



Despair Can Be Debilitating

By Lauren Sinz, Staff Writer

"A man fell into a deep, dark hole and couldn't climb out. A doctor passed by and said, "Here's a prescription for the pain," and tossed it down, but the man was still in a hole. A theologian passed by and said, "It's your lack of faith or perhaps a lesson from the divine that has brought you here." He said a prayer and moved on, but the man was still in a hole. A self-help coach passed by and shouted, "If you just visualize yourself at the top, you can manifest your way out", but the man remained in the dark. Then the chaplain walked by, and the man cried out, "Help! I'm stuck, and I'm afraid." Without a word, the chaplain jumped down into the hole with him. The man was shocked. "What are you doing? Now we're both stuck down here in the dark." The chaplain smiled and put his arm around the man's shoulder and said, "It's okay. I've been down here before and I know the way out. But first I'm going to sit here until you're ready to walk."

People can experience trauma that can put them in that hole... the death of a loved one, a serious illness, or witnessing a violent act. These experiences happen to people perhaps once or twice in their lifetimes. However, first responders can experience trauma as much as 500 times that amount. Firefighters, paramedics, police officers, and other emergency personnel are the backbone of public safety and run toward danger when most of us run away. They often witness unimaginable tragedies and are tasked with saving lives under intense pressure. This was expressed graphically on television during 9/11. People in our community have experienced the important work of first responders, but that crucial work that we rely on often comes at a cost: a high risk of trauma, an emotional response to deeply distressing or disturbing events. This often places them into a hole of depression, despair, and hopelessness.

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Brownsville Bridge Over Calapooia

Linn County Road Department cleans 'Stand By Me' bridge

By Allen L. Buzzard, Columnist



ALLEN L. BUZZARD

Linn County Road Department crews clean Brownsville's historic "Stand by Me Bridge" during a three-day pressure-washing project.

A crew from the Linn County Road Department spent three days pressure-washing the approaches, walkways, and the green steel bridge over the Calapooia River in Brownsville from May 19-21.

According to Linn County Bridge Supervisor Rich Gilbert, the work was scheduled over three days to minimize traffic disruption. Traffic was re-

duced to a single lane while workers cleaned one side of the bridge each day.

The single-span riveted steel bridge, built in 1938, later gained national recognition after appearing in the 1986 film "Stand By Me" directed by Rob Reiner. Filming in

Brownsville took place from June through early August 1985. The movie, based on Stephen King's novella, "The Body," features the bridge in one of its iconic closing scenes as the four boys walk back across the bridge into the fictional town of Castle Rock after their adventure.

Today, the structure is commonly referred to by residents as the "Stand By Me Bridge," a nickname inspired by the film and its memorable final moments. The movie itself was renamed from "The Body" to "Stand by Me" after the 1961 song by Ben E. King that plays during the film's closing credits.

Historical records published in The Brownsville Times on Jan. 13, 1938, reported that bids for what would be Brownsville's fourth bridge

over the Calapooia River were opened Jan. 7, 1938, at the State Highway Commission offices in Portland. Linn County awarded the contract to Thomas Lillebo of Marshfield — now Coos Bay — whose bid totaled \$25,045. ☼

Allen L. Buzzard is a retired educator. He especially enjoys sharing local history and traveling the world.

Brownsville Bridge Contract Let

Opening of bids in Portland Friday in the offices of the State Highway Commission for the construction of the new bridge over the Calapooia river in Brownsville, disclosed that Thos. Lillebo of Marshfield was the lowest bidder and he has been awarded the contract by the Linn County Court. Mr. Lillebo's bid was \$25,045. The highest bid was \$32,164. There were several bidders.

The contract with Mr. Lillebo calls for the construction of a steel truss span over the river with concrete piers and sidewalks on both sides of the bridge. The road way will be 24 feet wide with concrete base. Just when the bridge is to be completed is not as yet known, but no doubt it must be finished by the time the county completes the building of the approaches on each end of the structure. The county will build the approaches. Mr. Lillebo is also the contractor who is building the new high school at Harrisburg. He is a pretty busy man these days and will start construction on the bridge piers just as soon as possible.

The County Court informs the Times that some of the piling for the approaches should be delivered this week, following which the county will start work. County Engineer Walter Larsen is in charge of the work for the county.

A Jan. 13, 1938, article from The Brownsville Times announces the contract award for construction of Brownsville's Calapooia River bridge.



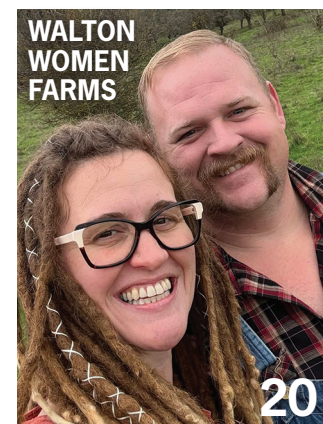
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BROWNSVILLE

Library Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, June 11 • 4:30–5:30 p.m.
Brownsville Library, 146 Spaulding Ave., Kirk Room

Council Budget Hearing & City Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 23 • 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.

<https://www.ci.brownsville.or.us> • 541-466-5880

HALSEY

City Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 9 • 7–9 p.m.
Halsey City Hall, 100 W Halsey St.

Parks & Library Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 18 • 5:30–6:30 p.m.
Halsey Library, 773 W 1st 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.

<https://halseyor.gov/government> • 541-369-2522

HARRISBURG

City Council Business Meeting
Tuesday, June 9 • 6:30 p.m.

Planning Commission
Tuesday, June 16 • 7 p.m.

City Council Work Session
Tuesday, June 23 • 6:30 p.m.

All meetings: Harrisburg Municipal Center, 354 Smith St.

<https://www.ci.harrisburg.or.us> • 541-995-2200

TANGENT

City Council Meeting
Monday, June 8 • 7–9 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting
Thursday, June 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, June 18 • 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

Policy Committee Meeting
Monday, June 8 • 5:15–6:15 p.m.

School Board Meeting
Monday, June 8 • 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

HARRISBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Meeting & Budget Hearing
June 10 • 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Harrisburg School District 7 administrative offices, 865 LaSalle St., Harrisburg • 541-995-6626

STAY CONNECTED!

Discover upcoming events or add your own to our community calendar:

<https://brownsvilletimes.org/community-calendar>

ONGOING EVENTS

Sunny Nights Swim & Deep Water Aerobics
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays • 6 p.m.
Lebanon Community Pool, 1800 5th St., Lebanon

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lebanon.aquatic@gmail.com • 541-451-8551

Lebanon Swim Club
Tuesday & Thursday afternoons
Lebanon Community Pool, 1800 S. 5th St., Lebanon

Youth are invited to join this 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

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Downtown Second Ave. Historic Walking Tour
Wednesday, May 28 • 6 p.m.
Burkhart Square, between the Lyon Street Bridge and the Albany Civic Theater, Albany

Oscar Hult of The Natty Dresser will lead a guided walking tour highlighting the historic buildings and architectural details of Albany’s Second Avenue district.

<https://www.albanyvisitors.com/events>

2nd Annual Lebanon Powwow
Saturday, May 30 • Noon–10 p.m. • Free
Lebanon High School, 1700 S. Fifth St., Lebanon

Native dancing, drumming, Aztec dancers, intertribal dancing, Native art and food vendors, and recognition of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Persons (MMIW). Grand entries begin at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.

naep.lebanonparents@gmail.com

Objects of Albany
Saturday, May 30 • 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
Carnegie Library, 302 SW Ferry St., Albany

View rare historical artifacts and local treasures during this special Preservation Month exhibit featuring items rarely displayed publicly.

<https://www.albanyvisitors.com/events>

Oregon Electric Railway Depot Tour and Hackleman District Walk
Sunday, May 31 • 2 p.m.
Sybaris Bistro/Oregon Electric Railway Depot 442 W 1st Ave., Albany

Participants will tour the historic 1912 Oregon Electric Railway Depot before taking a guided walk through the Hackleman Historic District. Led by Lonna Capaci, Liz Rapp, and Sybaris owner Matt Bennett. Space is limited to 20 participants. Reservations required: 541-928-0911.

<https://www.albanyvisitors.com/events>

Bryan Bielanski Live in Albany
Wednesday, June 3 • 6–8 p.m.
The Barn at Hickory Station, 640 NW Hickory St., Albany

Singer-songwriter Bryan Bielanski brings his upbeat, folk-rock sound to Albany as part of his international touring schedule. Known for high-energy performances and catchy original songs.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/18bxSAXZvB>

Cancer Survivors Day Celebration
Sunday, June 7 • 1–3 p.m.
Pastega Regional Cancer Center 441 NW Elks Drive, Corvallis

Samaritan Cancer Program will host a free National Cancer Survivors Day celebration honoring cancer survivors and their loved ones. The event includes food, an art activity, talks from cancer care team members and survivors, and information about community cancer resources. Registration is encouraged but not required.

<https://samhealth.org/celebratesurvivors> • 541-768-2171

Halsey City-Wide Garage Sale
Saturday, June 13 • 8 a.m.–4 p.m. • Throughout Halsey

Featuring household items, clothing, tools, collectibles, furniture, and more. Sale registration is due by June 8. The cost is \$8, and park booth spaces are available. Register online or at Halsey City Hall.

https://www.halseyor.gov/garage_sale_registration.php

Hope in Halsey Al-Anon Weekly Meeting
Fridays • Doors open at 6:45 p.m.; meeting 7–8 p.m.
Halsey City Hall, First Floor, 100 W Halsey St.

Park in front, meeting is back room; down the hallway. Last Friday is Recovery Night book study.

Breaking Free Weekly AA Meeting
Fridays • Doors open at 6:45 p.m.; meeting 7–8 p.m.
Halsey City Hall, First Floor, 100 W Halsey St.

Park in front, meeting in front room.

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.

Tangent Community Garage Sales
Saturday, June 13 • Citywide throughout Tangent

Residents throughout Tangent will host community garage sales featuring household items, clothing, tools, decor, collectibles, and more. If you would like your address included on the community garage sale map email tangentvolunteer@gmail.com by June 10.

Tangent Farmers Market
Saturday, June 13 • 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Baxter’s Brew/Riverland Rentals, 33977 OR-99E, Tangent

Shop local vendors offering baked goods, crafts, flowers, farm goods, honey, meats, woodworking, home decor, and more. Live music by Eugene-based band PixieOgre. July and August Markets are the second Saturdays.

<https://www.facebook.com/tangentfarmersmarket>

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

The City of Harrisburg will hold its first annual Veterans Memorial Service, beginning with a flag raising and welcome from Mayor Duncan. The event honors veterans past and present, with special recognition of 1st Lt. Russell Quinn, a Harrisburg native who died June 13 during World War II. The service also reflects Harrisburg’s sister city relationship with Bréal-sous-Montfort, France, which holds a memorial service on the same date.

<https://www.ci.harrisburg.or.us/community/page/harrisburg-1st-annual-veterans-memorial>

Pickling & Fermentation
Saturday, June 20 • 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. • \$16
Linn County Extension Office 33630 McFarland Rd, Tangent

OSU Extension will offer instruction on safe pickling and fermentation methods for home food preservation. Register at <https://beav.es/NfD>.

Annual Harrisburg Citywide Cleanup Day
Saturday, June 27 • 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Harrisburg High School, 400 S 9th St

Provided by Republic Services and the City of Harrisburg. Open to Harrisburg city residents only; ID required. Cost is \$5 per load.

Accepted items include yard debris and branches, unpainted or untreated wood, broken yard items, TVs, computers and electronics, scrap metal (all fluids and tanks removed), swimming pools, large appliances, broken furniture, and general junk items.

Hazardous waste, paint, tires, chemicals, fertilizers, pesticides, explosives, ammunition, car or machine fluids, and household garbage will not be accepted.

Residents should use regular garbage service for household trash.

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Lebanon Powwow's Second Year of Culture, Community, May 30

By Mikayle Stole, Editor

LEBANON — The 2nd Annual Lebanon Powwow will return Saturday, May 30, bringing a full day of Native culture, dance, drumming, food, and community celebration to Lebanon High School.

The free event will run from noon to 10 p.m. at Lebanon High School, 1700 S. Fifth St., and is organized by the Lebanon School District's Native American/Alaska Native Education Program.

This year's powwow will honor and bring awareness to Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Persons (MMIW), while also celebrating Native traditions and community connections.

Grand entries are scheduled for 1 p.m. and 6 p.m., with Aztec dancers performing at 5 p.m. Organizers will also host intertribal dancing throughout the event, inviting both Native and non-Native community members to participate in the celebration together.

Visitors can also explore Native art vendors, informational booths, and food vendors, including fry bread.

Organizer Laurie Regalado, Native American/Alaska Native Education Program coordinator for the Lebanon Community School District, said the event is both personal and meaningful for her family.

Regalado's daughter, Chloe, is a jingle dance dancer and current junior who will become a senior this summer. Regalado said being able to organize the powwow while sharing Native culture and traditions with her daughter has been especially rewarding.

"...the fact that I can put on a powwow and run the Native American Alaska Native Education Program and share this with her and learn from others and teach about our culture is awesome," Regalado said.

Regalado's mother, Kathy, is a Siletz elder who lives on the Siletz Reservation. Regalado also credited the support of her husband, family, volunteers, sponsors, and tribal communities for helping make the event possible.

The district's Native education program currently serves about 50 students. Regalado said Communications Director Michelle Silbernagel and numerous volunteers have also played key roles in helping organize the powwow.

A special event shirt designed by Native artist Rushie will also be available during the powwow.

Sponsors include the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, local community members, and additional supporters.

For more information, contact Laurie Regalado at naep.lebanonparents@gmail.com.



FISCHBECK PHOTOGRAPHY

Stand By Me Day Returns July 25

By Mo Robeson, Stand By Me Day Committee

BROWNSVILLE — 2026 marks the 40th anniversary of the release of this fan-favorite movie, filmed here in 1985. Organizers knew this anniversary of Stand By Me would be something special, so they brought in event coordinator Tika Harrison and her team at Bizzy Beez to help bring the celebration together. Preparations are well underway to mark four decades since the release of the film that continues to resonate with fans of all ages from all around the world.



Canvas tote bags for this year's Stand By Me Day are now available for purchase at the Brownsville Art Center. The bags feature artwork created to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the beloved film festival event.

Co-chairs Linda McCormick and Jeff Brown are leading the effort, with support from Paul and Lauren Sinz. Together, they are coordinating more than 20 volunteer department heads, who will, in turn, help direct hundreds of volunteers throughout the day. Members of the Benevolent Order of the Antelope will also be on hand to assist visitors. If you would like to be part of the fun, contact Linda or Jeff; there are lots of volunteer opportunities.

The day will begin with a pancake breakfast hosted by CONNECT Linn County. Attendees can then enjoy a variety of activities, including a walking tour, a photo op with a treehouse replica, vintage cars, and old-fashioned family games. Guests can also join the search for Ray Brower and take photos with characters Chris, Gordie, Vern, and Teddy. The popular blueberry pie-eating contest will once again be a highlight.

Live music will be featured throughout the day with performances by Shatterproof and the strolling Stand By Me Day Singers. In the evening, Browntown Sound will keep the energy going, followed by an old-fashioned sock hop with a DJ.

The day will conclude with an outdoor screening of "Stand By Me" at dusk in Pioneer Park.

Organizers say the 2026 event promises something for everyone and a chance to create lasting memories.



Mark Bateman sits at the Brownsville Thursday Market with Stand By Me Day merchandise available for purchase. Bateman created the designs and handled promotion for this year's 40th anniversary celebration.

Tangent Farmers Market Continues Summer Season June 13

TANGENT — The Tangent Farmers Market will continue its summer season Saturday, June 13, with local vendors, hand-made goods, food, flowers, and live music at Baxter's Brew and Riverland Rentals, 33977 OR-99E in Tangent. The market runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Lil' Baby Cakes displays a variety of baked treats and gluten-free options during the May market.



A bee education display gives visitors a closer look at a working hive during a previous Tangent Farmers Market event. Vendors and educational booths are part of the monthly summer market series.

The monthly market features a wide variety of vendors offering baked goods, crafts, woodworking, lavender products, farm goods, honey, meats, home decor, and specialty items. Participating vendors for the June market include Three Bears Bakery, Doughlicious Sourdough, Matt's Heritage Meats, Wild Lavender Farm, Curious Cats Crafts, Sunshine Creations, and many others.



Members of Eugene-based band PixieOgre pose in costume ahead of a performance. The trio will provide live music during the June 13 Tangent Farmers Market.

Live music will be provided by Eugene-based band PixieOgre, a trio of multi-instrumentalists known for blending psychedelic folk, dream pop, and acoustic rock influences. The group's original music ranges from haunting melodic ballads to upbeat rock-inspired performances.

Band members include Satya Stewart, a composer and multi-instrumentalist who performs on trombone, bass, and keyboards; Alyssa Baz, a singer-songwriter and visual artist who plays guitar, ukulele, and fiddle; and percussionist Skot Boyes, known for incorporating unconventional instruments such as washboard, spoons, and musical saw into performances.

The band describes its sound as "acoustic psychedelic dream pop" and aims to create a fun and imaginative live music experience.

Additional vendors may still be added before market day. Community members are encouraged to shop local and support regional small businesses and makers.

The Tangent Farmers Market is held on the second Saturday of each month during the summer season, including upcoming markets in July and August from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

CITY OF BROWNSVILLE

Brownsville Reminds Residents to Trim Overgrown Vegetation Ahead of Fire Season

The City of Brownsville is reminding residents to trim overgrown vegetation as fire season approaches and to comply with the City's weed ordinance.

According to the notice, grass and weeds may not exceed 12 inches in height. Vegetation also may not block sidewalks or obstruct visibility from roads. Blackberry vines are not allowed to extend into public thoroughfares or cross property lines. The notice also references noxious vegetation, including blackberries, poison oak, and other overgrown plant material.

The City stated that abatement notices will be posted on properties where vegetation violations are found. If the vegetation is not trimmed, the City may arrange for mowing or cutting without additional notice. Property owners or renters may then be billed for the work, and unpaid charges could result in a lien on the property.

City officials said the ordinance is intended to reduce fire risk during the dry summer months. Residents with questions may contact Brownsville City Hall at 541-466-5880. ☎

HALSEY BUDGET COMMITTEE

Committee Approves \$4.55 Million City Budget

HALSEY — The Halsey Budget Committee unanimously approved the city's proposed \$4.55 million budget for the 2026-27 fiscal year during its April 28 meeting and State Shared Revenue hearing at the Halsey Community Center.

City Administrator and Budget Officer Briana Parra presented a proposed budget totaling \$4,552,288, representing a 6.09 percent increase over the current fiscal year budget. According to the budget message, the increase is primarily tied to ongoing capital projects, rising insurance costs, and infrastructure investments.

Budget committee members reviewed multiple city funds and discussed future infrastructure planning, maintenance projects, and grant-supported improvements throughout the city. Committee Member Ashley Lundy asked about grant funding connected to the city's well project. Parra explained that the city received two Environmental Protection Agency grants — one for \$700,000, requiring a 20 percent match, and another for \$350,000, with no matching requirement.

Mayor Jerry Lachenbruch requested the removal of the 911 revenue line item because Linn County is discontinuing the program, while Parra recommended removing the administrative fees, which are already accounted for elsewhere in the budget.

Committee members also discussed rising costs associated with the Linn County Sheriff's Office contract, future repairs to the city's water system, and ongoing issues with the library's bookmobile storage conditions due to dampness and humidity. City officials said the library is in the early planning stages of saving for a future storage solution.

Additional discussion focused on stormwater maintenance challenges at the Blue Heron pump system, including recurring damage caused by nutria.

The committee reviewed proposed uses for approximately \$10,000 in State Shared Revenue funds, including \$4,000 for Halsey Memorial Park, \$3,500 for the library fund, and \$2,500 for repairs to electric vehicle charging stations and replacement tablets for public works staff.

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TANGENT CITY COUNCIL

Council Supports Moving Crosswalk Funds Toward Tangent Drive Project

Daniel R. Murphy, Staff Writer and Columnist

TANGENT — The Tangent City Council met Monday, May 11, beginning with a 6:30 p.m. work session before moving into its regular session.

During the work session, councilors reviewed city goals, including implementation of the Tangent Strategic Plan and a goal to increase city revenue without affecting businesses or residents. The packet notes a July 6 Tangent University Town Hall related to the strategic plan.

The council adopted the consent agenda.

Under new business, the council voted to recommend that the Albany Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board move funding from the Old Oak Drive crosswalk project to the Tangent Drive project. According to the city packet, Linn County plans to apply for grant funding for Tangent Drive, with the transferred funds potentially supporting the required local match.

The packet states that the Old Oak Drive crosswalk project near Wildrose Drive and Tangent Elementary School did not secure sufficient funding to proceed as a complete project.

Councilors also discussed mowing along Highway 99E, where grass maintenance has been an ongoing issue. The city manager's report notes that the city is considering subcontracting mowing along the Bush Recreational Trail ditch and the tree area along Highway 99E, with a goal of mowing Highway 99E once a month.

The council also amended the city zoning map to correct a conflict between the city and county zoning designations. According to meeting notes, the Planning Commission had previously reviewed and approved the application prior to its presentation to the council. ☎

Tangent City Manager Highlights School Advocacy, Highway Mowing, and Pavilion Costs

TANGENT — Tangent City Manager Joe Samaniego's May report to the City Council highlighted ongoing efforts related to Tangent Elementary School, city maintenance projects, and rising costs associated with the Bass Estate Pavilion project.

According to the report, city staff, Mayor Loel Trulove, Jr., and the council president met May 6 with community members Bill Coon, Jay Jackson, and Mary Northern to discuss procedures Greater Albany Public Schools would need to follow if a school closure were proposed.

The report also noted that city officials intend to continue monitoring discussions surrounding the future of Tangent Elementary School and potential impacts from the Greater Albany Public Schools Long Range Facility Advisory Committee process.

Samaniego also stated in the report that the city plans to continue advocating for high-speed rail discussions involving the Eugene-to-Portland corridor, particularly as fuel prices rise and transportation issues gain renewed attention. Tangent has continued to include high-speed rail among its legislative priorities.

Public works projects were another major focus of the report. According to the report, mowing operations are underway throughout the city, including discussions about subcontracting mowing along the Bush Recreational Trail ditch and the Highway 99E tree corridor after Linn County Sheriff's Office work crews became unavailable for the summer. The city's goal is to mow Highway 99E once each month.

The report also discussed growing costs for the Bass Estate Pavilion project. All bids were rejected after construction estimates came in significantly above budget, with the lowest recent bid exceeding \$330,000. Earlier estimates in 2025 had been closer to \$100,000.

To reduce costs, the city scaled back several elements of the project, including decorative column wraps, electricity, bathrooms, and lighting. The driveway widening portion of the project was also reduced from 20 feet to 16 feet.

Additional updates in the report included code-compliance efforts regarding overgrown grass and abandoned vehicles, downtown sidewalk planning discussions, and beautification projects planned for Tangent's Pioneer Park. ☎



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

June 1, 2026 • Brownsville City Hall Council Chambers

The City of Brownsville will hold a public hearing before the Planning Commission on Monday, June 1, 2026, to consider an application for a Variance in the Medium Density Residential Zone (MDR).

The hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m., in Brownsville City Hall, 255 N. Main Street, Council Chambers, on the date listed above. The Staff Report will be available for review at City Hall by 4:00 p.m., May 29, 2026; a copy of the document may be obtained on that date for the cost of copying.

NATURE OF PROPOSAL: Variance to minimum lot width standards in the Medium Density Residential zone, related to Map & Taxlot T.13S, R.02W, SEC. 31CA, TL 04700, 344 Kirk Avenue.

LOCATION: 344 Kirk Avenue, 13S02W31CA04700Brownsville, OR 97327

APPLICANT(S): Ben Swartzendruber, PO Box 485, Brownsville, OR 97327

APPLICABLE CRITERIA: Brownsville Ordinances 15.40.040, 15.50.010-.030, 15.80.060, 15.115.030, 15.115.040, 15.85.050 & 15.130.

Issues which may provide the basis for an appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals must be raised either in writing, as described below, or in oral testimony at the public hearing. Issues shall be raised with sufficient specificity to enable all parties to respond to the issue. Failure to do so preclude appeal of the City’s decision to the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) based on that issue.

Written comments may be submitted by mail to the City of Brownsville, Attention: Elizabeth Coleman, P.O. Box 188, Brownsville, OR 97327, fax to (541) 466-5118, or to City Hall at 255 N Main, and must be received by 4:00 p.m., May 28, 2026. Copies of all materials relied upon by the applicant are available for review and may be obtained for the actual cost of photocopies and postage (if needed). Please contact Elizabeth Coleman with any questions at (541) 466-5666 (5/21, 5/27)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:

STATE REVENUE SHARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the Halsey City Council will be held during the June City Council Meeting. The Council meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at Halsey City Hall, 100 W. Halsey Street, Halsey, Oregon.

THE PURPOSE of the hearing is to discuss the proposed uses of State Shared Revenue Funds in relation to the entire budget.

Any citizen or property owner of the City of Halsey may appear at this hearing and will be given an opportunity to speak in favor of, or in opposition to, any proposed uses. Remote meeting attendance via Zoom will be available. Public comment may also be submitted in advance in writing via mail or the payment drop box located north of City Hall, online at www.halseyor.gov, or via email to contact@halseyor.gov, Public comment will also be taken during the public hearing portions of the meeting.

— Briana Parra , Budget Officer (5/27, 6/3)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING — CITY OF

HALSEY Proposed Utility Rate Increase

The Halsey City Council will hold a public hearing Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Halsey City Hall, 100 W. Halsey St., to discuss proposed utility rate increases for water, sewer and stormwater services.

Proposed water rate increases include:

- Base rate: \$2.50
- Tier 2: \$0.04 per 1,000 gallons
- Tier 3: \$0.05 per 1,000 gallons
- Tier 4: \$0.05 per 1,000 gallons
- Tier 5: \$0.10 per 1,000 gallons
- Commercial: \$0.50 per 100 gallons above 3,000 gallons

Proposed sewer increases include:

- Residential: \$1.40 increase to each tier
- Commercial: \$2 increase to all tiers
- Proposed stormwater increase:
- \$0.50 increase

If approved, the increases would take effect July 1, 2026, with the 2026-27 fiscal year.

Increases support operations and maintenance of the water, sewer and stormwater systems, including treatment, plant and system maintenance, costs associated with testing, permitting, chlorination, operations, alignment, repair and major replacement or upgrading of facilities. Proposed rate increases are in alignment

with the 2022 Water Rate Study and CPI. The 2025-2026 Western Region CPI shows an average increase of 2.8 percent.

Community members may attend the meeting and provide comments or ask questions regarding the proposed increases.

For more information, contact Halsey City Hall.

— Briana Parra, City Administrator (5/27, 6/3)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Halsey Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., at Halsey City Hall, 100 W. Halsey Street, to consider a Conditional Use Permit for an auto repair business at 991 W 4th Street, Halsey, Oregon.

Interested parties may appear and be heard.

Information available at City Hall (541) 369-2522. (5/27, 6/3)

BUDGET

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No public comments were submitted during either the State Shared Revenue hearing or the budget hearing.

The committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the budget and property tax rate of \$5.6014 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, along with a permanent rate tax levy for the city’s general obligation bond in the amount of \$52,925. ☼

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A public meeting of the Halsey City Council will be held on June 9 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Halsey City Hall, 100 Halsey Street, Halsey, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 as approved by the Halsey Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at Halsey City Hall, 100 Halsey Street, Halsey, Oregon, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 pm to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday or online at www.halseyor.gov. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting standards that are the same as the preceding year.

Contact: Briana Parra

Telephone: 541-369-2522

Email: admin@halseyor.gov

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES

TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2024-2025	Adopted Budget This Year 2025-2026	Approved Budget Next Year 2026-2027
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	1,881,163	1,871,100	1,896,363
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	588,383	664,955	570,650
Federal, State and all Other Grants, Gifts, and Donations	163,164	1,205,400	1,535,850
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt	54,393	50,088	51,425
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	95,000	85,000	58,000
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	97,690	39,400	40,400
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	391,004	375,000	389,600
Total Resources	3,270,797	4,290,943	4,542,288

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION

Personnel Services	619,718	817,760	893,650
Materials and Services	505,135	861,645	769,350
Capital Outlay	498,960	1,553,000	1,945,100
Debt Service	54,544	54,544	54,544
Interfund Transfers	95,000	85,000	58,000
Contingencies	0	115,800	112,500
Special Payments	0	0	0
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	0	803,194	709,144
Total Requirements	1,773,357	4,290,943	4,542,288

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *

Name of Organizational Unit or Program FTE for that unit or program			
Administration	465,326	627,115	687,160
FTE	1.50	1.50	1.80
Library	53,275	72,370	80,370
FTE	0.50	0.40	0.40
Parks	65,215	117,770	31,470
FTE	0.10	0.20	0.15
Wastewater	288,674	978,500	865,000
FTE	1.25	1.50	1.30
Water	794,145	1,184,844	1,690,644
FTE	1.40	1.50	1.40
Streets	88,841	454,850	387,000
FTE	0.40	0.50	0.55
Stormwater	17,881	52,300	91,500
FTE	0.10	0.20	0.20
Not Allocated to Organizational Unit or Program		803,194	709,144
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Requirements	1,773,357	4,290,943	4,542,288
Total FTE	5.25	5.80	5.80

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING

Beginning Fund Balance estimates are slightly higher as are capital outlay expenses which is attributed to frugality and securing of grant funds. The budget continues to include large capital projects that involve grants or financing as we continue to work toward project completion. However, capital projects have resulted in reduction to our unallocated/reserve funds of -10.59% as engineering costs are often not covered by the grant funds driving these projects. There is a 9.57% increase in Personnel, which includes a COLA, and increases in insurance costs and seasonal Public Works staffing. Capital Outlay shows a 25.31% increase as a resultongoing and pending projects. Projects include, street paving project, phase 2 of a new well, a sewer collection system repair.

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES

	Rate or Amount Imposed This Year 2024-2025	Rate or Amount Imposed Next Year 2025-2026	Rate or Amount Approved Next Year 2026-2027
Permanent Rate Levy (rate limit 5.6014 per \$1,000)	5.6014	5.6014	5.6014
Local Option Levy			
Levy For General Obligation Bonds	54,102	53,045	52,925

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1.	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds	\$548,427	\$0
Other Bonds	\$0	\$0
Other Borrowings	\$38,460	\$380,000
Total	\$586,887	\$0

HALSEY CITY COUNCIL

Council Reviews Sidewalk Concerns, Infrastructure Projects

HALSEY — The Halsey City Council discussed sidewalk concerns, infrastructure updates, and upcoming community projects during its regular meeting May 12 at City Hall.

Linn County Sheriff Michelle Duncan reported that one arrest was made in April, along with two traffic citations and 34 total complaints filed. Duncan also said the sheriff’s office is preparing to implement body cameras and updated handheld radios this year, while Linn County continues working toward expanded dorm-style housing for female inmates at the jail. City officials also praised Deputy Suple’s positive involvement in the community.

During citizen comments, resident Zane Goodwin submitted concerns regarding sidewalk obligations within the city. Goodwin said sidewalk requirements appear to be unevenly enforced and suggested that the city conduct a sidewalk inventory and explore additional funding options before imposing or expanding sidewalk repair obligations. The matter is expected to be revisited for additional discussion in June.

City Administrator Briana Parra updated the council on several infrastructure projects, including the city’s inflow and infiltration project, which has entered the legal review stage before submission to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. Public works crews have also installed new park benches, with additional exercise equipment, basketball hoops, and court painting expected to be completed by June.

Parra reported that the Halsey Library Book-It 5K drew 52 online registrations and increased business sponsorships this year. Council members also discussed a possible partnership with the Central Linn School District to renovate an old school bus into a future bookmobile project. Councilor Strauss has been helping with identifying potential grant funding for the project.

The council approved the 2026–27 city wage scale and declared a list of city-owned items surplus property for future sale or donation. Members also discussed expanded duties for youth volunteers working with the city, directing staff to continue researching options while returning any additional costs to the council for approval.

Council members voted unanimously to vacate West A Street while denying a related vacation request for West B Street between West 6th and West 7th streets. The matter had been delayed several times earlier this year.

The council also adopted a resolution proclaiming May 2026 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Halsey. ☼

LINN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners Hold Moment of Silence in Honor of Former Commissioner Cliff Wooten

Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer



COURTESY: LINN COUNTY
Former Linn County Commissioner Cliff Wooten is pictured in an official portrait during his years serving on the Linn County Board of Commissioners. Wooten died May 12 at his home near Scio.

ALBANY — Former Linn County Commissioner Cliff Wooten loved his family, and the people of Linn County, Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Sherrie Sprenger, and Will Tucker agreed Tuesday morning.

A moment of silence was observed during the May 19 board meeting honoring Wooten, who died May 12 at his home near Scio. Wooten unseated incumbent commissioner Catherine Skiens in the November 2000 election and served on the Board of Commissioners for eight years.

In his 2008 filing with the Secretary of State to run for state representative, Wooten noted that in addition to the Board of Commissioners, he had served on the Scio Mutual Telephone Association Board of Directors, the Linn County Fair Board, the Community Services Consortium Board, the Workforce Investment Board, the Community Action Advisory Committee, and the Scio Flood Mitigation

Committee.

In 2008, Wooten, a Republican, waged an unsuccessful campaign to unseat then State Rep. Sherrie Sprenger, who now serves on the Board of Commissioners. All three commissioners spoke highly of Wooten, who was known for wearing bib overalls while leading a mule in local parades.



COURTESY: LINN COUNTY
Known for his bib overalls and parade appearances with mules, former Linn County Commissioner Cliff Wooten rides during a community parade in this undated photo.

Board Chairman Nyquist said Wooten’s mantra was “we help people,” and that attitude helped set the tone for the board ever since.

“He practiced that philosophy on a daily basis,” Nyquist said.

He added that Wooten “read everything and we learned there were a lot of mistakes made. Cliff would find them.”

Commissioner Tucker said he and Wooten had been friends since the 1970s, and Tucker succeeded Wooten on the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Tucker said that Wooten taught judo and jiu-jitsu for many years, and the two men often sparred with martial arts students at Oregon State. Wooten also coached Tucker’s son when he competed at the junior national judo tournament.

“After I came on the board, he would come to the meetings and then visit with me afterwards. He had a strong belief in doing what is right,” Tucker said.

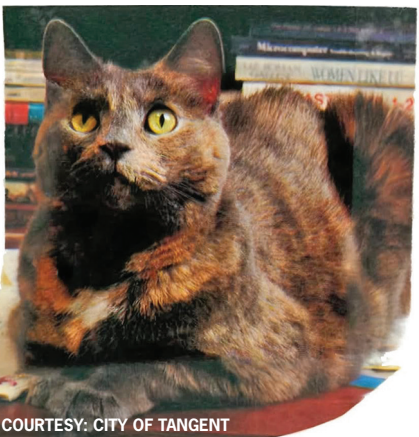
Tucker called Wooten, “A good friend of Linn County.”

Commissioner Sprenger said Wooten was a devoted family man “who believed in Linn County. He loved his wife, Jean, and his family.”

A celebration of life will be held from 1–4 p.m. on July 11 at the ZCJB Hall, 38704 North Main Street, Scio. ☼

Historic Tangent Cat Now Seen in Color

Tangent city staff recently uncovered what is believed to be a rare color photograph of Kitty Kat, the longtime feline resident associated with the historic Bass Estate house that now serves as Tangent City Hall. According to the City of Tangent, Kitty Kat lived at the property until his passing, when the Bass Estate house was deeded to the city. ☼



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Harrisburg Hosts Regional Small Cities Meetings, Volunteer Projects

HARRISBURG — City staff participated in several regional collaboration meetings and community improvement projects throughout the week following the Tuesday, May 12 Harrisburg City Council meeting.

On Wednesday, May 13, Harrisburg joined other small Oregon cities in continuing discussions to revitalize the Small Municipality Advocacy Coalition (SMAC). Organizers said the coalition plans to provide advocacy training for city councilors and mayors in smaller communities as local governments work together on shared legislative concerns.

City officials said smaller municipalities continue to face challenges that are often overlooked at the state level, and coalition organizers hope the partnership will strengthen the collective voice of rural communities.

On Thursday, May 14, nearly 70 students from Harrisburg High School volunteered at Eagle Park and the grounds of the Harrisburg Area Museum. Students helped remove blackberries, spread bark dust, and completed cleanup and maintenance projects at several locations.

The week concluded with Harrisburg hosting a League of Oregon Cities Small Cities meeting attended by representatives from several communities, including Coburg, Corvallis, Albany, Halsey, Millersburg, and Sodaville.

Officials discussed common challenges facing small cities while sharing ideas and success stories from their communities. Lunch for the gathering was catered by Nuestro Sabor. ☼

Harrisburg Seeks Sister City Correspondents with French Community

HARRISBURG — The City of Harrisburg is seeking residents interested in connecting with citizens in its sister city, Bréal-sous-Montfort, as part of an effort to strengthen cultural and community relationships between the two communities.

City officials said residents from Bréal-sous-Montfort are already interested in corresponding with people in Harrisburg through shared hobbies, careers, and community organizations. Officials emphasized that the program is intended to be informal and does not require a large time commitment.

Current interests from the French community include connections through local government, veterans organizations, fire departments, and soccer programs. City staff said Harrisburg residents with interests in baseball, business, photography, cinema, libraries, tourism, crafts, and other hobbies are also encouraged to participate.

Officials noted that language barriers should not discourage participation, pointing to online translation services such as Google Translate as helpful communication tools.

The city has also expanded information available through its Sister City webpage at <https://www.ci.harrisburg.or.us/community/page/sister-city-breál-sous-montfort-0>, which includes links to Bréal-sous-Montfort’s website and social media pages. Officials said the partnership reflects a shared commitment to friendship, remembrance, and cultural exchange across generations and international borders.

Residents interested in participating are encouraged to contact Harrisburg City Administrator Michele Eldridge at meldridge@ci.harrisburg.or.us and share their interests so connections can be coordinated with residents in France. ☼

HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL Council Approves Beacon Project, Generator Purchase

HARRISBURG — The Harrisburg City Council approved several public works-related projects during its Tuesday, May 12 meeting, including a new pedestrian safety beacon and the purchase of a replacement backup generator.

The meeting opened with a proclamation recognizing May as Mental Health Awareness Month. The proclamation, issued by Mayor Robert Duncan and read by pro-tem Council President Charlotte Thomas, highlighted the importance of mental health awareness and access to services. City officials also recognized the efforts of the Linn County Mental Health Advisory Board in providing outreach, training, and public education programs.

Councilors approved a \$68,762 contract with Brown Contracting Inc. to install a Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon on 3rd Street. The crosswalk will move to the northwest corner near Arrow Services and the northeast corner near Subway. Most of the work is expected to take place after the Fourth of July holiday.

The council also approved the purchase of a portable, trailer-mounted backup power generator from Caterpillar Inc. through the Sourcewell cooperative purchasing program for \$225,619.

City officials said Harrisburg’s older portable generators, dating from 1991 and 1999, have become increasingly unreliable and difficult to repair due to unavailable parts and aging computer components. Funding for the new generator will come from the city’s Equipment Fund and Capital Outlay budget.

Later that evening, Public Works Director Chuck Scholz received notice from Linn County Deputy Devin Smith that two individuals had been cited for allegedly defacing a newly poured concrete walkway connecting an ADA parking space to a picnic table near the dog park. City officials thanked both law enforcement and the citizen who reported the incident. ☼

HARRISBURG BUDGET COMMITTEE

Committee Recommends Approval of City Budget

HARRISBURG — The Harrisburg Budget Committee recommended approval of the city’s proposed budget during its Monday, May 11 meeting, forwarding the document to the Harrisburg City Council with two amendments.

City officials encouraged residents to review the budget materials, noting that Oregon cities are required to publicly post their budgets each year. The budget message outlines how tax dollars are allocated, current financial trends, and proposed utility rates for the upcoming fiscal year.

Officials also noted that Harrisburg has never missed an audit year. In addition to annual audits, the city council reviews monthly expenditure reports and quarterly expense reports comparing actual spending against the adopted budget.

City officials said the complete budget packet and past financial documents are available through Harrisburg’s city’s website at <https://www.ci.harrisburg.or.us/meetings>. ☼

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BROWNSVILLE LIBRARY

Kids, Discover Your Summer Happy Place

By Eva Wada, Brownsville Assistant Librarian

Hey kids, summer break is right around the corner! Before you lose track of the days watching movies on repeat or lounging around in your pajamas, take a moment to imagine your happy place. Do you like to lie in the grass with the sun on your face, or relax in a cozy armchair with a cold lemonade?



MIKAYLE STOLE
A topiary elephant stands at The Oregon Garden, one of the destinations available through the Brownsville Library's Cultural Pass program.

Now imagine meeting amazing characters and going on wild journeys. You can do all this with a book in your happy place! Your library offers adventure stories, plus free weekly Cultural Passes for two adults and two children to visit beautiful spots such as The Oregon Garden, Mount Pisgah Arboretum, Portland's

Hoyt Arboretum, and Leach Botanical Garden.

To explore your favorite hobbies, check out Oregon School Library Information System (OSLIS) at <https://oslis.org>. This safe, statewide online tool lets students watch videos, read eBooks, and learn about anything that sparks your curiosity.

Before school ends, grab a book list from a librarian or teacher, set a summer reading goal, and pick a fun prize to reward yourself when you finish! You can also find upcoming community events with your parents to fill up a fun summer calendar. Then, head to the library for books to help you learn to sew a festival outfit, or identify local plants for a park scavenger hunt.

Families can also register kids (birth to age 5) living in Oregon for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Proudly sponsored by the Brownsville Community Library, Corvallis Morning Rotary, Linn County United Way, and the State of Oregon, this program delivers a free book every month.

Find a space that gives you peace this summer and spark your amazing creativity! ☀

BROWNSVILLE LIBRARY CALENDAR

Parents & Pals Story Time

Wednesdays • 10–10:15 a.m.

A short story time followed by free play together.

Thread Wizards 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.–noon

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.

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HARRISBURG LIBRARY

Summer Reading Program

HARRISBURG — The Harrisburg Public Library will kick off its 2026 Summer Reading Program, “Plant a Seed Read,” on Friday, June 12, with a special farming presentation by Kurt Kayner beginning at 10 a.m.



STOCK PHOTO

The free summer program will continue each Friday through Aug. 7 with hands-on activities, crafts, educational presentations, and storytimes

focused on gardening, nature, and community. Weekly events include making patriotic pinwheels, bouquet building, a honeybee presentation, a nature scavenger hunt, and a make-and-take seed bomb activity.

One highlight of the program will be a June 19 FFA Storytime and American flag planting event at Harrisburg City Hall. Participants will also have opportunities to take home flowers, treats, and seeds while supplies last.

The program concludes Aug. 7 with a carnival celebration at the library.

All events begin at 10 a.m. and are designed for children and families. Contact the Harrisburg Public Library for additional information. ☀

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.

Summer Reading Program ‘Plant a Seed, Read’

Fridays, June 12 to Aug. 7 • 10 a.m. • The Free 2026 Summer Reading Program will feature reading activities and summer fun for local children and families.

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.

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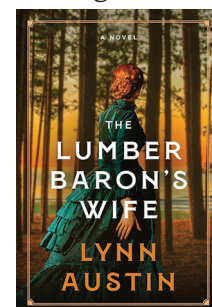
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‘SHERRING’ BOOKS

Romance, Mystery, and Adventure Featured in New Fiction Arrivals

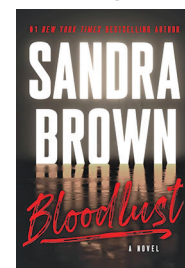
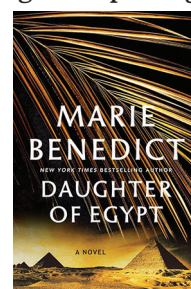
Readers looking for romance, suspense, and adventure will find plenty of new fiction titles at the Brownsville Library this month.

Among the latest arrivals is “The Darling Devils” series by Alexandra Moody, a young adult hockey romance collection that includes “Rival Darling,” “Grumpy Darling,” and “Wild Darling.”



Historical fiction readers may enjoy “The Lumber Baron’s Wife” by Lynn Austin, a mystery set in frontier Michigan exploring grief, marriage, and friendship.

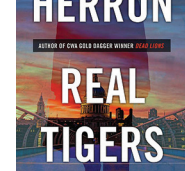
Another historical-inspired title, “Daughter of Egypt” by Marie Benedict, centers on the fascination with Egypt’s lost pharaohs and archaeological discoveries.



Fans of suspense can pick up “Bloodlust” by Sandra Brown, while fantasy readers may enjoy Matt Dinniman’s “Dungeon Crawler Carl” series, inspired by role-playing games and packed with action and humor.



The library also added “Real Tigers” by Mick Herron, Book 3 in the Slough House series featuring disgraced MI5 operatives known as the “Slow Horses.”



Other new fiction titles include “The Night We Met” by Abby Jimenez, “Miss Benson’s Beetle” by Rachel Joyce, and “The

Silversmith’s Puzzle” by Nev March.

Brownsville Librarian Sherri Lemhouse said the wide variety of genres offers something for nearly every reader heading into summer. ☀



HALSEY LIBRARY CALENDAR

Summer Reading Program ‘Plant a Seed, Read’

Saturdays, July 11 to August 8

The Free 2026 Summer Reading Program will feature reading activities and summer fun for local children and families.

Library Hours: Closed Sun–Mon.

Tue–Fri 1–5 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

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HALSEY LIBRARY

Annual 5K Race Raises Support for Library Programs

By Larissa Gangle, Halsey Correspondent

HALSEY — The weather was ideal and the atmosphere was full of energy as community members gathered at Halsey Memorial Park on Saturday, May 9, to support the annual Halsey Library 5K Fundraiser.

This year’s event proved to be another successful turnout, drawing 59 race participants along with countless volunteers and supporters. Volunteers included residents, members of the Halsey City Council, Halsey Fire personnel, Parks & Library Committee members, and Central Linn Lions Club members, all working together to help make the event possible.

Additional support was provided by Deputy Jenna Sukle with the Linn County Sheriff’s Office, who assisted by alerting drivers in the area and escorting race participants along the route to help ensure a safe event for everyone involved.

Local businesses and community members also contributed in a big way through generous donations, contributing more than \$1,800 in support of the event. Attendees also had the opportunity to browse the Bookmobile, which was stocked with a variety of titles available for purchase at just \$1 per book or \$5 for an entire bag.

The race featured three divisions: men’s, women’s, and youth. In the men’s division, Ted Murolo claimed first place with a time of 20:59. Allison Wickline secured first place in the women’s division, finishing with a time of 22:34. In the youth division, Lily Pugh earned first place with a finishing time of 28:24.

Halsey Librarian Kaitlyn Watts expressed appreciation to everyone who participated, volunteered, donated, and supported the event, making this year’s fundraiser a success for the Halsey Library and the community it serves. The Book-It 5K is held annually in May and all proceeds go towards supporting Library programs and events.

PHOTOS:
LARISSA GANGLE



Hannah Peterson celebrates as she nears the finish line.



Ted Murolo celebrates as he approaches the finish line during the annual Halsey Library 5K Fundraiser on May 9 in Halsey. Murolo took first place in the men’s division with a winning time of 20:59.



Lauren Neel crosses the finish line during the Halsey Library 5K Fundraiser at Halsey Memorial Park. The annual event drew 59 participants and raised more than \$1,800 to support Halsey Library programs.

Linn County Voters Decide Local Races, Reject State Transportation Measure

ALBANY — Linn County voters weighed in Tuesday, May 19, on a series of local and state-wide races and measures during Oregon’s 2026 Primary Election, with unofficial results showing strong support for incumbent and unopposed candidates while several tax and levy measures drew mixed results across the county.

As of Wednesday, May 19 in the morning, voter turnout in Linn County was just under 39 percent, according to unofficial election returns.

In county races, Theodore “TJ” Hiner Jr. secured the Democratic nomination for Linn County Commissioner, Position 1, while Republican incumbent Will Tucker also advanced with overwhelming support in his primary race.

Jessica K. Meyer retained strong voter support in the nonpartisan race for Justice of the Peace, District 4A.

Meanwhile, Harrisburg Fire/Rescue’s Measure 22-213 local option levy for operations failed, with roughly 60 percent of voters opposing the measure. The levy would have provided funding for fire and emergency response operations within the district.

At the state level, Gov. Tina Kotek easily secured the Democratic nomination statewide. On the Republican side, Christine Drazan led a crowded Republican gubernatorial field in unofficial returns.

In the race for U.S. Senate, Democratic incumbent Jeff Merkley easily won the Democratic primary. Linn County Republicans favored Jo Rae Perkins in the Republican Senate primary.

For Oregon House District 11, Ivan Maluski secured the Democratic nomination, while Ken Jackola led the Republican primary over Angelita “Angel” Sanchez.

In the Oregon Senate District 6 races, Sierrah Williams secured the Democratic nomination. The Republican primary remained close between Jack Tibbetts and Jami Cate in unofficial returns.

One of the most closely watched statewide ballot issues in Linn County was Measure 120, which would have increased fuel taxes, registration and title fees, and imposed a payroll tax to support transportation infrastructure and public transit services. Linn County voters overwhelmingly rejected the measure.

Results remain unofficial until certified by county elections officials. Additional ballots received by the deadline may still be processed before final certification. For updated Linn County and Oregon results you can visit online at <https://results.oregonvotes.gov>.



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BROWNSVILLE AMERICAN LEGION POST 184

The Harvest of Our Hopes:
A Bridge to Tomorrow

By an ordinary seaman

Down on Brownsville’s Main Street, tucked between the morning bustle at Randy’s and the quiet rows of the library where Sherri Lemhouse occasionally breaks into song, there is a sense that we are stewards of a very particular kind of crop. It isn’t just the rye grass or the clover that defines our corner of the world; it is the character of the children we send out into the fields of life. Last week, at Travis Moothart Post 184, that harvest looked particularly bountiful.

We sat down to the business of the American Legion Scholarship, a \$2,500 award that represents more than just tuition. It is a vote of confidence in the future. The two finalists, Isabelle Curtis and Addison Wolfe, stood before the committee not merely as students but as the finished architecture of eighteen years of collective devotion. To look at their resumes is to see a 4.0 GPA held up by the sturdy scaffolding of the National Honor Society and the Central Linn Leadership Group.

Addison Wolfe, our Student Body President, is a creature of motion and heart. A captain across soccer, basketball, and track, she possesses that rare, throaty confidence of a leader who understands that a team is a living thing. She is headed to George Fox University to study Pediatric Nursing. She doesn’t just want a career; she wants to impact America one town at a time. There is a beautiful sincerity in that, a desire to take the nurturing spirit of our home and inject it into the weary veins of the wider world.

Then there is Isabelle Curtis, President of the Honor Society and a standout on the pitch and the court. Isabelle looks at a map and sees not just distances, but the need for connection. She is bound for Oregon State University to study Civil Engineering. She wants to build the roads and bridges that hold a society together, but more than that, she aims to build a “culture of innovation.” She understands that the end of knowledge is not just facts, but the wisdom to create something that lasts.

These young women didn’t spring from the soil unbidden. They are the result of parents who stayed the course and teachers who saw the chunk of clay in each student and helped shape it into something remarkable. They are the true product of a community that values its past even as it looks forward to the future with a steady eye.

The Scholarship Committee now faces the impossible task of choosing between them before their June 6 graduation. But in truth, we have already won. Whether it is Addison healing the next generation or Isabelle forging the literal paths of progress, they carry the fresh, clean scent of the Calapooia with them. They are the best of us, going out to show the world exactly what a small town can grow. 🌻



Addison Wolfe, a finalist for the Travis Moothart Post 184 scholarship, plans to attend George Fox University to study pediatric nursing.



Isabelle Curtis, a finalist for the Travis Moothart Post 184 scholarship, plans to attend Oregon State University to study civil engineering.

Harrisburg’s Brody Buzzard Receives
Top State Athletic Honor

HARRISBURG — Harrisburg resident Brody Buzzard has been named Oregon’s top male student-athlete by the Oregon Athletic Coaches Association (OACA) and the Oregon Army National Guard.

Buzzard, a senior at Marist Catholic High School in Eugene and son of Kim Kampfer Buzzard and Scott Buzzard, received the statewide Athlete of the Year honor, which recognizes excellence in athletics, academics, leadership, and character.

A standout two-sport athlete, Buzzard made Oregon wrestling history this year by becoming the state’s 55th four-time boys wrestling champion. Because Marist does not have a wrestling program, he competed for Harrisburg High School, where he won OSAA state wrestling titles in four different weight classes during his high school career.

Buzzard captured championships at 145 pounds as a freshman, 165 pounds as a sophomore, 175 pounds as a junior, and 215 pounds as a senior. His final title helped lead Harrisburg to the OSAA Class 3A team championship in February. He was also part of Harrisburg wrestling team state championship squads in 2024 and 2026.

He also became just the second wrestler in Harrisburg history to win four individual state wrestling titles.

In football, Buzzard was named the Sky-Em League Defensive Player of the Year after leading Class 4A in tackles last season. He earned first-team all-state honors at linebacker during both his junior and senior seasons and has committed to continue his football career at Western Oregon University. Buzzard was also a member of Marist Catholic’s 2024 Class 4A state championship football team.

Athletics run deep in the Buzzard family. His grandfather, Robert “Bob” Buzzard, wrestled at Iowa State and competed at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich. His father, Scott Buzzard, was a two-time state wrestling champion and state champion 400-meter runner at Cascade High School before wrestling at the University of Oregon. His mother, Kim Kampfer Buzzard, was a Harrisburg graduate, pitcher on Harrisburg’s 1992 state championship softball team, and later a collegiate softball pitcher at Oregon.

Buzzard was also named Oregon’s recipient of the Dave Schultz High School Excellence Award this year, an honor recognizing outstanding senior wrestlers for achievement in wrestling, academics, citizenship, and community service.

According to a list of athletic accomplishments provided by the family, Buzzard earned four varsity wrestling letters, four varsity football letters, four individual wrestling state championships, two wrestling team state titles, one football team state title, and numerous all-league and all-state honors during his high school career.

The OACA annually selects one male and one female athlete from across Oregon for the award. This year’s female recipient was Taylor Donaldson of South Albany High School, a standout basketball and volleyball athlete who has committed to play basketball at the University of Wyoming.

Buzzard will be honored during the Oregon Athletic Coaches Association Awards Banquet on Saturday, May 30, at Autzen Stadium in Eugene. 🌻



Brody Buzzard displays both his Harrisburg and Marist letters on his letterman jacket. Buzzard competed in wrestling for Harrisburg High School while also starring in football at Marist Catholic High School in Eugene.

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CENTRAL LINN SOFTBALL

Cobra Streak Reaches Seven Before Late-Season Losses



Callie Northern delivers a pitch for the Central Linn Cobras during recent softball action. Northern struck out 10 batters and helped lead the Cobras to a 12-7 win over Mohawk.

one walk. She also went 1-for-4 with two runs, one stolen base, and one RBI.

Kayla Moore helped power the offense, going 3-for-4 with two runs, one stolen base, and two RBIs. Moore has stolen at least one base in each of her last seven games. Lily Diaz added another strong performance, going 3-for-5 with two stolen bases, one run, and a double.



Kayla Moore went 3-for-4 with two RBIs against Mohawk and has recorded a stolen base in seven straight games.

The Cobras later fell to East Linn Christian Academy, 7-6, in a close road contest. The loss dropped Central Linn to 14-14 and marked its third straight road defeat. East Linn Christian Academy improved to 17-6 after winning three of its last four games.

Central Linn does not have any more games scheduled. 🌀



The 2026 Central Linn Cobras softball team wrapped up the season with a 14-14 overall record. Team members pictured are, back row from left, Sigrid Swartzendruber, Eden Browning, Brooklyn Winingham, Meryl Walton, Callie Northern, and Hannah Travis; middle row, Lily Drobach, Kayla Moore, Karsen Logan, Jenna Miller, and Nikki Billington; front row, Brynna McLain, Lucy Kennedy, and Lily Diaz.

MARCOLA — Central Linn’s girls varsity softball team stretched its winning streak to seven games Friday, May 15, with a 12-7 road win over Mohawk before the Indians answered with a 22-12 victory later in the day.

The Cobras improved to 12-11 with the opening win, their second victory over Mohawk in the week. Central Linn also defeated the Indians 14-3 on Tuesday, May 12.

Callie Northern led Central Linn in the circle and at the plate in the opener. Northern struck out 10 batters over seven innings, and allowed three earned runs, four un-earned runs, four hits, and

CENTRAL LINN BASEBALL

Cobras Fall to Mohawk

MARCOLA — Central Linn’s baseball team came up short Friday, May 15, falling 9-0 to Mohawk in road action.

The loss dropped the Cobras to 1-18 on the season and extended their road losing streak to 13 games dating back to last season. Central Linn also fell to Mohawk twice earlier in the week, losing 14-3 on Tuesday, May 12 before dropping a 22-11 contest later that afternoon in a 4:30 p.m. game.

Mohawk improved to 2-16 with the win, its second straight victory. The Indians averaged 11.5 runs across the two-game stretch.

Jay Andrews led Mohawk on the mound, throwing a shutout while allowing five hits. Andrews continued a strong stretch of control, having allowed no more than two walks in six consecutive appearances.

At the plate, Forrest Yarbrough and Caleb Ogg helped lead the Indians. Yarbrough reached base in three of his four plate appearances, scored three runs, and stole one base. Ogg went 1-for-3 with two stolen bases, two RBIs, and one run.

The Cobras were unable to generate enough offense against Andrews, despite putting five hits in play.

No further games are scheduled. 🌀



Central Linn’s Jacob Helms delivers a pitch during recent baseball action. Helms struck out 11 batters in a game against Santiam earlier this season.

CENTRAL LINN BASKETBALL

Future Cobras Basketball Camp Scheduled for June 15-17

Young athletes will have the opportunity to sharpen their basketball skills this summer during the 2026 Central Linn Future Cobras Basketball Camp, scheduled for June 15-17 at the Cobra Dome at Central Linn High School.

The camp will run daily from 9 a.m. to noon and is open to boys and girls entering third through eighth grade as of fall 2026.

Organizers said the camp will focus on individual fundamentals, position-specific instruction, team skills, and competitions. Campers will also receive a camp T-shirt, and a Daily Camper of the Day Award will be presented throughout the event.

The camp will be led by the Central Linn High School girls’ and boys’ varsity coaching staffs, with assistance from current CLHS basketball players.

Registration is \$75. Those registering at the door are asked to arrive 20 minutes early. Proceeds from the camp will support the Central Linn basketball programs.

The Cobra Dome is located at Central Linn High School, 32433 Highway 228, Halsey.

For additional information, contact Wendi Farris at wendi.farris@centrallinn.k12.or.us. 🌀

Sharing Hands Prepares for Remodeling Project

BROWNSVILLE — Sharing Hands is under-going a remodeling project that will temporarily clear out part of its thrift store space as volunteers remove an old raised floor left over from the building’s former use as a beauty salon.

According to Executive Director, Debra Gruell, the raised platform was originally installed to conceal water pipes connected to salon stations. The pipes have not been used for many years, and the remodeling project will remove the outdated structure to create a safer, single-level space for shoppers, volunteers, and staff.

To prepare for construction, the thrift store portion of Sharing Hands must be emptied by Friday, May 29. To clear inventory before the remaining work begins, the store is offering all merchandise at half off through Friday, May 29.

Volunteers and staff have been working to organize and relocate items ahead of the renovation, organizers say, as part of ongoing efforts to improve the facility for shoppers, donors, and community members who rely on Sharing Hands services.

Community members are encouraged to stop by before May 29 to shop the sale and support the organization through the transition.

If you are feeling strong, stop by as early as 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 30 and help with carrying out debris.

Sharing Hands Thrift Store is located at 107 W. Bishop Way in Brownsville and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 541-466-3110. ☎



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CENTRAL LINN HIGH SCHOOL

Seniors to Parade Through Communities June 3

Central Linn High School seniors will take part in the annual Senior Parade on Wednesday, June 3, traveling through Brownsville, Halsey, and Shedd before visiting Central Linn Elementary School.

The parade will begin at 1:45 p.m., departing from CLHS, and will follow a route through Brownsville before continuing north toward Halsey and Shedd. Seniors will stop at Central Linn Elementary School at approximately 2:21 p.m., where students will exit the bus and walk the hallways as part of the tradition.

According to the schedule, the parade will enter Brownsville at approximately 1:51 p.m., traveling along Main Street, Kirk Avenue, and Averill Street before continuing west toward Halsey on Highway 99E.

The procession is expected to arrive at Central Linn Elementary School shortly after 2:20 p.m., before continuing through Halsey and returning to CLHS around 2:46 p.m.

Community members are encouraged to safely wave on and celebrate the graduating seniors along the route. ☎

CENTRAL LINN SCHOOL DISTRICT END-OF-YEAR CALENDAR

Kindergarten Signing Day

Wednesday, May 27 • 3:30-4:15 p.m. or 4:30-5:15 p.m.
Central Linn Elementary School

Regular School Day

Friday, May 29
Classes held as scheduled district wide

Prom

Saturday, May 30 • 8-10 p.m.
Oddfellows Lodge, 20 E Ash St, Lebanon

Baccalaureate

Sunday, May 31 • 6 p.m.
Central Linn High School Cafeteria

Senior Banquet & Awards/Overnight Trip

Monday, June 1 • 6-7:30 p.m.
Senior banquet and awards ceremony. Seniors depart at 9:30 p.m. for an overnight trip to Bullwinkle’s.

Elementary Walkthrough / Senior Parade

Wednesday, June 3 • Held during the school day

Luau Day

Thursday, June 4 • School spirit celebration day

High School Graduation

Saturday, June 6 • 1 p.m. • Central Linn High School

6th Grade Promotion

Tuesday, June 9 • 1 p.m. • Central Linn Elementary

8th Grade Promotion

Wednesday, June 10 • 6 p.m. • Central Linn High School

Last Day of School/Half Day

Thursday, June 11

HARRISBURG HIGH SCHOOL

Baccalaureate at Harrisburg Christian Church

June 2 • 7-8 p.m.

Senior Award Night

June 3

Seniors last day

June 3

High School Graduation Day

June 7 • 2-3 p.m.

School Board Meeting

June 10 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Last Day of School/Half Day

June 11



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CENTRAL LINN LIONS CLUB

Circus Draws Packed Crowds

By Jeff Brown, Staff Writer and Columnist



Young fairgoer, Augustus Sommerfield, enjoys his cotton candy while exploring the midway attractions under the big top during the Central Linn Lions Club's community circus event.

Families from across the Central Willamette Valley packed the grounds in Brownsville last Wednesday, May 20, as the Culpepper & Merriweather Great Combined Circus returned to town for two sold-out performances sponsored by the Central Linn Lions Club.

The one-day event featured shows at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., with enthusiastic crowds filling the seats for both performances. Judging by the roaring applause and smiling faces before, during, and after the show, the circus once again proved to be a highlight for families throughout the area.

In addition to the main circus performances, attendees enjoyed a variety of activities throughout the evening, including a bounce house, inflatable slide, pony rides, and conces-

sions. Children could be seen laughing and running between attractions while families gathered under the big top in anticipation of the show.

Inside the circus tent, spectators were treated to an evening of classic circus entertainment. Acts included juggling, trapeze performances, and lion appearances, along with several other crowd-pleasing attractions that kept audiences cheering throughout the night.

The Central Linn Lions Club brings the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus to Brownsville every other year as a community event and fundraiser. Organizers expressed appreciation for the strong local support and thanked everyone who attended and helped make the event another successful stop in Brownsville.

For many in attendance, the return of the circus offered a chance to enjoy an evening of old-fashioned family entertainment right in their own hometown. 🌀

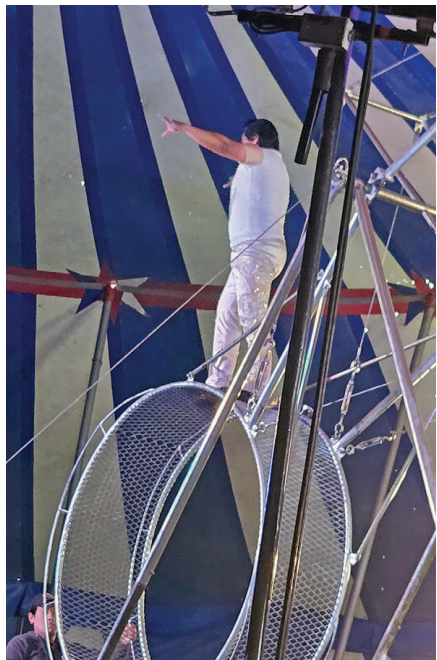
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A fire performer thrills the crowd with a daring act.



Lori Robertson, President of the Central Linn Lions Club, welcomes attendees and helps introduce the evening's circus entertainment.



A circus performer balances high above the crowd under the big top.

CENTRAL LINN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Foundation Grants Benefit Central Linn Organizations

By Barbara Andersen, Staff Writer and Copy Editor

On Saturday night, May 16, community members gathered to learn about the 10 grants awarded this year by the Central Linn Community Foundation (CLCF). The foundation has distributed funds to nonprofit organizations in the Central Linn area for 10 years. Organizations can request support for a specific need through a grant application to the CLCF. Grants are awarded each year based on the amount of money received in donations. The cities of Brownsville and Halsey, along with area businesses and citizens, donate funds. CLCF Board President Don Ware told the group that donations this year were notably robust, enabling the organization to grant 10 requests. Grateful grantees shared what the money they received will fund:

The Central Linn Recreation Association will use its grant to outfit a third softball team, up from the two teams in the past, according to President Ashley Moore.



Don Lyon shares how a Central Linn Community Foundation grant will help the Calapooia Food Alliance expand outreach materials for community events.

Don Lyon of the Calapooia Food Alliance reported that their funds will be used to update and print new brochures for distribution at community events.

CONNECT Linn County was represented by Melissa Dalebout, who described the free and low-cost events they host each year, including a major celebration for the country's 250th birthday on July 4th this summer.

Mandy Cole of the Linn County Historical Museum brought a show-and-tell to explain the purpose of their grant: reprinting the 1913/14 Central Linn County Agriculturist newspapers. The

Intermountain Tribune and Linn County museum will retain the originals, and the copies will be bound and available at the Brownsville Library.

Stand By Me Day Chair Linda McCormick shared details about the many plans underway for the 40th anniversary of the release of the internationally popular movie on July 25. There will be a pancake breakfast, a pie-eating contest, a sock hop, bands, tours, and a movie in the park after dark, along with many other activities.



Representing the Brownsville Athletic Association, Stephanie Koontz displays photos of the new baseball field under construction for Junior Baseball Organization play.

Stephanie Koontz of the Brownsville Athletic Association brought pictures of the new baseball field under construction south of Brownsville for next-level competitive team play at the grade school level through the Junior Baseball Organization.

The newly created Thin Line Chaplaincy applied for help with gas costs. Nick Droback serves as a chaplain for the Brownsville, Halsey, and Monroe Fire Departments, available to assist victims and firefighters in challenging situations with comfort, support, a listening ear, and more as needed.

Cindy Stucky, Treasurer of the Brownsville Senior Center, brought an example of how their grant was spent, one of the 50 new chairs for the center, which hosts so many community events.

The Brownsville Times (Now the Times of the Central Willamette Valley) received a grant to offset rising printing costs, according to Board Chair Sharon Banks. Banks said the newspaper's break-even subscription goal is 800, and as the paper approaches its first anniversary since relaunching, it has reached 590 subscribers across the valley. The newspaper currently operates with one paid staff member and a team of volunteers covering Brownsville, Halsey, Tangent, Shedd, Harrisburg, and Crawfordsville — communities that previously had little or no regular local news coverage.

If you would like to contribute to next year's grant round, contact CLCF at PO Box 4, Brownsville, OR 97327. 🌀



Mandy Cole of the Linn County Historical Museum displays an original copy of the "Intermountain Tribune" while explaining a Central Linn Community Foundation grant that will help fund reprints of historic local newspapers.

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MOUNTAINTOP REFLECTIONS

Demonstrating God’s Holiness

By Jacquie Hoekstra, Columnist

Twice during Israel’s wilderness years, God brought water from a rock for the thirsty Israelites. The first time, God instructed Moses to strike the rock (Exodus 17:6). Moses obeyed, and water flowed from the rock. The second time occurred in the fortieth year, just before entering the Promised Land. God told Moses to “speak to the rock” (Numbers 20:8 NLT).

In between these two miracle moments, Moses had led a people who seemed never to stop complaining. It had been forty years and multitudes of miracles, yet they still grumbled. Both groups questioned why Moses would bring them out of Egypt at all, saying they (and their children) and their livestock would die of thirst (Exodus 17:3; Numbers 20:4 NLT). Besides the grumbling, Moses’ sister Miriam had just died while camped on the edge of the Promised Land she would never enter. He must have been on edge himself.

Instead of speaking to the rock, Moses let loose. He yelled at the people and “struck the rock twice with the staff, and water gushed out” (Numbers 20:9–11). When the Israelites rebelled, it cost them their lives over those forty years. When Moses rebelled, it cost him entry into the Promised Land. God said, “You failed to demonstrate my holiness to them at the waters” (Numbers 27:14b NLT). Moses’ lifelong issue with anger robbed him in this moment.

The phrase “demonstrate my holiness” stood out to me. I wonder what this looks like or should look like in my life. How am I demonstrating God’s holiness to my community, my church family, my husband? Even more so, like Moses, how do I demonstrate God’s holiness in the face of those who often fail or frustrate me? How many times have I “yelled” at the people when I was supposed to speak to the Rock?

First Corinthians 10:4 says of those who wandered in the wilderness, “all of them drank the same spiritual water. For they drank from the spiritual rock that traveled with them, and that rock was Christ.” Jesus is the Rock. Maybe the best way to demonstrate His holiness is to speak to the Rock, obey His directives, and trust Him with the outcome.

Moses shamed the Israelites, then met their need. If he had spoken to the rock, the people would still have been refreshed and glorified God. Instead, he attached his wrath to their experience, rather than God’s kindness, both tainting the refreshing and failing to glorify God.

If what I demonstrate to people lets them see and know the kindness of God with a pure view of His character, I am demonstrating His holiness. When my negative emotions affect my delivery, I present God in a skewed way and tarnish His image. “Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God” (1 Corinthians 10:31b NLT). Lord, correct my every shortcoming that I might demonstrate Your holiness to anyone who views my life. ☼

REMEMBRANCE NOTICE

Celebration of Life for David Rogers

Friends and family of David Rogers are invited to gather for a celebration of life at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 31, at the Pioneer Park Pavilion and Dance Hall in Brownsville.

Those attending are invited to pay their respects, share stories of Dave’s life and many adventures, and join the family for a barbecue following the ceremony. ☼

POLLYANNA CLUB

Pioneer Picnic Plans Highlight Club Meeting

By Nancy Diltz, Staff Writer and Columnist

The Pollyanna Club met on Thursday, May 14, for its regular monthly meeting. The meeting began with a friendship dinner featuring a south-of-the-border theme, including a taco casserole and sides. During roll call, each member shared a favorite memory from the Pioneer Picnic. Old Business included a continued discussion of the upcoming Pioneer Picnic float.

New Business included a note that the Pioneer Picnic Kiddies’ Parade meeting area will be next to Poppi’s (now called Craven’s Outpost), as it was last year. Flyers are being created and will be posted around town, and Nancy will write an informational article for The Times.

Fresh homemade cookies from Susan and Addie were distributed as a Mother’s Day treat. The June meeting is scheduled to allow members to prepare the parade float and organize supplies for the Pioneer Picnic and the Chicken-in-a-Pot game.

There are no meetings in July or August, and the Pollyanna Club will resume regular meetings in September. ☼



Carolyn Pearce loads up the Chicken-in-a-Pot game during the 2022 Pioneer Picnic as a young participant prepares to take a swing. The longtime Pollyanna Club tradition will return during this year’s Pioneer Picnic festivities.

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TAKING ROOT

Adventure Gardening,
Snail Solution

By Donald Lyon, Staff Writer and Columnist

The brown garden snail (*Cornu aspersum*) is a common, highly reproductive land mollusk and destructive garden pest — duh. It is that time in the garden when snails and slugs are now at their most active. Since these critters glide along the earth, be sure the leaves of your transplants are up off the soil with a layer of straw. Snails can lay waste to freshly transplanted vegetables and flowers overnight and chew quarter-sized holes in your overwintering kale. It's time to take action! Chemical controls such as Sluggo are effective and quite safe for humans but could be a hazard to your pets. A nocturnal safari is a fun and effective way to deal with snails. Tonight, just before bed, the later the better, strap on your headlamp and put a few inches of soapy water in a large jar and head for the garden. If you have overwintering crops like kale, be sure to look underneath the leaves. Plop the little buggers in the soapy water. When you tire of bagging snails, put a lid on your container to make sure there are no escapees. Immersed in the soapy water, they will be dead by morning. Repeat this evening's ambushade several nights in a row, and you'll be rid of snails for a month or so until a new crop of babies matures. Each mature snail can lay about 80 eggs up to six times per year, which is why you need to repeat your midnight safaris periodically. Notice, I said each snail. When two snails cozy up together, each is impregnating the other. Isn't nature wonderful!



Brown Garden Snail on Kale Leaf

We have native snails in Oregon that mind their own business. The snail in your garden is an invader from Europe, deliberately introduced to California's wine-growing regions by an escar-got-loving Francophile in the mid-19th century. If you plan to eat your snails rather than give them a bath, you must first purge their stomachs with a diet of cornmeal.

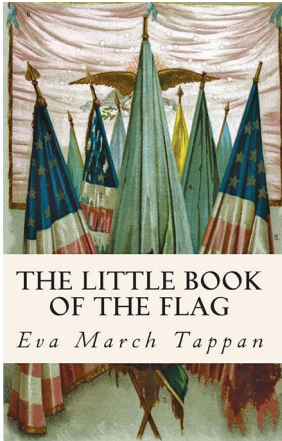
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KIDS' KORNER

A Bit About the Flag

By Nancy Diltz, Staff Writer and Columnist

"The Little Book of the Flag" by Eva March Tappan is a 1917 book providing historical and educational information about the American flag, written especially for children and young adults. In this little book, you will find out about our flag's origins, symbolism, and evolution throughout American history.



From colonial times to the early 20th century (when the original book was written), stories and illustrations of the various stages of the flag and its symbolism are easy to understand. There is special significance to the colors, the number of stripes, and the increasing number of stars added to the flag as each state was added to the United States.

Interesting stories about the origins of the Pledge of Allegiance and the origins of various flags used in the early colonies are included. Historic facts told through engaging stories make it easy to appreciate American History and patriotism through knowledge about the U.S. flag and its rich history.

There is a specific way to fold, raise, and retire a flag. There are designated holidays and events that mandate flag flying, as well as regulations, such as the requirement to light outdoor flags at night. Whether at half-staff or proudly waving in the breeze, flags have special rules and requirements.

The sight of the American flag can stir emotions in its citizens. There are patriotic songs written about our flag, and you might observe many flags flying on Memorial Day in May, Flag Day on June 14, and, of course, on July 4, when our country turns 250 years old!

"The Little Book of the Flag" is available at the Brownsville Library.

Activity

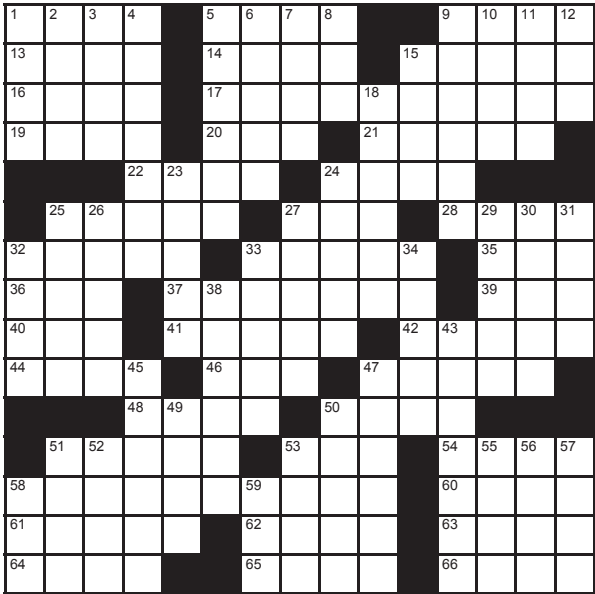
Supplies:

- Red, white, and blue construction paper
- Safety scissors
- Glue
- Q-tips or Cotton Balls



Directions: Start with a sheet of white construction paper laid horizontally. Cut seven 1-inch-wide strips of red construction paper lengthwise. Glue the strips, alternating with six 1-inch-wide blank spaces, to create the 13 stripes of the flag. Cut a blue construction paper rectangle about the size of a quarter of the entire flag. Glue the blue rectangle over the stripes in the upper-left corner. Use a Q-Tip dipped in glue (or small pieces of cotton) to glue fifty small dots, representing stars, onto the blue rectangle. You might put your flag in a window of your home to celebrate upcoming holidays 🌟

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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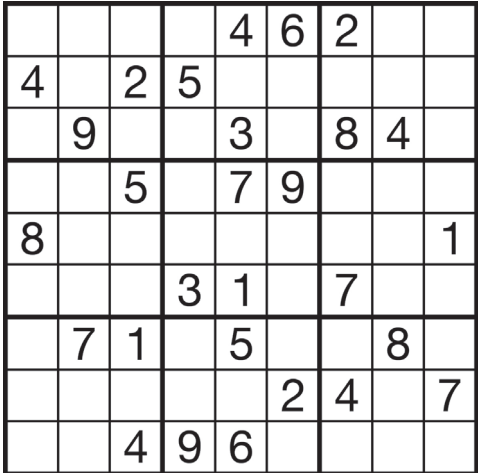
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| 17 | After pencil and knife | 60 | Amazes | 30 | Thigh-slappers |
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DESPAIR continued from cover

Enter Nick Droback, founder of Thin Line Chaplaincy. Nick’s organization is the answer for men and women who sometimes feel lost or in a deep hole of despair, but do not know why or how to get out. Trauma is a funny thing and can sneak up when least expected. Thin Line Chaplaincy fills the need of those who have unexpectedly found themselves in that deep, dark hole.

Nick Droback moved to Brownsville 12 years ago. Growing up in Southern California, which included meeting his wife (now of 22 years), playing guitar in bands, surfing, being a contractor with the Navy, and traveling, he felt a calling. He grew up in the church with his mother. He learned early that serving is what you do, “we need mission and purpose”, says Nick. Spiritually paying it forward is what drives Nick. His ship is guided by two Bible verses, James 1:27 and 1 Corinthians 1:3-4: “We are to comfort others with the comfort that we, ourselves, have received.” Nick found himself in that hole. It is from this experience that he has drawn to be able to offer the help to those who need it. Nick and his wife took a leap of faith and moved to Brownsville. And it has worked out well for them.

Nick and Erika have seven children. Five of their children were adopted after being fostered out of difficult family situations. One of their passions in life is to provide children with a home filled with love and to teach them a life of joy and service. In fact, their oldest daughter is now a member of Brownsville’s volunteer firefighters,

along with her dad. Nick also serves as a church elder for the Baptist Church in town. His is a life of service, as he has found his calling.

Nick’s nonprofit, Thin Line Chaplaincy, serves first responders. Nick knows how to climb into any hole they might unwillingly find themselves in and help them out of it. As well, Nick is a church elder at the Baptist Church in Brownsville. As he shared, “The church is a body and we are all the parts of that body.” Nick sees himself as the hand. “Others may be the foot, or a shoulder, or an arm. But when we all identify our part, we do the best we can. I’m going to be the best, the most useful hand I can be, and if we all have that mindset, that mechanism is healthy, and it does good things.”

The words “good,” “valuable,” and “important” seem insufficient to describe what Nick is doing for his community. His work for first responders and the public at large who have found themselves in crisis, his guidance as a parent raising healthy, resilient contributors to society, and his leadership as a Church Elder are all crucial to the lives and vibrancy of people in Brownsville and Central Linn County.

Visit Nick’s Thin Line Chaplaincy online at <https://www.thinlinechaplain.com> to learn more about how you can support Nick in his calling. The Thin Line Chaplaincy is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Donations are tax deductible. ☺



“Fire family” spans generations in this photo taken during a First Baptist Church of Brownsville event. Pictured are longtime volunteer firefighter and paramedic Mike Kirk (left), who dedicated 51 years of service to the community, and his wife, Wendy Kirk, alongside Nick Droback (far right) and two of his children — including one daughter currently attending the fire academy to become a firefighter in the community. Kirk, who recently passed away, mentored Droback early in his firefighting career and later had the district’s fire station dedicated in his honor on property he donated to the department.

Voices of Support for Thin Line Chaplaincy

Bonnie Burnett

“Nick gave my family strength and peace during some of the hardest moments of our lives.” When Bonnie Burnett’s mother became gravely ill, Nick Droback responded alongside emergency crews and comforted both Bonnie’s mother and father during the crisis. Years later, after Bonnie’s father passed away unexpectedly, Nick again provided support and encouragement during a difficult time. Bonnie also credits Nick with helping her family through challenges involving her grandson. “I am forever grateful and can personally vouch for the need we have in this community for Thin Line Chaplaincy.”

Sharon Banks

“His presence made all the difference.” After calling 911 for a disabled man in her care, Sharon Banks experienced firsthand the support provided by Thin Line Chaplaincy. While EMTs focused on emergency medical care, Nick Droback offered reassurance, calm guidance, and emotional support during a frightening situation. “Nick helped bring a sense of peace when it was badly needed,” Banks said. “Chaplaincy services play a unique role in emergency response by caring for patients, families, and caregivers emotionally and spiritually.”

Linda McCormick

“He wasn’t just doing his job — he truly cared.” Linda McCormick first met Nick Droback when he accompanied a Linn County sheriff’s deputy to notify her that her brother had passed away unexpectedly. Years later, after the death of her husband, Linda asked Nick to serve as chaplain during the celebration of life service. “He stayed in touch with me, offered comfort during the planning process, and helped make the service meaningful for everyone grieving,” McCormick said. “I will forever be grateful for how he helped me through these personal crises.” ☺

CRITTER CHRONICLES

Ode to Ginger

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer and Columnist

In a humble bathtub nursery,
beneath the soft hum of a heat lamp's glow,
you began —
a small, rust-feathered promise of life,
a New Jersey Red with a spirit too large
for such a fragile start.

You grew taller than the rest,
a quiet ruler among your kind,
your presence firm, unshaken —
the unmistakable matriarch
of a tiny kingdom of feathers and straw.
Even then, you knew your place in the world.

You stayed when the others faded,
outlasting them with steady grace,
as seasons turned and years slipped by.
Time seemed to rest gently on your wings,
as if it, too, recognized something rare.

You chose me —
or perhaps I chose you —
but somewhere in that quiet understanding
you decided I was yours.
Your footsteps followed mine like a shadow,
faithful and sure.
At the gate's smallest creak,
you came running —
not for food, but for me.

I could lift you without fear,
your warmth cradled in my hands,
your heartbeat soft but certain —
a rhythm of trust,
a bond not taught, but simply known.

Loneliness came when the yard grew still,
when silence replaced familiar clucks.
So Elvis arrived —
a blue giant with a voice that filled the sky,
a tireless singer,
a watchful guardian.
Together you found balance again —
song and stillness,
protection and peace.

But the night came,
as it always does —
quiet, unseen,
with teeth in the dark.

The wire failed.
The world shifted.

And just like that —
you were gone.

Elvis sings no more from the coop,
fear etched into his feathers.
The fence became his refuge,
the house no longer a home.

But you —
you remain.

In the echo of footsteps behind me,
in the sound of a gate opening,
in the empty space where trust once perched —
you are still here.

Not just a chicken,
but a companion,
a gentle soul in borrowed feathers,
who chose to love without question.

Rest now, sweet Ginger,
queen of a quiet yard,
faithful shadow,
and forever
my little red hen. 🌀



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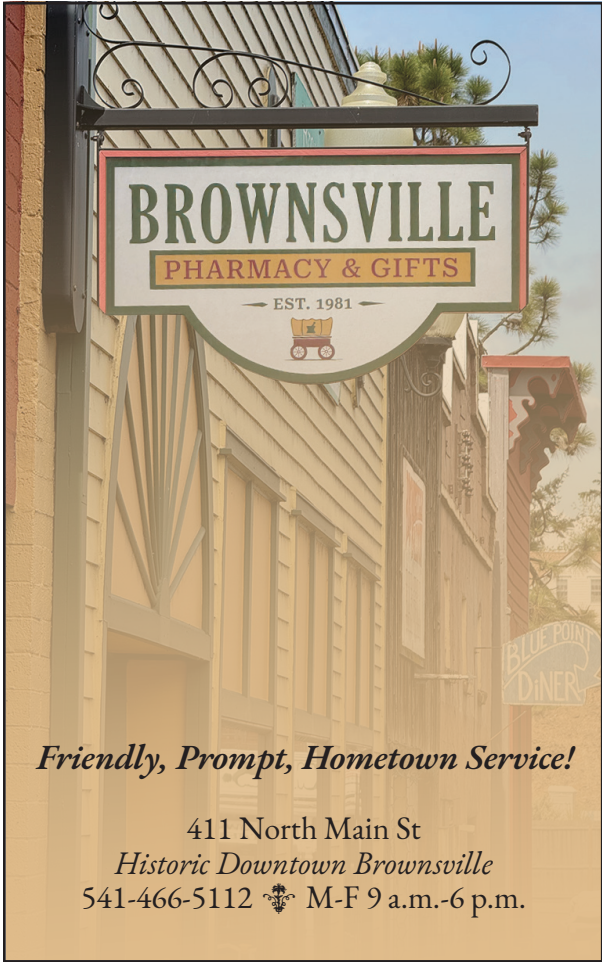
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SHERIFF'S REPORT MAY 16-23

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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

Sat., May 16, 1:09 p.m. — Michael Fortson, 62, of Brownsville, was arrested for physical harassment in the 400 block of N Main St. Report taken.

10:31 p.m. — Male causing issues at the Brownsville Saloon was trespassed.

Mon., May 18, 10:49 a.m. — Deputies responded to a disorderly subject trespassing on private property in the 100 block of Washburn St. Michael Fortson, 62, of Brownsville, was arrested for Criminal Trespass II and Disorderly Conduct II and lodged at the LCJ.

9:19 p.m. — Deputy responded to a suicidal subject call in the 37800 block of Hwy 228.

Tue., May 19, 12:25 p.m. — Deputy answered questions regarding noise violations after hours in the 700 block of N Main St.

1:04 p.m. — Michael Fortson, 62, of Brownsville, was arrested for Contempt of Court and Criminal Trespass II in the 1100 block of Jackson St SE, Albany.

Wed., May 20, 8:52 a.m. — Michael Fortson, 62, of Brownsville, was arrested for violation of a release agreement and warrants out of the Linn County Circuit Court in the 500 block of Kay Ave. Report taken.

11:14 a.m. — Michael Fortson, 62, of Brownsville, was arrested for Criminal Trespass II in the 400 block of N Main St.

3:26 p.m. — Deputy conducted a welfare check in the 36600 block of Mountain Home Dr.

Thu., May 21, 6:23 p.m. — Deputy trespassed male during a civil dispute from a property in the 37900 block of Mountain Home Dr.

5:47 p.m. — Animal complaint in the 200 block of W Bishop Way. No public narrative.

8:05 p.m. — Caller reported a suspicious circumstance in the 400 block of Moyer St. after a vehicle had professional work done to it a month earlier in Lebanon.

Fri., May 22, 3:12 p.m. — Deputy handled a dog complaint in the 25200 block of Gap Rd.

3:59 p.m. — Caller requested a deputy to check an unknown substance they received in the mail in the 500 block of Loucks Way. After speaking with family and friends, it was determined to be crushed egg shell for his dog. No further action.

4:49 p.m. — Deputy responded with medics for a motorbike crash on private property in the 35800 block of Hwy 228.

7:34 p.m. — Deputy responded to McKercher Park after a juvenile was hit by another juvenile with a rock thrown by accident. The juvenile was cleared on scene by medics, and no suspects.

Sat. May 23, 12:02 a.m. — Heather Tressel, 40, of Crawfordsville, was arrested and cited in lieu of custody for two failure-to-appear warrants following a suspicious person call in the 35600 block of Courtney Creek Dr. near Hwy 228.

BRUSH CREEK

Thu., May 21, 2:31 p.m. — An abandoned vehicle was reported by Campbell Global in the 23500 block of Brush Creek Rd. Vehicle was gone when the deputy arrived.

Fri., May 22, 1:39 p.m. — Caller reported an abandoned vehicle in the 25000 block of West Brush Creek Rd. The vehicle was tagged for a removal on May 25, 2026.

8:59 p.m. — Deputy provided a courtesy ride to a female from a verbal disturbance in the 25000 block of West Brush Creek Rd.

CRAWFORDSVILLE/HOLLEY

Thu., May 21, 11:25 p.m. — Deputies responded to a DHS 307 referral in the 39200 block of Crawfordsville Dr. Concerns for a child were documented. No crimes had occurred.

Fri., May 22, 9:56 a.m. — Caller reports a suspicious vehicle turning around in the Holley Elementary school parking lot. The operator appeared suspicious. The school reported it as a precaution.

HALSEY

Sat., May 16, 11:51 a.m. — Kristin Wilkinson, 32, of Hillsboro, was cited for careless driving after a non-injury motor vehicle incident in the 32600 block of Hwy 228 near Falk Rd. Report taken.

7:39 p.m. — Teresa Rodriquez, 59, of Junction City, was cited for speeding in the 25200 block of Hwy 99E.

Mon., May 18, 8:12 a.m. — Deputy received a report of a single-vehicle crash involving a semi truck and a railroad arm crossing in the 31800 block of Hwy 228 and W 2nd St. No damage to the semi truck was found. Incident number provided.

5:26 p.m. — Caller reported a juvenile riding an ATV on the roadway in the 600 block of W C St. Deputy contacted the juvenile and parent and informed them of the traffic complaint and to keep the ATV off the main roadway.

Tue., May 19, 5:25 p.m. — Deputies responded to a non-injury motor vehicle crash on Hwy 228 near the 216 N I-5 off-ramp. Caitlyn Bowen, 27, of Eugene, was cited for following too close.

Wed., May 20, 9:21 a.m. — Sam Bickle, 19, of Eugene, was cited for speeding and no insurance in the 29600 block of Peoria Rd.

8:06 p.m. — Caller reported a male juvenile operating an ATV on the public roadway in the 600 block of W C St. Deputy warned the juvenile's parents of their liability for allowing him to operate a vehicle on a roadway without a license.

HARRISBURG

Sat., May 16, 9:15 a.m. — Gerardo Ramos Anduaga, 22, of Woodburn, was cited for speeding on Hwy 99E near Carney Rd.

3:21 p.m. — Tadge Cook, 60, of Junction City, was cited for an equipment violation

at S 3rd St near LaSalle St.

9:21 p.m. — Deputy investigated a suspicious vehicle in the 32900 block of Diamond Hill Dr. Owner was unable to be contacted.

Sun., May 17, 12:37 a.m. — Deputy responded to a barking complaint in the 900 block of E Ladino Pl. The owner brought the dogs inside.

2:00 a.m. — Deputy assisted OSP with a suspicious person in the 25400 block of Hwy 99E near Powerline Rd.

Mon., May 18, 8:13 a.m. — Caller reported phone harassment in the 800 block of Sommerville Loop. No public narrative.

11:26 a.m. — Deputy responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 32900 block of Diamond Hill Dr. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

2:16 p.m. — Deputies responded to a shoplifting incident at Dollar General. Kristin Hiatt, 47, of Springfield, was cited for Theft III and for a warrant, then released. Report taken.

Tue., May 19, 11:04 a.m. — Deputy checked on an unoccupied and abandoned vehicle in a parking lot in the 32900 block of Diamond Hill Dr.

4:28 p.m. — Caller reported a dog found in the 800 block of Arrow Leaf Ave. The dog's pet sitter was located.

Wed., May 20, 7:04 a.m. — Deputy assisted OSP on a crash scene in the 24000 block of Hwy 99E.

8:06 a.m. — Aaron Burns, 28, of Harrisburg, was cited for driving while suspended in the 500 block of LaSalle St.

8:42 a.m. — Robert Kovich, 33, of Junction City, was cited for driving while suspended in the 700 block of S 3rd St.

12:01 p.m. — Caller reported a woman removing her clothes on the Hwy 99 Bridge near 800 S 3rd St. Deputy discovered the woman was wearing a bathing suit. No further concerns.

2:32 p.m. — Deputy checked the park for a report of a male acting aggressively toward citizens in the 300 block of Sommerville Ave. Deputy was unable to locate the male. No crime reported.

5:16 p.m. — Caller reported finding a phone and an iPad in the roadway in the 32900 block of Diamond Hill Dr. Deputy returned them to their owner.

Thu., May 21, 3:54 p.m. — Deborah Lake, 75, of Harrisburg, was cited for failing to carry proof of insurance in the 800 block of N 9th St near Arrow Leaf Ave.

3:56 p.m. — William Gass, 38, of Springfield, was cited for driving while suspended in the 400 block of LaSalle St. near 5th St.

4:03 p.m. — Caller was scammed out of \$1500 by someone posing as the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office in the 100 block of Territorial St.

11:46 p.m. — Caller reported an intoxicated subject in the 800 block of Priceboro Dr. The couple had separated.

Fri., May 22, 2:59 a.m. — Caller wanted to speak with a deputy regarding her husband's mental health in the 32900 block of Diamond Hill Dr.

8:43 p.m. — Deputy responded to an intoxicated person in the 700 block of S 2nd St. who was found passed out at work. Medics cleared the male, and he was transported home. Non-Criminal.

11:16 p.m. — Travis Chance, 36, was cited for driving uninsured in the 23100 block of Powerline Rd.

SHEDD

Sun., May 17, 10:02 p.m. — Deputy responded to a noise complaint about loud music in the 34200 block of Powell Hills Loop. The deputy found a party with a live band upon arrival. The band was just getting done, and the party was over.

Mon., May 18, 8:11 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of stolen diesel fuel and damage done to farm equipment stored in the 33700 block of Linn West Dr. Report taken.

TANGENT

Tue., May 19, 7:28 p.m. — Deputies took a report of a runaway juvenile in the 33900 block of Hwy 99E. Investigation ongoing.

Thu., May 21, 4:24 p.m. — Deputy investigated a dog left in a car that was reported in the 33100 block of McFarland Rd. Investigated again at 8:04 p.m., non-criminal.

Sat., May 23, 12:57 a.m. — Deputy checked on an adult male in the 33500 block of Hinck Rd. whose friends were concerned about him. He was found doing well. Non-criminal. ☼

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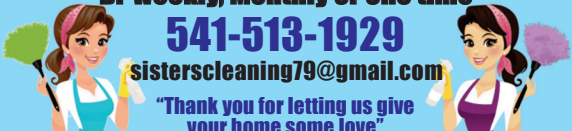
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Walton Women Revive Ethical Beef Practices

By Eva Wada, Staff Writer and Schools Correspondent

Deep in the Willamette Valley, Walton Women Farms is engaged in an agricultural revolution. The nearly century-old family farm sits on 53 historic acres along Peoria Road in Halsey. Driven by a deep commitment to the environment and family legacy, Ben and Jenn Walton are bypassing mainstream commercial agricultural patterns to regeneratively work with nature to raise beef exactly the way nature intended.

The couple's shared roots run deep, having first met at a Central Linn High School FFA event. Today, they manage the farm alongside their five vibrant daughters: Meryl (15), Norah (14), Ingrid (8), Greer (7), and Odette (4). The farm's name is a playful nod to the family dynamic, as Ben is happily outnumbered by a household full of daughters and even female dogs and cats.

While conventional farming relies on high-energy grains to finish (fatten up) animals quickly, the Waltons choose a different path. Ben stated he “dove headlong into soil biology, using traditional herd management techniques to mimic nature and invigorate the soil ecosystem.” By consistently moving the cows onto fresh grass utilizing temporary electric fences, the cattle maintain a nutrient-dense diet while naturally fertilizing and increasing soil microbiology.

This creates a healthy cycle that breathes life back into the dirt in a process called biomimicry. Walton Women Farms believe greater health in the soil means greater biodiversity and nutrient density of the vegetation, which equates to healthy animals and more nutritious beef. As Jenn explains, “It’s important to us to raise something in an ethical way we can get behind, while producing a product we want to feed our kids.”

The family focused exclusively on grass-finished beef after a devastating windstorm fire destroyed their generational barn in March 2023. Rebuilding with community donations, the operation pushed forward. Jenn admits this natural approach makes the meat more expensive to produce, but they stand fiercely behind a patient approach to agriculture. She notes that Ben is intentionally “practicing the practices of old” to restore the farm. This practice creates a distinct flavor profile because it is strictly grass-finished.

This dedication to hard work mirrors Ben’s own career journey. Balancing heavy summer harvest hours with classes over five years, Ben successfully earned his paramedic degree from Chemeketa Community College. Today, he works with Lebanon Fire District as an Engineer/Paramedic, loving the physical work of operating a fire engine.

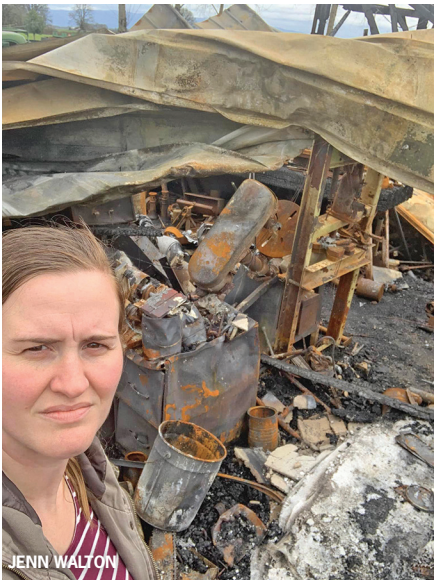
Life with five daughters and a firefighter’s schedule is chaotic, but a new chapter is coming. This September, all five girls will be in school. Jenn plans to return to her education and launch a new career — a step Ben completely supports, calling his wife “selfless” for how deeply she pours herself into their family. With beef available this fall, this dedicated family of seven is proving that with enough patience, a local farm can feed the community while healing the earth. As Jenn proudly concludes, “We want to raise an animal that eats what God intended it to.”



Jenn and Ben Walton were high school sweethearts in Linn County who shared a passion for farming and participated at Central Linn FFA events together.



The Walton Women Farms on Peoria Road in Halsey is creating a new generation of girls who are proudly reviving the practices of old to heal the earth and feed their community. Back row, from left: Norah, Jenn and Meryl. Front row, from left: Greer, Ingrid and Odette.



Jenn Walton in front of the historic barn destroyed by fire in March 2023, a heartbreak that ultimately pivoted the family toward a 100 percent grass-finished future.



Greer Walton lovingly feeds a calf on the 53-acre farmland owned by the Walton family for nearly 100 years.

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