



## Georgette Forrest Crowned Queen at 139th Linn County Pioneer Picnic



SHARON K. BANKS

The 2026 Linn County Pioneer Picnic Royal Court poses on stage at Pioneer Park following the coronation of Queen Georgette Forrest. From left are Princesses Sloan Leach and Lily Anne Bagg-Bearson, former Queen Luci Kennedy, Queen Georgette Forrest, and Princesses Marilyn Simmons and Ellen Pedersen.



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## Curbside at the Grand Parade

By an ordinary seaman

Our annual Pioneer Picnic parade is not the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. We don't have giant helium balloons, television contracts, or clipboard-wielding directors timing everything to the second. In fact, our entire organizational strategy is captured in a single sentence printed in this newspaper: "If you want to be in the parade, show up at Kirt Glenn's dental office at 9 a.m., and we'll find a spot for you."

It is wonderfully un-bureaucratic, beautifully relaxed, and entirely perfect.

The Pioneer Picnic is the absolute height of the Brownsville social season. Really, the Grand Parade is just our community looking into a mirror and cheering at what it sees. Half the town is marching, and the other half is sitting on the curb, throwing candy back.

We snagged a prime viewing spot on the new concrete wall outside Sandy Moore's insurance office. Next to us, a neighbor happily devoured a cinnamon bun from Randy's that looked large enough to need its own ZIP code. Behind us, my barber, Corine Jeffery, set up her lawn chair and introduced her new puppy to the sweet commotion of local children and high schoolers taking a well-deserved break from the seed-harvesting fields. We swapped stories



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Joe and LeAnne Ervin, grand marshals of the 139th Pioneer Picnic Grand Parade, wave to the crowd from a horse-drawn carriage provided by Chafin Farm.

and shook hands with folks we hadn't seen since last Labor Day.

The parade arrived about 20 minutes late, which was exactly on time for us. The American Legion Post 184 color guard led the way, followed by a splendidly uniformed George Washington, a frontier couple in moccasins, a bald eagle, and a proud line of pioneer descendants. The One More Time Band, a wonderful group of former high school musicians who love the joyful beat of a drum, kept everyone stepping lively. Beautifully restored John Deere tractors rolled by, accompanied by a friendly barrage of flying Tootsie Rolls.

Then came the Brownsville Fire Department, blasting air horns loud enough to rattle the fillings in your teeth, much to the delight of the kids (if not the local dogs). It was a beautiful sight to see the antique fire truck, traditionally driven by Neal and Susan Karo, being steered by the next generation, David and Twila Karo.

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ONGOING EVENTS

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

**Brownsville Thursday Market**  
Thursdays • 3–6 p.m.  
185 S Main St., Brownsville

Located across from Dari Market — shop local vendors and learn more about the community market initiative through the Calapooia Food Alliance.  
<https://www.calapooiafoodalliance.org>

**Jefferson Night Market**  
First Thursday of the Month • 4–7 p.m.  
150 N. 2nd St., Jefferson

Held monthly through September, the Jefferson Night Market features local farmers, crafters, artists, food vendors, and small businesses. Shop local, enjoy the community atmosphere, and support area vendors at this family-friendly outdoor market presented by the Jefferson Area Chamber of Commerce.

**Scio Saturday Market**  
Saturdays • 9 a.m.–1 p.m.  
Linn County Lamb & Wool Fairgrounds  
38999 NE 1st Ave., Scio

Open rain or shine through Sept. 26 (except July 4 and Aug. 1), this weekly market features local produce, baked goods, crafts, art, food vendors, live music, demonstrations, and other family-friendly entertainment. Accessible parking, picnic tables, and an ADA portable restroom are available on site.  
<https://www.sciosaturdaymarket.com>

**American Legion Bingo Night**  
Saturdays • 6 p.m.  
American Legion Travis Moothart Post 184  
339 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.

JULY EVENTS

ALBANY

**Kraze Daze**  
Thursday–Saturday, July 9–11

Downtown Albany’s annual Kraze Daze returns with three days of sidewalk sales, craft vendors, food specials, and family-friendly activities throughout the historic downtown district. Shoppers can browse discounted merchandise from local businesses, with inventory changing daily. This year’s event also features Gary’s Great Escape, a free downtown scavenger hunt inspired by a famous monkey escape during the 1962 event. A classic car show will be held Saturday from 9 a.m.–1 p.m.  
<https://albanydowntown.com>

**River Rhythms: The Fabulous Thunderbirds**  
Thursday, July 9 • FREE

Food vendors 5:30 p.m. • Concert 7 p.m.  
Monteith Riverpark, 489 NW Water Ave.

Enjoy an evening of Texas blues-rock with The Fabulous Thunderbirds. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. A \$1 donation is encouraged. Outside beer, wine, cider, and hard seltzer are permitted after 5:30 p.m.; no hard alcohol. Service dogs only. Rain or shine.  
<https://albanyoregon.gov/parks/events/river-rhythms>

BROWNSVILLE

**Junk Art Show Call to Artists**  
July 1–10  
Brownsville Art Center, 255 N. Main St.

Artists of all ages and experience levels are invited to submit entries for the Brownsville Art Association’s 2026 Junk Art Show, themed “Signs of the Times.” Create original artwork using recycled, reclaimed, or found materials. The exhibit will be on display July 15 through Aug. 29. Art Center hours are Wednesdays, 1–4 p.m., and Thursdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
<https://brownsvilleart.org>

**Runa Boutique Soft Opening**  
Friday–Saturday, July 3–4 • 11 a.m.–6 p.m.  
439 N. Main St., Brownsville

Runa Boutique will celebrate its soft opening with a selection of ethically sourced clothing, handmade jewelry, candles, incense, antiques, books, medicinal teas, and crocheted items. Owner Teek Loukota, who also owns the Harrisburg Barber Shop, invites the community to stop by and explore Brownsville’s newest downtown business. Admission is free.

**Death Cafe**  
Tuesday, July 7 • 6:30 p.m. • FREE  
The Kirk Room, Brownsville Library, 146 Spaulding Ave.

Join an open and respectful conversation about death, dying, and the experiences that connect us all. Death Cafe is an international movement that brings people together over tea, coffee, and cake to discuss mortality in a judgment-free setting. The gathering is not a grief support group, counseling session, or religious event, and there is no set agenda. Hosted by retired registered nurse Nan VanSandt. Free and open to adults. Cake will be provided.

**Inaugural Community Connections Market**  
Fridays, beginning July 10 • 4–8 p.m.  
Pioneer Christian Academy, 331 Blakely Ave.

A new weekly Community Connections Market will launch in Brownsville on Friday, July 10, bringing together local artisans, farmers, food vendors, small business-

es, community organizations, and families. Visitors can shop locally, enjoy food, and connect with neighbors during this community gathering held every Friday through the season. Follow “Community Connections Market in Brownsville” on Facebook for updates.  
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61591166637411> • 541-214-1098

HARRISBURG

**Summer Sounds Concert Series: Inner Limits**  
Thursday, July 9 • 5:30–8:30 p.m.  
Riverfront Park Gazebo, First and Smith streets

The Summer Sounds Concert Series opens with a performance by Inner Limits. Food trucks begin serving at 5:30 p.m., followed by live music at 6:30 p.m. Bring lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy a free evening of music along the Willamette River.  
<https://www.tri-countychamber.com>  
<https://www.ci.harrisburg.or.us>

LEBANON

**Waterloo County Park Encampment 2026**  
Friday–Sunday, July 24–26 • 10 a.m.–5 p.m. • FREE  
Waterloo County Park, 39510 Gross St., Lebanon

Join the Native American Cultural Encampment this July at Waterloo County Park near Lebanon for a weekend celebrating Native culture, music, and community. Flutestock Lite will join the encampment on Saturday, featuring flute music throughout the day accompanied by drum, rattle, and vocals.  
<https://www.nativeamericanencampment.com>  
541-570-5950 • [petersdietz@gmail.com](mailto:petersdietz@gmail.com)

SWEET HOME

**Sportsman’s Holiday**  
Wednesday–Saturday, July 8–11  
Various Locations, Sweet Home

Celebrate Sweet Home’s annual Sportsman’s Holiday with this year’s “Legacy of Liberty” theme. Events include the Queen’s Coronation, Chips-N-Splinters Variety Show, Community Yard Sale, Icebox Cut the Gut Cruise, Sportsman’s Holiday Parade, Logger Olympics, and more. Many events are free; some activities require registration or admission. See page 14 for more details.  
<https://www.sweethomechamber.com/events/sportsmansholiday>

**Icebox Cut the Gut Car Cruise**  
Friday, July 10 • 6 p.m.  
Downtown Sweet Home

Rain or shine

Cruise through Sweet Home during the ninth annual Icebox Cut the Gut Car Cruise. All makes, models, and years are welcome. A \$25 Registration Passport includes a commemorative passport, access to 19 checkpoint stops, sponsor swag, raffle eligibility, and a commemorative 2026 Foundry Tag for the first 300 registrants. Registered

participants who submit their completed passport/raffle entry at the end of the evening are eligible for raffle prizes, including a chance to win \$500 in cash.

In-person registration is available at the Sweet Home Chamber of Commerce during regular business hours before the event, while Registration Passports remain available. Participants may also register at the event check-in table beginning at 5 p.m. July 10, while supplies last.

Registration packets and merchandise may be picked up July 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sweet Home Chamber of Commerce, 1575 Main St., Sweet Home, or beginning at 5 p.m. at the event check-in table.  
Register: <https://CutTheGutCruise.com> • 541-367-6186

**Sportsman’s Holiday Parade**  
Saturday, July 11 • 11 a.m.–Noon  
Downtown Sweet Home, Main & Long streets

Celebrate Sweet Home’s annual Sportsman’s Holiday Parade with this year’s theme, “Legacy of Liberty.” Entries are encouraged to feature patriotic colors, military appreciation, hometown pride, historical tributes, or creative interpretations of freedom. Registration is \$10 and up. Parade staging opens at 10 a.m. on Long Street between 18th and 22nd avenues.

Info and registration: <https://www.sweethomechamber.com/event-detail/TNgmWHqcnZizljYBRp9GhQ2/sportsman-s-holiday-parade>

TANGENT

**Tangent University Town Hall – 2026 Election**  
Monday, July 6 • 7 p.m.  
Tangent Fire District, 32053 Birdfoot Dr.

Learn about Tangent’s 2026 election ballot measures, including City Council, the Transportation System Plan, and proposed development code amendments. City officials will explain each measure and answer questions. The meeting will be recorded for later viewing on Facebook and YouTube but will not be livestreamed.  
<https://www.tangentor.gov>  
<https://www.facebook.com/TangentOregon>  
<https://www.youtube.com/@CityOfTangent>

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

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ALBANY/MILLERSBURG

Linn County Fourth of July Fireworks Show

Dusk • Near Linn County Fair & Expo Center and Timber-Linn Park 900 Price Rd SE  
The cities of Albany and Millersburg, in partnership with Linn County, will present a free fireworks show celebrating America’s 250th year of independence. Parking will be available for visitors traveling from outside the area.  
<https://linnfireworks.com>

BROWNSVILLE

Brownsville Fourth of July Breakfast

8–10 a.m. • Pioneer Park  
Pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee, and orange juice, plus music, entertainment, and the traditional aerial pancake flipping. The traditional fire truck wake-up call reminds residents breakfast is being served. Breakfast is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 10 and younger. Proceeds and additional donations benefit the Brownsville Rural Fire District’s annual fireworks display.

CONNECT Linn County Fourth of July Celebration

11 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. • Pioneer Park  
Enjoy the Lebanon Cars & Coffee Car Show from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., family activities, food vendors, and live music throughout the afternoon and evening. Performances include Randy Nicholson at 4 p.m., Michael “Big Country” Opperman at 6 p.m., and the Shane Brown Trio at 7 p.m.  
<https://www.connectlinncounty.net/4th-of-july-celebration>

Fireworks Display Presented by Brownsville Rural Fire District

8:30 p.m. • Free ice cream for children ages 12 and younger  
After dark (approx. 9:30 p.m.) • Pioneer Park

Fourth of July Celebration at Randy’s

Noon–8 p.m. • Randy’s Main Street Coffee, 240 N. Main St.  
Enjoy barbecue, a beer garden, and live music by BrownTown Sound. Food will be served from noon to 8 p.m. The community is invited to join the festivities.

HARRISBURG

Friday, July 3

Pet and Costume Parade

Check-in 10:30 a.m., Judging & prizes 10:45 a.m. Parade 11 a.m. • Riverfront Park  
Bring pets, wagons, bikes, trikes, or wheelchairs for this family-friendly parade.

Live Music and Food Trucks

6:30–9:30 p.m. • Riverfront Gazebo  
The Barn Shakers will perform traditional country and classic rock.

Saturday, July 4

Harrisburg Volunteer Firefighter Association Pancake Breakfast

6–10 a.m. • Old Fire Dept., 500 Smith St.  
Start Independence Day with pancakes, eggs, ham, juice, coffee, and Lochmead milk served by local firefighters.

4th of July at ‘the gallery.’

9 a.m.–4 p.m. • “the gallery.” 294 Smith St. • FREE  
Artwork by local artists, storewide discounts, meet the artists, and enjoy refreshments.

Fourth of July Parade

11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. • Downtown  
The community parade begins at 7th and Smith streets and travels through downtown before ending near Harrisburg High. This year’s grand marshals are local veterans.

Artists and Vendors Marketplace

Noon–10 p.m. • 1st and Smith streets  
Browse food vendors, artisans, crafts, and community booths throughout downtown.

Family Games and Obstacle Course

Following Parade • 6th St. and BN Park  
Enjoy a penny scramble, foot races, gunny sack races, egg toss, three-legged races, and a free inflatable obstacle course for all ages.

Entertainment at the Riverfront Gazebo

Noon–Dusk • Riverfront Park  
The afternoon includes a display of historic Declaration of Independence editions, followed by live music from Pretti Graffiti from 2–5 p.m. and Bad Reputation from 5:30–9:30 p.m.

Flag Boat Parade

8–9 p.m. • Willamette River  
Decorated jet boats will parade along the river as part of the holiday festivities.

Fireworks Display

Dusk (approx. 10 p.m.) • Riverfront Area  
The celebration concludes with a fireworks show over Harrisburg. Spectators are encouraged to bring chairs or blankets and follow posted safety guidelines.

Sunday, July 5

Show and Shine Classic Car Show

4–7 p.m. • The 99 Grill, 290 N 3rd St.  
Featuring classic vehicles, music by DJ Jediah Flatt, food, prizes, drawings, trivia, and family-friendly activities including hula hoop and limbo contests.

Public is Invited to ‘We Hold These Truths’ on July 3

ALBANY — Members of the public of all ages are invited to celebrate our nation’s 250th birthday with a reading of the Declaration of Independence at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, July 3, on the north steps of the Linn County Courthouse.

The event “We Hold These Truths: A Public Reading of our Founding Document” is sponsored by the Mid-Willamette Valley Alliance of Braver Angels.

The reading is expected to take about 30 minutes.  
A similar event will be held at 10 a.m. the same day on the steps of the Corvallis City Hall.

A free public discussion about the Declaration of Independence is planned for 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 9, at the Fireside Room at Linn-Benton Community College in Albany.

Organizers say that citizenship is the common thread that connects all of us as Americans sharing the values of freedom, liberty, and equality.

The goal of Braver Angels is the “embrace of political disagreements, where civic friendship flourishes, and competing perspectives strengthen our nation. Our goal is not to change people’s views of issues, but to change their views of each other.”

CONNECT LINN COUNTY

Fourth of July celebration planned at Pioneer Park

BROWNSVILLE — CONNECT Linn County will host a Fourth of July celebration at Brownsville Pioneer Park, featuring classic cars, live music, and family activities.

The Lebanon Cars & Coffee Car Show will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the park. All makes and models are welcome to participate, and admission is free for spectators and participants.



The Shane Brown Trio will perform during Brownsville’s Fourth of July celebration.

Live music begins at 4 p.m. with Randy Nicholson, followed by Michael Opperman “Big Country” at 6 p.m., and the Shane Brown Trio at 7 p.m.

CONNECT Linn County is a local nonprofit dedicated to strengthening communities through volunteerism and public events. The organization creates opportunities for neighbors to connect and build relationships throughout Linn County.

Janky Bird is the title sponsor of the 2026 celebration. Additional sponsors include Deb Larsen, Hwy 228 Liquor, Briese Custom Concrete, Adam Craven Contracting LLC, Central Linn Community Foundation, NW Apparel & Graphics, and The City of Brownsville.

Registration for the car show, donations, and event T-shirts are available through CONNECT Linn County’s website at <https://www.connectlinn-county.net/4th-of-july-celebration>.

PARADE continued from cover

That’s the magic of this place. We may not be fancy or hyper-organized, but we have something better: neighbors. We genuinely care about the people we live alongside, and we want a good life for everyone. We left the curb feeling profoundly joyful, covered in stray candy wrappers. It’s a beautiful reminder that the best kind of morning is one when an entire town takes a collective pause just to smile, wave, and wish each other well.



Color guard members Norm Simms, Sharon Banks, Dan George, and Rick Dominguez lead the 2026 Pioneer Picnic Princess Court down Main Street during the Grand Parade.



## Birthday Cake Float Earns Top Honors at Kiddie Parade

By Daniel R. Murphy, Staff Writer and Columnist

Under sunny skies on Friday, June 19, young participants gathered on North Main Street for the annual Pioneer Picnic Kiddie Parade. Decorated floats, bicycles, ride-on vehicles, and children dressed in pioneer attire assembled near Carlson Hardware for judging before the parade began.

The **Sweepstakes Award** went to the Birthday Cake Float featuring Axel, Farris, and Nya Farris, Dakota and William Lengsdorf, Annabelle Brucken, and Ember and Dax Yankee.

Placement was as follows:

### Bikes:

- 1st Place: Connor Wolfe
- 2nd Place: Easton Lester
- 3rd Place: Jackson Lester

### Dress Up:

- 1st Place: Will Classen, Kolton Lewis, Peter Bag, Liam Freeman
- 2nd Place: Ellie Basu, Mark Chula, Corbin and Everly Pribble, Aiden Riel, Adley and Cole Koontz
- 3rd Place: Kash Holmes and Vienna Beard

### Floats:

- 1st Place: Riley Paisley and Georgia Samantha Cone
- 2nd Place: Lily Miller
- 3rd Place: Georgia and Amelia Glenn

### Motorized Ride On:

- 1st Place: Fiona Karo
- 2nd Place: Zee Goodin

Unlike last year's rain-soaked event, this year's parade enjoyed beautiful weather, making for a memorable day for participants and spectators alike.

The Kiddie Parade is sponsored by the Pollyanna Club of Brownsville. 🌀



EVA WADA

The Sweepstakes-winning Birthday Cake Float rolls through Brownsville during the Pioneer Picnic Kiddie Parade on June 19.



Lily Miller waits for the Pioneer Picnic Kiddie Parade lineup on June 19. She received second place in the Floats category.

Amelia and Georgia Glenn earned third place in the Floats category.



SHARON K. BANKS

Easton (left) and Jackson on their decorated bicycles after earning second- and third-place honors, respectively, in the Bikes category.



SHARON K. BANKS



LINDA MCCORMICK

Jessica McLennon, the 2026 Benton County Fair & Rodeo Queen, rode to first place in the Horse Individual category.



ASHLEY MOORE

Ben Walton drives a tractor pulling the Central Linn Recreation Association float through Blakely Avenue. Athletes representing the organization's volleyball, basketball, football, cheer, softball, coach pitch, and soccer programs followed behind.



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Pioneer Coffee House & Mercantile earned first place in the Commercial/Industrial category with a float promoting its upcoming Brownsville business. The coffee shop and mercantile plans to open in the former Isabella's Pioneer Market building at the corner of North Main Street and Spaulding Avenue in Brownsville.



MARY GALLAGHER

John King drove his 1935 Ford Hot Rod Pickup, which placed first in the Antique Vehicle (1930–1939) category.



MARY GALLAGHER

John King and his 1935 Ford Hot Rod Pickup took first place in the Antique Vehicle (1930–1939) category.



MARY GALLAGHER

Lovie White and his 1944 U.S. Army Jeep earned first place in the Antique Vehicle (1940–1949) category.



MARY GALLAGHER

Arlen Krabill drove a 1941 Model L John Deere tractor while pulling a wagon of young parade riders. The entry placed second in Antique Farm Equipment.



ALLEN L. BUZZARD

Cera (née Kem) Hartness and her daughter, Ellie Hartness, represented the Critters & Clovers 4-H Club while promoting Linn County 4-H during the Pioneer Picnic Grand Parade. Their entry earned first place in the Horse Group category.





LINDA MCCORMICK  
Patriotic quilts line the walls during the quilt show at the Linn County Pioneer Picnic, showcasing a variety of handcrafted designs celebrating America's 250th anniversary.



MEMA'S COUNTRY KITCHEN  
Mema's Country Kitchen created Oregon Trail-themed cookies for Pioneer Picnic weekend.



LINDA MCCORMICK  
The Kurt Reimer Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Terri Williamson and Leif Erickson.



SHARON K. BANKS  
Dan Estep entertains children with a magic rope trick during the kickoff celebration for the Brownsville Community Library's Summer Reading Program at Pioneer Picnic.



AMIECA HENSON-WHISTLER  
Following the Grand Parade, children enjoy riding on Pioneer Christian Academy's Barrel Train, which earned first place in the parade's Other category.



AMIECA HENSON-WHISTLER  
Jessica Anderson models an elegant period gown during the Pioneer Fashion Show, celebrating the clothing styles of the pioneer era.

## A Heartfelt Thank You from the Linn County Pioneer Association

Thank you to everyone who attended the 139th Pioneer Picnic and helped make this year's celebration a success.

We are grateful to the many volunteers who dedicate their time each year to organizing the event and creating a memorable experience for our community. We also extend our appreciation to the food vendors, entertainers, parade participants, sponsors, and everyone who helped make another wonderful Pioneer Picnic possible.

Most of all, thank you to our community for continuing to support this cherished tradition. We look forward to celebrating with you next year.

Sincerely,  
The Linn County Pioneer Association



LINDA MCCORMICK  
Beard and Mustache contest entrants, James Fields (best Logger Beard), Bunky Tindall, Chris Thompson (Ugliest of Competition), Jack Sayer, Sean Whalen, and Steven Brown (Best Overall)



ALLEN L. BUZZARD  
Joe Rackley displayed three meticulously maintained 1969 Datsuns at the car show: an original-paint Datsun 2000 "barn find," a one-owner Fairlady restored from the chassis up, and a concours-restored Datsun 2000 with 49,000 miles and a 40-year-old custom paint finish that still shines like new.

## Share Your Pioneer Picnic Photos!

Did you take photos at the 139th Linn County Pioneer Picnic? The Linn County Pioneer Association invites everyone to help preserve this year's memories by uploading their favorite photos to the community photo album. Whether you captured the parade, logging show, court, vendors, family fun, or candid moments around Pioneer Park, they'd love to see them.

Upload your photos here: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/jcU8BPnduo3zWyVS8>.

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SPELLING BEE

Division 1: 4th–6th grade

1st – Ayla Clugston, Lebanon  
2nd – Emily Steele, Albany  
3rd – Lily Bearnson, Brownsville

Division 2: 7th–12th grade

1st – Dakota Ramshur, Brownsville  
2nd – Nehemiah Zderad, Lebanon  
3rd – Wyatt Smith, Halsey

Division 3: Adults

1st – Phebe Clugston, Albany  
2nd – Hans Schneider, Halsey  
3rd – Corie Seiders, Brownsville

PIE EATING CONTEST

8 & under

1st – Elisabeth D  
2nd – Jace  
3rd – Jasper

9-13

1st – Josh  
2nd – Nolan  
3rd – Mercy

14 & up

1st – Cole  
2nd – Jesse  
3rd – Loren M.

18+

No entries

QUEEN

Georgette Forrest

HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

Men’s Doubles

1st – Rob Carey, David Miley



Women’s Doubles

1st – Chelsea, Kodee



Co-Ed Doubles

1st – Tyler Harden, Charity Tucker



GRAND PARADE

Court

1st – Lebanon Strawberry Festival Court



2nd – Sweet Home Sportsman’s Holiday Court

3rd – Linn County Pioneer Picnic Court

Bands

1st – One More Time Marching Band

Commercial/Industrial

1st – Pioneer Coffee House & Mercantile  
2nd – Andy’s Tractor Repair LLC  
3rd – BL Home Sales

Walking Entries

1st – Eby Pioneer Descendants  
2nd – Stand By Me Walkers  
3rd – Jeff and Chantelle Meek “Mountain Men”



Antique Vehicle < 1930

1st – 1927 Turtleback Ford, Laura Meckle

Antique Vehicle, 1930–39

1st – 1935 Ford Hot Rod Pickup, John King

Antique Vehicle, 1940–49

1st – 1944 US Army Jeep, Lovie White  
2nd – Stand By Me Buick, Wayne & Karen Grant  
3rd – Garrett Vian and his Jeep

Antique Vehicle, 1950–59

1st – 1953 Cadillac GM Stock, Wayne Grant  
2nd – Stand By Me Vehicle, Karen Grant  
3rd – 1957 Chevy Convertible, Wes Meckle

Antique Vehicle, 1960–69

1st – 1960 2-Wheel-Drive Station Wagon, Vaughn Combs  
2nd – 1965 Comet, Elijah Jeffery  
3rd – 1965 Dodge C500, Marvin Wing

Antique Vehicle, 1970–89

1st – 1979 Red Ford Ranger, Colten Northern

Auto Clubs

1st – Tom Hinckley’s 1932 Roadster w/1936 Trailer, Part of the “Rolling Oldies”  
2nd – Brownsville Assembly of God

Floats

1st – Georgia Pacific  
2nd – Progress Through the Centuries  
3rd – Hocus Pokie Dancers

Fire Engines

1st – Brownsville’s 1923 FD Model T



David Karo drove Brownsville Fire Department’s 1923 Fire Engine No. 1 Model T, which earned first place in the Fire Engines category.

2nd – Halsey’s Type 3 Fire Engine  
3rd – Brownsville’s Fire Water Tender

Antique Farm Equipment

1st – 1937 John Deere BW, Logan Fetters  
2nd – 1941 Model L John Deere, Arlen Krabill  
3rd – 1946 John Deere Model A, Dalton Tenbusch

Horse Individual

1st – Jessica McLennon 2026 Benton County Fair Rodeo Queen

Horse Group

1st – Critters and Clovers  
2nd – Seiders and Dickerson Western Riders

Other

1st – Pioneer Christian Academy’s Barrel Train  
2nd – Gorilla On A Motorcycle, Matthew McKinnon

ART SHOW

Elementary

1st – Amaya Monroy  
2nd – Sloan Leach  
3rd – Nastya Gladding

Middle

1st – Maddie Chance

High

1st – Kaylee McMillen

FLOWER SHOW

Division I Clubs – Church – Businesses – Displays

1st – Garden Club  
2nd – Brownsville Christian Church

Division II – Arrangements and Bouquets – with or without accessories

250 Years of American Spirit - Red, White, and Blue

1st – Judy Whitfield  
2nd – Cathy Ader  
3rd – Joyce Nelson

Symphony of Colors

1st – Julie Reed  
2nd – Ella Rybolt  
3rd – Joyce Nelson

Splendor in the Grass

1st – Tyler Reed  
2nd – Joyce Nelsen  
3rd – Judy Whitfield

My New Hat “Lady Head Vase”

1st – Cathy Ader  
2nd – Judy Whitfield  
3rd – Kim Clayton

For the Roses

1st – Joyce Nelson  
2nd – Julie Reed  
3rd – Amy Hensen

Anything Goes

1st – Julie Reed  
2nd – Mary Canaday  
3rd – Ella Rybolt

Division III Men’s

Tool Time

1st – Robert Travis

Chug-a-lug

1st – Robert Travis  
2nd – Trevor Farrie

Anything Goes

1st – Doug Block  
2nd – Sam Handel

Division IV Pee Wee 9 years and under

Toy Story

1st – Josie Bryant  
2nd – Dax Yonker  
3rd – Ember Yonker

Animals or Animal Container

1st – Collin Hill

2nd – Allie Lawrence

Anything Goes

1st – William Lawrence  
2nd – Lilly & Mayzie Plourde

Division V Juniors ages 9–12

Take a Sip — Favorite Beverage Container

1st – Annnabelle Buckner  
2nd – Maddie Chance

Straight from the Beach

1st – Connor Wolfe  
2nd – Riley Cone  
3rd – Maddie Chance

Anything Goes

1st – Maddie Chance

250 Years American Spirit

1st – Paisley Cone  
2nd – Nya Farris  
3rd – James H.

Division VII Potted Plants

1st – Carri Corbett-Combs  
2nd – Nettie Reed

Division VIII Potted Plants — Succulents

1st – Katelyn Hacker  
2nd – Gene Fuller  
3rd – Kim Smith

Division VIII Horticultural – Perennials (Lillies)

1st – Kim Smith  
2nd – Julie Reed

Division IV Horticultural – Perennials (Sunflowers)

1st – Kim Smith  
2nd – Joyce Nelson  
3rd – Kim Smith

Division X – Roses

Single Bud

1st – Elijah Jeffery  
2nd – Mary Canaday  
3rd – Riley Cone

Fragrant

1st – Georgia Cone  
2nd – Linda Weger

Climbing

1st – Joyce Nelson  
2nd – Mary Canaday  
3rd – Maddie Chance

Named Rose

1st – ‘Laura Bush’ Marylou Nehor  
2nd – ‘Candy Stripe’ Maddie Chance  
3rd – ‘Paris de Tous’ Mary Canaday

Miniature

1st – Georgia Cone  
2nd – Linda Weger

64TH LUMBER JAMBOREE

Axe Throw

1st – Zane Sandburg  
2nd – Mike Johnson  
3rd – Scott Hyde

PV Log Roll

1st – Mike Johnson  
2nd – Joey Rademacher  
3rd – Zane Sandburg

Underhand Chop

1st – Joey Rademacher  
2nd – Zane Sandburg  
3rd – Mike Johnson

Standing

1st – Mike Johnson  
2nd – Angus Nicholson  
3rd – Scott Hyde

Choker

1st – Mike Johnson

2nd – Angus Nicholson

3rd – Scott Hyde

Single Buck

1st – Mike Johnson  
2nd – Angus Nicholson  
3rd – Scott Hyde

PIONEER DAM RUN

5K Men’s

19 & Under

1st – Adam Nielson  
2nd – Crosby Sanders

20-29

1st – Andrew Berger  
2nd – Tanner Murray  
3rd – Blaise Timmons

40-49

1st – Brian Murray  
2nd – Benjamin Sanders  
3rd – Lucas Butler

50-59

1st – Mark Braun

60-69

1st – Stephen Benetti

5K Women’s

20-29

1st – Isabeau Redlinger  
2nd – Emma Lindsay

30-39

1st – Shore Eberhart  
2nd – Lauren McQuade

40-49

1st – Melissa Braun  
2nd – Krysten Kirk  
3rd – Kori Helgett

50-59

1st – Holly Gosda

60-69

1st – Mary Campbell  
2nd – Julie Reed  
3rd – Joyce Nelsen

70-79

1st – Paraskevi Weaver

10K Men’s

19 & Under

1st – Matthew Workman

20-29

1st – Elisha Hahn  
2nd – Lorenzo Guaydacan

30-39

1st – Cam Eberhart

40-49

1st – Adam Hoyt

10K Women’s

30-39

1st – Annamae McClain

40-49

1st – Christie Wells

50-59

1st – Renee Morgan

60-69

1st – Alexandra Benetti  
2nd – Shannon Lane

BEARD & MUSTACHE CONTEST

Mustache (all)

1st – Steven Brown, Cascadia, Best Overall  
2nd – Sean Whalen

Goatee

1st – Chris Thompson, Ugliest of Competition

Mid Beard (5–8 inches)

1st – Bunky Tindall

Dedicated Beard (8+ inches)

1st – James Fields, Best Logger Beard



# Quilts of Valor Honor Veterans at Pioneer Picnic

Veterans were recognized during a Quilt of Valor presentation June 20 at the 139th Linn County Pioneer Picnic in Brownsville.

Presented by Brownsville's Quilts of Valor group, each handmade quilt honors a past or present member of the United States Armed Forces who has served honorably. The quilts are intended as a lasting expression of gratitude for their service and sacrifice.

Led by Judy Clay, local volunteers have presented more than 1,000 Quilts of Valor to veterans throughout the region. Each quilt is handcrafted by volunteers who donate their time and talents to ensure recipients know their service has not been forgotten.

The presentation was one of many traditions that brought the community together during this year's Pioneer Picnic, celebrating those who have served while reminding veterans that their sacrifices continue to be recognized and appreciated. 🌻



Quilt of Valor recipients from left: Ken Shrock, Terence Deacon, Gary Chadwell, Robert Grek, Lyle Rust, Oliver Burnett, Kelly Cook, and Michael Mishler gather for a group photo following Saturday evening's presentation during the 139th Linn County Pioneer Picnic. Each handmade Quilt of Valor is presented as a tangible expression of gratitude for military service and sacrifice.

Roger Baker of Albany receives a surprise Quilt of Valor from Judy Clay and American Legion Post 184 Commander Norm Simms during an impromptu ceremony Sunday at the 139th Linn County Pioneer Picnic. Baker, who served three years in the U.S. Army at the end of the Vietnam War, was honored after volunteers learned he had never received a Quilt of Valor. "I enjoyed it, but I didn't think I could do it for a lifetime," Baker said. "But after getting out I regretted it. It was a good job."

# Halsey Flowers with Young Readers

by Eva Wada, Assistant Editor

"Plant a Seed, Read" is the official 2026 summer reading theme for libraries across Oregon, supported by the state's Ready to Read program. Recently, the Halsey Public Library announced, "Plant a Seed, Read is officially on the calendar! This year's theme goes hand-in-hand with the launch of our Pollinator Garden and our much-loved Seed Library."

Located at 773 W 1st Street in Halsey, the library's summer reading program will kick things off on July 11 with a visit from a local celebrity: Caesar the No Drama Llama! Handled by his owner, Larry McCool, Caesar is a famous, huggable therapy llama from Oregon. He is celebrated for his calm temperament and travels across the Pacific Northwest to provide emotional support

at nursing homes and schools.

"The farm-to-table themed program encourages all age groups to grow their minds by logging reading hours and completing fun, interactive activities to earn prizes," according to iREADprograms.org. Grab your gardening gloves on July 18 for a grand Planting Party.

Also on the calendar for the Halsey Public Library is the arrival of the Museum of Natural and Cultural History with fascinating treasures to explore on August 1, as well as a sweet Ice Cream Party on August 8.

This Oregon-wide adventure is the perfect fit for the Halsey Public Library, a place that shines at planting both colorful flowerbeds and seeds of knowledge. 🌻

## TURNING PAGES BOOK CLUB

# Midnight Library No Longer a Perfect Match for Today

By Holly Arrows, Book Club member

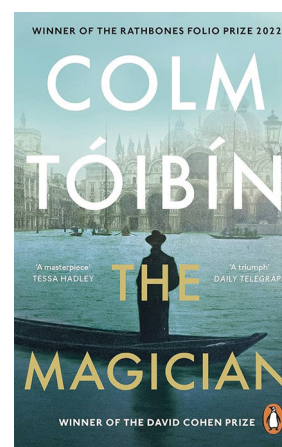
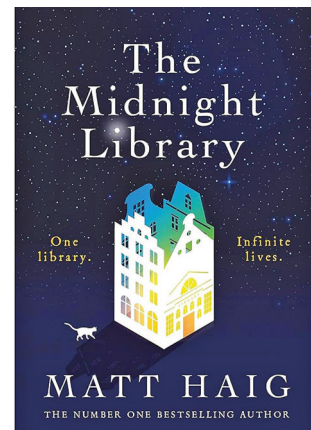
The Turning Pages Book Club met June 17 at the Brownsville Community Library to discuss "The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig. Six members attended. The book is primarily focused on theme rather than character, setting, or plot, but we agreed that the premise was intriguing. The focal character has an extended near-death experience, trying out alternate lifetimes in which she alters decisions she had come to regret. We had some difficulty identifying with the main character's voluminous regrets. Although we admired her knack for improvisation upon being suddenly thrust into various alternate realities, we concluded that the experience was perhaps too extended and that the author might have accomplished his mission more effectively with a shorter story.

Much of our discussion focused on why the book was an instant bestseller. We speculated that it was a particularly good match for the time of its release in 2020, the first year of the pandemic. Faced with isolation, relationship changes, or shifts in employment, many people had rare downtime to reflect on their life choices — precisely the book's theme. This likely contributed to the Great Resignation, when people quit their jobs in droves to try something new.

While enjoying brownies from local bakery Mema's Country Kitchen, members shared other books they were reading. Standouts included "The Perfect Horse" by Elizabeth Letts, a World War II nonfiction rescue story, and "Centennial" by James Michener, a sweeping historical novel about the American West. Our next selection is also a deep dive into history: "The Magician" by Colm Tóibín. This historical fiction novel follows writer Thomas Mann, born to a German patrician father and a Brazilian immigrant mother. Mann later fled to Switzerland with his Jewish wife

when Hitler came to power, eventually moving to the United States.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, July 15, at 7 p.m. in the Brownsville Community Library's Kirk Room. Copies of "The Magician" are available for checkout at the library, and everyone is welcome to join the discussion. 🌻



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## Albany River Rhythms 2026 Concert Lineups

Summer in Albany means Thursday evenings at Monteith Riverpark with a lawn chair, good company, and live music drifting off the Willamette River. Produced by Albany Parks & Recreation for over 40 years, River Rhythms has grown from modest local gigs into the mid-Willamette Valley's premier summer concert series, hosting nationally recognized talent across multiple genres.

Concerts are held at Monteith Riverpark (489 NW Water Ave) and run rain or shine. While admission is free, a \$1 donation per person is encouraged. Food vendors and the children's art area open at 5:30 p.m., and headliners take the stage around 7 p.m. To ease parking, a trolley shuttle loops through downtown Albany to the park from 5 p.m. until the crowd clears.

This year's lineup runs consecutive Thursdays from July 9 through August 13, taking a one-week hiatus on July 16 for the Linn County Fair. The 2026 schedule features:

- July 9: The Fabulous Thunderbirds (Texas blues rock)
- July 23: Bill Haley Jr. and the Comets (Classic rock)
- July 30: Boy Band Review ('90s pop)
- Aug. 6: Iam Tongi (American Idol winner)
- Aug. 13: Eli Young Band (Country)

Attendees may bring outside beer, wine, cider, and hard seltzers after 5:30 p.m., but hard liquor is prohibited and no alcohol is sold on-site. Only service dogs are permitted on concert days. Umbrellas, canopies, tarps, and stakes are prohibited to ensure clear views for all guests. More information can be found at <https://albanyoregon.gov/parks/events/river-rhythms>. ☼



COURTESY: FABULOUS THUNDERBIRDS

The Fabulous Thunderbirds will kick off Albany's 2026 River Rhythms concert series on Thursday, July 9, at Monteith Riverpark. Pictured from left are bassist Steve Kirsty, guitarist Johnny Moeller, lead vocalist and harmonica player Kim Wilson, pianist and guitarist Bob Welsh, and drummer Rudy Albin.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Jefferson and the Declaration of Independence

This July 4 will mark the 250th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. At the time, in an era when monarchies were the norm, declaring that people had the right to rule themselves was a radical idea that threatened a ruthless response from the preeminent world power, England, and King George III. Winning the Revolutionary War and establishing a government based on the consent of the governed was a paradigm shift for the entire world. The words Jefferson crafted have inspired the establishment of democracies as the new norm.

The White House celebrated the nation's 250th anniversary by hosting UFC Freedom 250 — a professional mixed martial arts championship event featuring an octagonal cage on the South Lawn. I'm not sure how a serious Jefferson would react to that. In his biography, he lamented that in his youth he was surrounded by "horse-racers, card-players, fox-hunters..." while he focused on his studies and prepared to advance his country's rights. He spent 17 days in Philadelphia carefully crafting the document that made the case for an independent United States. He was very proud of his writing and suffered the indignity of Congress altering or removing substantial portions. He was well aware of the legacy his work would have, so a spectacle reminiscent of Roman gladiators would likely be seen as not honoring his work. And it does little to honor the whole concept of the birth of democracy and the rejection of authoritarian governance.

Jefferson was a privileged individual, like the other politicians of his time. Their concept of "all men are created equal" excluded women, unpropertied men, slaves, and Native Americans. Yet he remained a champion of the common man. His efforts to abolish primogeniture (where a family's entire estate passed to the eldest son) and entail (which prevented landowners from selling or dividing their estates) broke down an aristocratic class system that concentrated land and power in a few hands. His foundational 1786 law, the "Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom," set a precedent for the separation of church and state, ensuring that no person would be compelled to support or conform to any religion. He founded the University of Virginia and once wrote, "Whenever the people are well informed, they can be trusted with their own government; that whenever things get so far wrong as to attract their notice, they may be relied on to set them to rights." I'd like to believe that is true even in our time, when there is so much misinformation, deceit, and tyranny. Along those same lines, he once said, "Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate to prefer the latter." In our small corner of the country, my hope is that The Times will honor Jefferson and be a beacon of free speech and a unifying influence for the community. ☼

— Stephen A. Brenner, Brownsville

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1776 — The Kalapuya, including the Santiam Kalapuya, lived throughout the Central Willamette Valley. Indigenous burning helped shape prairie and oak savanna landscapes.



1776–1840 — Kalapuya peoples maintained seasonal villages, harvested camas, acorns, wapato, berries, salmon, and game, and used cultural burning to sustain prairie ecosystems.



1782–1783 — Smallpox devastated Kalapuya communities in the Willamette Valley.

1811–1829 — Fur traders and explorers traded with Kalapuya who lived in plank houses.

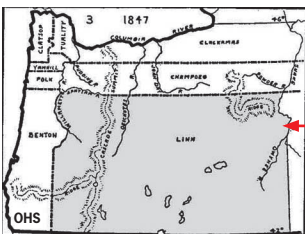
1830–1850 — Malaria and other diseases swept through the lower Columbia and Willamette valleys, reducing Native populations by an estimated 97 percent.

1840s — American settlers began arriving in larger numbers in the valley.



1846 — Early settlers included the Kirk, Brown, and Blakely families. The settlement was originally called Calapooia, after the Kalapuya people.

1846 — Hugh L. Brown settled in the Brownsville area and opened an early store; Brownsville later took its name from him.



1847 — Alexander and Sarah Kirk began operation of a ferry on the Calapooia River near the settlement, then known as Calapooia or Kirk's Ferry.

1847 — The Provisional Government created Linn County, which then encompassed much of present-day Oregon, and designated Calapooia as the county seat. Fifteen counties were later formed from its original boundaries.

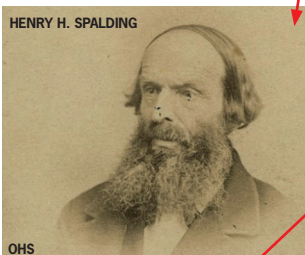


1848 — R.C. Finley constructed a flour mill near present-day McKercher Park.

1849 — Hugh Leeper Brown built a barn that survives into 2026.



1849 — Henry Spalding, a Presbyterian missionary and Whitman massacre survivor, began teaching at Linn County's first school in Brownsville.

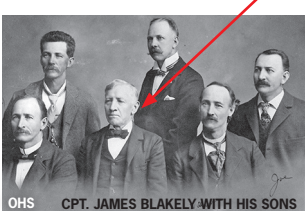


1849 — The first county courthouse reportedly operated out of the Spalding School in what is now Brownsville before the county seat was moved to Albany.

1850 — James Blakely had settled on a 640-acre claim.

1851 — Several reservations are negotiated with the Kalapuya — Congress fails to ratify.

1851 — Albany replaced Calapooia/Brownsville as the Linn County seat. A later 1856 election reaffirmed Albany as the county seat.



1852 — The Harrisburg area, then known as Prairie Precinct, had grown to 101 residents. Local settlers organized Prairie Precinct as an early voting and civic district, and David and Asa McCully opened a store in the area.



1853 — James Blakely laid out a town plat south of the Calapooia River and named it after his uncle, Hugh Leeper Brown, who had traveled west with him.

1853 — The first bridge was built across the Calapooia River, near where Pioneer Park is today.

## The Kalapuya: Keepers of the Willamette Valley

By Allen L. Buzzard, Guest Contributor

As Americans, Oregonians, and Willamette Valley residents celebrate the U.S.A.'s 250th birthday, it's worth remembering that the Kalapuya, often spelled "Callahpoewahs" on early maps, have a history in the Willamette Valley that extends 10 to 57 times longer than the United States itself, according to Kalapuyan oral histories and archaeological evidence. The Kalapuya consisted of an estimated 18 bands and tribes living throughout the Willamette and Umpqua valleys.

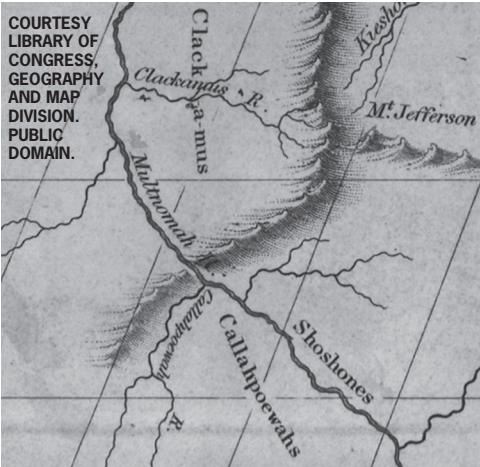
Often overlooked is the history of the once-populous Kalapuya, who built intertribal trade networks and trails throughout the Willamette Valley and into the Cascade and Coast ranges for their seasonal rounds. Oregon State University anthropologist David G.

Lewis argues that many early anthropologists viewed Native history through a settler-colonial lens, focusing on wars, art, and religion while overlooking much of the Kalapuya's cultural and historical significance in the Willamette Valley.

Euro-American explorers, followed by French-Canadian and Métis fur trappers, were the first to interact with Willamette's original peoples. These interactions fostered relationships in which tribes and trappers learned from one another. Trappers even intermarried with Chinook, Clackamas, Molalla, Santiam, Tualatin, and Yamhill women. Trade flourished between Indigenous and Euro-American peoples from 1811 through 1856, as buttons, beads, pots, pans, and rifles were exchanged for beaver pelts, fox skins, and other furs.

Euro-American posts were often located along the Columbia River and the Willamette River — then known to many mapmakers as the Multnomah River — near traditional Kalapuya trading sites, including Willamette Falls (now Oregon City), Wallace House at Chemeketa (now Salem), and Champoeg.

When Christian missionaries and settlers arrived in the 1830s and 1840s, they witnessed the spread of European diseases, including malaria



An enlarged detail from an 1816 map identifies the mid-Willamette Valley as the homeland of the "Callahpoewahs" (Kalapuya). Early mapmakers mistakenly showed the Willamette River crossing the Cascade Range and the Kalapuya living east of the mountains — errors later corrected by federal land surveys.

in 1830 and measles and smallpox. Indigenous people had no immunity to European and tropical diseases. The Kalapuyans are estimated to have lost 97 percent of their population to malaria, and by 1850, their population had declined to about 600.

Next, cultural differences between Euro-American farming practices, which

involved plowing prairies to plant corn and wheat within fixed land claims, collided with the seasonal migratory fishing/hunting/gathering lifestyles of the Kalapuya, who depended on acorns, camas, and other root plants native to the valleys for food. Misunderstandings on both sides led to conflicts, including clashes over land claims and land use, and ultimately starvation among the Kalapuya.

An early skirmish in the Willamette Valley in August 1846, the Battle Creek conflict between the Santiam Kalapuya and settlers in the South Salem Hills, was followed by the November 1847 Whitman Mission massacre. The government later separated indigenous inhabitants from white settlers through treaties that created reservations for "Indians," effectively taking their ancestral homelands by ceding parcels to homesteading whites. Ultimately, treaty provisions were misunderstood and ignored by "Indian" agents, leading to decades of poverty, malnutrition, and early deaths among Native peoples removed to reservations.

Editor's note: This article is based on research by Oregon State University anthropologist David G. Lewis and other historical sources. 🌻

## Pioneers Who Shaped the Central Willamette Valley

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer and Columnist

By the mid-1840s, wagon trains were carrying pioneer families into Oregon Country. Among those who settled in the Central Willamette Valley were Alexander Kirk, Henry H. Spalding, Hugh L. Brown, Capt. James Blakely, Asa McCully, William T. Templeton, James Templeton, and members of the Moyer and Powell families. Like many pioneers, they came seeking land and opportunity in the fertile Willamette Valley.

The westward journey took months across plains, rivers, and mountains. Families brought livestock, tools, seeds, bedding, and a few treasured possessions. Upon arrival, they built cabins, staked land claims, and planted crops before winter.

Capt. James Blakely became one of Brownsville's best-known pioneers. Born in Tennessee in 1812, he arrived in Oregon in 1846 and helped establish Brownsville. A relative of Hugh L. Brown, for whom the town was named, Blakely helped build Brownsville's first flour and woolen mills, operated a farm and ranch, served in the Oregon Legislature, and organized a volunteer company during the Rogue River War of 1855–56.

Rich soil, timber, and the Calapooia River attracted settlers. Daily life centered on clearing

land, planting crops, tending livestock, and helping neighbors.

Alexander Kirk established Kirk's Ferry crossing the Calapooia River around 1846 or 1847, creating a vital crossing for early settlers. Local history also credits Sarah Kirk with operating the ferry while Alexander was away.

Hugh L. Brown became one of the area's leading early businessmen, and Brownsville eventually took its name from him. Along with the Blakelys, Kirks, Templetons, Moyers, Powells, and other families, the Browns helped transform scattered land claims into an organized town.

William T. Templeton held a donation land claim in Linn County, while James Templeton became part of the family's local history. John Moyer arrived in Oregon in 1852, later married Elizabeth Brown, and built the 1881 Moyer House. Powell Hills, northwest of Brownsville, preserves the Powell family name.

The arrival of these settlers transformed the Kalapuya homeland. Prairies became farms, trails became roads, and river crossings became centers of settlement. Their names remain woven into the history of the Central Willamette Valley area. 🌻





1854 — Asa McCully opened a ferry service at Harrisburg, providing a key crossing of the Willamette River before a bridge was built in 1925.



BROWNSVILLE'S HISTORIC WAGON BRIDGE CROSSES THE CALAPOOIA RIVER IN THIS SOUTHWARD VIEW.



THOMPSON'S MILLS, ORIGINALLY BUILT AS BOSTON MILLS IN 1858, REMAINS ONE OF OREGON'S BEST-PRESERVED WATER-POWERED GRISTMILLS.



Jan. 22, 1855 — The Willamette Valley Treaty, also known as the Kalapuya Treaty, was signed. It ceded much of the Willamette Valley to the United States and led to the forced removal of the Kalapuya, Clackamas, Molalla, and other peoples to Grand Ronde.

March 3, 1855 — The U.S. Senate ratified the treaty, making it legally binding, though many promised benefits were later delayed, reduced, or not fully honored.

April 10, 1855 — The federal government officially proclaimed the treaty.

Jan.-Feb. 1856 — Kalapuyan peoples of the Willamette Valley were forcibly removed to the Grand Ronde Reservation.

1857 — Grand Ronde Reservation formally established.

1858 — Boston Mills, later known as Thompson's Mills, was built near present-day Shedd along the Calapoovia River. It became one of Oregon's most important surviving water-powered mill sites. The nearby town of Boston was founded around the same time.

1858 — An official survey map documents early land claims around Brownsville.

1859 — Oregon achieved statehood. That same year, Albany's Oregon Democrat began publication as one of Oregon's earliest newspapers and the first in Linn County.

1861 — The town of Boston was platted near Boston Mills. After the Oregon and California Railroad arrived in 1871, residents relocated about 1½ miles west to establish Shedd's Station, and Boston gradually declined.

Dec. 1861-Jan. 1862 — The Great Flood washes away most bridges and some communities in the Willamette Valley.

1862 — The original Thompson's/Boston mill burned down and was rebuilt soon afterward.

1866 — Harrisburg was incorporated.

1870 — Crawfordsville was founded on land owned by Philemon Vawter Crawford and Robert Glass. The Crawfordsville post office opened the same year.

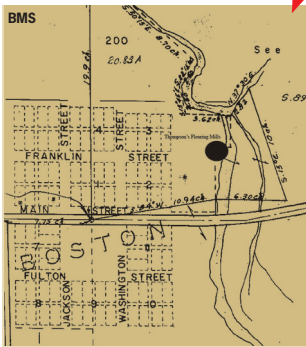
Aug. 28, 1871 — The Boston Mills post office closed, and the Shedd's Station post office opened, marking the shift from Boston to Shedd as the rail line became central to local commerce.

August 1871 — Railroad tracks were laid down in Shedd.

1872 — Halsey was formally separated from the Peoria Precinct, and residents of Shedd's Station formed a cooperative shipping warehouse near the railroad tracks to transport flour and farm products.

1872 — Tangent opened a post office, reinforcing its identity as a local farm-and-rail community.

1873 — Oregon's first Grange was organized in Tangent, reflecting the area's agricultural heritage.



A HORSE-DRAWN STAGECOACH ARRIVES AT THE CRAWFORDSVILLE POST OFFICE IN THIS EARLY PHOTOGRAPH OF THE COMMUNITY'S BUSINESS DISTRICT.



STUDENTS AND TEACHERS GATHER OUTSIDE HARRISBURG PUBLIC SCHOOL IN 1889, WHEN JAY H. JEWITT SERVED AS PRINCIPAL.

# Henry Harmon Spalding: Missionary, Survivor, and Early Schoolmaster

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer and Columnist

Before Henry Harmon Spalding became part of Central Willamette Valley history, he was already linked to one of the Oregon Trail's best-known tragedies.

Born in New York in 1803, Spalding became a Presbyterian missionary. In 1836, he and his wife, Eliza Hart Spalding, traveled west with Marcus and Narcissa Whitman. The Whitmans established their mission at Waiilatpu, near present-day Walla Walla, Washington, while the Spaldings continued on to Lapwai in present-day Idaho, where they preached, taught, and translated religious materials for the Nez Perce.

On Nov. 29, 1847, Marcus and Narcissa Whitman, along with others at Waiilatpu, were killed by members of the Cayuse in what became known as the Whitman massacre. After the attack, the Spaldings relocated to the Willamette Valley and, in 1849, settled near Brownsville, then known as Calapoovia or Kirk's Ferry.

That year, Spalding began teaching at what is recognized as the first school in present-day Linn County. His children attended alongside those of the Templeton, Blakely, and Kirk families. The log schoolhouse also served as an early community meeting place, where Linn County's first organizational meeting was reportedly held.

William Blakely, son of Capt. James Blakely, later described the simple schoolhouse with split-log benches, a rock chimney, and a shuttered window that darkened the room in rainstorms.

Spalding later served as Linn County school



Atavista House, built in 1876 by John and Amelia (Spalding) Brown, stands near the site of Henry Harmon Spalding's early schoolhouse in Brownsville.

superintendent and as Oregon's territorial commissioner of common schools. Although his missionary work remains controversial for its role in changing Native cultures, he is remembered locally for helping establish organized education.

His daughter, Amelia, later married John Brown, son of Hugh Brown. In 1876, they built Atavista House on the Brown property near the original schoolhouse site. The home remains a Brownsville landmark today.

Spalding's life spanned the missionary era, the Whitman massacre, and the beginnings of organized education in the Central Willamette Valley. ☼

## From Wagon Roads to Modern Corridors

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer and Columnist

Between 1850 and 1975, the Central Willamette Valley evolved from a landscape of ferries, wagon roads, and isolated farm settlements into a connected network of railroads, highways, bridges, and interstate travel.



Brownsville's railroad bridge over the Calapoovia River symbolized the shift from wagon travel to rail transportation, connecting the community to markets throughout the Willamette Valley.

In the 1850s, transportation was slow and seasonal. Farmers hauled wheat, livestock, timber, and supplies by wagon over rough roads along old trails and prairie routes. Ferries carried people, wagons, and livestock across the Willamette, Calapoovia, and other waterways, linking Brownsville, Albany, Harrisburg, Halsey, and Eugene.

Congress authorized construction of the Oregon & California Railroad in 1866, and the line reached the Willamette Valley by 1872. Rail provided farmers with a faster, more reliable way to ship grain, wool, hops, fruit, and livestock to Portland and beyond. Towns with depots prospered, while others built roads to connect to the rail line. The railroad also brought manufactured goods, mail, newspapers, and new residents.

Road improvements came more gradually. By the early 1900s, muddy wagon roads were being graded, and the Good Roads movement encouraged public investment in transportation. The Pacific Highway, completed in 1924 and designated U.S. Highway 99 in 1927, became the valley's primary north-south automobile route, linking communities from Portland to California. East-west roads also expanded access to Brownsville, Crawfordsville, Sweet Home, and surrounding farming and timber areas.

Bridge construction further improved year-round travel. The Crawfordsville Covered Bridge, completed in 1932, exemplified the era's practical rural engineering, while newer steel and concrete bridges accommodated heavier trucks and growing commerce.



Built in 1932, the Crawfordsville Covered Bridge replaced earlier crossings over the Calapoovia River and remains a local landmark.

After World War II, rising automobile ownership and freight traffic strained existing highways. Authorized by the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956, Interstate 5 was constructed through the Willamette Valley in the late 1950s and 1960s. Completed in Oregon in 1966, it replaced U.S. Highway 99 as the region's primary north-south route, improving travel and freight movement across western Oregon.

By 1975, railroads, highways, bridges, and Interstate 5 had transformed the Central Willamette Valley into one of Oregon's leading agricultural and commercial corridors. ☼



# The Rise and Fall of the Calapooia Roundup

By Allen L. Buzzard, Guest Contributor

In 1920, people in Crawfordsville, Oregon, started a big rodeo called the “Calapooia Roundup.” It was held on a plain by the Calapooia River, above McKercher Park rapids, below the Crawfordsville Covered Bridge, across from Finley Pioneer Cemetery, and between the highway and the confluence of Brush Creek with the Calapooia. The rodeo featured events such as bronc riding, calf roping, bull dogging, and bareback riding. Cowboys and townspeople from nearby places came to watch and compete. There were parades, a grand entry with horses, and even a mounted parade. Winners received money and prizes.

Local clubs and families helped run the rodeo. Organizers ensured ads appeared in local papers. Kids and adults alike enjoyed the thrilling shows. Some cowboys even earned extra money. The rodeo grew over the years, becoming an important summer event families looked forward to, with music, food, and a chance to see brave riders and trained ranch animals perform.

The Calapooia Roundup kept old Western traditions alive and gave cowboys and cowgirls opportunities to showcase their horsemanship. Spectators enjoyed watching real cowboy skills. Families and neighbors came to watch and cheer on their favorite riders. Men sometimes drank and fought. Eyewitness accounts describe two reportedly watching from their car while others brawled. Big fights were



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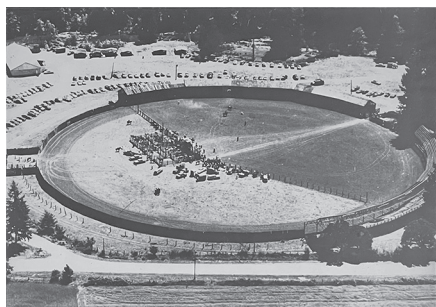
Bull riding thrilled crowds during the 1952 Calapooia Roundup in Crawfordsville, one of the rodeo's final years.

rare, but sometimes someone would get decked to the dust.

As time passed, interest in and sponsorship of Crawfordsville's rodeo waned. From 1953 to 1955, the town's rodeo was ending, even though some forty-plus years later, the Calapooia Roundup experienced a brief revival by being attached to Sweet Home's Sportsman's Holiday.

Meanwhile, Crawfordsville's rodeo arena gradually disappeared; its wooden bleachers and grandstand later fell apart. Today, nothing

remains of the auction and rodeo grounds except trees, memories, fading photos, a 1948 aerial photograph, and comments in a Linn County tax assessor's file. The “parent” parcel at 38050 Highway 228 — Map #14S02W1300 00300 — was later subdivided into several lots of varying sizes and sold. Although the Calapooia Roundup ended in 1955, some fondly remember those days. ☼



An aerial view shows the Calapooia Roundup grounds in Crawfordsville, where rodeos drew competitors and spectators from across the region for more than three decades. Photographer unknown.

# How Linn County Became the Grass Seed Capital of the World

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer and Columnist

Long before Linn County became known for grass seed, the Central Willamette Valley was a landscape of native prairie, oak savanna, and seasonal wetlands. The Kalapuya managed the valley through seasonal burning, encouraging camas and other food plants while preventing brush and timber from overtaking the prairie.

When settlers arrived in the mid-1800s, they found fertile soil, open fields, and a climate well suited to farming. Early farms raised livestock and grew wheat, oats, hay, fruit, and vegetables. However, the valley's wet winters left many fields poorly drained. Grass, though, thrived.

By the late 1800s, native grasses had largely been replaced by introduced species. The turning point came in 1922, when Forest Jenks planted what is recognized as the Willamette Valley's first commercial ryegrass seed crop. Ryegrass proved ideally suited to the region's wet winters, dry summers, and favorable harvest conditions.

During the 1930s, Tangent became known as the “Grass Seed Capital of the World.” As production expanded, the title came to apply to all of Linn County.

Mechanized farming, improved



ALLEN L. BUZZARD

Today, Linn County is widely known as the “Grass Seed Capital of the World,” a title rooted in more than a century of innovation by local growers.

harvesting equipment, and new grass varieties fueled rapid growth through the 1940s and beyond. After World War II, Oregon State University's research and Extension programs helped farmers improve yields, manage pests, and refine production methods. Seed-cleaning plants, processors, brokers, and national seed companies became integral to the local economy.

Today, about 127,000 acres in Linn County are devoted to grass seed production, and the Willamette Valley produces a major share of the nation's cool-season forage and turf grass seed.

Linn County's reputation as the Grass Seed Capital of the World reflects generations of growers who transformed the valley's climate, soils, and farming expertise into one of the world's leading seed-producing regions. ☼



COURTESY: JENKS FAMILY

Forest Jenks of Tangent helped pioneer the Willamette Valley's commercial ryegrass seed industry in 1922.

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1876 — Brownsville and Halsey were incorporated. Halsey was named after William L. Halsey, vice president of the Oregon & California Railroad.

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1876 — M.V. Koontz opened a general merchandise store in Halsey.

1870s — Minor Jackson, a formerly enslaved man, arrived in Brownsville and eventually opened a successful barbershop. He worked and saved to open the barbershop, reportedly the only one in town with a bathtub.

1883 — Halsey's Hotel Penland in Halsey was destroyed by fire.

LCPA



1887 — The Linn County Pioneer Association (LCPA) was established to honor early white pioneer settlers. LCPA held its first annual Pioneer Picnic.

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1888-1889 — The Brownsville Times was founded by Albert B. Cavender and Arthur S. McDonald, becoming a long-running community newspaper serving Brownsville and the surrounding area.

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PHOTOGRAPHED IN 1908, THIS DIRT ROAD NEAR TANGENT WAS CONSIDERED ONE OF OREGON'S BEST ROADS.

1891 — William Felzer of Tangent acquired ryegrass seed, a development local history links to the beginning of the modern ryegrass seed industry in the area.

1893 — Tangent began the incorporation process, but the paperwork was lost — formal incorporation occurred 80 years later.

1895 — Brownsville, North Brownsville, and Amelia were consolidated, shaping modern Brownsville.

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THE ORIGINAL SHEDD HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

1899 — Shedd's Station became “Shedd.” The town has never been incorporated.

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July 31, 1903 — A major fire destroyed much of Halsey's downtown core after breaking out at the J.L. Bishur Creamery.

1907 — Brownsville's First Baptist Church building was completed.

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1908 — Brownsville's C.J. Howe Building opened as a grocery and mercantile store and later became one of the town's notable historic buildings.

1915 — Harrisburg's first rock crusher began operating at Bond Butte.

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CHILDREN FROM THE BRUSH CREEK COMMUNITY, PHOTOGRAPHED ABOUT 1916, REFLECT THE RURAL FAMILIES WHO LIVED AND ATTENDED SCHOOL IN THE CRAWFORDSVILLE AREA. COURTESY: CURTIS IRISH COLLECTION.

1915 — Crawfordsville had about 300 residents, two sawmills, a flour mill, a high school, an elementary school, and three churches, reflecting its status as a small but active rural community.

1919 — A fire destroyed much of Brownsville.

1920 — The Calapooia Roundup began a 35-year rodeo tradition at the site between the Finley Pioneer Cemetery and McKercher Park.

1922 — Forest Jenks of Tangent established the first commercial ryegrass seed farm.

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1925 — The Harrisburg Bridge, also known as the Willamette River Bridge or John B. Yeon Bridge, was completed over the Willamette River, ending reliance on ferry crossings.

COURTESY: JENKS FAMILY



1930 — Tangent came to be known as the “Grass Seed Capital of the World.” The title was later applied to all of Linn County.



# Logging Helped Shape Linn County's Economy and Identity

By Allen L. Buzzard, Guest contributor

Linn County's logging history dates to the mid-1800s, when pioneer families began clearing land for farms, homes, and timber.

Among the early settlers was the Rice family, whose work helped lay the foundation for the local timber industry. As more settlers arrived, sawmills became essential to community growth. They supplied lumber for homes, barns, businesses, and other buildings, while also opening the door for timber products to reach wider markets.

In the beginning, logging took place near communities such as Brownsville, Crawfordsville, Holley, Liberty, and Waterloo. Crews harvested old-growth timber from the hillsides near those settlements. Over time, as nearby timber was cut, logging operations moved farther east and higher into the Cascade foothills.

The timber industry became a major part of Linn County's economy. Logging and milling provided jobs, supported local businesses, and helped connect small communities to Oregon's broader timber economy. Lumber produced in Linn County was used locally and shipped to other markets, increasing the region's economic importance.

By the 1970s and early 1980s, the Sweet Home area had become one of the county's major tim-



Brownsville Particleboard Products reflected the evolution of Linn County's timber industry, transforming locally harvested wood into manufactured building products during the late 1960s and early 1970s.

ber centers. At one time, as many as 13 sawmills operated in the greater Sweet Home area, underscoring the industry's size and importance.

Logging also became part of Linn County's cultural identity. From 1940 to 2000, Albany hosted the Central Willamette Timber Carnival, later known as the Albany Timber Carnival. The event celebrated the importance of logging through competitions, exhibits, and community gatherings.

That history remains visible today. The East Linn Museum in Sweet Home, near the intersection of U.S. Highway 20 and Oregon Route 228, preserves logging artifacts, equipment, and stories from the region's timber past.

Reminders of the industry are also visible in the landscape. Portions of an old logging railroad grade from Sweet Home to the Dollar logging camp on the upper Calapooia River, as well as grades near Old Holley Road, can still be seen.

Linn County's logging history tells the story of a region transformed by hard work, timber, and settlement. From early pioneer sawmills to large-scale logging operations in the Cascades, the industry helped shape the county's economy, communities, and sense of identity for generations. 🌲



A logging truck hauls an enormous Douglas-fir across a timber trestle near Holley between 1915 and 1925, reflecting the rugged early years of Linn County's logging industry. Courtesy: Holley Market.

## Additional Scenes From the Past

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AIS - AI ASSISTED BY SHARON K. BANKS  
BMS - BOSTON MILL SOCIETY  
CIC - CURTIS IRISH COLLECTION  
HCC - HARRISBURG CITY COLLECTION  
LCPA - LINN COUNTY PIONEER ASSOCIATION  
OHS - OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
PPG - PIONEER PICTURE GALLERY  
SFM - SANBORN FIRE INSURANCE MAP  
TT - TANGENT TOGETHER



The M.T. Sneed family home in Halsey, photographed in 1918.



A southward view of Third and Smith streets in downtown Harrisburg, circa 1934-1938.



Before trucks, Jim Banta hauled a boiler by horse team from Halsey to the Sawyer, Robnett & Childers mill on East Brush Creek.



A threshing crew works at the Annie (Rice) Lerwill farm on Courtney Creek. According to the handwritten note on the photo, a whiskey still was hidden beneath the straw.



1932 — The Crawfordsville Covered Bridge was constructed over the Calapooia River.  
October 13, 1938 — The First Tangent Harvest Festival is held.



1955 — Halsey's iconic grain elevator was built, becoming a symbol of the town's agricultural economy.  
1955 — Most of the Brownsville Woolen Mills Co. was destroyed by fire, bringing an end to one of the town's major industries.



July 1, 1956 — Central Linn School District was formed from the Brownsville, Halsey, and Shedd school districts.  
1962 — The Linn County Historical Museum was founded.



1973 — Tangent was finally incorporated.  
1979 — Tangent School District was consolidated into the Greater Albany Public School District.  
1983 — Kitty Kat, heir to the John Bass Estate, became Tangent's beloved unofficial mascot and honorary "mayor." Following her death in 1995, the Bass Estate passed to the City of Tangent.



1986 — "Stand By Me," filmed in Brownsville, was released in theaters, permanently linking Brownsville to the film's fictional town of Castle Rock.  
June 1993 — Shedd Elementary School closed.



2004 — Oregon Parks and Recreation purchased Thompson's Mills, preserving the historic water-powered mill site near Shedd.  
2007 — Thompson's Mills opened to the public as a state heritage site, and Brownsville held its inaugural Stand By Me Day celebration on July 23.



2011 — Crawfordsville Elementary School closed after more than a century and a half of service to the community.  
2020 — The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted community life and canceled Brownsville's Stand By Me Day celebration.



2022 — The nonprofit Tangent Together was formed to revive the Tangent Harvest Festival and to promote community pride and activities.  
September 2023 — The Tangent Harvest Festival resumed after a long hiatus.



June 5, 2025 — The Brownsville Times was re-established as a nonprofit organization with a mission to serve Brownsville, Halsey, Shedd, Tangent, Crawfordsville, Harrisburg, and Peoria, ensuring coverage and reporting throughout the central Willamette Valley.



2026 — Tangent Together fully re-established the community scholarship fund, beginning with the issuance of two scholarships in June 2026.  
2026 — As the nation celebrated its 250th anniversary, The Brownsville Times became The Times of the Central Willamette Valley, reflecting its expanded coverage of Brownsville, Halsey, Shedd, Tangent, Crawfordsville, Harrisburg, Peoria, and neighboring communities.



# How the American Flag Grew with the Nation

By Mikayle Stole, Editor

Few symbols are as recognizable — or as enduring — as the American flag. Since its adoption in 1777, the Stars and Stripes has evolved alongside the nation, expanding from 13 stars to 50 while retaining the stripes honoring the original colonies.

The first official U.S. flag was adopted on June 14, 1777, when the Continental Congress approved a design featuring 13 alternating red and white stripes and 13 white stars on a blue field. Although the flag is often associated with Betsy Ross, most historians today credit Francis Hopkinson — a signer of the Declaration of Independence and a member of the Continental Congress — with the greatest contribution to its design.

As new states joined the Union, the flag changed to reflect the nation’s growth. In 1795, Vermont and Kentucky brought the total to 15 stars and 15 stripes, a version that inspired Francis Scott Key to write “The Star-Spangled Banner” during the War of 1812.

In 1818, Congress restored the flag to 13 stripes, establishing the tradition of adding one star for each new state while preserving the stripes as a tribute to the original colonies. Since then, the number of stars has increased with each state’s admission to the Union.

As the number of stars has grown alongside the nation, the 13 stripes have remained unchanged since 1818, serving as a lasting tribute to the original colonies whose fight for independence created the United States.

Alaska joined the Union in 1959, giving the nation a 49-star flag that flew for only one year.

The current 50-star flag became official on July 4, 1960, after Hawaii’s statehood. Today, it is the longest-serving version of the American flag, symbolizing more than two centuries of American history and unity. 🌟



**1777 – The First Official Flag:** Congress adopted the first U.S. flag on June 14, 1777, with 13 alternating red and white stripes and 13 white stars representing the original colonies. Although the Flag Resolution did not specify which color came first, the flag is traditionally shown with seven red stripes and six white stripes.



**1795 – The Star-Spangled Banner:** After Vermont and Kentucky joined the Union, the flag expanded to 15 stars and 15 stripes. This version flew over Fort McHenry during the War of 1812 and inspired Francis Scott Key to write “The Star-Spangled Banner.”



**1818 – A Lasting Design:** Congress restored the flag to 13 stripes, honoring the original colonies, and established the tradition of adding one star for each new state every July 4. This decision created the basic design still used today.



**1851 – The Great Star:** Following California’s admission to the Union, the flag grew to 31 stars. Before star arrangements were strictly standardized by the government, makers frequently used creative layouts — such as this popular “Great Star” design, where smaller stars were grouped together to form one large star.



**1960 – Today’s Stars and Stripes:** The current 50-star American flag became official on July 4, 1960, after Hawaii joined the Union. It has now served longer than any previous version of the nation’s flag.

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## See Oregon’s First Portland Flag This Holiday

If you’re traveling to Portland this holiday season, the Oregon Historical Society is offering a rare opportunity to see what is believed to be the first American flag raised in Portland after Oregon became a state.

The hand-sewn “Bills flag,” created in 1861 by Portland resident Ann Elizabeth Bills, recently underwent professional conservation and is being displayed at its full 9-by-6-foot size for the first time in more than a century. Because of its fragile condition, the flag had previously only been exhibited folded.

The special America 250 Oregon display also includes a 1774 document describing proceedings of the First Continental Congress and two early 19th-century maps illus-



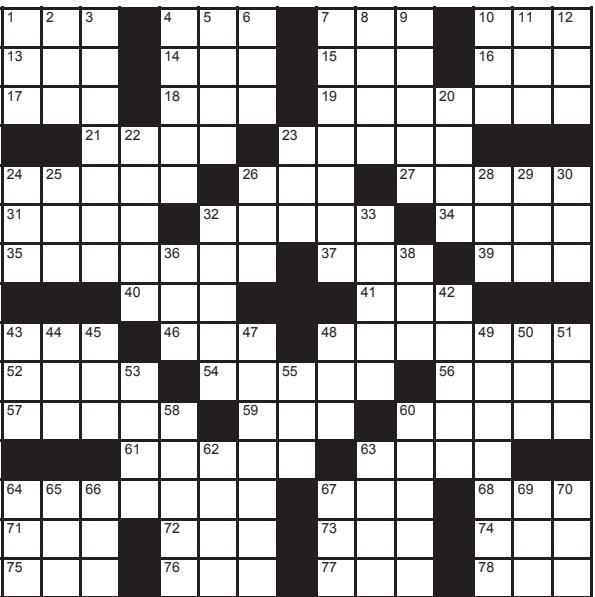
The newly conserved Bills flag will be on display at the Oregon Historical Society through July 6, 2026, in honor of the America 250 Oregon commemoration.

trating how Americans envisioned the nation’s expanding territories. Together, the artifacts help tell the story of the country’s early growth and Oregon’s place within it.

The exhibit runs through July 6 at the Oregon Historical Society, 1200 S.W. Park Ave., Portland. The museum will be closed July 3–4 for the Independence Day holiday. Regular hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Visit <https://www.ohs.org/blog/threads-of-history>. cfm to read more about this historic flag in Helen Fedchak’s blog “Threads of History: Preserving the First U.S. Flag Raised in Portland.” 🌟

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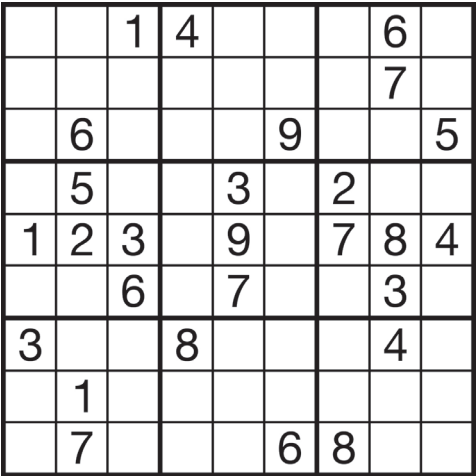
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Keep Pets Safe During Fourth of July Celebrations

By Mikayle Stole, Editor

The Fourth of July is one of the busiest days of the year for animal shelters because frightened pets often escape during fireworks and festivities. While Independence Day celebrations are enjoyable for people, they can be stressful — and even dangerous — for pets.



The Times partners each month with SafeHaven Humane Society to feature an adoptable Pet of the Month. As the holiday approaches, the Tangent-based shelter encourages pet owners to take a few simple precautions to keep their animals safe.

- Ensure collars, ID tags, and microchip information are up to date in case a pet gets loose.
- Keep pets indoors during fireworks. Close windows and curtains, play calming music, and provide a quiet room where they feel secure. A favorite toy, chew, or treat can help distract anxious pets.
- If your pet experiences severe anxiety during fireworks, talk with your veterinarian before the holiday. If medication is prescribed, give a trial dose beforehand to ensure your pet responds well.
- Keep pets on their regular diet. Barbecue favorites such as onions, grapes, raisins, chocolate, alcohol, and other common holiday foods can be toxic or cause digestive issues.
- Keep fireworks, lighter fluid, matches, citronella products, glow sticks, and other holiday items well out of reach of pets. Curious animals may chew or swallow them, leading to serious injuries or poisoning.
- Provide plenty of fresh water and a cool, shaded resting place, especially during hot weather.

If you use fireworks at home, thoroughly clean the area afterward, before letting pets back outside. Spent fireworks may contain harmful chemicals.

If you believe your pet has ingested something toxic or has been injured, contact your veterinarian immediately or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at 888-426-4435.

For information on adoption, volunteering, fostering, or other programs, contact SafeHaven Humane Society at (541) 928-2789 or visit <https://safehavenhumane.org>. The shelter is at 32220 Old Highway 34 in Tangent. ☼

Celebrate a Legacy of Liberty in Sweet Home July 8–11

By Eva Wada, Assistant Editor

SWEET HOME — Sweet Home is gearing up for its annual Sportsman’s Holiday Celebration, July 8–11. Launched as Frontier Days in 1948, the event became Sportsman’s Holiday in 1958 and has since grown into one of the community’s signature summer traditions. This year’s theme, “Legacy of Liberty,” honors the generations who built our freedom and celebrates the community spirit that endures today.

The festivities kick off Wednesday, July 8, with the Queen’s Coronation at 42250 Ames Creek Rd. Neighbors are invited to witness the crowning of the Queen and enjoy a performance by the Junior Court. Festivities continue Thursday, July 9, at 7 p.m. with the Chips-N-Splinters Variety Show at the Sweet Home High School Auditorium, featuring local entertainment, patriotic music, and appearances by the full Court.

The weekend action brings the town together for high-energy fun. On Friday and Saturday, July 10–11, bargain hunters can use an official Chamber of Commerce map to scout the Sweet Home Community Yard Sale. Friday evening also brings local nostalgia to life on the streets with the Icebox Cut the Gut Cruise from 6–9 p.m. This rain-or-shine classic-car event features business checkpoints where drivers have their passports stamped for raffle prizes. See page 3 for details.

Saturday’s events highlight deep local roots. The morning begins with a hearty \$10 breakfast at the Sweet Home Elks Lodge. Afterward, hometown pride shines brightly during the Sportsman’s Holiday Parade from 11 a.m. to noon through downtown along Main Street and then onto Long Street, as participants march under the “Legacy of Liberty” banner.

Finally, Saturday afternoon shifts focus on the region’s timber history with the free Logger Olympics at 4001 Long St., at 1 p.m. where loggers and other competitors test their skills in traditional logging events. Ultimately, the entire celebration offers a special homegrown opportunity to “honor our past, celebrate our freedom, and inspire our future,” according to Lagea Mull, executive director of the Sweet Home Chamber of Commerce.

Icebox Cut the Gut Cruisers and Sportsman’s Holiday Parade entries can register online at <https://sweethomechamber.com/events/sportsmansholiday>. ☼



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## CENTRAL LINN SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Urgent CLSD Update for Parents

By Eva Wada, Assistant Editor

As the community prepares for the 2026-27 school year, Central Linn School District (CLSD) has announced important updates about parent and student mobile apps, student registration for all grades, and fall youth sports through the Central Linn Recreation Association (CLRA).

According to the school year's final issue of Central Linn Elementary School's Cobra Tales, the district has transitioned to new ParentVUE and StudentVUE mobile apps. Families who have not yet done so should delete the older versions from their devices and download the new ParentVUE and StudentVUE applications from their app stores to continue accessing student grades, schedules, and district messages.

Meanwhile, CLSD online registration for the

new school year officially opens July 20. To enroll, families of both new and returning students must complete an online form, a paperwork packet, and provide updated immunization records. New students must also provide proof of identity and residency. Families living outside district boundaries must submit an Inter-District transfer request to the District Office. For daily travel, in-person students need a bus form, and driving juniors or seniors must fill out parking paperwork. There is also a \$20 school supply fee per student, payable at the school office.

For elementary-aged students interested in extracurriculars, the Central Linn Recreation Association has opened registration for fall youth sports. Parents should register children based on

the grade they will enter this fall. CLRA programs include Sideline Cheer (Grades K-4), Flag Football (Grades 1-6), Volleyball (Grades 3-6), and Soccer (Pre-K, starting at age 4, through Grade 6). Sign up online at <https://www.clrasports.org>.

## Important upcoming dates include:

- **July 20:** Online Registration Opens for Central Linn School District
- **August 18:** Back to School Jamboree (PK-12, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Centrll Linn Elementary Gym)
- **August 21:** CLRA Fall Sports Registration Closes
- **September 8:** First Day of School/CLRA Sports Begin 🌀

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## Students Train for Disaster Response at Camp Ready2Respond



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Students in the builder villages work together to construct emergency shelter units during Camp Ready2Respond.

ALBANY — More than 130 Oregon high school students spent the week gaining hands-on disaster-response experience at Camp Ready2Respond at the Knife River Training Center in southeast Albany.

The workforce development program brought together students from 17 counties, 28 schools, and 24 cities to participate in a realistic disaster-response exercise and explore careers in construction, emergency management, health care, communications, culinary arts, and public safety.

Working in six teams, students built emergency shelter units, prepared meals, practiced medical response skills, managed emergency communications, and coordinated public information. By

Thursday afternoon, participants were six hours ahead of schedule and had completed 10 emergency shelter units for future disaster response across Oregon.

Organizers say the camp strengthens Oregon's emergency preparedness and introduces students to career pathways in skilled trades and public service. The program is a partnership among Team Oregon Build, the Oregon Department of Human Services, Oregon Housing and Community Services, the Oregon Department of Education, the Oregon Department of Forestry, the Oregon Department of Emergency Management, and 14 additional partner organizations. 🌀

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# Commissioners Recognize Outgoing Budget Officer Michelle Hawkins

By Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer

ALBANY — At their June 23 meeting, Linn County Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Sherrie Sprenger, and Will Tucker, recognized Michelle Hawkins for her 26 years as the county budget officer.

New Chief Financial Officer Jennifer Stanaway will take over as the county budget officer on July 1. Hawkins will continue as county treasurer until her retirement at the end of October.

Hawkins completed 26 years as budget officer — also serving as assistant budget officer for several years — and will have served 31 years with the county upon her retirement.

Board Chair Nyquist said the county has greatly streamlined the annual budget process during Hawkins’ tenure. When he was first elected to the board, budgeting could take more than two weeks and include some big cuts in waning hours to balance things out. Today, the annual budget hearings are held over four days.

Nyquist said that the process has improved because county staff — both department heads and elected officials — work as a team. He added that Hawkins has created a process that provides budget guidance several months ahead of the hearings and that includes providing budget makers with long-term financial guidance.

Nyquist also praised Hawkins for her work assisting local businesses during the Covid 19 pandemic and with assisting families who were displaced by the Labor Day fires in the Santiam Canyon in September 2020.

Nyquist noted that Linn County provided grants to local businesses that were struggling financially due to the shutdowns imposed during the Covid 19 pandemic. Hawkins worked with local chambers of commerce to gather the names of businesses in need and disburse grants quickly.

“That funding kept many small businesses alive,” Nyquist said.

She did the same thing to help families affected by the Lionshead/Beachie Creek fires that ravaged the north canyon area.

COURTESY LINN COUNTY GOVERNMENT



Linn County Commissioners honored outgoing Budget Officer Michelle Hawkins on June 23 for her 26 years in the role. Hawkins will retire from Linn County in October after 31 years of service.

Linn County residents and businesses donated tens of thousands of dollars to help their neighbors, and within 24 hours, Hawkins was distributing checks.

“A family could make an application one day and have a check the next day,” Nyquist said.

Hawkins said that for more than a week, she crisscrossed Linn and Marion counties, paying for motel rooms to house families.

Commissioner Tucker thanked Hawkins for her support of military families and for spearheading the move away from cash or check-only payments in county offices. Linn County residents can now use credit cards for many of their transactions.

Commissioner Sprenger said she had many questions when she was first elected to local office, but Hawkins was always willing to answer them.

“She has an orange binder that explains why we do things in a certain way,” Sprenger said.

The commissioners also adopted the last budget under Hawkins’ guidance, totaling \$298,773,964 for the 2026–2027 Fiscal Year. The General Fund tax rate will be \$1.2736 per \$1,000 of property valuation. The Law Enforcement Levy will be for \$3.08 per \$1,000 property valuation.

**In other business, the commissioners:**

- Approved an amendment to extend a Special Use Permit for the Linn County Parks & Recreation to operate 26 Forest Service campgrounds in the Willamette National Forest from five years to 30 years.
- Were told there were 21 Linn County youth held at the Detention Center in May. The average length of stay was 7.83 days. There were also eight youth from Benton County held for 8.5 days, and one youth from Lincoln County held for four days. There were 49 referrals in May and there are 198 young people in the Probation Unit. The victims advocate made 116 contacts.
- Adjourned the regular Board meeting and convened the 4-H and Extension Service District Board. A 2026–2027 budget of \$967,823 was approved. The tax rate will be seven cents per \$1,000 of property valuation.
- Updated and approved the county fees schedule for FY 2026-2027. ☼

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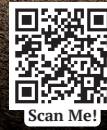
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## SHERIFF'S REPORT JUNE 20-27

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

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

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

## BROWNSVILLE

**Sat., June 20, 9:19 a.m.** — Deputy performed event detail at the Pioneer Picnic parade in the 200 block of N Main St.

**11:09 a.m.** — Deputy documented a complaint about juveniles riding dirt bikes on Pioneer Park's gravel roads.

**4:02 p.m.** — Deputy documented a complaint that salesmen refused to leave private property in the 300 block of Kirk Ave.

**9:07 p.m.** — Anna House, 42, of Brownsville, was cited in lieu of custody for her Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for illegal camping in the 100 block of W Bishop Way. Report taken.

**Mon., June 22, 12:19 p.m.** — Deputies responded to a residential burglary in the 700 block of Amelia Ave. An unknown number of items were taken. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

**3:06 p.m.** — Deputies contacted a male causing a disturbance outside a business in the 200 block of N Main St.

**Tue., June 23, 7:11 a.m.** — Deputy received a report of a missing endangered adult, Kherev Israel Reeve, 30, of Brownsville, in the 1100 block of Oak St. Multiple areas were searched for Kherev, but he was not located. Deputy entered Kherev as a missing person. Report taken.

**7:03 p.m.** — Deputies responded to a domestic disturbance in the 1000 block of Pine St.

**9:02 p.m.** — Deputy attempted to locate an individual in emotional distress in the 100 block of S Main St. Deputy was unable to locate her.

**10:46 p.m.** — Deputy responded to a citizen who reported hearing voices outside in the 26800 block of Gap Rd. Deputy checked the area and found no one. Deputy determined this was likely a mental health issue. Non-criminal.

**Wed., June 24, 12:19 a.m.** — Deputies responded to a domestic disturbance in the 900 block of Pine St. Following an investigation, it was determined that it was only a verbal argument. The parties agreed to separate for the night. Non-criminal.

**2:53 a.m.** — Deputies take a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 37800 block of Hwy 228. No public narrative.

**8:37 a.m.** — Deputy responded to a mental health welfare check request in the 26800 block of Gap Rd. No injuries. Non-criminal. Deputy notified the family of the elderly person's mental state.

**9:26 a.m.** — Tammy Holden-Day, 54, of Sweet Home, was cited for failing to register a vehicle and for driving uninsured in the 100 block of S Main St.

**Thu., June 25, 10:36 a.m.** — Kyle Ruckert, 26, of Brownsville, was cited for not wearing a seat belt in the 300 block of Averill St.

**10:51 a.m.** — Michael Brockman, 35, of Lebanon, was arrested on a warrant. Michael was also issued citations for driving without a driver's license, driving uninsured, no interlock ignition device, failure to renew his vehicle registration, and violation of open container in the 300 block of N Main St. Report taken.

**Fri., June 26, 2:51 p.m.** — Jill Jones, 86, of Brownsville, was cited for speeding at 82 mph and for failing to carry proof of insurance in the 24700 block of Gap Rd.

**Sat., June 27, 7:15 a.m.** — Caller reported livestock at large in the 23500 block of Gap Rd. The farmer was warned.

**11:40 a.m.** — Deputy assisted OSP at a non-injury crash in the 36000 block of Hwy 228.

**1:23 p.m.** — Deputy docu-

mented a verbal disturbance between an adult male and a juvenile female in Pioneer Park. Non-criminal.

**5:27 p.m.** — Deputy spoke with a citizen regarding an issue involving a delivery driver in the 800 block of Northpoint Loop. Report taken.

**6:34 p.m.** — Deputy spoke with an individual regarding items stolen from their vehicle at Pioneer Park. Report taken.

## CRAWFORDSVILLE/HOLLEY

**Thu., June 25, 4:34 p.m.** — Deputy assisted a motorist who backed into a ditch while turning in the 38600 block of Hwy 228.

**Fri., June 26, 4:59 p.m.** — Deputy responded to a domestic disturbance involving adult family members in the 40800 block of Hwy 228. Both parties agreed to remain separated.

## HALSEY

**Sun., June 21, 12:03 a.m.** — Caller reported teenagers causing a disturbance while driving their vehicle in the 200 block of E B St. Deputy checked the area but was unable to locate any vehicles.

**Mon., June 22, 11:38 a.m.** — Deputy responded to a motor vehicle accident with minor injuries involving a white Chevy pickup and a combine in the 29300 block of American Dr.

**Tue., June 23, 3:21 p.m.** — Deputy investigated a burglary and trespass by the same suspect in the 300 block of W G St. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

**Wed., June 24, 5:15 a.m.** — Justin Rogers, 34, of Junction City, was cited for an equipment violation.

## HARRISBURG

**Mon., June 22, 4:42 p.m.** — Deputy contacted a citizen in the 500 block of S 6th St. who reported that a Eugene resident was contacting her while she was in Eugene, thereby violating a valid restraining order between them. The information was provided to the Eugene Police Department for investigation.

**Tue., June 23, 7:26 a.m.** — Deputy responded to a two-vehicle, non-injury crash in the 300 block of N 3rd St. Non-criminal. Report taken.

**3:18 p.m.** — Deputy responded to a disturbance that proved to be a civil matter between a married couple in the 300 block of Kesling

St. Non-criminal.

**5:30 p.m.** — Deputy responded to a dog complaint in the 200 block of Clay Ct. A cat owner reported that a dog entered their yard and killed one of their cats. The deputy was unable to contact the dog owner at the time. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

**Wed., June 24, 10:13 a.m.** — Deputy contacted a renter and landlord regarding a civil dispute in the 32900 block of Diamond Hill Dr. and documented the complaint.

**11:30 a.m.** — A citizen requested documentation of an ongoing civil dispute involving a spouse in the 300 block of Kesling St.

**3:48 p.m.** — Deputy responded to a field fire in the 33500 block of Bond Butte Dr.

**4:52 p.m.** — Deputy investigated a motor vehicle crash at The 99 Grill in the 200 block of N 3rd St. No citations were issued. Non-criminal. Report taken.

**8:29 p.m.** — Caller reported juveniles riding electric bikes in the city proper in the 100 block of Fountain St., kicking up rocks and disturbing the gravel.

**9:40 p.m.** — Caller reports a civil matter involving children who live on the same property in the 300 block of Schooling St. and are looking into the caller's windows. Deputy instructs the caller to contact the landlord.

**Thu., June 25, 8:21 a.m.** — Caller reported a missing yard debris container in the 400 block of N 7th St. Deputy contacted Republic Services and provided a CAD event number to have the container replaced at no charge.

**9:37 a.m.** — Deputy searched for juveniles riding E-bikes in the 500 block of LaSalle St. on the roadway but located only the riders' friends and warned them not to ride in the roadway.

**11:29 a.m.** — Deputy conducted a foot patrol of River Park and found no evidence of transient camps.

**4:45 p.m.** — Aaron Clemmer, 46, of Brownsville, was cited in lieu of custody for a Lebanon Municipal Warrant and for driving while suspended, driving uninsured, and failing to install an interlock ignition device. A Junction City Police Officer observed Aaron driving into Harrisburg after he had been warned by OSP for the same violations. A Linn County Deputy assisted with

the stop and issued the citations. Report taken.

**Fri., June 26, 2:58 a.m.** — Santiago Perez, 37, of Harrisburg, was arrested for failing to perform the duties of a driver after property was damaged and for resisting arrest in the 700 block of S 2nd St.

**8:36 a.m.** — Deputy responded to a theft in progress at Dollar General in the 300 block of N 3rd St. The suspect left before the deputy's arrival and took \$2.50 in merchandise. Report taken.

**Sat., June 27, 3:56 p.m.** — Deputy responded to a suicidal subject in the 32900 block of Diamond Hill Dr. An adult female had taken pills in an attempt to take her own life. She was placed in protective custody and transported to the hospital for evaluation. Report taken.

**8:05 p.m.** — Deputies responded to a complaint about three juveniles on e-bikes riding in the road and disrupting traffic in the 600 block of S 6th St. Deputy warned the juveniles. Non-criminal.

## JEFFERSON

**Wed., June 24, 3:47 p.m.** — Madyson Fisher, 18, of Salem, was cited for speeding 75 in a 55-mph zone in the 36300 block of Jefferson Scio Dr.

## PEORIA

**Fri., June 26, 12:14 p.m.** — An elderly male requested to speak with a deputy about a theft and other matters at their residence in the 33300 block of Peoria Rd. It did not appear that any crimes had occurred, but the deputy documented the information.

## SCIO

**Sat., June 20, 11:43 a.m.** — Cornelia Dohan, 48, of Gresham, was cited for failing to stop at a stop sign, which caused a crash in the 38600 block of Richardson Gap Rd. in front of the deputy.

**8:10 p.m.** — A juvenile was arrested for DUII and reckless driving after a crash in the 43200 block of Camp Morrison Dr.

**11:07 p.m.** — Jason Ashmore, 50, of Albany, was cited for driving while suspended and uninsured in the 44200 block of Morrison Dr. The vehicle was towed as a nuisance.

**Sun., June 21, 2:39 a.m.** — Deputy documented a trespassing complaint involving people walking along Crabtree Creek behind private property in the 37000



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block of Richardson Gap Rd.

**Tue., June 23, 3:57 p.m.** — Deputies conducted a death investigation into the death of a 63-year-old male who died during medical transport from Salem Hospital to his residence in the 39800 block of Stayton Scio Rd. Report taken.

**Fri., June 26, 7:33 p.m.** — Deputies responded to a reported DUII in the 40000 block of Providence Dr. Deputy located the vehicle and spoke to the 18-year-old driver, who was not intoxicated but was engaging in shenanigans with his friends. Deputy kindly asked them to behave.

**11:20 p.m.** — Deputy responded to a reported domestic verbal disturbance in the 38800 block of NW Garden Dr. No crimes were reported, and the parties agreed to separate.

**SHEDD**

**Mon., June 22, 3:37 p.m.** — Deputies contacted a Linn County resident regarding a vehicle crash on private property in the 33900 block of Powell Hills Loop.

**Tue., June 23, 4:10 p.m.** — Deputy investigated a burglary and a trespass, both committed by the same subject, in the 31900 block of C St.

Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

**Fri., June 26, 3:34 p.m.** — Cameron Nelson, 24, of Salem, was arrested for DUII and reckless driving after a deputy stopped his vehicle for driving erratically in the southbound 21800 block of I-5. Report taken.

**TANGENT**

**Sat., June 20, 5:24 p.m.** — Deputy provided a courtesy ride home to an intoxicated male in the 31200 block of Allen Ln.

**Wed., June 24, 5:55 p.m.** — Bryan Horton, 44, of Lebanon, was arrested in the 31900 block of Rolland Dr. for Disorderly Conduct II and Criminal Mischief III. Report taken.

**8:54 p.m.** — Gordon Stacy, 50, of Salem, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured 33400 block of Tangent Loop. Gordon also received a warning for the vehicle's expired registration.

**Fri., June 26, 6:49 p.m.** — Caller reported a traffic complaint in the 34000 block of Hwy 99E. No deputies were available to respond.

**Sat. June 27, 4:05 a.m.** — Avery Porterfield, 22, of Corvallis, was cited for speeding 76 in a 55-mph zone in the 31600 block of Hwy 34. 🚓

Mutual Aid, Farmers Help Contain Three Fires

LEBANON — Lebanon Fire District crews responded to three significant fires within a 24-hour period on June 24-25, with the incidents burning a combined 54 acres and requiring assistance from fire agencies across Linn County.

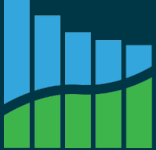
The first fire was quickly contained by Lebanon Fire District crews. The second and third fires were upgraded before firefighters arrived due to large smoke columns and rapidly developing conditions.

Mutual aid responded from Brownsville, Halsey/Shedd, Tangent, Albany, Scio, and Sweet Home fire departments as incidents escalated. Local farmers also played a key role by supplying water trucks and ripper discs to help establish fire lines and slow the spread of the fires.

Lebanon Fire District credited the coordinated response of firefighters and the agricultural community with helping bring the fires under control, calling the incidents a reminder that protecting the community requires strong regional partnerships. 🌾



A drone photograph shows firefighters and local farmers working to contain one of three fires that burned a combined 54 acres during a busy 24-hour period on June 24-25 for Lebanon Fire District crews.



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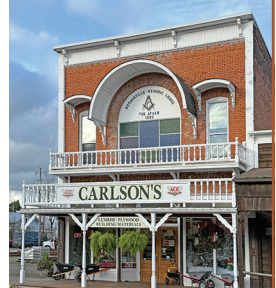
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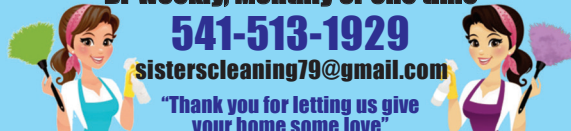


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