



May Day Celebrated Through Harrisburg Mayfest and Spring Traditions

By Mikayle Stole, Editor

HARRISBURG — Celebrate May Day (a day later) with Harrisburg's Mayfest 2026 on Saturday, May 2, from 1–4 p.m. at the H.A.R.T. Community Center, 354 Smith St.

The event offers activities for all ages, including a plant-and-take-home station where visitors can pot flowers or herbs, a 10-minute escape room



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challenge, and games throughout the afternoon.

The second annual beard competition will include categories such as longest, fullest, most creative, and “saddest.” Judging begins at 3 p.m., with winners announced at 3:30 p.m. Food and refreshments will be available, and attendees are encouraged to explore the H.A.R.T. Center and its programs.

May Day, observed each year on May 1, has long been associated with spring. In Europe, it marked the seasonal shift, with traditions such as wearing flower crowns, maypole dances, and leaving small “May baskets” on neighbors' doorsteps.

The date also holds historical significance in the labor movement, following the Haymarket Affair, though in the United States it is most often recognized as a seasonal celebration.

Today, communities continue to observe May Day through gatherings like Mayfest or simple traditions such as sharing flowers or spending time out-



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A handmade May Day flower crown celebrates the arrival of spring — a tradition rooted in centuries of welcoming the season with blooms, color, and community.

doors, reflecting the holiday's emphasis on renewal and community. ☀

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Veterans housing complex in Albany on Track for April 2027 Opening

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer and columnist

ALBANY — The Mid-Willamette Valley Family YMCA's veterans housing complex in Albany remains on schedule for occupancy beginning April 1, 2027.

Located at 1000 Price Road, directly across from Timber-Linn Park, the development — named “A Place Called Home” — is designed to provide permanent, affordable housing for veterans in need of a safe and stable place to live.

Construction is progressing steadily. Excavation, concrete stem walls, and underground utilities have been completed, and vertical construction is expected to begin soon, as walls go up.

A key feature of the project is a Veterans Resource Center on the ground floor, which will serve as a centralized location to help veterans navigate and coordinate benefits. The center will be staffed by three full-time employees and will be open to both residents and non-residents.

The complex will include an open courtyard, raised-bed gardens, a pet washing station, and barbecue facilities. The building will be elevator-served and include covered walkways for accessibility and convenience.

All units are one-bedroom apartments featuring 9-foot ceilings, in-unit washers and dryers, full kitchens, 36-inch doorways, walk-in showers, and ample storage. Three units will be designated as Type A ADA accessible.

Monthly rent is expected to range from \$900 to \$1,100. To qualify, veterans must earn at or below 60 percent of the area median income, which is currently \$38,940.

Community members can support the project in several ways. Donors may purchase commemorative bricks for a planned walkway for \$1,000 each. Contributions are also being accepted to help fund the Veterans Resource Center and



SHARON K. BANKS

From left: Michael Aaron, chair of the Veterans Resource Center and board secretary; Matthew Barnes, site supervisor with Beaudin Construction; and Kerry Johnson, board president, stand at the construction site of “A Place Called Home,” a veterans housing complex in Albany scheduled to open in April 2027.

to purchase a 12-passenger van equipped with a wheelchair lift.

More information, including a QR code for donations, is available at <https://midvalleyvets.com>. Donations may also be mailed to 2380 SE 14th Ave., Albany, OR 97322.

For additional information, contact board president Kerry Johnson at kerry@kerryjohnson.org. Supporters can also follow updates on social media under Mid-Willamette Family YMCA Veterans Housing. ☀

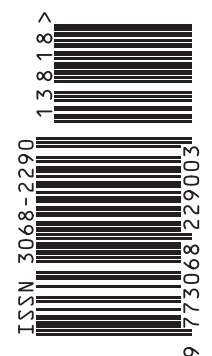


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Caregivers Tea Honors Those Who Give So Much

BROWNSVILLE — A unique event in Brownsville this May aims to recognize and support an often-overlooked group — caregivers.

Yankee Dutch Quilting & Dry Goods will host a Caregivers Tea on Friday, May 8, offering a relaxing afternoon for caregivers of family, friends, or neighbors.

The event will feature high tea treats prepared by Katie and a classroom transformed into a cozy tearoom. In addition to refreshments, guests will have the option to work on a simple embroidery project to promote relaxation and stress relief.

“Caregiving can be both rewarding and demanding,” said Mari VanderStelt, owner of Yankee Dutch Quilting & Dry Goods, noting the event is meant to give caregivers a chance to take time for themselves.

The tea runs from 1 to 4 p.m. and costs \$15. For those unable to attend, a caregiver swag bag option is available.

For more information, stop by Yankee Dutch Quilting at 140 Spaulding Ave., Brownsville or call at 541-466-3662. ☎

ENTERTAINMENT

Dirty Cello Brings High-Energy Sound to Eugene’s Art House

EUGENE — A cello takes center stage in an unexpected way when Dirty Cello performs at the Art House on Thursday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m.

Led by Rebecca Roudman, a classically trained cellist turned genre-bending performer, the band blends blues, rock, and Americana into a high-energy live show. Roudman said the group approaches each performance with flexibility, building set lists in real time based on audience response.

“We’re a rock band, but with a cello instead of a lead guitar,” she said.

Dirty Cello has performed around the world, from Iceland to China, bringing its eclectic sound to a wide variety of audiences. Their music has been described as “funky, carnival, romantic, sexy, tangled, electric, fiercely rhythmic, and textured,” capturing the band’s wide-ranging influences.

Concertgoers can expect a mix of original songs and reinterpretations of artists such as Jimi Hendrix and the Charlie Daniels Band; all delivered with a distinctive cello-driven twist.

Tickets are \$20 and available online at <https://www.eugenearthouse.com/live-music>. ☎

CENTRAL LINN ELEMENTARY

CLES PTA Seeks Donations for Spring Carnival Basket Raffle

Central Linn Elementary’s Parent-Teacher Club is calling on families and community members to support its Spring Carnival by contributing to the annual basket raffle.

Donations for classroom-themed raffle baskets are due by **Thursday, May 14**. Each grade level is assembling a basket around a specific theme.

Organizers say the raffle is a highlight of the carnival and a key fundraiser supporting school programs and activities

Families who prefer not to shop may contribute cash to purchase items. Donations should be placed in an envelope labeled with the student’s and teacher’s names and “Basket Donation.”

Basket themes include:

- **Get Cozy and Read (Preschool):** Books, blankets, stuffed animals, pillows, and bookshelves
- **Birds in the Garden:** Bird feeders, bird baths, plants, garden tools, gloves, and wind chimes
- **Fun in the Sun:** Kiddie pools, towels, outdoor toys, bubbles, and chalk
- **Family Movie/Game Night:** Board games, puzzles, DVDs, popcorn, candy, blankets, and pillows
- **Backyard BBQ & Camping:** Firewood, sleeping bags, roasting skewers, s’mores supplies, and coolers

Community members interested in supporting the raffle are encouraged to contribute items that match the themes or make a monetary donation through participating students.

The Spring Carnival will take place Friday, May 15, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Central Linn Elementary. Admission is \$5 per person for unlimited games, with more than a dozen activities planned, including inflatables, mini golf, axe throwing, balloon pop, Connect 4, giant Jenga, bean bag toss, Kerplunk, and life-sized Tetris.

Basket raffle tickets will be available for \$1 each. Additional attractions include a class art auction featuring student-created pieces and a variety of food options for purchase, including smash burgers, popcorn, kettle corn, snow cones, and cotton candy.

All proceeds from the event will support field trips, student incentives, schoolwide activities, and other enrichment opportunities. ☎

TARWEED FOLK SCHOOL

Spring and Summer Classes

CORVALLIS — Tarweed Folk School has released its lineup of May classes and opened registration for its Summer 2026 season, offering a wide range of hands-on learning opportunities rooted in traditional skills and community knowledge.

May classes feature a variety of practical and creative workshops led by experienced instructors, including fiber arts, natural materials, and mending skills:

May Classes at Tarweed Folk School

- May 10 — Mend Your Blue Jeans with Xander Enriquez
- May 16 — Bark Tanned Fish Skin Leather with The Reclaim Cooperative (full — waitlist available)
- May 16–17 — Willow Basketry: Irish Creel with Ben & Eli Goodwin
- May 17 — Goat Milk Soap Making with Kira Hughes (full — waitlist available)
- May 19–21 — Black Ash Splint for Basketry: Material Acquisition with April Stone
- May 20 — Birch Bark Woven Sheath with Beth Homa Kraus (full — waitlist available)
- May 21 — Birch Bark Stars with Beth Homa Kraus
- May 27 — Darning Basics: Save Your Socks! with Brittany Hanson (full — waitlist available)



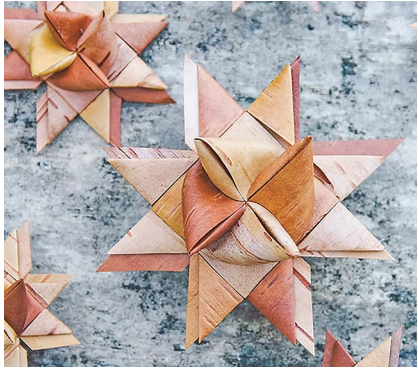
In addition to its spring offerings, Tarweed Folk School has opened registration for its Summer 2026 classes. The upcoming season includes half-day, full-day, multi-day, and multi-week courses taught by local educators, craftspeople, scientists, and tradespeople from across the Willamette Valley.

Participants can explore topics such as woodworking, basketry, fiber arts, food preparation, and more. Classes are held at Wade Hardware, 400 SW Second St., in downtown Corvallis, as well as at other partner locations

throughout the city.

Class fees range from \$60 to \$410, and both full and partial tuition scholarships are available.

The School encourages early registration, as classes often fill quickly. To view the full schedule and sign up, visit Tarweed Folk School’s website at <https://www.tarweedfolkschool.com/upcoming-classes>. ☎



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ALBANY CIVIC THEATER

Steampunk Twist Brings New Life to 'Pirates of Penzance'

By Jeff Brown, Staff Writer and Columnist

ALBANY — Albany Civic Theater (ACT) is currently presenting "The Pirates of Penzance," the classic Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera, with a creative steampunk twist that adds visual flair without losing its charm.

The production blends traditional operetta with industrial-era touches — goggles, gears, and inventive costuming — creating a distinctive look that enhances the production without distracting from the story and music.

Unlike many stage productions, "The Pirates of Penzance" is performed entirely in song, with no spoken dialogue — requiring the cast to carry both story and humor through music alone. The ACT cast rises to the occasion, delivering a lively and well-paced performance that keeps the audience engaged from start to finish.

Maximilian Corneliusen leads as Frederic, the young pirate's apprentice, bringing both energy and sincerity to the role. Jessica Indigo Moyer portrays Mabel with a clear, confident soprano voice that suits the part well. Ryan McWayne, as Major-General Stanley, delivers one of the production's standout performances. His take on the well-known patter song, "I Am the Very Model of a

The production features a large ensemble of 44 cast members, supported by a crew of 19 and a six-person directing team led by Christi E. Sears. Coordinating a show of this size is no small task, and the result is a



Maximilian Corneliusen (Frederic) and Jessica Indigo Moyer (Mabel) bring energy and charm to this steampunk-inspired production.



Dean Keeling, as the Pirate King, sports a whimsical tricorne hat complete with a ship at sea designed by Loriann Schmidt.

smooth, polished performance.

Musical direction by Erica Hall provides a steady foundation, with the live orchestra adding depth and energy. Choreography by Carrie Adella Forty keeps the large cast moving cohesively, maintaining visual clarity on a busy stage.

As with all productions at Albany Civic Theater, this show is the result of a dedicated all-volunteer effort, highlighting the strength of local talent both on stage and behind the scenes.

With its inventive design and strong local cast, this production offers an engaging take on a beloved classic. Suitable for

Modern Major-General," was handled with precision and confidence, earning a strong response from the audience. Adding a touch of humor, Chewbacca Skarphol, cast as Miss Charlotte, drew laughs from the audience with well-timed barks at the police constables as they rushed the stage.

all ages, the show includes a 15-minute intermission between Acts 1 and 2. Remaining performances are scheduled for May 1-2, May 3 (matinee), and May 7-9. Evening shows begin at 7:30 p.m., with a 2:30 p.m. matinee. Tickets and additional information are available at <https://www.albanycivic.org>.



Chewbacca Skarphol, cradled by Jenna Skarphol, is one of the production's more unexpected and scene-stealing performers.

PHOTOS: MIKAYLE STOLE

Pottery In Bloom Returns with Handmade Spring Creations

ALBANY — Calapooia Clay will host its annual "Pottery in Bloom" spring sale on Saturday, May 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., offering a chance to explore and purchase handmade ceramics by local artists. Participating artists include Michelle Knighton, Jessica Habjan, Aram Rosenberg, Sarah Yost, Sarah Dickens, Amanda McWilliams, Sierra Barfield, Becca Njord, Kim Henderson, and Connie Fanning.

The event will showcase a wide selection of functional and decorative pottery, including mugs, bowls, planters, and vases, all inspired by the season. Visitors can meet the artists and learn more about their creative process in a relaxed, welcoming setting.



A handcrafted ceramic flower by Sarah Dickens will be among the featured pieces at the "Pottery in Bloom" spring sale in Albany.



Handmade ceramic mugs by Sierra Barfield showcase floral designs that reflect the seasonal theme of the sale.

Drizzle Coffee Break will be on-site with homemade treats available for purchase. Attendees can enter a raffle for two spots in an "Unwind on the Wheel" pottery workshop.

Calapooia Clay, located at 1533 SE 7th Ave. in Albany, is a community pottery studio offering classes, workshops, and studio access for artists of all skill levels.

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Ryan McWayne, left, who plays Major-General Stanley, with Jeff Brown, staff writer and columnist for The Brownsville Times.

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TAKING ROOT

Growing Your Own Potatoes

By Donald Lyon, Staff Writer and Columnist

Growing potatoes is the cure for those who doubt their plant-nurturing skills. Growing potatoes is a great no-fail project for kids, too. Potatoes are cheap, you say, so why bother? As it turns out, conventional commercial potatoes are considered to be among the “dirty dozen” of vegetables — those that contain high levels of pesticides and fungicides. For one thing, they are usually treated with a chemical to retard sprouting. Now is a good time to plant as the ground is drying out and soil temperatures are above 40° F.



DONALD LYON

Seed potatoes are available from nurseries. They will be disease and pesticide-free, but if the potatoes in your pantry are beginning to sprout with strange and unworldly shapes, they are prime candidates for begetting new potato plants. Each potato may have numerous sprouts growing from the “eyes” or nodes. Cut out each sprout, leaving a chunk of potato flesh. Let these sprouts heal over for 24 to 48 hours before planting.

Potatoes like full sun, moderate temperatures, and light, rich, acidic, well-drained soil. A careful weeding before planting will save time and trouble later. Dig a trench about 4 inches deep and place the potato pieces, cut side down, 8 to 12 inches apart. Your trenches should be about two feet apart. You’ll see shoots emerging in two to four weeks, depending on soil temperatures. As those young plants reach 6 to 8 inches, rake soil up to the lower leaves around the plants. This “hilling” technique will keep the young potatoes from emerging from the soil. Keep them buried, or they turn green and bitter. Potatoes need about one inch of water per week. In the summer heat, keep the soil from drying out with mulch. A good clue that your potatoes are ready to harvest is when the green leaves above ground begin to die back, but you can harvest small “new potatoes” much earlier. Potatoes are native to Peru and have been cultivated for over 7000 years. There are more than 5000 varieties.

Got a gardening question? Ask a Master Gardener at phototraveler02@gmail.com. ☼

OREGON STATE EXTENSION SERVICE

Could Your Yard Feed You? Extension Program Offers Permaculture Training

As food prices remain a concern for many households, a new online course is offering practical ways for residents to grow more of their own food at home.

A permaculture gardening program through Oregon State University is inviting participants to learn how to design productive, sustainable home gardens through a series of live online classes this May.

The program, titled “Permaculture Gardening Fundamentals,” focuses on building resilient, home-scale food systems using principles such as soil health, water conservation, and plant diversity. Organizers say the goal is to help participants create gardens that are both productive and sustainable over time.

The course includes weekly live webinars held Tuesdays at 4 p.m. Pacific Time on May 5, 12, 19, and 26. Participants should expect to spend approximately three to four hours per week on coursework, including attending the live sessions.

The program is offered online, making it accessible to participants throughout the region. A free introductory webinar is available, with an option to enroll in the full course for \$250.

Permaculture has gained popularity in recent years as more people look for ways to supplement grocery purchases, reduce costs, and build greater self-sufficiency at home. While not a replacement for traditional food systems, even small-scale gardens can provide fresh produce and reduce reliance on store-bought goods.

Those interested can register for the free webinar or learn more about the full course through Oregon State University’s online learning platform.

Information and registration details: <https://workspace.oregonstate.edu/course/permaculture-gardening-fundamentals-a-live-webinar-series>. ☼



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MAY CIVIC CALENDAR

BROWNSVILLE

Parks & Open Space Advisory
Wednesday, May 6 • 7 p.m.
Brownsville City Hall, 255 N Main St., Council Chambers

Budget Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 7 • 7 p.m.
Brownsville City Hall, 255 N Main St., Fisher Hall

Library Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, May 14 • 4:30–5:30 p.m.
Brownsville Library, 146 Spaulding Ave., Kirk Room

Council Budget Hearing
Thursday, May 28 • 7 p.m.
Brownsville City Hall, 255 N Main St., Fisher Hall

The public is welcome to attend. Opportunities for public input are provided at each meeting. Copies of the materials provided to the City Council and agendas are available at City Hall and online.

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HALSEY

City Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 12 • 7-9 p.m.
Halsey City Hall, 100 W Halsey St.

Public comment is welcome. Remote attendance via Zoom is available. Agendas and packets are posted at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Please confirm with the city before attending.

Parks & Library Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 21 • 5:30–6:30 p.m.
Halsey Library, 773 W 1st St.
<https://halseyor.gov/government> • 541-369-2522

HARRISBURG

Library Board
Tuesday, May 5 • 5:30 p.m.

Budget Committee Meeting
Monday, May 11 • 6:30 p.m.

City Council Business Meeting
Tuesday, May 12 • 6:30 p.m.

Planning Commission
Tuesday, May 19 • 7 p.m.

City Council Work Session
Tuesday, May 26 • 6:30 p.m.

All meetings: Harrisburg Municipal Center, 354 Smith St.
<https://www.ci.harrisburg.or.us> • 541-995-2200

TANGENT

Planning Commission Meeting
Thursday, May 7 • 7–9 p.m.

City Council Meeting
Monday, May 11 • 7–9 p.m.

All meetings: Tangent City Hall, 32166 Old Oak Dr.
To attend virtually, email jsamaniego@tangentor.gov before 4 p.m. on the meeting day.
<https://www.tangentor.gov>

Tangent Together Meeting
Thursday, May 21 • 6:30–7:30 p.m.
Tangent Rural Fire District, 32053 Birdfoot Dr.

Tangent Together is a nonprofit organization run by volunteers that organizes citywide events for the public. Anyone is welcome to attend and contribute.
<https://tangenttogether.org>

CENTRAL LINN SCHOOL DISTRICT

2nd Budget Committee Meeting
Monday, May 4 • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

School Board Meeting
Monday, May 11 • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

All meetings: Central Linn Elementary School Conference Room, 239 W 2nd St., Halsey

Zoom link and meeting documents are online at:
<https://www.centrallinn.k12.or.us/district/board/meetings> • 541-762-6149

TANGENT CITY COUNCIL

Large Crowd Fills Meeting Over School Closure Concerns

The Tangent City Council met Monday, April 13, at 7 p.m., drawing an unusually large turnout that prompted a venue change from City Hall to the Tangent Fire Station.

School Closure Discussion

Due to the large turnout, public comment was moved to the beginning of the agenda. More than a dozen residents spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Tangent Elementary School, with additional written comments submitted. No comments were made in support of the closure. The item appeared on the agenda following a recommendation by the Greater Albany Public Schools Long Range Facilities Advisory Committee to close four elementary schools, including Tangent. (See April 23 issue for previous coverage.)

New Business

- **Short-term rentals** — Referred back to staff for further research.
- **Interstate signage** — Staff directed to draft an agreement for highway signs promoting local food and fuel businesses.
- **Budgeting software** — Staff will research options for updated accounting software.
- **Bass Estate pavilion** — Council reached consensus that a waterless restroom facility is sufficient due to infrastructure constraints.
- **Code compliance contract** — Council approved a new contract following a transition in providers.

Executive Session

Council entered executive session under ORS 192.660(2)(e) for a property transaction. No decisions were made.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned with no further business. 🌞

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HALSEY CITY COUNCIL

Council Advances Utility Study, Approves Donations

HALSEY — The Halsey City Council met April 14 at City Hall, addressing infrastructure planning, community funding requests, and future utility needs.

Councilors unanimously approved the consent agenda, including March financials totaling \$33,739.

Linn County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Steve Frambes reported 32 incidents and four traffic warnings in March, with no citations, crashes, or arrests. He noted that the department is training new deputies and exploring the implementation of body cameras.

Luke Pike of Sweet Home Sanitation presented the company's annual report and requested a 2.62 percent rate increase tied to inflation. The company added eight Halsey customers over the past year and reported no safety issues.

City Administrator Briana Parra provided updates on several major projects, including Phase 2 of the city's well project, which will soon go out for bids, and continued design work on the H Street project. She also reported progress on sewer system improvements and noted that the city is exploring financing options to manage upfront costs associated with grant-funded work.

Parra said the city continues to work on environmental review requirements tied to federal funding and is preparing additional engineering support to meet growing project demands.

Council approved two community donations: \$500 to Sharing Hands and \$500 to Meals on Wheels, which served 1,267 meals to Halsey residents in 2025. Two new members were also appointed to the Budget Committee.

A discussion on sidewalk maintenance policy highlighted the balance between enforcement and affordability for residents. Council reached consensus to increase public education efforts, identify priority repairs, and strengthen vegetation enforcement while exploring potential tools to assist residents.

Council also agreed to move forward with a sewer rate study, citing more than \$7 million in long-term infrastructure needs, including aging sewer lines and an outdated treatment system. Any future rate changes will require council approval and public communication.

In other action, the council adopted an ordinance vacating a section of West N Street and approved resolutions recognizing Arbor Day and Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m. 🌞

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LINN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners OK Outdoor Assembly Permit for Hazelnut Event

By Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer

ALBANY — At a public hearing held after their regular board meeting on April 21, Linn County Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Sherrie Sprenger and Will Tucker approved a Level 3A Outdoor Assembly Permit for a one-day Nut Growers Society Summer Tour.

The event will be held on August 5 on 98 acres of Third Knight Farms owned by James Lee III that is zoned Exclusive Farm Use. The property is approximately 3.78 miles east of the city of Tangent and 1.95 miles east of the intersection of Highway 34 and Interstate 5.

Christine Roth, Executive Director of the Oregon Hazelnut Commission and the Nut Growers Society, said the field day caters to growers, processors, and machinery providers only. It is not a public event.

The event may host as many as 800 individuals. According to the Planning & Building Department’s staff report, last year’s summer tour was held on a nut farm near Dayton.

Roth said Oregon has a long history of growing hazelnuts — also called filberts — with the Nut Growers Society founded in 1915.

Participants will enter the farm off Goltra Road. Emergency vehicles will use Highway 34 for entrance and egress.

There was no public opposition to the permit request Tuesday and Associate Planner Julia Fox said the Planning & Building Department did not previously receive any comments in opposition to the permit request.

In other business the commissioners:

- Were told by Dr. Adam Brady that there were 42 births — 20 girls and 22 boys — and 129 deaths — 63 females and 66 males — in the county in March. There were three suicides, all females.
- Opened bids for the North River Drive Improvement Project. The bids will be evaluated by the Road Department staff and a winning bid will be brought back to the board for final approval. Bids were: North Santiam Paving, \$2,247,650; River Bend Construction, \$2,339,239; Knife River, \$2,718,238.14; Wildish Construction, \$2,796,343.72.
- Opened bids for the North River Drive Public Access Improvement Project. The bids will be evaluated by the Road Department staff and a winning bid will be brought back to the board for final approval. Bids were: River Bend Construction, \$963,845.47; North Santiam Paving, \$992,088; Knife River, \$1,021,117.42; Wildish Construction, \$1,034,461.86.
- Extended a lease to provide office space for the Ball Metal Beverage Container Corporation in the Wheelhouse for three additional months.
- Approved amending the Linn County Planning Commission Bylaws and Operating Procedures to include new state revisions and to change the starting time of Planning Commission meetings from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Approved a lease agreement for use of the Courthouse Diner by the Mad Platter Café.
- Appointed Kerry Johnson of Scio to the Linn County Budget Committee.
- Announced that the 2026-2027 Linn County Budget Hearings will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, April 27, at the Linn County Fair & Expo Center. The meetings are open to the public. ☀

PUBLIC NOTICE

Harrisburg Budget Committee Meetings Set for May 11

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Harrisburg Redevelopment Agency and the City of Harrisburg, Linn County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, will be held at the Harrisburg Municipal Center, 354 Smith Street, Harrisburg.

The Harrisburg Redevelopment Agency Budget Committee will meet Monday, May 11, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. The City of Harrisburg Budget Committee meeting will follow immediately after.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and take public comment on the proposed budget. This is a public meeting where deliberations of both budget committees will take place.

Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the committees.

Notice of the second budget meeting will be posted at <https://www.ci.harrisburg.or.us>. A copy of the budget document will be available online and may also be inspected or obtained on or after May 4, 2026, at Harrisburg City Hall, 120 Smith Street, Harrisburg, between 7:30 a.m. and noon and 1–5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. and noon Friday. ☀



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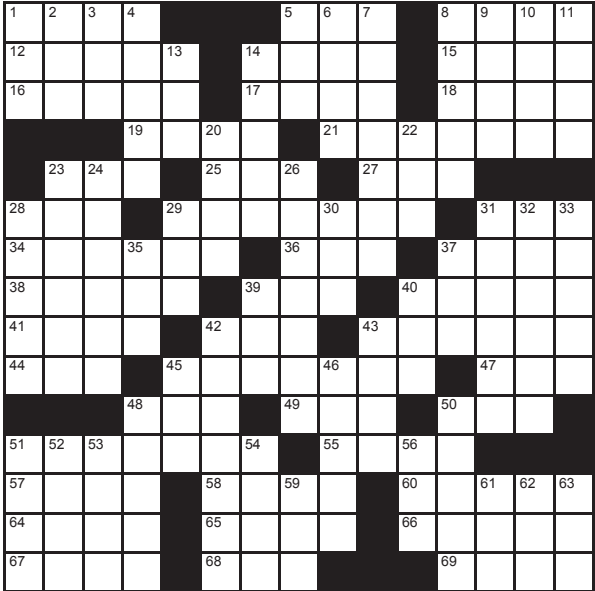
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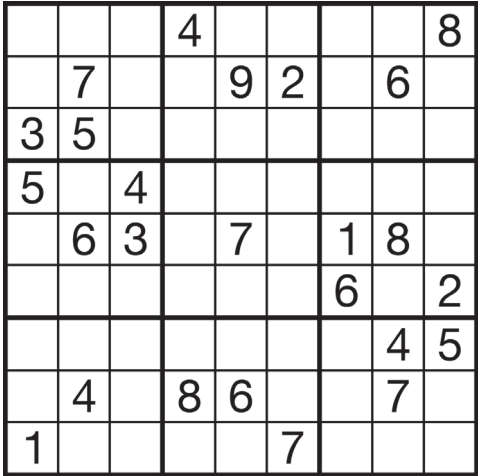
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CENTRAL LINN BASEBALL

Cobras Break Through with Season-Best Win Over Eagles

Central Linn 8, East Linn Christian 2

HALSEY — Central Linn delivered a season-high performance April 24, powering past East Linn Christian Academy, 8-2.

Everything clicked for the Cobras as they earned their first victory of the season and their largest margin of victory since May 9, 2025.

Central Linn (1-11) delivered a complete effort, highlighted by dominant pitching and a breakout offensive showing that produced a season-high 12 hits.

Jacob Helms was the difference-maker in every phase. On the mound, the junior turned in a career performance, allowing no hits and two runs (one earned) while striking out 13 over 6 2/3 innings and walking five. The strikeout total marked a new personal best and kept the Eagles off balance all afternoon.

Helms also led the charge offensively, going 3-for-4 with two stolen bases, a run scored, and an RBI.



RACHAEL TRAVIS
Cameron Offutt pitches in relief for Central Linn during its matchup with East Linn Christian on April 24 in Halsey.

The Cobras' lineup stayed aggressive throughout the game, with multiple players contributing. Kurry Travis sparked the offense, finishing 1-for-2 with a double, two runs scored, and an RBI. Colten Northern added a breakout performance of his own, going 3-for-4 with a double, a stolen base, and a run scored — his three hits marking a career high.

Alonso Silva-Ortiz added to the momentum, going 2-for-4 with a stolen base and a run as Central Linn consistently pressured the Eagles' defense.

After a quiet start, the Cobras found their rhythm in the middle innings, stringing together hits and capitalizing on scoring opportunities to build a commanding lead. East Linn Christian (6-4) managed two late runs but never threatened to close the gap.

The win not only snapped Central Linn's early-season struggles but also showcased the team's potential when firing on all cylinders.

Next up, both teams will face Santiam. The Eagles host the Wolverines at 4:30 p.m. Monday, April 27, while the Cobras return home Tuesday, April 28, at 4:30 p.m., looking to build on their momentum. 🌞



RACHAEL TRAVIS
Central Linn coach Ty Kohler congratulates Jacob Helms, right, and Colten Hein following the Cobras' 8-2 win over East Linn Christian.

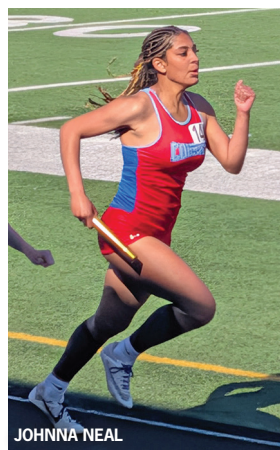
CENTRAL LINN TRACK & FIELD

Cobras Compete Among the Best at Meet of Champions

SWEET HOME — Competing against some of the top track-and-field athletes in the state, Central Linn High School delivered a strong showing at the Meet of Champions on April 25, highlighted by standout performances, personal bests, and a relay team that continues to build momentum heading into the postseason.



JASON CURTIS
Central Linn's boys 4x400 relay team — Aren Schneider, Don Ware, Jackson Durringer, and Ethan Denison — competed at the Meet of Champions in Sweet Home.



JOHNNA NEAL
Aaliyah Hite powers through the curve.



JOHNNA NEAL
Anya Griffith carries the baton in the girls 4x400 relay.

Senior Don Ware led the way for the Cobras on the boys' side, turning in a pair of impressive finishes against elite competition. Ware placed third in the 400 meters in 52.13 seconds, one of the top finishes of the day for Central Linn. He also competed in the 200 meters, finishing eighth in 23.72 seconds. Ware later anchored the boys' 4x400 relay team, helping secure a fifth-place finish with a time of 3:38.09.

The 4x400 squad — consisting of Jackson Durringer, Aren Schneider, Ethan Denison, and Ware — showed strong teamwork and endurance, closing out the

meet with one of Central Linn's top performances. The boys' 4x100 relay team also competed well, placing ninth in 46.29 seconds.

Durringer, a senior distance runner, took on both the 800 and 1500 meters, finishing in 2:07.56 and 4:39.64, respectively. Schneider added a solid effort in the high jump, clearing 5 feet, 8 inches.

On the girls' side, sophomore Anya Griffith delivered one of the most impressive performances of the meet, placing second in the 1500 meters with a personal best time of 4:55.30. Griffith also contributed to the 4x400 relay team and ran a season-best 1:01.73 in the 400 meters, finishing seventh.

Senior Jayne Neal added depth in the distance events, placing sixth in the 800 meters in 2:29.45 and seventh in the 1500 meters with a time of 5:15.16. Sophomore Alyse Glenn competed in the 3000 meters, finishing in 12:35.09, a season-best mark.

In the sprints, Aaliyah Hite recorded a season-best time of 28.76 seconds in the 200 meters. She also contributed to both relay teams, helping the 4x100 squad finish in 55.01 seconds alongside Griffith, Isabelle Curtis, and Georgia Wahl.

The girls 4x400 relay team — Griffith, Curtis, Hite and Neal — placed sixth with a time of 4:24.48, demonstrating strong consistency and teamwork.

In field events, Addie Wolff competed in the triple jump, recording a mark of 30 feet, 4 inches. 🌞



JASON CURTIS
Ethan Denison runs a leg of the boys 4x400 relay.



JASON CURTIS
Aren Schneider carries the baton during the boys 4x400 relay.



JASON CURTIS
Jayne Neal stands on the podium after placing sixth in the 800 meters.



JOHNNA NEAL
Central Linn's Anya Griffith, Aaliyah Hite, Isabelle Curtis and Jayne Neal pose together after the relay.



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POSTCARDS FROM SPAIN

Finding Confidence Far From Home

By Olivia Howard, Columnist

Traveling and exploring new countries has always been a goal of mine, but I never thought I would be traveling 1,500 miles away from home, alone, just a short time after graduating high school.

Having never traveled out of the United States before, I didn't think that I would be ready for something as big as studying abroad in Spain, but already with two weeks here, I have accomplished and witnessed things that I never would have thought possible.

Segovia, Spain, is a city that resides in the autonomous community of Castilla y León with a population of

about 52,000 residents. While I am not used to living in a city, I immediately fell in love with Segovia, mostly due to its historical buildings and beautiful architecture. One of my favorite sights to see is the Aqueduct, towering over the main square at 94 feet and stretching 2,988 feet. I am able to see amazing historical monuments even on my walks to class, where churches, cathedrals, and old buildings are what Segovia is founded on.

In a way, Segovia reminds me of Brownsville with its rich history and community. These two places are separated by 1000s of miles, but I still see similarities in the history, the closeness of the community, and the kindness of the residents. While it was still a little hard to adjust to life in a new place,



The Gothic cathedral in Plaza Mayor towers over Segovia's historic center, its soaring spires and intricate stonework reflecting centuries of Spanish history.

I think that this experience has mostly shown me the beauty of new cultures and ways of life. For me, I think it is so cool to see how life is different outside of the United States and how something completely foreign to me is somebody else's everyday life.

A big step I had to take while living in a new country was building my confidence in doing new things. There are challenges I have to face here that I never would have experienced in the U.S., such as speaking a new language, dressing differently, and navigating a whole new city. It was scary at first, and I was

hesitant to leave my house for fear of doing something wrong or getting lost. Recently, I have come to grow out of that mindset, already growing in my confidence through each new experience, whether it be ordering food in a cafe in Spanish, navigating the complicated bus system in Spain, or traveling to new cities on the weekends. I have enjoyed every bit of this trip so far, and I can't wait to see what else is in store!

PHOTOS: OLIVIA HOWARD



Segovia's iconic Roman aqueduct rises above the Plaza de Azoguejo, a 2,000-year-old engineering marvel that still anchors the heart of the city.

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BROWNSVILLE LIBRARY

Thank You, Nettie Reed!

By Sherri Lemhouse, Brownsville Librarian

Nettie Reed had a delightful Thank You Party on Saturday, April 18. Patrons, friends, current and past Brownsville Librarians stopped by to thank her for the 37 years she served the library. We were also reminded of the 11 years she kept the City Hall clean! In the end, we determined she has served the City of Brownsville for over 45 years. She will be missed.



Current Librarian Sherri Lemhouse poses with Nettie Reed.

Nettie was delighted to see old friends and patrons. The Brownsville Library gifted a Bartzilla Peony for her yard. This is the same beautiful yellow peony that blooms in front of the library children’s room each spring. She also received a custom thermal cup by Sparkles of Mine Designs, a coordinating bookmark, note cards, and a City of Brownsville pen with her name on it. I look forward to chatting with her at the front desk when she comes in to check out books! ☀



Nettie Reed and Past Librarian Nancy Lane, who originally hired Nettie 37 years ago.



Past Librarian Paul Smith, Joyce Nelsen, and Nettie Reed enjoy conversation at Nettie’s retirement party.



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You're a Poet!

By Nancy Diltz, Staff Writer and Columnist

Haiku is a three-line form of poetry that originated in Japan. It's a simple and fun way to create descriptive poems, often inspired by nature, beauty, and the world around us.

Here's an example:
"January" by Paul Holmes
*Delightful display
Snowdrops bow their pure white heads
To the sun's glory*

With just a few words, you can picture the scene. Can you imagine the small white flowers bending toward the sunshine?

Haiku traditionally follows a 5-7-5 syllable pattern:

- The first line has 5 syllables
- The second line has 7 syllables
- The third line has 5 syllables

Try clapping out the syllables in the first line:
De-light-ful dis-play (5)

How to Write a Haiku

1. Choose a subject — nature is a great place to start.
2. Write down words or phrases that describe what you see, hear, or feel.
3. Use vivid, descriptive language — adjectives and strong imagery help paint a picture.
4. Arrange your ideas into three lines following the 5-7-5 pattern.

Your poem does not need to rhyme, and it doesn't have to be written in complete sentences. Haiku often uses simple phrases to capture a moment or feeling.

Here are two haiku about the outdoors from "Seven Days: A Walk to Mount Fuji," written by Jade Maitre and illustrated by Roxana Calman:

*Skipping river stones
Icy water, warm jacket
Picnic lunch beckons
Little orange tent
Warm with sun, packed with pillows
Foot of the mountain*

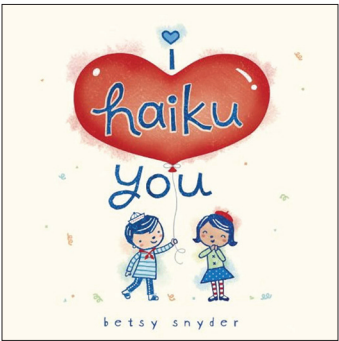
Notice how the words help you see and feel the setting.

Here's another well-known haiku by Kobayashi Issa:

"O snail"
*O snail
Climb Mount Fuji,
But slowly, slowly!*
This poem does not follow the traditional 5-7-5 pattern. Instead, it uses a 3-4-5 syllable structure. Haiku can be flexible, and poets sometimes adjust the format to fit their ideas.

Now it's your turn — try writing your own haiku. What will you describe?

The Brownsville Library offers children's books about haiku through the Libby eBook app. You might enjoy "I Haiku You" by Betsy E. Snyder. ☀



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Songs, Rhymes & More Story Time
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Wednesday, May 20 • 7 p.m. • Kirk Room

Donate Life Northwest Presentation
Thursday, May 21 • 7 p.m. • Kirk Room
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BROWNSVILLE ‘TURNING PAGES’ BOOK CLUB

Readers Embrace Reflective Journey in ‘The Correspondent’

By Barbara Andersen, Staff Writer and Copy Editor

The Turning Pages Book Club met on April 15 at Barbara Andersen’s house in Brownsville (no one had the Kirk Room Key) and found that those present agreed this month’s selection was a winner.

Formerly known simply as the Brownsville Book Club, the group has recently adopted the name “The Turning Pages Book Club,” a nod to both the act of reading and the personal growth found within its discussions.

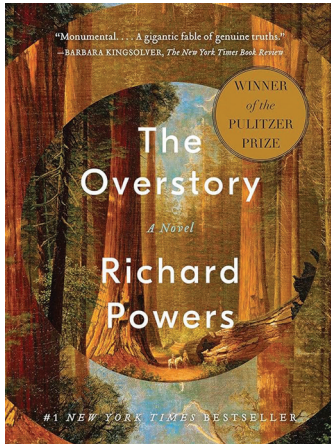
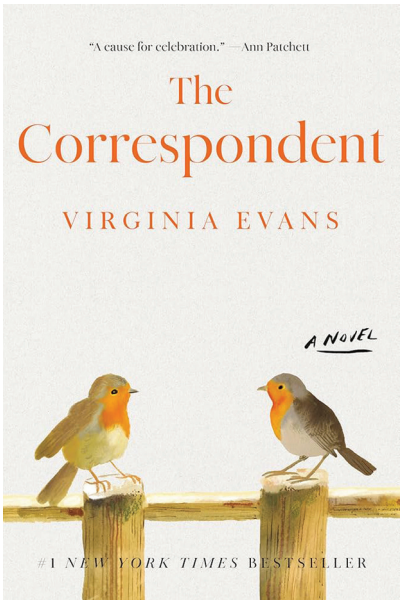
The book was “The Correspondent” by Virginia Evans, a charming, thought-provoking, intimate look at the dawning of an examined life, told entirely through letters written to and from the antagonist.

Sybil Van Antwerp is 73 and has recently retired from a distinguished legal career. She is a mother, grandmother, divorcee, and a prolific letter writer. She writes letters every day and always has. She writes to family, friends, authors she admires, and to people she has a bone to pick with. Some letters are sent, some are not; some are long, some are short. They map her transition from a brilliant, entitled, and strong-willed woman to a more aware, kinder, more forgiving, and still brilliant person.

The writing is excellent, and although some of us expected to be put off by a book told entirely in letters, we all greatly enjoyed this intimate look at the inner life of a woman in her later years as she comes to terms

with her past and leans into her present and future. Author Ann Patchett’s endorsement of the book as “A cause for celebration” (on the front cover) rang true for us, and we strongly recommend this title. The Brownsville Library has a copy of “The Correspondent” (2025, Crown Publishing) available for checkout, and it is also available in both formats from Libby.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 20, in the Brownsville Library’s Kirk Room, starting at 7 p.m. We will discuss “The Overstory,” a Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Richard Powers. Copies are available at the library. Everyone is welcome to join us. ☺



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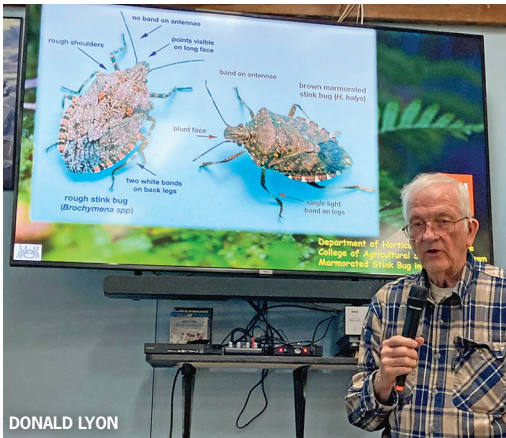
By Donald Lyon, Staff Writer and Columnist

What’s bugging you was the question Friday night, April 17, at the Calapooia Food Alliance Munch Night. Retired entomologist Rich Little, of Sweet Home, was on hand to talk about all manner of insects that take up residence in our homes and gardens. It was clear from the beginning that Dr. Little was not in favor of spraying or squashing our six-legged “friends.” If the audience of about twenty was disappointed that heavy artillery would not be employed to annihilate the invaders, they did not show it, as Dr. Little explained that most insects perform important tasks that keep our planet functioning. He talked about Carpenter Ants, for example, that can be very destructive in wooden buildings, where they chew large cavities in wooden beams to create winter homes for their queens. As irritating as that is for the homeowner, for the most part, Carpenter Ants are devouring dead wood in forests, creating compost that becomes soil.

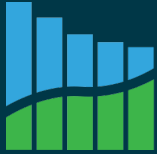
Another group of insects that deserve respect is the Yellowjacket, which live in underground colonies and become more aggressive in the fall when the colony has reached its largest size, and there is little food available. Rich warned his audience that Yellowjacket control was not a DIY project. Getting rid of a nest that was too close for comfort should be handled by professionals who will work at night when all the Yellowjackets are in their burrow. Dr. Little warned the group to avoid the services of exterminators who plan to spray the house perimeter periodically. These services rarely work, he said, because the solution almost always involves, in the case of ants, removing their access to food, and in the case of box elder bugs or stink bugs, sealing the cracks, holes, damaged screens, and weather stripping to keep these pests from getting inside your nice warm house for the winter.

Rich Little’s lifelong fascination with insects that led to his career as an Entomologist was slowly rubbing off on his audience as they began to accept his reasoning that it was counter-productive to try to get rid of all insect pests using pesticides, and that it was best to seek ways to make your house less attractive or accessible to insects.

The Calapooia Food Alliance Munch Night meal, prepared by the CFA Board Members, consisted of “yum bowls,” a base of rice, numerous tasty additions such as avocado, corn, black beans, and generous helpings of “secret sauce.” The meal complemented a very interesting and community-building evening. ☺



DONALD LYON
Rich Little presents a slide of stink bugs during his “What’s Bugging You” talk at the Calapooia Food Alliance Munch Night on April 17.



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Gertie Cramer Celebrates 100th Birthday

HARRISBURG —

The Senior Center and friends who helped organize birthday festivities for Gertie Cramer would like to thank everyone who helped make her 100th birthday special.

Gertie celebrated over a three-day period, with an open house held last Saturday, April 18. Her actual birthday was Monday, April 20.

Organizers thanked everyone who attended the open house, commented on Facebook, sent cards, decorated, or otherwise helped mark the occasion. Special thanks went to Lochmead for providing party punch, and to Ms. Carter's and Ms. Graham's second-grade classes for creating birthday cards in her honor.

The goal of collecting 100 or more birthday cards was met.

"Just imagine what Gertie has seen in 100 years," organizers said. 🌸

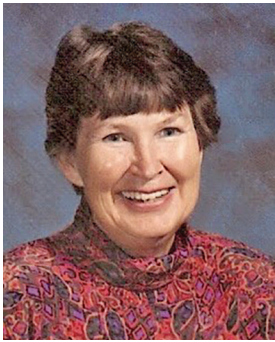


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Dorothy Jane Grossnicklaus

September 23, 1933 – April 21, 2026



Dorothy Jane (Wall) Grossnicklaus, 92, passed away peacefully of natural causes on April 21, 2026, in her home in McMinnville.

She was born Sept. 23, 1933, in McAlester, Oklahoma, to Lonnie Swims Wall and Clara Opal (Harrington) Wall,

the youngest of seven children. Her family later settled in Modesto, California, where Dorothy completed most of her schooling. An avid reader from an early age, she was often seen riding her bicycle to the library to fill her basket with books.

Dorothy was baptized July 18, 1948, at the Modesto Congregation of the Church of the Brethren. In her late teens, she and her mother moved to San Francisco, where she met James L. "Jim" Grossnicklaus, a U.S. Marine, at a USO dance. They married Oct. 10, 1954, at St. Paulus Lutheran Church.

After Jim's discharge, the couple moved in 1956 to Shedd, Oregon, settling on Jim's family farm. They built their life there for the next 46 years, raising four children and becoming deeply rooted in the rural community they loved. Dorothy and Jim were longtime members of Grace Lutheran Church in Corvallis.

While raising two young sons, Dorothy worked to support the family as Jim attended Oregon State University. She later earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Oregon State University in 1969 while raising four children.

Dorothy began teaching at Tangent Elementary School, then taught for 22 years at Shedd Elementary School. She was a patient, steady, and compassionate educator who touched countless young lives.

Dorothy and Jim retired in 1993. Jim preceded her in death Oct. 16, 1996. Dorothy remained on the farm before moving to McMinnville in 2002 to be closer to her daughter, Nancy, and son-in-law, Danial Morrow.

She is survived by her children: David (Kimberley) Grossnicklaus of Eugene, Peter Grossnicklaus of Halsey, Susan Millager of Tualatin, and Nancy (Danial) Morrow of McMinnville; along with 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her siblings: Lonnie S. Wall Jr. (Mildred), Mollie Jo Wall, Calais A. Wall (Adeline), Clara May Wall (Hershell Ezzell), and Billie Lou Wall (Josephy Dias); and one sibling in infancy.

Dorothy's ashes will be laid to rest beside Jim's at Twin Oaks Cemetery near Albany.

In her later years, she enjoyed sewing children's quilts to donate to Juliette's House and Henderson House.

A celebration of life will be held from 4–7 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, at Björnson Vineyard, 3635 Bethel Heights Road NW, Salem. Memorial contributions may be made to Henderson House in McMinnville. 🌸

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Homestead & Homemakers Market Draws Crowd for Inaugural Event

By Mikayle Stole, Editor

LEBANON — The first-ever Homestead & Homemakers Market drew hundreds of visitors on April 18, offering a day centered on self-reliance, handmade goods, and traditional skills at Sand Ridge Fields just outside Lebanon and north of Brownsville.



Jars of fermented honey garlic from Busby Farms showcase one of the many homemade, small-batch remedies available at the market.

Organizer Sierra Busby said the event was carefully curated with a specific vision in mind — bringing together vendors who offer practical, sustainable goods and skills people could rely on in uncertain times. “Her heart was behind it,” she

said of the planning, noting the strong turnout confirmed there is interest in this type of community gathering.

Held at 31575 Sand Ridge Road, the market made use of both the indoor gymnasium adjacent to the historic 1931 Sand Ridge Schoolhouse, with views of Peterson’s Butte adding to the setting. Admission was free, and vendor spaces were intentionally kept affordable at \$35 to encourage participation from small-scale makers and growers.

Vendors offered a wide variety of goods, from farm products to handcrafted items. A Central Linn FFA student, Gabe Pitt, brought his goat, Genghis Khan, while Briar Grove Homestead featured baby chicks in several growth stages, drawing steady attention from visitors. Food vendors included Groovy Blends, serving acai bowls and smoothies, along with a selection of baked goods from local bakers.

Handcrafted items ranged from goat milk soap by C&H Scapegoats to metalwork by Dyerwolf,



Central Linn FFA student Gabe Pitt holds his goat, Genghis Khan, one of the many farm animals that drew attention at the market.



Fresh-baked everything bagels from Oak Valley Bakery were among the many homemade food items available.



A hand-burned hat by Mellyz Custom Designz features delicate floral detailing, showcasing the artistry of pyrography.

wood creations, handmade rugs, pottery, jewelry, and reclaimed goods — including fish leather products by Reclaim Cooperative. Busby Farms also offered a variety of herbal remedies made from locally grown and foraged ingredients.

Busby said she hopes to expand future events with more farm-based vendors, particularly those offering livestock, plants, and produce, as well as traditional trades such as woodworking, leatherworking, silversmithing, basketmaking, weaving, and broommaking. Based on the success of the inaugural market, she plans to host additional single-day events throughout the summer at the same location.

Busby emphasized that the event is not a profit-making venture for her, but rather an effort to build community and support local producers. Admission will remain free for future markets.

For vendor inquiries or suggestions, Busby can be contacted at sierrawelander@gmail.com.



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Local Candidates
Address Key Issues
Ahead of May Primary

By Donald Lyon, Staff Writer and Columnist

Primary Elections are coming up on May 19. The roadsides are filling with red, white, and blue campaign ads soliciting your vote. Mail-in ballots will begin arriving the first week of May. How will you decide whom to vote for? On April 21, candidates for the state legislature — House of Representatives and State Senate for most of Linn County — were invited to a Candidates Forum by the Linn County League of Women Voters. About 60 of your neighbors gathered at Lebanon's First Methodist Church to hear five candidates introduce themselves and respond to a series of questions designed to reflect their political philosophy and knowledge in a one-and-a-half-hour session.

Five candidates are running for the District Six Senate seat. Republican Jack Tibbits of Cottage Grove, Democrat Sierrah Williams of Sweet Home, and Independent Patrick Starnes of Brownsville were there. As an independent, Starnes will not be on the May 19 Primary ballot but will be on the November ballot. Jami Cate and Nicole De Graff did not attend. Democrat Ivan Maluski of Scio and Republican Ken Jackola of Lebanon will be vying for the House District 11 seat. Angelita Sanchez did not attend.



DONALD LYON

Patrick Starnes of Brownsville, an independent candidate for the District 6 Senate seat, speaks during the Linn County League of Women Voters Candidates Forum on April 21 at Lebanon's First Methodist Church.

All the candidates seemed to reflect the values of their respective parties on issues of taxation, cost of living, homelessness, and health care. Regardless of party, they all agreed that data centers that use large amounts of electricity and water were not something they wanted to see in their neighborhood, and each identified with small-town or rural values.

Current Senator Cedric Hayden is barred from running due to his participation in the 2023 walkout by Republican legislators. Jami Cate, the current Representative for District #11, has stepped down to run for Hayden's seat. Each house district contains approximately 67,000 citizens, and each senate district comprises two house districts. A helpful League of Women Voters Voter's Guide was available at the meeting, offering statements from the two candidates for US Congress, incumbent Janelle Bynum and candidate Zeva Rosenbaum. There will be 13 Republican candidates for Governor and ten Democrats.

Several candidates concluded their remarks by acknowledging that events like this forum were at the core of a functioning democracy, where citizens had the opportunity to meet, question, and compare the candidates seeking their vote.

Harrisburg Man Dies
Following Crash on
Highway 99E

HARRISBURG — A 24-year-old Harrisburg man died following a single-vehicle crash early Sunday morning on Highway 99E in Lane County, according to the Oregon State Police.

Troopers responded at about 2:30 a.m. April 19, to a report of a damaged power pole near mile-post 32. Upon arrival, officers located a heavily damaged black BMW in a ditch and found the driver, identified as Tyler Raymond Caseri of Harrisburg, with serious injuries.

Caseri was transported to a local hospital, where he later died of his injuries on Monday, April 20, according to OSP.



GO FUND ME

Tyler Caseri, left, is pictured with his mother, Shannon Caseri, and his brother, Cody Rusche.

Investigators believe speed and impairment were contributing factors to the crash. According to OSP, the vehicle may have been the same one that eluded a state trooper less than an hour earlier, traveling at speeds exceeding 100 mph in the same area.



GO FUND ME

Tyler Caseri and his brother Cody.

The highway was not affected during the investigation.

OSP was assisted by the Junction City Police Department, the Linn County Sheriff's Office, Junction City Fire and Rescue, and Eugene-Springfield Fire.

A fundraiser organized by family and friends describes Caseri as a hard-working young man who was deeply devoted to those close to him, including his girlfriend, Kaylee, and her daughter. The fundraiser states that proceeds will help cover funeral and memorial expenses and support his family, including his younger brother, Cody, who is assisting with the arrangements.

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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. 20, 12:55 p.m. — Deputies responded to a welfare check in the 700 block of N Main St. The caller had received a scam call claiming he had warrants. The scammer became upset with the caller and said they knew his wife was home alone. The caller simply wanted a welfare check conducted.

Tue., Apr. 21, 11:19 a.m. — Deputies responded to a mental health call in the 700 block of Amelia Ave.

Wed., Apr. 22, 5:25 p.m. — Deputy performed a welfare check of a juvenile in the 500 block of Loucks Way. The juvenile was safe with the family.

Thur., Apr. 23, 7:05 a.m. — Off-duty deputy was contacted and advised of a suspicious person at the cemetery in the 35700 block of Kirk Ave. An on-duty deputy searched the area but was unable to locate the individual.

10:12 a.m. — Caller reported their vehicle was stolen in the 700 block of Amelia Ave. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

3:08 p.m. — Deputy responded to a civil dispute regarding a sold side-by-side in the 1000 block of Filbert St.

5:08 p.m. — A driver was cited for failing to carry proof of insurance and for

driving without a license in the 200 block of N Main St.

6:51 p.m. — Deputies received information on a civil dispute in the 26500 block of Nye Rd. Information was documented as requested.

Fri., Apr. 24, 8:15 p.m. — Jackie Stutz, 49, of Brownsville, was arrested for criminal trespass II in the 1000 block of Pine St. Report taken.

9:07 p.m. — Deputy responded to a reported theft from a vehicle in the 300 block of Kirk Ave., with juveniles as suspects. No arrests were made. The value of the stolen items is \$200. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

Sun., Apr. 26, 9:47 a.m. — Deputies located a runaway juvenile in the 36100 block of Northern Dr. Report taken.

BRUSH CREEK

Wed., Apr. 22, 1:22 p.m. — Campbell Global reported a theft in the 23000 block of Brush Creek Rd. Two batteries, a hydraulic filler tube, a padlock, and bolts were stolen from construction equipment. The estimated total value was \$470. Report taken.

Thur., Apr. 23, 3:37 p.m. — Theft was reported on BLM land in the 23000 block of Brush Creek Rd. A neighbor used the road-construction company's gravel to fill potholes in the road the company was working on.

Sat., Apr. 25, 6:42 p.m. — Debra Edmonson, 67, of Springfield, was cited for driving uninsured following a motor vehicle crash in the 23700 block of Brush Creek Rd.

CRAWFORDSVILLE

Wed., Apr. 22, 4:34 p.m. — Caller reported possible prowlers on their property in the 39800 block of Hwy 228 overnight.

HALSEY

Mon., Apr. 20, 7:51 a.m. — Johnathon Serna, 29, of Eugene, was cited for driving while suspended in the 000 block of W 2nd St.

10:11 a.m. — Deputies responded to reports of telephonic harassment in the 32400 block of Hwy 228. Investigation ongoing.

3:01 p.m. — Geryl Andrews, 61, of Junction City, was cited for speeding 90 mph and driving uninsured in the 26000 block of Hwy 99 E.

Wed., Apr. 22, 11:11 a.m. — Deputies performed a welfare check in the 600 block of Egret Ave. at a family

member's request.

9:46 p.m. — Deputy responded to a welfare check in the 25400 block of Hwy 99 E. Caller needed assistance getting up. The deputy assisted Halsey Fire in getting the person back into their chair.

Thur., Apr. 23, 2:14 p.m. — Deputy spoke to a male about concerns for his wife, who was having mental health issues in the 1100 block of W 2nd St. Deputy informed the male about possible resources through DHS and Linn County Mental Health. Non-criminal.

2:36 p.m. — Deputy cited a driver for failing to stop at a stop sign in the 400 block of N 9th St.

2:54 p.m. — Deputy cited a driver for driving without a valid driver's license in the 600 block of S 3rd St.

Fri., Apr. 24, 12:09 p.m. — OSP forwarded a traffic complaint near Hwy 228 and the I-5 Offramp. Deputies checked the area and were unable to locate the vehicle.

Sun., Apr. 26, 10:03 p.m. — Jayson East, 50, of Halsey, was arrested and lodged at the LCJ for Assault IV Domestic in the 100 block of E C St.

HARRISBURG

Mon., Apr. 20, 11:54 a.m. — Grady Bunce, 27 of Harrisburg, was cited for speeding in the 32400 block of Diamond Hill Dr.

1:12 p.m. — Deputies were dispatched to a report of a suspicious situation in the 34000 block of Priceboro Dr. After investigating, deputies found the caller had mental health issues, and the matter was non-criminal.

2:24 p.m. — Welfare check conducted in the 33200 block of Priceboro Dr. After investigation, deputies found the caller had mental health issues, and the matter was non-criminal.

2:34 p.m. — A two-vehicle, non-injury rear-end collision occurred in the 300 block of LaSalle St. The parties exchanged insurance information. Report taken.

Tue., Apr. 21, 10:06 a.m. — Deputy pulled a teenager out of school to talk about his driving at Harrisburg High School.

10:19 a.m. — Caller believed they were experiencing an overdose in the 32900 block of Diamond Hill Dr. Deputy arrived, and the person was transported to a local hospital.

4:14 p.m. — Melissa

Reynolds, 31, of Harrisburg, was cited for driving with a suspended driver's license near S 9th and LaSalle St.

6:11 p.m. — Deputy and dispatch receive numerous complaints in the 34000 block of Priceboro Dr. from a Eugene resident with ongoing mental health issues. Non-criminal.

Wed., Apr. 22, 1:47 p.m. — Caller wanted to speak with a deputy who was not on duty in the 32900 block of Diamond Hill Dr. Caller was told when they could call back to speak with that deputy about a mental health issue.

3:20 p.m. — Deputy responded to an overdose call in the 32900 block of Diamond Hill Dr. The female was transported by ambulance to the hospital. Non-criminal.

3:27 p.m. — Deputies respond to a mental health call in the 33200 block of Priceboro Dr.

8:35 p.m. — Deputy responded to a possible disturbance reported in the 800 block of Sommerville Loop. Neither party wanted to cooperate or talk.

Thur., Apr. 23, 2:22 a.m. — Deputy observed two vehicles at the city park after hours. Deputy educated the occupants about the park rules.

1:05 p.m. — Caller reported a suspicious situation in the 600 block of Crimson Way. Deputy located an open garage door at a residence with no vehicles present. Deputy attempted to contact the owner by phone.

3:21 p.m. — Kobe Addison, 23, of Eugene, was cited for driving with a suspended driver's license and driving uninsured in the 600 block of S 9th St.

8:17 p.m. — Deputy observed an open door at Harrisburg Middle School. The deputy checked the school and found no one inside. School staff were contacted to arm the alarm.

Fri., Apr. 24, 8:38 a.m. — Deputy responded to a single-vehicle non-injury crash involving a semi-truck and trailer into a guard rail near 3rd St and LaSalle St. Report taken.

12:33 p.m. — Caller reported a suspicious person on their neighbor's property in the 600 block of N 7th St. Deputy contacted the person, and it was a neighbor who was attempting to contact the homeowners to retrieve

an item that was launched over the fence when they were mowing.

4:55 p.m. — Caller found a bullet in the river in the 28900 block of Carney Park Dr. Deputy collected it as found property. Report taken.

JEFFERSON

Tue., Apr. 21, 1:38 p.m. — Caller reported hearing a dog near the river that needed assistance. Deputies located the dog and got it back up the embankment in the 39300 block of Hwy 99E. The dog was provided with teriyaki chicken and a warm blanket. The dog was described as an elderly black-and-white Chihuahua-type.

TANGENT

Tue., Apr. 21, 7:12 p.m. — Reports of shots heard near the 31900 block of Queen Anne's Lace Dr. Deputies drove the area and were unable to locate any gunshots.

11:59 p.m. — Caller reported a noise disturbance at a business in the 31900 block of Rolland Dr. Deputies observed and documented the excessive noise.

Wed., Apr. 22, 1:21 p.m. — A two-vehicle, non-injury crash was reported near Hwy 34 and Looney Ln. The at-fault driver was cited for careless driving. Report taken.

11:32 p.m. — Payton Rodriguez, 21, of Albany, was cited for operating a vehicle without a valid driving license on Hwy 99E near Beta Dr.

Thur., Apr. 23, 10:30 p.m. — Deputy responded to a noise complaint in the 31900 block of Rolland Dr. Noise coming from an industrial business is not prohibited per county ordinance.

Fri., Apr. 24, 4:02 p.m. — Kourtney Taylor Rivers, 29, of Lebanon, was cited for speeding 72 in a 55-mph zone near Tangent Dr and Seven Mile Ln.

Sat., Apr. 25, 7:57 a.m. — Deputies located a vehicle in the ditch near Hinck Rd and Hwy 34. There were no injuries, and the owner was able to remove the vehicle.

Sun., Apr. 26, 11:16 a.m. — Deputy removed deceased wildlife from the roadway near Tangent Dr and Seven Mile Ln.

7:33 p.m. — Caller reported a theft with a value between \$120-195 in the 33600 block of Seven Mile Ln., Albany. Investigation ongoing. Report taken. 🌀

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