5:38 p.m. — Deputy responded to a mental health crisis in the 800 block of Sommerville Loop. Person was taken to the hospital. Report taken.
6:02 p.m. — Welfare check conducted in the 32900 block of Diamond Hill Dr. Person was located by family prior to the deputy's arrival.
7:14 p.m. — Suspicious circumstance documented in the 200 block of N 3rd St. Female received inappropriate phone comments from an unknown male.
Wed., Apr. 15
1:28 p.m. — Deputy contacted a truck driver parked in a center turn lane while eating lunch near Subway; vehicle was moved.
6:59 p.m. — Deputy spoke with two individuals who don't like each other, explained that they should stop contacting one another, and warned them about telephonic harassment in the 800 block of Smith St.
Thur., Apr. 16
12:59 a.m. — James Brown, 41, of Halsey, was arrested for eluding and driving while suspended. Report taken.
12:09 p.m. — Peter Sabatino, 61, of Harrisburg, was cited for dog violations in the 900 block of Azalea Dr. Report taken.
Fri. Apr. 17
11:37 a.m. — Deputies conducted a death investigation in the 24600 block of Rowland Rd. Report taken.
4:41 p.m. — Deputy investigated an elder abuse concern in the 100 block of N 2nd St. No crime was established.
Sat., Apr. 18
11:09 a.m. — Driver cited for driving uninsured near N 3rd St. and Peoria Rd.
12:33 p.m. — Driver was cited for driving uninsured and driving while suspended near S 6th St. and LaSalle St. Vehicle was nuisance towed. Report taken.
3:02 p.m. — Deputy responded to a report of a drunk female sleeping on the sidewalk in the 200 block

of Smith St. Female was okay and did not need deputy assistance and moved off the sidewalk. Non-criminal.
6:06 p.m. — Deputies responded to an injury crash in the 700 block of Sommerville Loop. Paul Jara, 61, of Harrisburg, was arrested for DUII. Report taken.
10:21 p.m. — An intoxicated male of Harrisburg was refused service at the Gridiron Sports Bar & Grill and was escorted out by a friend after a small yelling match. Non-criminal.
SHEDD
Mon., Apr. 13
2:42 p.m. — Deputy spoke with an individual concerned about fraud in the 33900 block of Powell Hills Loop.
Tue., Apr. 14
11:51 a.m. — Deputy responded to a vehicle blocking the road in the 34000 block of Powell Hills Loop. Tow was on the way.
Thur., Apr. 16
12:27 p.m. — Traffic complaint reported in the 31100 block of Peoria Rd. No deputy was available to intercept the vehicle.
Fri, Apr. 18
4:19 p.m. — Deputies responded to a two-vehicle crash with minor injuries in the 33000 block of Linn West Dr. One driver was cited for driving while suspended, driving uninsured, and careless driving. Report taken.
TANGENT
Mon., Apr. 13
9:18 a.m. — Caller had questions regarding a civil dispute in the 32100 block of Old Oak Dr.
6:58 p.m. — DHS referral documented in the 32000 block of Birdfoot Dr. Concerns for teenage siblings were historical and non-criminal.
10:45 p.m. — Deputy contacted a suspicious person in the 32900 block of Hwy. 99E. Male was waiting for a ride after work.
Fri., Apr. 17
11:17 a.m. — Deputies responded to a mental health emergency reported in the 33900 block of Looney Ln. The subject received assistance. ☀



MIKAYLE STOLE

WHERE TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR HOME & PROPERTY

From your home to your land, these businesses work hard to keep our community looking its best — and they help keep The Brownsville Times going strong.

H & A Sisters
CLEANING COMPANY LLC
Regular House Cleaning, Deep Cleaning
Bi-weekly, Monthly or one time
541-513-1929
sisterscleaning79@gmail.com
"Thank you for letting us give
your home some love"

GREAT WHITE
DAN WHITE
OWNER & OPERATOR
CCB# 237735
Driveways • Shop Floors
RV Pads • Patios • Sidewalks
GreatWhiteConcreteLLC@gmail.com
541-220-3342
CONCRETE COMPANY LLC

— Free Estimates —
DTR
Painting
• General Construction
• Interior
• Exterior
• Residential
Call Damian Torres **503-551-2837** CCB#254413
dtrpaintingllc13@gmail.com

CLEAN CRUSHED QUARRY ROCK
DELIVERY AVAILABLE
Liberty
ROCK PRODUCTS & CRUSHING
ROGER **541-409-1982** LOCATIONS IN
KENNY **541-401-3043** SWEET HOME & BROWNSVILLE

DAVIS
GLASS
Est. 1975
► RESIDENTIAL
► COMMERCIAL
info@davisglass.net | davisglass.net
230 2nd Ave SE | Albany, OR 97321
Phone: [541] 926-1962

NORTHERN ROCK SUPPLY LLC
ALL YOUR ROCKING NEEDS: drain rock
crushed rock • rip rap • pit run • loam sand
bark dust • old chips • cat work • backhoe work
FREE ESTIMATES
No job is too big or too small!
Larry **541-979-8241** • Cody **541-974-3277**
CCB #124385

STAR WATER SYSTEMS INC.
Pumps • Tanks • Filters
541-451-3298 • 250 Market St • Lebanon
Pumps ★ Pressure Tanks ★ Storage Tank Systems
Water Treatment ★ Filtration ★ Real Estate Testing
Self-Serve Purified Water ★ Spa Chemicals
24-hour Emergency Service

JC JIMENEZ QUALITY HOMES
NEW BUILDS • REMODELS
GENERAL CONTRACTOR • J. Carlos Jimenez
541-224-1195 • jucaji_22@MSN.com
CCB #235048

WALKER
HEATING & AC, INC.
RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL
Free Estimates
\$145 Tune-Up
\$95 Diagnostic
541-367-8706 2222 Main St • Sweet Home CCB# 208491

NORMS
ELECTRIC INC.
Electric Contractors Since 1971
279 Templeton Ave • PO Box 28
Brownsville, OR 97327
Electrical Material Available
• Residential • Commercial • Agricultural
541-466-5328 • CCB #55960

New Flo
PLUMBING
INC
CCB#238181
Mitch Carter,
Owner
541-367-5655
100 Main St
Sweet Home

CASCADE
Timber Consulting, Inc.
Land Management Services, Logging,
& Road/Driveway Maintenance.
541-367-2111 • www.cascadetimber.com
PO Box 446 • 3210 Highway 20 • Sweet Home, OR

D & D STORAGE
Storage Units, Inside and Outside
RV/Boat Storage
Located in Brownsville
(541) 990-1992

RESTCO
=SERVICE=
Carl Conner
PRESIDENT • CCB: 203129
VETERAN-OWNED COMPANY ★
LICENSED • BONDED • INSURED
HVAC SERVICE
Cell: **541.214.1131**
Fax: **541.466.5807**
carl202@centurytel.net
P.O. Box 455 • Brownsville, OR 97327

UniversalGeneralConstruction3@gmail.com
541-981-9144
CEO: Bulmaro R.
CCB: 250302
Free Estimates!
New Construction • Remodeling • Patios
Siding • Windows/Doors • Flooring • Fences
Painting • Flat Concrete • Porch Cover Remodel

ADVANCED ENERGY SYSTEMS
Trade Ally of EnergyTrust of Oregon
Serving Brownsville **541.683.2345**

A FULL SERVICE TIMBER COMPANY
KYLE TURNER
PROJECT MANAGER
541-393-7424
neworegonforestry.com
neworegonforestry@gmail.com
Specializing in purchasing timber and
land, offering a seamless process that
ensures fair and competitive evaluations

Carlson Hardware & Lumber Yard
111 Stanard Ave.
Brownsville
(541) 466-5108
Monday-Saturday 8-5
ACE The helpful place. Family owned & operated since 1942

J&R Mowing
FARMS • FIELDS • TREE FARMS • LARGE PROPERTIES
MOWING: riding trails • ditch lines • around ponds
Brush and blackberry removal to reduce fire danger
BUCKET WORK • DRIVEWAY GRADING • WOOD SPLITTING
No job too big — just ask
Jerame Gibbons • 541-974-3961
541-367-0822 (message) • jrforest1@outlook.com

Tree Fix
TREE PROBLEMS SOLVED
Scott Schones • Cell: **541-961-9699**
34265 Powell Hills Loop, Shedd, Oregon 97377
treefixmail@gmail.com • www.treefix.net
LICENSED, BONDED, INSURED

Fernando Ledesma
General Contractor L&F LLC
Lawn Service
• Mulch • Mow • Weeding
• Clean-UPS • Pruning
• Pressure Washing
Free Estimates
541-730-0037