



2026 Pioneer Picnic Royal Court Ready to Represent Brownsville

BROWNSVILLE — The 2026 Linn County Pioneer Picnic Royal Court is preparing for a busy season of community appearances, celebrations, and Pioneer Picnic traditions. Leading this year's court is Princess Georgette Forrest, joined by four Jr. Princesses who are helping represent Brownsville and the community's long-running summer celebration.

Together, the young ambassadors share a love of the Pioneer Picnic, whether it's watching the parade and catching candy, enjoying games and inflatables, or spending time with family and friends during the annual event. The court will participate in community activities throughout the year while promoting the Pioneer Picnic and its theme of community pride and tradition.



Members of the 2026 Linn County Pioneer Picnic Royal Court pose in front of Carlson Hardware in historic downtown Brownsville. From left are Jr. Princesses Ellen Pedersen and Marilyn Simmons, 2025 Queen Luci Kennedy, Teen Princess Georgette Forrest, and Jr. Princesses Lily Anne Bagg-Bearson and Sloan Leach. The court will represent the Pioneer Picnic and the Brownsville community throughout the coming year.

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Flag Day to the Fourth

By Jeff Brown, Staff Writer and Columnist

BROWNSVILLE — As Americans prepare to celebrate the nation's 250th anniversary in July 2026, Flag Day on June 14 offers an opportunity to reflect on the history and meaning of the Stars and Stripes.

In Brownsville, that reflection is tied to Veterans Memorial Park, home to a unique two-part memorial honoring generations of American service members. The original monument, erected in 1903 by the John F. Miller Women's Relief Corps No. 15 Lebanon chapter of the Ladies' auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, honors those who served during the Civil War.

A flagpole added in 2009 by the Vietnam Veterans of America Mid Valley Chapter 585 was dedicated in memory of all veterans.

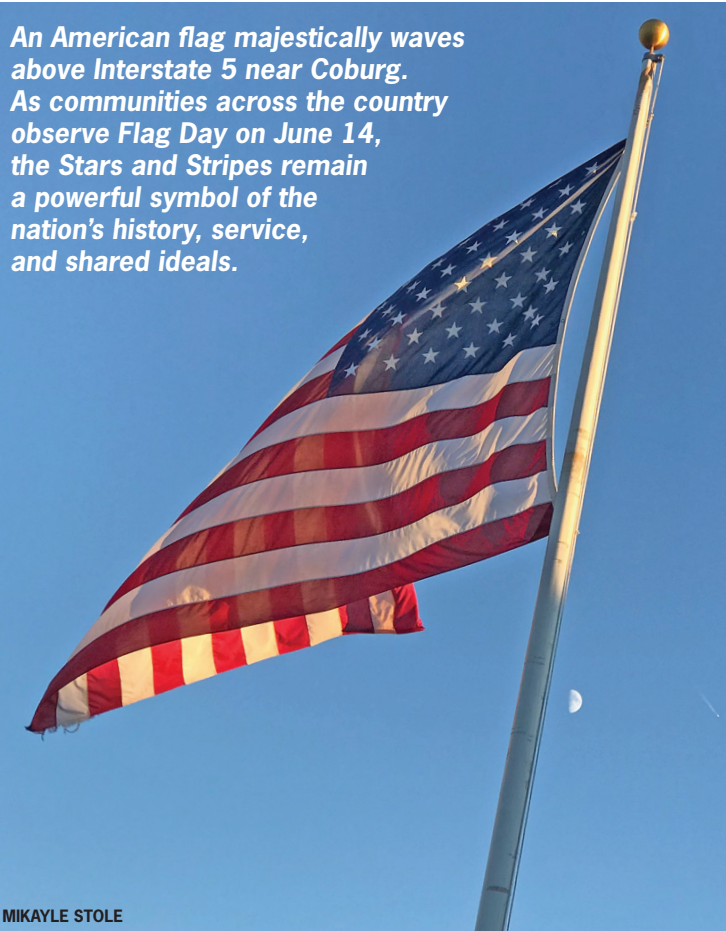
Today, the City of Brownsville maintains the grounds, while the flags and flagpole are cared for by American Legion Travis Moothart Post 184.

Flag Day commemorates June 14, 1777, when the Continental Congress approved the first official American flag. While the design has evolved over the centuries, the flag remains one of the nation's most recognized symbols.

The observance became official in 1916 when President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed June 14 as Flag Day. Congress later established it as a permanent national observance in 1949.

The American Legion will mark the occasion with a flag retirement ceremony at noon on June 14 in Veterans Memorial

An American flag majestically waves above Interstate 5 near Coburg. As communities across the country observe Flag Day on June 14, the Stars and Stripes remain a powerful symbol of the nation's history, service, and shared ideals.



MIKAYLE STOLE

Park behind the Brownsville Community Library. Residents are encouraged to bring worn or damaged American flags for proper and respectful retirement.

As the nation moves toward Independence Day and the semiquincentennial celebration of 250 years of American independence, Flag Day serves as a reminder of the people, sacrifices, and ideals represented by the flag flying over Brownsville's historic memorial.

Editor's note: Prior to becoming Veterans Memorial Park, a Chinese laundry was once occupied the same site. See the five-part series "Brownsville's Chinese Laundry," in past issues, volume 138, nos. 2, 3, 5-7. 🌀

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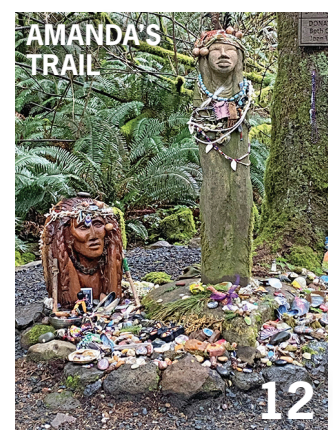
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ONGOING EVENTS

Sunny Nights Swim & Deep Water Aerobics
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays • 6 p.m.
Lebanon Community Pool, 1800 5th St., Lebanon
Led by longtime instructor Debbie. Low-impact exercise, social connection.
lebanon.aquatic@gmail.com • 541-451-8551

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

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

Brownsville Thursday Market
Thursdays • 3–6 p.m.
185 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

Hope in Halsey Al-Anon Weekly Meeting
Fridays • Doors open at 6:45 p.m.; meeting 7–8 p.m.
Halsey City Hall, First Floor, 100 W Halsey St.
Park in front, meeting is back room; down the hallway. Last Friday is Recovery Night book study.

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

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

STAY CONNECTED!

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

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Albany Summer Passport Program Kickoff & Last Day of School Lū‘au!
Thursday, June 11 • 2–4 p.m. • FREE
Historic Carousel & Museum, 503 W 1st Ave., Albany
Families are invited to kick off Albany’s 2026 Summer Passport Program during the Historic Carousel & Museum’s Last Day of School Lū‘au with free barbecue, summer activities, and information about local youth programs.
This year’s “Albany Safari” theme will teach children about endangered animals through summer activities and local exploration. Passports will also be available beginning June 11 at the Albany Visitors Association during business hours through Aug. 1. Open to ages 2–17.
info@albanyvisitors.com • 541-928-0911
https://albanycarousel.com • 541-497-2934

McKenzie Crossing Encampment 2026
Friday–Sunday, June 12–14 • 10 a.m.–5 p.m. • FREE
40370 Deerhorn Rd., Springfield
The Native American Cultural Encampment returns for a weekend of cultural activities, demonstrations, and community gathering. The event is alcohol- and drug-free, children are welcome, and pets must remain leashed and under control. A free meal will be provided Sunday afternoon, limited to one plate per person.
https://www.nativeamericanencampment.com
541-570-5950 • petersdietz@gmail.com

130 Vintage Grand Opening
Friday, June 12 • noon • FREE
130 Spaulding Ave., Brownsville • 541-401-8850
Brownsville’s newest antique and vintage shop. Located in the former liquor store building, the store features antiques, vintage decor, home furnishings, collectibles, and unique treasures. Stop by to explore the newly renovated space, meet owner Alicia, and shop a curated collection of one-of-a-kind finds.

Halsey City-Wide Garage Sale
Saturday, June 13 • 8 a.m.–4 p.m. • Throughout Halsey
Featuring household items, clothing, tools, collectibles, furniture, and more.

Tangent Community Garage Sales
Saturday, June 13 • Citywide throughout Tangent
Residents throughout Tangent will host community garage sales featuring household items, clothing, tools, decor, collectibles, and more.

Tangent Farmers Market
Saturday, June 13 • 9 a.m.–2 p.m. • FREE
Baxter’s Brew/Riverland Rentals, 33977 OR-99E, Tangent
Shop local vendors offering baked goods, crafts, flowers, farm goods, honey, meats, woodworking, home decor, and more. Live music by Eugene-based band PixieOgre. July and August Markets are on second Saturdays.
https://www.facebook.com/tangentfarmersmarket

Scio Saturday Market
Saturday, June 13 • 9 a.m.–1 p.m. • FREE
Lamb and Wool Fairgrounds, 38999 NE 1st Ave., Scio
Local vendors offering produce, plants, crafts, art, food, and more. Live entertainment will include Andes Music Playlist, along with a special storytime featuring the Lamb Fair Princesses and demonstrations by the Yarn Benders. Families can also enjoy activities in the KidZone

— paint rocks and create a colorful masterpiece this Saturday!
The weekly market celebrates community while showcasing local growers, makers, and regional artisans.
https://www.sciosaturdaymarket.com

Special Celebration of Art, Friendship, and Community
Saturday, June 13 • 11 a.m.–4 p.m. • FREE
the gallery, 294 Smith St., Harrisburg
Celebrate the return of summer at a special community gathering hosted by the gallery in downtown Harrisburg. Visitors are invited to enjoy an afternoon of art, friendship, and community, with refreshments served throughout the event.
The exhibition features works by Robert Canaga, Sandy Giles, Demetra Kalams, Jayce Hamblin, Shelley Roenspie, Destiny Brock, Rob Rubottom, Julie Williams, Unjin Jenkins, Rick Simpson, and Pauline Hauder.
Jim and Shelley Roenspie • 541-543-5920

Harrisburg Veterans Memorial Service
Saturday, June 13 • 2 p.m.
Harrisburg Area Museum, 490 Smith St., Harrisburg
The City of Harrisburg will hold its first annual Veterans Memorial Service, beginning with a flag raising and welcome from Mayor Duncan. The event honors veterans past and present, with special recognition of 1st Lt. Russell Quinn, a Harrisburg native who died June 13 during World War II. The service also reflects Harrisburg’s sister city relationship with Bréal-sous-Montfort, France, which holds a memorial service on the same date.
https://www.ci.harrisburg.or.us/community/page/harrisburg-1st-annual-veterans-memorial

Flag Retirement Ceremony
Sunday, June 14 • noon • FREE
Veterans Memorial Park, behind the Brownsville Community Library, Brownsville
Community members are invited to bring worn, faded, or damaged American flags for proper and respectful retirement in accordance with U.S. Flag Code traditions. The ceremony is open to the public.

Reed & Sons Daily Bread Farmstand Grand Opening
Monday, June 15 • 8 a.m.–8 p.m. (or until sold out)
715 Kirk Ave., Brownsville
Fresh homemade breads, jams, and seasonal treats made in small batches with simple ingredients.
Owner Sierra Reed says the farmstand is focused on bringing homemade comfort and locally made goods to the community, with plans to add new products as the seasons change.

139th Annual Linn County Pioneer Picnic — ‘250 Years of American Spirit’
Friday–Sunday, June 19–21 • FREE
Brownsville Pioneer Park
The Pioneer Picnic returns to Brownsville for three days of family activities, entertainment, and community traditions. Established in 1887, the celebration is recognized as Oregon’s longest continuously running festival and was named an Oregon Heritage Tradition in 2012.
Festivities begin Friday with the Kiddie Parade and crowning of the Pioneer Picnic Princesses. Saturday fea-

tures the firefighters’ breakfast, the Grand Parade, quilt, flower, and art shows, logging competitions, horseshoe tournament, children’s games, and activities throughout Pioneer Park. Sunday concludes the weekend with a historic nondenominational church service. Live music, food vendors, and community gatherings take place throughout the weekend.
https://www.pioneer-picnic.com • 541-466-565

Pickling & Fermentation
Saturday, June 20 • 10 a.m.–2 p.m. • \$16
Linn County Extension Office
33630 McFarland Rd, Tangent
OSU Extension will offer instruction on safe pickling and fermentation methods for home food preservation.
Register at https://beav.es/NfD

Through The Garden Gate Annual Tour 2026
Saturday, June 20 • 10 a.m.–4 p.m. • \$20
Albany Visitors Association, 122 SW Ferry St., Albany
Celebrating its 25th year, Linn County Master Gardeners’ annual garden tour will showcase six unique Albany-area gardens filled with lush plantings and creative landscaping ideas. During the self-guided tour, visitors can meet homeowners and talk with Master Gardener volunteers stationed throughout the featured gardens.
https://www.linnmastergardeners.com/albany-garden-tour-2026 • 541-967-3871
info@LinnMasterGardeners.com

Junk Art Workshops
Wednesday, June 24 • 4–6 p.m. • FREE
Saturday, June 27 • 2–4 p.m. • FREE
Brownsville Art Center, 255 N Main St., Brownsville
Curious about junk art? The Brownsville Art Association offers two free workshops introducing participants to the creative process of transforming discarded materials into unique works of art. The workshops serve as an introduction to the annual Junk Art Show, which opens July 15. Participants will learn how everyday items can be repurposed into imaginative creations, and are encouraged to consider entering the upcoming exhibit.
https://brownsvilleart.org

The Black Sheep Gathering 2026
Friday–Sunday, June 26–28 • 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Sunday until 4 p.m. • FREE
Linn County Expo Center, 3700 Knox Butte Rd E, Albany
A weekend celebrating natural-colored animals, fiber arts, and sustainable craftsmanship. The nationally recognized festival features more than 100 vendors offering handcrafted yarns, roving, garments, tools, and supplies from artisans across the Willamette Valley and beyond.
Workshops throughout the weekend will cover spinning, weaving, dyeing, felting, and other fiber arts techniques, along with demonstrations, educational talks, and the popular Fiber Arts Show. Saturday evening includes a community potluck barbecue, live music, and the traditional Spinners’ Lead, where fiber artists model hand-made garments alongside the animals that produced the fiber. Free parking.
https://www.blacksheepgathering.org • 503-804-0014
blacksheepgathering@gmail.com

Harrisburg Plans First Annual Veterans Memorial Service June 13

HARRISBURG — The City of Harrisburg will host its first annual Veterans Memorial Service on Saturday, June 13, at 2 p.m. at the Harrisburg Area Museum.

City officials said the event will honor military veterans and those who gave their lives in service to the nation. The ceremony will begin with a flag raising and welcome from Mayor Robert Duncan.

Organizers said representatives from local veterans' organizations, including the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion, are expected to participate. City officials also hope to host a military dignitary during the ceremony.

The June 13 date was selected in honor of First Lt. Russell Quinn, a Harrisburg native who was killed during World War II while returning from a combat mission over Bréal-sous-Montfort. Officials said the French community also holds an annual memorial service on the same date honoring veterans and Allied forces involved in the liberation of France during World War II.

The event is intended to become an annual tradition recognizing veterans who served during both war and peacetime while also commemorating Lt. Quinn's sacrifice and the historical ties between Harrisburg and its French sister city.

The ceremony is expected to include remarks from Russell Hayworth, Lt. Quinn's nephew and namesake, whose family has longstanding roots in Harrisburg. Albany City Councilor Marilyn Smith, who grew up in Harrisburg and was friends with Patricia Quinn Hayworth, is also expected to speak.

Organizers said there are also plans for a possible flyover by Bryan Harper in an AT-6 Texan aircraft.

For more information, residents may contact Michele Eldridge, Harrisburg city administrator, at 541-995-2200 or meldridge@ci.harrisburg.or.us.

Summer Sounds Concert Series Returns to Riverfront Park July 9

HARRISBURG — Community members are invited to mark their calendars for the return of Harrisburg Summer Sounds, a weekly summer concert series planned for Thursday evenings from July 9 through Aug. 6 at Riverfront Park.

The family-friendly event offers a relaxed evening along the river with food, music, and community gathering opportunities throughout the summer. Food trucks will begin serving at 5:30 p.m., followed by live music performances starting at 6:30 p.m. Organizers said the band lineup will be announced soon.

Event organizers are currently seeking sponsors to help support the concert series. Businesses and individuals who contribute will have their banners displayed on the park gazebo during the events.

Organizers encourage anyone interested in sponsoring the series to donate soon, as planning continues for the popular summer tradition.

For more information contact Michele Eldridge, Harrisburg city administrator, at 541-995-2200 or meldridge@ci.harrisburg.or.us.

LINN COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Hands On History Returns on Aug. 22

By Mandy Cole, HOH Committee

BROWNSVILLE — The Linn County Historical Museum will again present the very popular Hands On History event this summer on Saturday, August 22. Get it on your calendar now!

Visitors can try activities such as crosscut sawing, spinning wool, gold panning, washing clothes in a traditional washtub, and crafting cornhusk dolls, plus many more. Demonstrations and interactive stations are designed to give both children and adults a chance to try their hand at skills from the past.

Indoor presentations will feature storytelling by Oregon Black Pioneers and Kalapuyan elder Esther Stutzman. Attendees can also watch Kalapuyan elder Don Day demonstrate the traditional art of flaking obsidian projectile points with a deer antler.

Throughout the day, period music and old-time fiddling will enhance the atmosphere.

This free, family-friendly event runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., offering a full day of hands-on experiences for all ages.

For updates and additional details, visit <https://linnmuseum.com> or follow the Linn County Historical Museum on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/LinnCountyPioneerMuseum>.



Signed 'Stand By Me' Memorabilia Raffle Supports Local Causes

BROWNSVILLE — Fans of the 1986 film "Stand By Me" have a chance to win a piece of movie history while supporting local charities.

Mema's Country Kitchen Bakery in downtown Brownsville is hosting a raffle featuring a "Stand By Me" movie poster and a certified signature card from director Rob Reiner. The display is set up inside the bakery window ahead of this summer's Stand By Me Day festivities.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each. Organizers are offering two additional prizes — a \$25 gift card and a \$50 gift card to Mema's Country Kitchen Bakery — before the grand prize drawing for the signed memorabilia package.

Tickets will be sold through the final weekend in July, with proceeds benefiting local charities.

The raffle has become one more way businesses and community members are building excitement for Brownsville's annual celebration of the iconic coming-of-age film, which was filmed in and around the community in the 1980s.



A framed "Stand By Me" poster and certified Rob Reiner signature card are displayed inside Mema's Country Kitchen Bakery in downtown Brownsville ahead of this year's Stand By Me Day celebration.

Please join us for

Pioneer Picnic

Community

Worship Service

in the Pioneer Park Pavilion

June 21

Cinnamon Rolls
Donuts
Coffee

9:15 am

Worship Service
for all ages

10 am

Murphy Featured in Courthouse History Article

ALBANY — Brownsville resident and retired Linn County Circuit Court Judge Daniel Murphy was featured in the June 2026 issue of the Linn County Reporter as part of an article highlighting the history of the Linn County Courthouse.



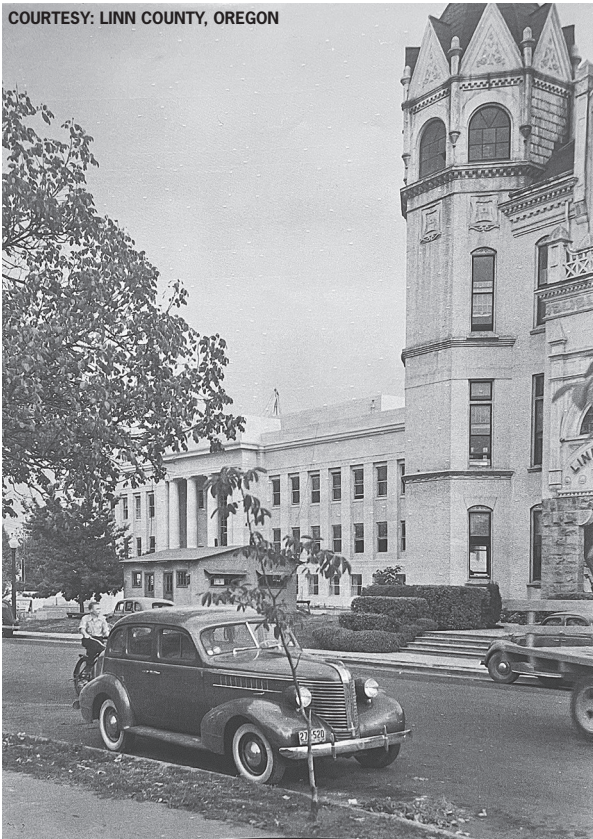
Retired Judge Daniel Murphy talks about the Courthouse history, especially Courtroom 1 during the National Historic Preservation Month tour on May 13.

Murphy participated in a National Historic Preservation Month tour on May 13, sharing the history of Linn County’s courts and discussing the significance of Courtroom 1, one of six active courtrooms in the historic building. The tour also featured Linn County Commissioner Will Tucker and County Surveyor Tom Casey.

The article, “Celebrating Our Historical Linn County Courthouse,” traces the history of Linn County from its founding in 1847 through the construction of its three courthouses and includes historic photographs and architectural details about the current courthouse.

The Times congratulates Murphy, who also serves as secretary of our Board of Directors, on helping preserve and share an important piece of Linn County history.

Read the full article in the June 2026 issue of the Linn County Reporter at <https://www.linncountyor.gov/media/58406>.



The current Linn County Courthouse, left, that replaced the county’s second courthouse, right.

BROWNSVILLE CITY COUNCIL Council Hears Economic Development Update, Reviews Ballfield Concerns

By Sravya Tadepalli, Staff Writer

At the May Brownsville City Council meeting, Rural Economic Alliance intern Ellie McConnell presented about her work helping small cities in Linn and Benton Counties better support local businesses.

Linda McCormick provided an update on Stand By Me Day, scheduled for Saturday, July 25. Planned activities include a blueberry pancake breakfast hosted by CONNECT Linn County, guided tours every 15 minutes, and a 1950s-style sock hop.

During the budget hearing, no public comments were received. The proposed 2026-27 budget includes a 3 percent increase in the utility rate. Major projects include the construction of a waterline and the installation of a new playground at Pioneer Park.

Sgt. Frambes reported an increase in property crimes, including the recent theft of an ATM from the Brownsville Saloon. He also noted several serious crashes involving electric bikes and scooters.

Public Works Superintendent Karl Frink said fire hydrants have been painted, curbs and parking spaces are being restriped, and crews recently removed nine truckloads of grass while mowing the cemetery.

“It’s a lot of work to clean up that cemetery,” said Frink. “It was in rough shape because we had one mower down for six weeks.”

Planning Administrative Assistant Elizabeth Coleman outlined the city’s building permit process, explaining that proposed projects must comply with zoning requirements. She said staff works to provide property owners with the information needed to make informed development decisions.

City Manager Scott McDowell updated the council on a baseball field being constructed by Brownsville Athletics on county land adjacent to a city neighborhood. He said the original proposal included property both inside the city limits and within the urban growth boundary. After the city determined the proposal did not comply with city code, the application was withdrawn, and construction continued on the county portion of the property.

“The county has a rule that if the structure is less than 200 square feet, it does not have to go through the official permitting process, so all of that is in accordance with what they’re capable of doing,” McDowell said.

In the board packet, Librarian Sherri Lemhouse reported that the library recognized volunteers during National Library Week by giving them gift bags. The council also appointed Victoria Pedersen to the Planning Commission.



Brownsville Family Turns Dream Into New Farmstand Business

BROWNSVILLE — What began as a “maybe someday” idea is becoming reality for Brownsville resident Sierra Reed.

Reed & Sons Daily Bread Farm Stand will celebrate its grand opening Monday, June 15, at 715 Kirk Ave., offering fresh breads, baked goods, seasonal products, jams, and other homemade favorites.

The farmstand will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., or until sold out.

Reed recently announced that the business had received final approval to open, marking a major milestone in a journey that included months of planning, recipe testing, paperwork, and preparation.

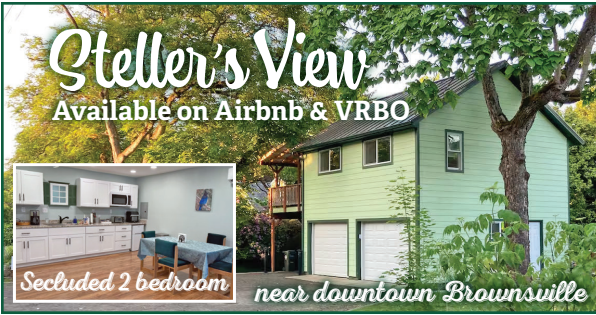
“What started as ‘maybe someday’ has slowly turned into plans, recipes, paperwork, late nights, big ideas, and so much hope,” Reed shared on social media.



She said the vision for the farmstand has always been simple: fresh bread, homemade goods, a welcoming community gathering place, and an opportunity to build something meaningful for her family and neighbors.

Opening day visitors will find small-batch breads, baked goods, seasonal offerings, and other farmstand favorites. Reed plans to expand the selection as the business grows and the seasons change.

Community members are invited to stop by, shop local, and help welcome one of Brownsville’s newest small businesses.



One Thirty Vintage

By Daniel R. Murphy, Staff Writer and Columnist

Brownsville will soon welcome a new antique store, One Thirty Vintage. The store is located in the former liquor store at 130 Spaulding, hence the name. The store is being opened by Alicia Kisselburgh, with plenty of help from her husband, Chris.



BARBARA ANDERSEN
The storefront of One Thirty Vintage is taking shape in downtown Brownsville. Owner Alicia plans to open the antique store at 130 Spaulding Ave. on June 12, bringing a curated collection of antiques, vintage décor, and repurposed treasures to the former liquor store location.

The building came up for sale quickly, so Alicia had to act fast to make an offer. They took possession on January 2 this year.

The Kisselburghs had the floor polished and completed extensive interior refurbishing. They also had new windows installed. Alicia has been bringing in dozens of antiques for sale. She has a clear talent for displaying items and plans to maintain quality without overpricing. She will be adding new inventory to the shop weekly.

Alicia grew up in the Brownsville/Sweet Home area. The couple have two children, Alex and Gracie. Their son graduated with honors from Sweet Home High School in 2022 and is currently a field mechanic for Papé Machinery. Gracie is still in school. You may get to see her at the shop. The family continues to live in Sweet Home, where they operate a five-employee trucking company, Chris Kisselburgh Trucking, established 2003. Chris is now a mechanic and Alicia is responsible for payroll and the books.

Alicia grew up with a family that has a passion for antiques. With One Thirty Vintage, she is turning a hobby into physical reality. In the past, she has worked for the Holley School District and as a bookkeeper.

The grand opening is scheduled for June 12, 2026, at noon. Store hours will be Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. You can reach Alicia at 541-401-8850. 🌀



DANIEL R. MURPHY

BROWNSVILLE ART ASSOCIATION

Confessions of a Junk Art Junkie

By Stephen A. Brenner, Staff Writer and Columnist

The Brownsville Art Association's annual Junk Art show, my favorite art event of the year, runs from July 15 to August 29. It's when wannabe artists like me get a chance to show their stuff. I think it's the challenge of taking something most people would throw away and transforming it into something interesting. That thrill comes at a cost, though — a junk art junkie literally finds it difficult to get rid of their junk. After all, it might be the perfect part for your next project. So, clutter is the price to pay for a junk art obsession.

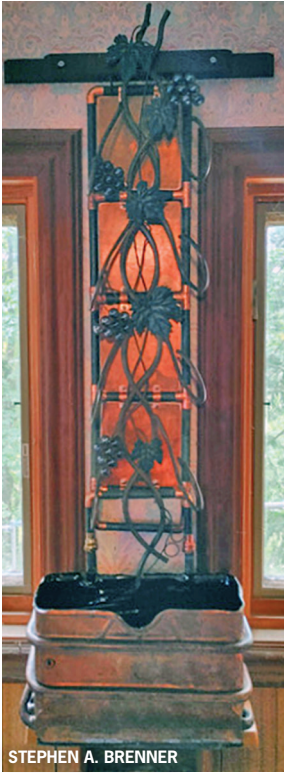
But for some of us, it gets even worse. We're the ones who, after working on a piece, find it very hard to sell or give it away. The result is a living room where just about every surface is occupied by junk art. I did find a partial solution, though — my long-term project is an outdoor tree-of-life sculpture based on a piece of rusty iron and a dead yew tree. That will definitely not find its way into the living room. And my latest work won't clutter the horizontal surfaces in my living room because it ended up on the wall. I had a copper manifold left over from a water heater that I had to replace. The consensus was to make a planter. Serendipitously, I found an odd copper grapevine-themed wall hanging at Sharing Hands that was a perfect fit between the windows. I added copper tubing and plates as background. All that's needed is an indoor viney plant.

This year's theme for the show is "Signs of the Times." We've been blessed (or perhaps cursed) to live in interesting times. You could say it is both the best of times and the worst of times. We have much to reflect on. Perhaps a clever design can help us not take ourselves or our worldviews too seriously.

For those new to the world of junk art, two Brownsville Art Association classes will introduce you to the creative process on June 24, 4–6 p.m., and June 27, 2–4 p.m. It's free and a great opportunity to jump into the fun.

For those wannabe junk artists out there, please don't let procrastination keep you from bringing one to three pieces to the Art Center at 255 N. Main Street July 1–10 to enter the show.

Now is the time to grab that junk and do your magic. 🌀



STEPHEN A. BRENNER

Stephen Brenner's junk art planter repurposes a copper water-heater manifold, salvaged tubing, and a vintage grapevine wall hanging into a one-of-a-kind decorative piece.

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CENTRAL LINN LIONS CLUB

Old Glasses, New Purpose

By Jeff Brown, Staff Writer and Columnist

If you've noticed the small blue and yellow eyeglass donation boxes around town, you're not alone. They're easy to pass by — but lately, they've been filling up thanks to the quiet generosity of people across the Central Willamette Valley.

In just the past two months, the local Linn County Lions Club has collected around 150 pairs of used eyeglasses. That's 150 simple acts of giving — neighbors helping people they'll likely never meet.

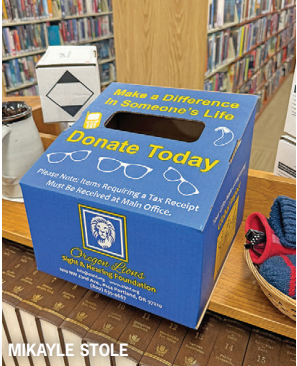
Each donated pair tells a small story. Glasses that once sat unused in a drawer are now getting a second life. Instead of being thrown away, they're being put to work in a way that can truly change someone's day-to-day life.

After they're collected, the glasses are cleaned, refurbished, and carefully categorized by prescription. They're then entered into a national registry and eventually distributed worldwide through Lions programs.

For someone struggling to see clearly, a simple pair of glasses can mean the ability to read, learn, work, or safely manage daily tasks. It's a small item that can make a big difference.

But none of that happens without people right here at home choosing to donate.

If you have old glasses tucked away, now is a good time to dig them out. Donation boxes can be found in several locations throughout our communities such as Sharing Hands Thrift Store and the Brownsville Community Library. If you can't find one, you can always bring your glasses to The Times office at 343 N. Main Street, Brownsville, and we'll make sure they get where they need to go. 🌀



MIKAYLE STOLE

Central Linn Lion's Club glasses donation box at the Brownsville Library.

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EST. 1981

Friendly, Prompt, Hometown Service!

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

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The 2026 Linn County Pioneer Picnic Royal Court gathers on the steps of Brownsville's historic Moyer House. Front center is the 2025 Queen Luci Kennedy. Behind her, from left, are Jr. Princess Sloan Leach, Jr. Princess Lily Anne Bagg-Bearnsen, Princess Georgette Forrest (in red), Jr. Princess Ellen Pedersen, and Jr. Princess Marilyn Simmons.

Princess Georgette Forrest

Seventeen-year-old Georgette Rose Forrest is an 11th-grade homeschool student and the daughter of Rich and Katie Forrest. She enjoys studying Ancient Greek and Physics, reading, cooking, and spending time with friends. Georgette's favorite Pioneer Picnic activity is watching the parade and exploring the festivities around town. She describes herself as hard-working, adventurous, and always ready for a challenge.

Jr. Princess Lily Anne Bagg-Bearnsen

Nine-year-old Lily Anne Bagg-Bearnsen is a third grader at Central Linn Elementary and the daughter of Debbie Bearnsen. She enjoys math, cheerleading, board games, and spending time with family. Lily's favorite Pioneer Picnic activity is watching the parade, and she says cheering people up when they are sad is one of the nicest things she does.

Jr. Princess Sloan Leach

Nine-year-old Sloan Eleanor Leach is a third grader at Central Linn Elementary and the daughter of Jessica and Andrew Leach. She enjoys reading, drawing, sewing, and playing outside. Sloan's favorite Pioneer Picnic tradition is watching the parades, and she is especially proud of starting a kindness club at her school. She describes herself as kind, artistic, caring, thoughtful, and eager to try new things.

The 2026 Royal Court will represent Brownsville throughout the year and help welcome visitors during the Linn County Pioneer Picnic, June 19–21.

Jr. Princess Ellen Pedersen

Nine-year-old Ellen Pedersen is a third grader and the daughter of Clinton and Heather Pedersen. She enjoys Language Arts, loves the color turquoise, and describes herself as kind, happy, helpful, and adventurous. Her favorite Pioneer Picnic tradition is catching candy during the parade.

Jr. Princess Marilyn Simmons

Eight-year-old Marilyn Clydell Kay Simmons is a third grader at Central Linn Elementary and the daughter of Ashlie and Tyler Simmons. She enjoys wrestling, riding her bike, and jumping on the trampoline. Marilyn's favorite Pioneer Picnic activities are the games and inflatables, and she describes herself as kind, respectful, silly, and brave.

LINN COUNTY PIONEER ASSOCIATION

Student Artists Invited to Enter Pioneer Picnic Art Show

BROWNSVILLE — Young artists from across the region are invited to showcase their creativity during the 139th Linn County Pioneer Picnic as part of the annual Student Art Show.

Sponsored by the Linn County Pioneer Association, the exhibit encourages students of all ages to submit original artwork inspired by this year's Pioneer Picnic theme, "250 Years of American Spirit." Organizers hope the theme will inspire entries that celebrate both American history and the heritage of Linn County's pioneer families.

Artwork may be submitted in a variety of media, including painting, photography, drawing, mixed media, and sculpture. Entries will be grouped into elementary, middle school, and high school divisions, with awards presented to the top three entries in each category.

Additional honors will include the People's Choice Award and the Linn County Pioneer Association Choice Award. Artwork will be judged by a panel of impartial artists, with prizes sponsored by The Frame Shop.

Alan Seversen, owner of The Frame Shop and chair of this year's event, is helping coordinate the show. He said the exhibit provides an opportunity for students to share their talents with the community while participating in one of Brownsville's longest-running traditions.

Artwork will be accepted Thursday, June 18, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Flower Building in Pioneer Park, with additional submissions accepted Friday. The public is invited to view the display throughout Pioneer Picnic weekend, June 19–21. Voting for the People's Choice Award will conclude at noon on Sunday, June 21.

Participants are asked to label their artwork with the required information. Assistance is also available for students who need art supplies.

For more information about the Student Art Show, contact Alan Seversen at 541-974-5616.

Grant Reform Could Benefit Harrisburg Projects

HARRISBURG — The Harrisburg City Council recently reviewed funding for the Small Municipality Advocacy Coalition, known as SMAC, and discussed a legislative victory that could benefit small cities across Oregon.

One outcome of SMAC's advocacy during the 2026 legislative session was the passage of Senate Bill 1585, which modifies grant-matching requirements for many state-funded grants based on community population size.

City officials said the change could significantly reduce the local funding required for future infrastructure and transportation projects. As an example, Harrisburg's recently submitted CONNECT Grant application could have saved approximately \$1 million in matching requirements if the city had been responsible for the full local share.

Councilors agreed to maintain current funding levels for SMAC and adjust future contributions as needed based on the organization's activities, priorities, and future needs.

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Second Annual Lebanon Powwow Celebrates Tradition, Culture, and Community

Allen L. Buzzard, Guest Contributor

LEBANON — Lebanon High School Warriors hosted the second annual Native American Powwow Saturday, May 30, 2026, from noon and into the evening. Willamette Valley indigenous peoples, especially The Kalapuya, were well represented. Enrolled members from the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz, Grand Ronde, Warm Springs, and Klamath — including Yakama Nation — participated in a festive celebration honoring millennia-old traditions.

The gym’s main floor bleachers were standing-room-only, and mezzanine bleachers were filled to capacity as spectators awaited a grand entrance parade that commenced at 1 p.m.

Emcee Carlos Calima, a member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and a Yakama drummer, officiated. He took time to honor Native and non-Native veterans from all branches of the armed forces. Hailing Eagle Staff bearers ahead of the American, POW/MIA, tribal, and service branch flags, he asked all to stand as participants entered.

In full regalia — headdresses, decorated hides, moccasins, feathers, and more — they paraded in, accompanied by Indigenous drumming and jingle dancers of all ages.

Several caterers parked food trucks outside, offering powwow-goers homemade Native fry bread, Indian tacos, smoked ribs and chicken, pulled pork, and other delicious fare. When asked what “Commod Bod” painted on the side of a red food truck meant, it was learned that a tongue-in-cheek reference to the Bureau of Indian Affairs served as inspiration.

While Sun Rose Eagle Staff and her mother were preparing to open the “Commod Bod,” Sun Rose’s stepdad, a Yurok, unapologetically explained:

“It’s an inside joke among Native Americans. ‘Commod Bod’ means



Participants in traditional regalia enter the arena during the grand entry at the second annual Native American Powwow held May 30 at Lebanon High School. The event drew a packed crowd and featured dancing, drumming, art, food, and cultural celebrations.



The bright-red Commod Bod food truck drew curious looks and hungry customers during the Lebanon Powwow. Family members explained that the name is an inside joke referencing commodity food programs that have long been part of life in many Native communities.

‘Commodity Body’ because of the obesity and diabetes plaguing Natives from all the crap ‘USDA’ food handed out, especially during forced marches onto reservations.”

Meanwhile, indigenous artists displayed their crafts in an adjoining gym. One artist, Arusha Dittmer, who is Wisconsin Ho-Chunk on her mother’s side and German and Czech on her father’s side, posed in front of her favorite mixed-media piece, with the youngest of her four children on her hip.

The powwow was positive, welcoming, and free. All were invited to participate in the fun, fellowship, and circle dances — no costumes nor experience needed — as the emcee emphasized:

“We honor the teachings of our ancestors. We’re here yesterday. We’re here today. We’re here tomorrow.”



Vendor tables in an adjoining gym featured handcrafted Indigenous artwork, traditional furs, jewelry, and other cultural items. The displays gave visitors an opportunity to explore Native craftsmanship while supporting artists and small businesses.

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BROWNSVILLE LIBRARY

Mind-Bending Magic Sparks Summer Reading Fun

By Eva Wada, Brownsville Assistant Librarian

Did you know that when kids watch a magic show, their brains are doing heavy scientific lifting? According to DIY.org, a popular learning website, magicians rely on cognitive science — specifically, a trick called misdirection. Their lesson on magic explains, “Because the human brain can only focus intensely on one thing at a time, a magician will get you to look at a big, dramatic movement with one hand while the real ‘magic’ is quietly happening with the other.” Figuring out these secrets is a fun way for kids to study psychology and see how easily our eyes can fool our minds! To learn more, go to <https://www.diy.org/article/magician>.



You can experience this science in person when the Brownsville Community Library kicks off the “Plant a Seed, Read” summer reading program. Join us Saturday, June 20, at 1:30 p.m., on the main stage in Brownsville’s Pioneer Park, for Mr. Dan the Magic Man. A Navy veteran with over 50 years of experience, Dan brings an interactive show packed with magic, laughs, and facts about prehistoric dinosaurs.

If the magic show inspires you, make sure to stop by the library to grab one of the titles below before we temporarily close for summer maintenance from June 23 to June 27. You can stock up on fantastic, magical books like “Little Miss Magic,” “Sylvester and the Magic Pebble, Magic Tricks,” and “A Snicker of Magic.” See you at Pioneer Park on June 20 to celebrate the summer program and enjoy the show! ☀

BROWNSVILLE LIBRARY CALENDAR

Parents & Pals Story Time

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

Thread Wizards Stitchery Group

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

Songs, Rhymes & More Story Time

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

The Page Turners Book Club

Wednesday, June 17 • 7 p.m. • Kirk Room

Summer Reading Program Kick Off

Saturday, June 20 • 1:30–2:30 p.m.
Pioneer Picnic • Pioneer Park Main Stage

Library Hours: Closed Sun–Mon.
Tue–Wed & Fri 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Thu 1–7 p.m.
Sat 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

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HARRISBURG LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Tiny Tots Story Time

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

Friday Storytime & Activity

Fridays • 10 a.m.

Adult Craft Night Out

Thursdays • 4–6 p.m. • A hands-on craft program for library visitors. Free knitting and crochet lessons. Share and learn tips and tricks while you work on your own crafts or pick up something new.

Summer Reading Program ‘Plant a Seed, Read’

Fridays, June 12 to August 7 • 10 a.m.

The Harrisburg Public Library will host its free 2026 Summer Reading Program, featuring weekly family-friendly activities, storytimes, crafts, and educational presentations. Supplies for some activities are limited.

Schedule includes:

- June 12 — Farming presentation with Kurt Kayner and Summer Reading kickoff
- June 19 — FFA Storytime and American flag planting at City Hall
- June 26 — Mommy and Me Paint Class
- July 3 — Create Fourth of July pinwheels
- July 10 — Build a Bouquet
- July 17 — Honey bee presentation by Ethan from Honey Bee Apiary
- July 24 — Nature Walk Scavenger Hunt and wildflower seed scatter
- July 31 — Storytime and Make-and-Take Seed Bombs
- Aug. 7 — Carnival

Lego Club

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

Library Hours:

Tue 1–5 p.m.; Wed 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

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

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HALSEY LIBRARY CALENDAR

Summer Reading Program ‘Plant a Seed, Read’

Saturdays, July 11 to August 8

Summer is just around the corner, and we’re ready to watch our community bloom! Our free 2026 Summer Reading Program, “Plant a Seed, Read,” is officially on the calendar! This year’s theme aligns with the launch of our Pollinator Garden and our much-loved Seed Library. Here’s what’s on the schedule so far.

- July 11 – Caesar the No Drama Llama.
- July 18 – Planting Party
- July 25 – To be Announced
- August 1 – Museum of Natural and Cultural History
- August 8 – Ice Cream Party!

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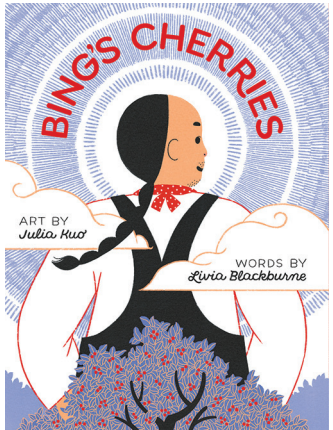
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KIDS’ KORNER

Bing’s Cherries by Livia Blackburne

By Barbara Andersen, Staff Writer and Copy Editor

This is a delightful picture book about a real-life Chinese man named Ah Bing who created the Bing cherry in an orchard at the edge of Portland in the late 1800s. Little is known about the real man, so in this book, a young girl creates a fanciful story about him



with her imagination. The illustrations by Julia Kuo are bright and bold, bringing the sweet story to life.

In real life, a pioneer named Henderson Luelling, brought 700 little seedlings in two wagons across the Oregon Trail in 1847. He established a nursery near the settlement of Milwaukie. He had a wide variety of trees and cultivated and crossbred them to make new kinds of apples, pears, and cherries. He eventually hired a team of 20–30 Chinese laborers to tend the Orchard. His foreman was a 6-foot-tall Manchurian Chinese nurseryman named Ah Bing, who had some rows that he was cultivating. One year, one of his trees produced a new, wonderful, dark, sweet cherry. Seth Lewellyn, who now owned the orchard his brother had started, declared the new cherry to be named after Ah Bing.

Bing worked for the Lewellyn family for 30 years before returning to China to visit his family. He was unable to return to Oregon due to the newly passed Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, which prohibited Chinese laborers from entering the U.S.

When cherry season hits in late summer, you will find Bing cherries in almost every store, as it is now the most popular cherry in America! When you eat a Bing cherry, you can be proud that it was created right here in your state!

“Bing’s Cherries” is newly available at the Brownsville Library.

Activity

Syrupy Cherries from “Bing’s Cherries”

With adult supervision, combine ¼ cup sugar with ¼ cup water in a saucepan and simmer over medium heat until the sugar is dissolved. Stir in 2 cups of pitted cherries (fresh or frozen), remove from heat, and add a teaspoon of vanilla extract. Let cool and refrigerate until chilled.

Try these with vanilla ice cream or with your favorite cereal. ☀





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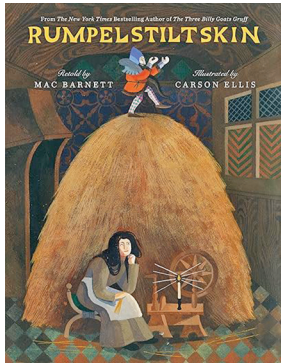


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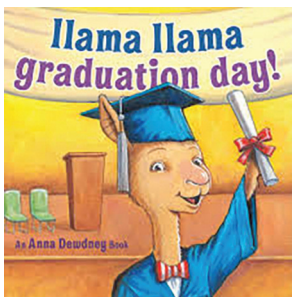
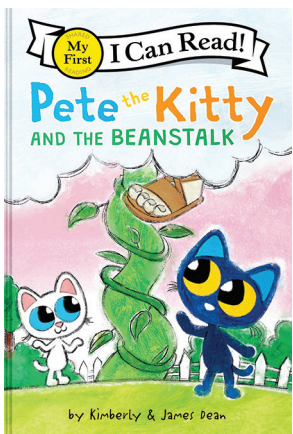
New Children's and Junior Books Arrive at Brownsville Library

The Brownsville Library has added several new books for young readers, featuring humorous adventures, classic fairy tales, and engaging stories for beginning and middle-grade readers. Librarian Sherri Lemhouse said the newest additions offer a variety of reading levels and interests for children and families.

Among the new picture books is "Rumpelstiltskin" by Mac Barnett, a humorous retelling of the classic fairy tale about the mysterious little man who spins straw into gold.

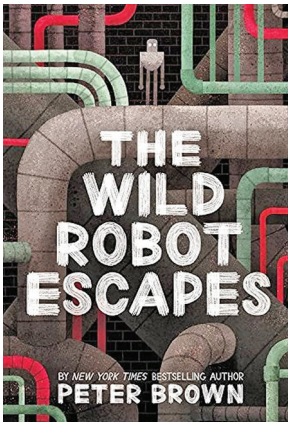


Young readers can also enjoy "Pete the Kitty and the Beanstalk" by James Dean, an "I Can Read" title for emerging readers, and "Llama Llama Graduation Day!" by Anna Dewdney, celebrating an important milestone for the be-

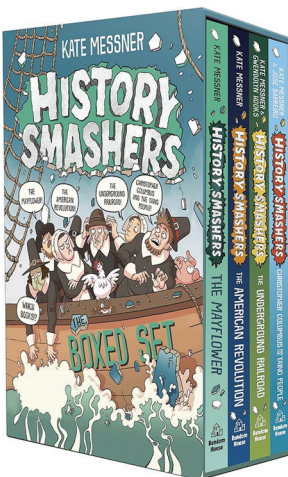


loved llama character.

Other additions include "The Corgi and the Queen" by Caroline L. Perry, introducing Queen Elizabeth II and her corgi, Susan, and "It's My Bird-Day!" by Mo Willems, starring the always-entertaining Pigeon.



For junior readers, the library added "The Wild Robot Escapes" by Peter Brown and two "Orris and Timble" books by Kate DiCamillo. The library also received a four-book "History Smashers" set by Kate Messner, presenting history in an engaging and accessible way.



Kim Nelson Retires After Years Behind the Wheel

Kim Nelson is retiring after serving as a school bus driver since 2018, ending a career that allowed her to watch a generation of students grow from elementary school children into graduating seniors.

Kim began as a substitute driver for Central Linn Schools. A year later, she received her own route, which became known as the "Kangaroo Route," a name Nelson requested because of the years she and her husband, Eldon, spent living in New Zealand and Australia. She said she was drawn to the job because she enjoyed being around children.

Over the years, Nelson said she came to know not only the students on her daily route, but many others through sports, band, choir, cheerleading, FFA, and field trips.

"I have many fond memories of getting to know the kids," Nelson said. "I got to know all of them, not just the ones on my route."

One of her funniest memories came during a particularly rowdy bus ride, when a simple figure of speech backfired spectacularly.



Kim Nelson poses in front of Bus No. 61 at Central Linn School District. After eight years behind the wheel, the longtime driver known for the district's "Kangaroo Route" is retiring.

"One day I had a full bus of rambunctious youngsters, and I told them to stop 'farting around,'" Nelson recalled. "Well, that was all it took. The bus immediately erupted in laughter and sound effects. Some students made Bronx cheers, some tucked their hands under their arms, and others contributed their own creative interpretations. It turned into an impromptu orchestra of childhood humor, and it took quite a while to get everyone settled down. I learned right then and there that some phrases should never be said on a school bus."

While the job brought laughter and lasting relationships, Nelson said it also came with serious responsibility. The most challenging part was safely driving the bus while also keeping watch in the large rearview mirror to make sure students were behaving.

"With students ranging in age from 5 to 18, the job could be daunting at times," she said. "Getting to know them helped me decide which students should sit together — and which should not — to prevent problems."

As she retires, Nelson said the transition is bittersweet.

"I have so enjoyed watching these kids grow up," she said.

In retirement, Nelson looks forward to gardening in her new greenhouse, reconnecting with old friends, and traveling. She also hopes to continue seeing former students.

"I will enjoy running into the kids as they enter adulthood, and getting those sweet hugs," she said.

Her advice to new bus drivers is simple: "Have patience with the kids. You can help them succeed in life."

CRITTER CHRONICLES

Doug Goes Camping

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer and Columnist

Years ago, we had a cat named Doug. At the time, we didn't realize that calico cats are female, so when she was a tiny kitten, she became Doug. Sometimes I called her Douglina, but most of the time she was just Doug.

She went everywhere with us. We took her camping in our old Shasta trailer, and she was as much a part of the family as anyone.



One summer, we spent a few days at Dead Horse Lake in Central Oregon. It was a remote, beautiful place, with remnants of old wooden canoes said to have been built by the Youth Conservation Corps in the 1930s. The boats still floated — barely — and were great fun. The fish were small but perfect for a pan-sized breakfast, and the mountain air was so clean and fresh it felt almost magical.

When it was time to go home, Doug was nowhere to be found.

We searched until dark that Sunday night, calling for her and looking everywhere, but there was no sign of her. Heartbroken, we finally left a note on a paper plate and posted it on the camp bulletin board, hoping someone might find her. Then we went home and waited, listening for the phone to ring.

Days passed. Nothing.

About two weeks later, we finally got a call.

Some campers found Doug after she stumbled into their campsite. She was so weak she could take only a few steps before collapsing. Her paws were raw and bleeding. They immediately gave her water and food, and she slowly began to recover. Somehow, she had been caught in a trap and either had been released or managed to free herself.

Those kind strangers brought her home to us, and it was a wonderful reunion.

Doug went on to live many more years, using up more than a few of her nine lives along the way. She was tough, adventurous, and unforgettable — one of the best pets we ever had.



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TARWEED FOLK SCHOOL

School Highlights Herbal First Aid Class, Summer Workshops



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items for a home first-aid kit. The class is one of several June offerings that still had openings as of June 8.

Other upcoming classes with available space include “Sharpening Japanese Chisels” on June 11, “Build a Japanese-Style Toolbox” from June 12–14, and “Build a Solar Oven and Cook with Sunshine” on June 27.

Many of Tarweed Folk School’s workshops have already reached capacity, reflecting strong interest in traditional skills, crafts, homesteading, and sustainable living topics. Several July

CORVALLIS — Those interested in practical, hands-on learning can still enroll in upcoming classes through Tarweed Folk School, including a June workshop focused on natural health and wellness.

On June 24, instructor Jacqueline Güereña will lead “Herbal First Aid Kit,” a class introducing participants to herbal remedies and preparations commonly used for minor injuries and everyday first-aid needs. Students will learn about medicinal plants and create



COURTESY: TARWEED FOLK SCHOOL

classes are also full, though prospective students are encouraged to check the school’s website regularly for new offerings and to join waitlists for classes that interest them.

Tarweed Folk School connects local instructors, craftspeople, scientists, and community members with students seeking to learn practical skills through hands-on experiences. Registration, class details, and waitlist information are available at <https://www.tarweedfolkschool.com/upcoming-classes>. 🌿



COURTESY: TARWEED FOLK SCHOOL

God’s Storehouse Serves Harrisburg Families

HARRISBURG — God’s Storehouse Food Pantry & Thrift Store, 180 Smith St. in Harrisburg, provides food and clothing for people having a hard time making ends meet.

The pantry and thrift store is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Clothing is available free to those in need, and shoppers may also purchase donated items. God’s Storehouse is supported by the Harrisburg Ministerial Association, with food donations from churches, businesses, individuals, and Food for Lane County.

Food donations are accepted, but donors are asked to call ahead at 541-995-8403 to confirm current needs. Cash donations are also welcome and tax-deductible. 🌿

LINN-BENTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Local Students Among LBCC’s 57th Graduating Class

Linn-Benton Community College will celebrate its 57th graduating class during commencement at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, June 11, on the Albany campus.

The class of 2026 includes 807 candidates for graduation. The college expects to award 993 degrees and certificates.

Local graduates include students from Brownsville, Crabtree, Halsey, Harrisburg, Jefferson, Scio, Shedd, and Tangent.

From Brownsville, graduates are Katja V. Griffith, Caleb Helfrich, Andrew P. Landgren, Zion Larson, and Rica A. McCoy.

Other area graduates include Samantha H. Gembala of Crabtree; Cailen Arnold, Jamie C. Harila, and Jennifer A. Johnson of Halsey; Tad A. Christensen, Misty D. Cruz, Andrea Delgado, Samantha P. Glover, Brittany A. Grundy, Brooke H. Johnson, Anna Lidbeck, Colby M. Moritz, Lizbeth Rodriguez Garcia, Davita L. Thomas, and Cyanea I. Williams-Wagner of Harrisburg.

Jefferson graduates include Diego G. Aguilar, Billy Armenio, Liem B. Brawn, Harrison D. Fairall, Sapphire L. Guinan, Cole F. Laube, Hannah E. Mainord, and Joseph A. Wunderlich.

Scio graduates include Kaden M. Barrett, Ana Z. Callejas, Brayden R. Eaton, Gracie E. Mask, Teague W. Mendez, Victoria Morrow, Mark R. Nusom, Nathan L. Sandberg, Robert F. Van Etta, and Shealyn L. Workerger.

Kaitlin M. Campbell of Shedd is also among the graduates.

Tangent graduates include Seth S. Albert, Skylar S. McCollaum, Amy J. Samples, Kailey J. Savage, and Monte P. Willie. 🌿

HART COMMUNITY CENTER

HART Offers Summer Programs for Youth

HARRISBURG — The HART Community Center is offering two summer programs designed to help local youth build skills, confidence, and real-world experience.

Babysitting Certification Course June 15–19

The first program, a Babysitting Certification Course, will be held June 15–19 for youth ages 11–16. Participants will receive hands-on instruction in infant care, potty training, behavior management, and emergency preparedness. Classes will meet daily from 3 to 5 p.m. at the HART Community Center. Register at <https://forms.gle/tebzPEgRXNckxzpf7>.

Teen Venture Challenge June 22–July 6

Later in the summer, HART will launch its Teen Venture Challenge, a program that teaches young entrepreneurs how to turn a business idea into a product and sell it to customers.

Participants will receive a \$50 seed fund and spend two weeks developing, producing, and marketing their products. The program runs June 22 through July 6, with students selling their creations during Harrisburg’s Fourth of July celebration at Riverfront Park. A celebration and payday event is scheduled for July 6. Register at <http://forms.gle/pgqu3gtjIHFzMR2L7>

Both programs offer “pay what you can” options to help make participation accessible to families.

In addition to youth programs, HART continues to partner with organizations including Jackson Street Youth Services, ANDARES, the Girl Scouts, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows to provide services and opportunities for residents.

The center also offers its “Birthday Cake in a Box” program, which provides birthday cake kits and toys for local families.

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CENTRAL LINN TRACK & FIELD

Central Linn Athletes Bring Home Strong Finishes at State Track Meet

Central Linn athletes closed out the season with a strong showing at the OSAA State Track & Field Championships, held May 28–30, 2026, with several Cobras earning podium finishes, personal bests, and team points in the 2A meet.

Senior Don Martinez Ware led the Central Linn boys with a standout performance in the sprints. Ware placed second in the boys’ 400 meters, running a personal-best time of 50.47 seconds to earn eight team points. He also finished sixth in the 200 meters in 23.28 seconds, adding three more points for the Cobras.

On the girls’ side, Anya Griffith continued her impressive season with two top-four finishes. Griffith placed second in the girls’ 1500 meters with a personal-best time of 4:45.35, earning eight points. She also finished fourth in the 400 meters in a season-best 59.88 seconds, adding five more points for Central Linn.

Jayne Neal also delivered a strong performance at the state meet for the Cobras. Neal placed third in the girls’ 800 meters with a personal-best time of 2:24.38, earning six points. Neal also scored in the 1500 meters, placing seventh in 5:01.75 for two team points.

Central Linn picked up additional points in the field events. Peyton Gaskey placed eighth in the girls discus with a throw of 29.10 meters, or 95 feet, 5 inches. Georgia Wahl also earned a podium finish, placing eighth in the girls triple jump with a personal-best mark of 9.83 meters, or 32 feet, 3 inches.

The Cobras also scored in all four relays. The boys’ 4x100-meter relay team of Jackson Duringer, Don Martinez Ware, Aren Schneider, and Sawyer Kirk placed eighth in a season-best 45.15 seconds. The boys 4x400-meter relay team of Jackson Duringer, Ethan Denison, Aren Schneider and Don Martinez Ware placed seventh in 3:33.93.

For the girls, the 4x100-meter relay team of Isabelle Curtis, Georgia Wahl, Jayne Neal, and Anya Griffith placed seventh in a season-best 53.28 seconds. The 4x400-meter relay team of Neal, Curtis, Wahl, and Griffith also placed seventh, finishing in 4:24.27.

Several other Central Linn athletes represented the Cobras at state. Alyse Glenn competed in the girls’ 3000 meters, finishing 13th in 12:36.54. Aren Schneider also qualified in the boys’ high jump.

The state meet capped another successful season for Central Linn track and field, with the Cobras scoring across sprints, distance races, throws, jumps, and relays.

With multiple seniors closing their careers on the state stage and younger athletes gaining valuable experience, Central Linn finished the season with a strong team effort and several memorable performances.



MANDY BRADY
Anya Griffith races to a second-place finish in the girls’ 1500 meters at the OSAA State Championships.



JOHNNA NEAL
Jayne Neal races in the girls’ 800 meters at the OSAA State Track & Field Championships, where she finished third with a personal-best performance.



MANDY BRADY
ABOVE: Isabelle Curtis
BELOW: Georgia Wahl at Hayward Field.



MANDY BRADY
RIGHT: Isabelle Curtis passes the baton to Georgia Wahl during the girls’ 4x400 relay.



JOHNNA NEAL
Isabelle Curtis, Georgia Wahl, Anya Griffith, and Jayne Neal earned seventh place in the girls’ 4x100-meter relay at the OSAA State Track & Field Championships.



MANDY BRADY
Jackson Duringer clears the bar in the boys’ high jump competition.



MANDY BRADY
Jackson Duringer competes for Central Linn in relay action at the state meet.



MANDY BRADY
Central Linn teammates Ethan Denison, Jackson Duringer, Aren Schneider, and Don Martinez Ware celebrate their state-meet performances.

Tick Season Returns to Oregon: Simple Steps Can Reduce Risk

As spring settles in Oregon, residents are being reminded that tick season is underway. Although the state is not considered a national hotspot, experts note a gradual increase in tick activity in recent years, with populations becoming more widespread and active for longer periods. Peak activity typically occurs from April through June, especially in grassy fields, wooded edges, and brushy areas.

Health officials emphasize that the overall risk of tick-borne illness in Oregon remains relatively low, but caution is still advised. Simple preventive steps can significantly reduce exposure. Wearing long sleeves and pants, using insect repellent, and staying on clear trails while hiking are effective strategies. After spending time outdoors, individuals should check their clothing, pets, and skin, paying close attention to areas such as the scalp, armpits, and the backs of the knees.



If a tick is found attached to the skin, remove it promptly with fine-tipped tweezers. Grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible and pull upward with steady, even pressure. Then clean the area with soap and water or an antiseptic. Monitor for symptoms such as rash, fever, or fatigue over the next few days, and seek medical advice if concerns arise.

Staying informed and taking basic precautions can help ensure a safe and enjoyable outdoor season. 🌻

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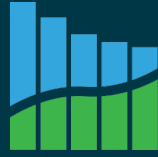
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Community Builder Trina Henderson Brings Local-First Vision to Flowers-N-More

ALBANY — For Trina Henderson, flowers are about more than bouquets. They celebrate life’s milestones, offer comfort during difficult times, and help people express what words sometimes cannot.

That understanding is one reason Henderson was drawn to Flowers-N-More, Albany’s full-service florist at 740 Madison St. SE. The shop has served the mid-Willamette Valley for more than 30 years, providing fresh flower arrangements, wedding and event florals, plants, gifts, and same-day local delivery.



“Everything I’ve done professionally and personally has always centered around supporting local communities, small businesses, and agriculture,” Henderson said. “From founding Tangent Together in a rural farming community, to serving in local government, to leading downtown revitalization work through Main Street America, my passion has always been helping communities stay connected and helping local businesses thrive.”

Henderson said those experiences have shaped her vision for the future of Flowers-N-More. While continuing the shop’s tradition of serving customers throughout the region, she hopes to strengthen relationships with local growers and incorporate more locally sourced flowers and products whenever possible.



“One of the things I love most about floral work is that flowers begin with people who grow them,” she said. “As someone who comes from an agricultural community, I understand the importance of supporting our local farmers and producers whenever possible. I truly believe there is something special about keeping dollars circulating within our own communities and celebrating the beauty that is grown right here at home.”

Flowers-N-More helps customers mark many of life’s important moments, from weddings and anniversaries to memorial services and everyday celebrations. Henderson said graduation season is one of her favorite times of year, with custom floral and ribbon leis becoming an increasingly popular way for families to honor graduates.

“I love being part of those special moments,” Henderson said. “Whether it’s a graduation, wedding, birthday, or anniversary, flowers help people celebrate life’s milestones in a meaningful way.”

As she settles into ownership, Henderson said she is grateful for the support she has received.

“I’m incredibly excited for what’s ahead,” she said.

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Fresh Salad Greens —
Cut and Come Again

By Donald Lyon, Staff Writer and Columnist

While waiting for that first ripe tomato, you could be enjoying salad greens plucked before breakfast. For the home gardener, leafy lettuce varieties such as Buttercrunch, Flashy Trout’s Back, Devil’s Tongue, and Salad Bowl are ideal to plant together because they all mature in 48 to 55 days and offer a variety of colors, shapes, and textures.

“Cut and come again” means you harvest by pinching off a few of the outer leaves and letting the plants keep producing. They will be ready to harvest again in a week. At this point, it may be too late in the spring to start from seed, but you can find six-packs of green leafy salad greens at your favorite garden store and plant them, ideally as temperatures climb, in a spot with some afternoon shade. Two six-packs should fill an area about four feet by three feet and should keep a family of two in salad heaven into July.



Cut and Come Again Salad Greens

A note on buying late-season vegetable starts: If roots are growing through the bottom of the pot, trim them with scissors and give them a quick soak in a pan of water before transplanting them into the garden. Also, transplant in the cool of the evening.

Plan now to start an autumn/winter garden of salad greens in late August for October salads with slices of tomato. Buy seeds now, as many stores stop stocking them by midsummer. Store them in a cool, dry place.

Now that soil temperatures are warming, it’s a good time to plant green beans. My snow peas are still producing on the trellis, so I’ll be planting bush beans, a few at a time, to extend the season into the fall. I like to germinate the seeds on a slightly damp paper towel inside a plastic bag to give Mother Nature a boost. Plant the germinated seed as soon as the little “tail,” the radicle, emerges.

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



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Tansy Ragwort: A
Toxic Weed Threatens
Pastures and Livestock

Tansy ragwort, a noxious weed common throughout western Oregon, is once again drawing attention from local weed control officials as it enters its bloom season. The bright yellow-flowered plant may appear attractive, but it poses serious risks to pastures, livestock, and natural areas.



Tansy ragwort (*Senecio jacobaea*) is depicted in this detailed botanical illustration from the Dutch publication “Flora Batava,” produced in the early 19th century (circa 1800–1834). The artwork highlights the distinctive yellow flowers and foliage of a plant now recognized as a highly invasive noxious weed in Oregon. Tansy ragwort is toxic to livestock, particularly horses and cattle, and can cause severe liver damage if consumed.

Known scientifically as *Senecio jacobaea*, tansy ragwort is a biennial or short-lived perennial that blooms from midsummer through fall and can reach up to 4 feet tall. Its dark green, deeply lobed leaves and clusters of yellow flowers make it easy to spot along roadsides, in fields, and in disturbed areas.

According to the Linn County Noxious Weed Advisory Committee, tansy ragwort is highly invasive and can quickly dominate pastures and timber clear-cuts if left unchecked. The plant is toxic to livestock, particularly cattle and horses, and ingestion can cause severe liver damage. Because the toxins accumulate over time, animals may not show symptoms until significant damage has occurred.

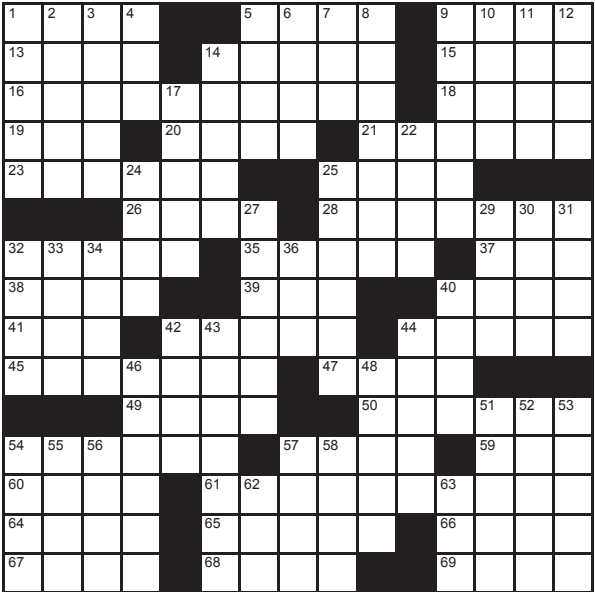
The weed reproduces exclusively by seed, and its seeds can remain viable in the soil for up to 15 years, making long-term management essential.

Control methods include biological controls such as the tansy ragwort seed-head fly, flea beetle, and cinnabar moth. Landowners may also consider chemical controls when appropriate.

Tansy ragwort is especially prevalent on the western side of the Cascade Mountains. Residents are encouraged to identify and remove plants before they go to seed to prevent further spread.

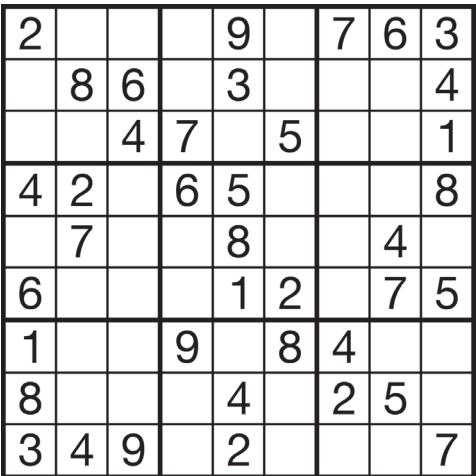
For more information on identification and control methods, visit the Oregon State University Extension website for weed resources at <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/pests-weeds-diseases/weeds>. ☼

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Amanda’s Trail, A Path Through History

By Jeff Brown, Staff Writer and Columnist

Located just south of Yachats along the Oregon Coast, Amanda’s Trail leads to a memorial site within the forested headlands of the Cape Perpetua Scenic Area. While the trail is part of a larger network of hiking routes, the memorial itself is easily accessible from an unmarked pull-out along U.S. Highway 101. From there, a short, relatively level walk of roughly 100 yards leads directly to the site.

Though longer hikes can connect to Amanda’s Trail from higher up in the Cape Perpetua trail system — including routes from the overlook — those approaches are optional. Many visitors experience the site without undertaking a strenuous hike.

Amanda’s Trail is named for Amanda, a Native American woman whose story is tied to the forced removal of Indigenous peoples from the Oregon Coast in the mid-1800s. During this period, coastal tribes were displaced under federal policy and treaty enforcement, and many were forced to travel north to the Coast Reservation, now associated with the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians. These removals were carried out under difficult conditions, with long overland journeys, limited supplies, and widespread illness and hardship.

While specific historical records about Amanda herself are limited, local accounts preserve her name as a symbol of those who endured these forced relocations. Her story represents a broader history that affected Indigenous communities along the entire Oregon Coast.

The memorial site itself is set among trees, removed from the noise of the highway despite its proximity. It includes interpretive signage and a statue representing Amanda. Rather than serving as a scenic overlook, the space is intended primarily for reflection and acknowledgment of the past.

Local lore adds another layer of meaning to the site. It is often said that visitors come bearing small gifts for Amanda, leaving items such as shells, stones, coins, flowers, or other tokens. While not part of any formal or organized practice, this quiet tradition has become common enough to be recognized by those familiar with the area. For many, it is a simple act of respect.

The trail and memorial were developed through the efforts of the Yachats Trails Committee, in cooperation with the Siuslaw National Forest. Volunteers continue to maintain the trail system and the memorial site.

Today, Amanda’s Trail serves not only as a connection through the coastal forest, but as a place of remembrance. The short walk from the highway leads visitors into a space that asks for pause — offering a direct and personal way to encounter a difficult chapter of Oregon’s history. ☼



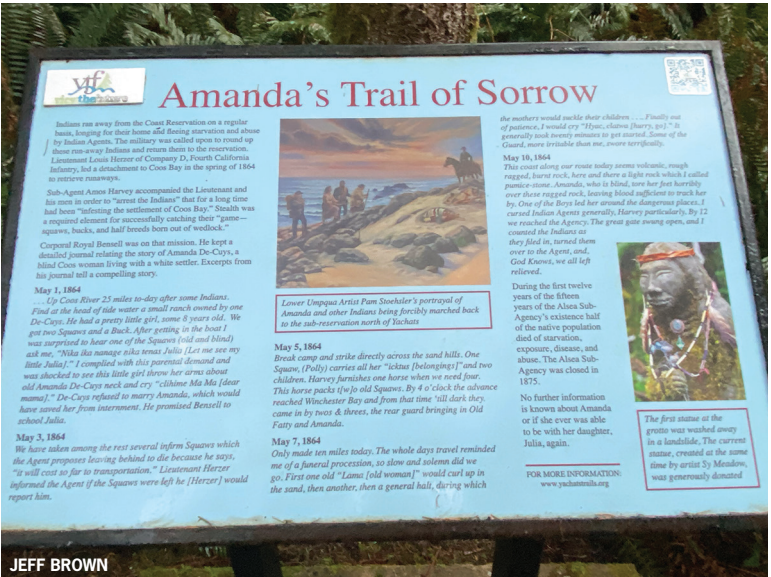
Visitors often leave shells, stones, beads, flowers, and other small tokens at the Amanda memorial near Yachats. The statue serves as a place of reflection and remembrance for Amanda and the many Indigenous people who endured forced relocation along the Oregon Coast.



Nestled among the forested headlands of Cape Perpetua, the Amanda memorial site features rustic benches and a gathering space where visitors can pause to learn about and reflect on a difficult chapter of Oregon’s history.



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Harrisburg Plans Full Weekend of Fourth of July Festivities

HARRISBURG — Harrisburg’s annual Fourth of July celebration will return with a full weekend of family activities, live music, races, parades, vendors, and a community car show as organizers celebrate America’s 250th anniversary theme, “From Revolution to Celebration: 1776–2026.”

This year’s grand marshals will be local veterans, recognized during the annual Harrisburg Fourth of July Parade at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 4.

The parade route will begin at Seventh and Smith streets, continue down Smith Street, turn onto Third Street (Highway 99), then onto LaSalle Street, and finally onto Ninth Street before ending at Harrisburg High School.

The Harrisburg Community Fourth of July Association requires advance registration for floats and entries through https://events.com/r/en_US/registration/harrisburg-or-july-4th-parade-harrisburg-july-1039374.

Categories include children walking or biking in costume, school groups, business and non-profit floats, decorated classic and antique cars, horse entries, and more. Most entries are \$5, while children and school entries are free.

No parking will be allowed along the parade route from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and roads along the route will close before the parade begins and remain closed until the event concludes.

Traffic detours will reroute Highway 99 traffic onto Second Street during the parade. Southbound traffic will turn at Territorial Street and continue on Second Street to reconnect with Highway 99, while northbound traffic will be redirected onto LaSalle Street and Second Street before returning to Highway 99 at Territorial. Travelers coming from Coburg are encouraged to use North Coburg Road because access to Sixth Street and LaSalle Street will be restricted during the event.

Organizers said locations for disabled parking permit holders will be announced before the celebration.

The celebration opens Sunday, June 28, with the Harrisburg Firecracker 5K Walk/Run and Kids Fun Run at Harrisburg Elementary School, 642 Smith St. The event begins at 9 a.m. and serves as the community’s kickoff to the holiday festivities.

Activities continue Friday, July 3, with the fourth annual Pet Parade and Costume Contest along First Street on the Harrisburg riverfront. Check-in begins at 10:30 a.m., judging and prizes start at 10:45 a.m., and the parade begins at 11 a.m.

Participants are encouraged to dress up pets, bikes, wagons, trikes, or wheelchairs in patriotic or creative costumes. All ages and surrounding communities are welcome, and no registration is required. Organizers noted that only wheelchairs may be motorized, and pets must remain leashed and non aggressive.

Because warm weather can be difficult for animals, organizers encourage participants to bring water, stay in shaded areas, and monitor pets closely for signs of overheating. Pet owners are also reminded never to leave animals unattended in vehicles.

Live music at the Harrisburg Riverfront gazebo begins Friday evening with Barn Shakers performing from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The traditional country and classic rock band features Doug Brooks and Perry Swarriming, joined by Mike Smith on drums and Arnie on bass guitar, performing a blend of traditional country music and classic rock.

Saturday’s Fourth of July festivities will include breakfast, live music, food vendors, craft and merchandise vendors, kids races, a bounce zone,



and additional family activities throughout the day and one of the largest fireworks displays in Oregon at dusk.

Pretti Grafitti will perform from 2 to 5 p.m. The band describes its sound as “Pop/Nu Lounge Disko,” combining dance pop and chill rock.

Bad Reputation will close out the evening from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. with rock, pop, and country rock favorites, ending the night with the National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Another returning event is the sixth annual Flag Boat Parade from 8 to 9 p.m. July 4. River jet boats flying American flags will travel south toward Harrisburg in a patriotic procession visible from the riverfront.

Boat participants are asked to stage between 7:30 and 7:45 p.m. near Life Northwest Resort using the Marshall Island or McCartney Park ramps. No registration is required.

Organizers reminded boaters to follow Oregon Marine Board safety rules, including wearing properly fitted life jackets and preventing the spread of invasive species by cleaning boats and equipment before launching.

The celebration weekend concludes on Sunday, July 5, with a Show & Shine at The 99 Grill from 4 to 7 p.m. Bring lawn chairs and enjoy the music, trivia, contests, and food & drinks.

All Events are organized by the Harrisburg Community 4th of July Association, an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) charitable organization, except for the breakfast fundraiser by the Harrisburg Volunteer Firefighter Association. More information and updates are available at <https://www.facebook.com/HarrisburgJuly4th>.



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Michael Opperman to Perform at Brownsville Fourth of July Celebration

BROWNSVILLE — Oregon country singer-songwriter Michael Opperman, known to fans as “Big Country,” will perform live during Brownsville’s Fourth of July celebration at Pioneer Park.

The Sandy-based musician is known for his acoustic-driven country sound and storytelling performances at venues throughout Oregon. Opperman released his EP “Comin’ Back Home” in 2024 and continues to build a regional following with a busy local performance schedule.

Opperman is scheduled to perform from 6 to 7:30 p.m. July 4 at Brownsville Pioneer Park as part of the community’s Independence Day festivities.

Opperman is one of three musical acts scheduled for the celebration. The entertainment lineup also includes Randy Nicholson and the Shane Brown Trio, with additional coverage of those performers planned in upcoming editions.

The event is being promoted by CONNECT Linn County, which described the celebration as a classic small-town Fourth of July gathering featuring live music, community spirit, and a summer evening in the park.

In addition to live music, organizers are planning a community car show hosted by Lebanon Cars & Coffee from 11 a.m.–4 p.m., along with food vendors and activities for children throughout the day ☀️



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FORM UR-1

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A public meeting of the Harrisburg Redevelopment Agency will be held on June 23, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at Harrisburg Senior Center, 354 Smith Street, Harrisburg, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 as approved by the Harrisburg Redevelopment Agency Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at Harrisburg City Hall between the hours 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is consistent with the basis of accounting used during the preceding year. Major changes, if any, and their effect on the budget, are explained below. This budget is for an Annual Period.

Contact: Cathy Nelson

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2024-25	Adopted Budget This Year 2025-26	Approved Budget Next Year 2026-27
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	2,286,976	2,508,750	1,251,915
Federal, State and All Other Grants	0	0	0
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt	0	0	0
Interfund Transfers	0	0	0
All Other Resources Except Division of Tax & Special Levy	119,353	438,730	60,800
Revenue from Division of Tax	358,133	224,960	224,550
Revenue from Special Levy	0	0	0
Total Resources	2,764,462	3,172,440	1,537,265

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Personnel Services	0	0	0
Materials and Services	17,921	22,530	29,600
Capital Outlay	3,765	2,475,310	1,183,900
Debt Service	216,400	216,200	215,800
Special Payments	11,333	458,400	107,965
Contingencies	0	0	0
All Other Expenditures and Requirements	0	0	0
Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	2,515,043	0	0
Total Requirements	2,764,462	3,172,440	1,537,265

FINANCIAL SUMMARY-REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *			
Name of Organizational Unit or Program			
FTE for that unit or program			
Administration	21,686	2,497,840	1,213,500
FTE	0	0	0
Not Allocated to Organizational Unit or Program	2,742,776	674,600	323,765
FTE	0	0	0
Total Requirements	2,764,462	3,172,440	1,537,265
Total FTE	0	0	0

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING			
There were no changes in activities of sources of financing.			

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS			
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding July 1, 2026	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1	
General Obligation Bonds	\$0	\$0	
Other Bonds	\$1,895,000	\$0	
Other Borrowings	\$0	\$0	
Total	\$1,895,000	\$0	

FORM LB-1

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A public meeting of the Harrisburg City Council (governing body) will be held on June 23, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the Harrisburg Municipal Center, 354 Smith Street, Harrisburg, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 as approved by the City of Harrisburg Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at Harrisburg City Hall in Harrisburg between the hours of 7:30 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm Monday -Thursday and 8:00 am- noon Friday. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of modified cash accounting that is the same as we used in the preceding year.

Contact: Cathy Nelson

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2024-25	Adopted Budget This Year 2025-26	Approved Budget Next Year 2026-27
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	12,417,731	7,699,225	7,119,460
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	3,369,034	6,717,455	4,052,808
Federal, State and All Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations and Donations	284,608	354,270	166,530
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt	415,090	472,458	482,260
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	549,150	618,900	454,600
All Other Resources Except Property Taxes	0	0	0
Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	853,451	909,430	841,730
Total Resources	17,889,064	16,771,738	13,117,388
FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Personnel Services	1,550,534	1,868,900	2,130,970
Materials and Services	1,449,976	2,124,115	2,195,000
Capital Outlay	6,282,906	9,722,585	6,082,023
Debt Service	560,611	686,815	694,420
Interfund Transfers	549,150	618,900	454,600
Contingencies	0	483,505	486,285
Special Payments	10,000	5,000	5,000
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	7,485,887	1,261,918	1,069,090
Total Requirements	17,889,064	16,771,738	13,117,388
FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *			
Administration	1,227,009	2,364,105	2,459,055
FTE	4.50	4.50	4.50
Library	101,814	122,295	143,905
FTE	1.25	1.00	1.00
Public Works	7,952,926	11,229,200	7,805,033
FTE	11.00	10.50	10.50
Not Allocated to Organizational Unit or Program	8,607,315	3,056,138	2,709,395
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Requirements	17,889,064	16,771,738	13,117,388
Total FTE	16.75	16.00	16.00
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING *			
There were no major or relevant change in the City's activities from Fiscal Year 2025-2026 to Fiscal Year 2026-2027. We do not have any major financing plans in the near future.			
PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed	Rate or Amount Imposed	Rate or Amount Approved
Permanent Rate Levy (rate limit \$3.1875 per \$1,000)	\$3.1875	\$3.1875	\$3.1875
Local Option Levy	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Levy For General Obligation Bonds	\$408,579	\$465,758	\$ 475,756
STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS			
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1, 2026.	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1	
General Obligation Bonds	\$7,560,000	\$0	
Other Bonds	\$3,525,000	\$0	
Other Borrowings	\$0	\$0	
Total	\$11,085,000	\$0	

Cleanup Effort Aims to Restore Simpson Park Property Near Millersburg

By Mikayle Stole, Editor

MILLERSBURG — Cleanup and restoration work began June 2 at Simpson Park following a multi-agency effort to remove illegal camps from the recreational property north of Talking Water Gardens.

The property, Simpson Park, is privately owned but has been available for public recreational use through an agreement with the City of Albany since 1997. Located near Millersburg, the area recently came under the jurisdiction of the Linn County Sheriff's Office.

Deputies and partner agencies spent several weeks notifying people living on the property that they would need to relocate before cleanup and restoration work could begin. The effort involved the Linn County Sheriff's Office, Albany Police Department personnel, Albany Parks staff, Community Helping Addicts Negotiate Change Effectively (C.H.A.N.C.E.), and contracted cleanup crews.

During an initial walk-through on May 12, officials contacted 32 people living on the property. Deputies reported extensive impacts to the area, including makeshift structures, abandoned vehicles, accumulated garbage, damage to vegetation, and ongoing fire concerns. Outreach workers provided information about shelter and other community resources to those being displaced.

Representatives from Community Helping Addicts Negotiate Change Effectively (C.H.A.N.C.E.) worked alongside law enforcement throughout the process, helping connect individuals with available services and shelter resources.

"C.H.A.N.C.E.'s goal is to meet individuals right where they are, breaking down barriers to create access to needed resources and support," said Emma Deane, executive director of C.H.A.N.C.E.

Founded in 2006, C.H.A.N.C.E. is a nonprofit organization serving Linn, Benton, and surrounding counties. The organization provides peer support, housing referrals, shelter services, crisis response, and recovery programs. C.H.A.N.C.E. operates the 2nd CHANCE Shelter in Albany and provides outreach services designed to connect individuals experiencing homelessness, substance use disorders, or mental health challenges with resources and support. More about them can be found at <https://chancerecovery.org>.

Deane said she and shelter director Jon Phelps accompanied deputies during visits to the property to help connect residents with housing and support services. Several individuals expressed interest in shelter options, including facilities that accept pets and transitional housing programs.



Simpson Park Cleanup — Linn County Sheriff's Office officials documented extensive debris, makeshift structures, and accumulated belongings during a May walkthrough of Simpson Park near Millersburg. The property was cleared of illegal camps on June 1, and cleanup and restoration began on June 2. Photo courtesy of the Linn County Sheriff's Office.

She noted that finding appropriate shelter can be challenging because available beds may not always meet an individual's specific needs. Some facilities have eligibility requirements, while others may not accommodate pets or certain living situations.

Deputies returned to the property several times throughout May, issuing notices and conducting enforcement actions. According to the Sheriff's Office, multiple arrests were made on outstanding warrants during the operation, and a stolen trailer was recovered.

The Sheriff's Office reported that the last remaining campers left the property on June 1. Cleanup and restoration work began June 2 as contractors removed debris and prepared the site for future public use.

The property's future is also tied to ongoing infrastructure improvements in the area. The aging Cox Creek Bridge on Waverly Drive serves as the primary vehicle access point to Simpson Park and Talking Water Gardens. Linn County recently awarded a contract to replace the one-lane bridge, which has been weight restricted since 2005. The new structure will accommodate two lanes of traffic as well as bicycle and pedestrian access and is expected to be completed by Nov. 20.

Sheriff Michelle Duncan said the Sheriff's Office will continue working with property owners, local agencies, and community organizations to restore the property while addressing ongoing public safety concerns. With cleanup underway and a new Cox Creek Bridge expected to improve access later this year, local officials hope the area can once again serve as a recreational destination for residents and visitors.

Two Cited Following Eagle Park Vandalism

HARRISBURG — Two individuals were cited following an alleged vandalism incident at Eagle Park involving newly poured concrete at the park's ADA-accessible picnic area.

According to City Administrator Michele Eldridge, a citizen using the park's dog area reported seeing individuals allegedly defacing fresh concrete and contacted the Linn County Sheriff's Office.

Deputy Devin Smith responded and contacted three individuals believed to be involved. Two reportedly admitted to their actions, while a third denied involvement. Two were cited in lieu of custody.

The incident is currently classified as third-degree criminal mischief, a misdemeanor. However, city officials noted that the charge could be elevated depending on the final cost of repairs. The city has already contracted to have the damaged concrete ground down and repaired.

City officials thanked the Linn County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Smith, Sgt. Frambes, and other responding personnel for their assistance and follow-up on the case.

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SHERIFF'S REPORT MAY 30-JUNE 6

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., May 30, 3:52 p.m. — Deputy responded to a civil dispute between a landlord and a tenant in the 600 block of Averill St. Non-criminal.

Sun., May 31, 12:43 p.m. — Caller reported an ongoing landlord-tenant conflict in the 600 block of Averill St. Deputies provided guidance to both parties.

Mon., June 1, 10:44 a.m. — Citizen reported an incident he believed occurred five weeks ago at the Brownsville Saloon.

Tue., June 2, 12:51 a.m. — Caller reported a suspicious person yelling near the public bathrooms in the 100 block of Spaulding Ave. The deputy checked the area but was unable to locate the person.

1:16 a.m. — Caller reported a person yelling in the 900 block of Pine St near Linn Way. Deputies contacted the person and issued a warning.

1:18 a.m. — Deputies spoke with two citizens and asked whether they had heard a noise disturbance related to another call in the 200 block of N Main St.

4:11 a.m. — Deputies responded to a traffic complaint in the 900 block of Oak St. Deputies will continue to attempt contact regarding the weight and exhaust within the city limits.

7:00 a.m. — Deputies trespassed a Brownsville citizen from Dari-Market in the 200 block of S. Main St. after the reported person continued verbal abuse toward an employee.

10:11 a.m. — Deputy contacted a semi truck operator in the 200 block of N Main St. regarding exhaust noise after receiving multiple complaints about his straight-piped exhaust system.

2:32 p.m. — Theodore Fries, 69, of Sweet Home, was cited in the 38000 block of Courtney Creek Dr for running a red light elsewhere.

7:17 p.m. — Deputies assisted a citizen with a neighbor and their four dogs in the 700 block of Templeton St. The citizen explained that the neighbor's dogs were defecating in their yard and that the dog owners have not listened to pleas to clean up after their dogs.

Wed., June 3, 12:02 a.m. — Deputies responded to a missing person report involving a 30-year-old male with medical conditions in the 28800 block of Seven Mile Ln. A few hours later, the individual was found approximately six miles from the original call location and was reunited with their family without incident. Report taken.

3:42 a.m. — A 16-year-old from Albany was cited for speeding 94 mph in a 55-mph zone in the 28800 block of Seven Mile Lane. She was also cited for operating a vehicle without a driver's license. The vehicle was released to an adult with a valid driver's license.

4:03 p.m. — Deputy responded to a report of a civil dispute and discussed options with the caller in the 1100 block of Linn Way.

Thu., June 4, 3:33 a.m. — Deputy investigated a theft and a mental health report in the 500 block of Fisher St. Report taken.

Fri., June 5, 1:50 a.m. — Branden Menz Wood, 28, of Albany, was cited for driving uninsured and without an ignition interlock device in the 400 block of N Main St.

4:17 a.m. — Thomas Wisenhunt, 42, of Brownsville, was cited for failing to carry insurance in the 700 block of N Main St., near North Ave.

BRUSH CREEK

Fri., June 5, 12:36 p.m. — Deputy found landscaping equipment abandoned on a forest road in the 23000

block of Brush Creek Rd. Report taken.

CRAWFORDSVILLE/HOLLEY

Sat., May 30, 10:07 p.m. — Deputy spoke with a citizen regarding a lost dog in the 38300 block of Hwy 228.

Thu., June 4, 2:49 p.m. — Caller reported issues with a neighbor who may have dementia in the 40100 block of Crawfordsville Dr.

HALSEY

Sat., May 30, 2:05 p.m. — Deputy responded to a report of identity theft in the 500 block of Egret Ave. A fraudulent Verizon account was opened in the reporter's name. Report taken.

3:40 p.m. — Kenya Hurd, 28, of Harrisburg, was cited for speeding 83 in a 55-mph zone in the 25500 block of Hwy 99E.

8:38 p.m. — Deputy assisted another agency in locating a suicidal driver in the 33100 block of Hwy 228.

Sun., May 31, 12:34 p.m. — Deputy responded to a disturbance between family members in the 800 block of 5th St. Non-criminal.

5:43 p.m. — Caller reported ATVs riding on the street in the 100 block of E A St., near E 3rd St. Information noted.

Mon., June 1, 12:02 a.m. — Deputy responded to an individual who reported harassment in the 33100 block of Hwy 228.

9:17 p.m. — Deputy assisted in a search for a missing dog in the 100 block of W Halsey St. The dog was reunited with its family.

Tue., June 2, 5:28 a.m. — Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on the side of the roadway in the 26000 block of Hwy 99E. The vehicle had crashed. OSP will investigate.

Fri., June 5, 5:30 p.m. — Caller reported a juvenile riding an ATV on the roadway in the 600 block of W C St. Deputy checked the area and found no ATVs on the roadway.

9:44 p.m. — Brandon Johnson, 44, of Brownsville, was arrested for DUII (.20% BAC or above) and reckless driving in the 200 block of S. Main St. A concerned citizen reported Brandon's driving while leaving the Strawberry Festival. Report taken.

HARRISBURG

Sat., May 30, 9:57 a.m. — Deputy responded to a noise complaint regarding a gym in the 100 block of Smith St. The gym was advised of the

complaint and asked to be mindful of loud music in the future.

12:04 p.m. — Deputy spoke with a citizen experiencing a mental health crisis in the 30800 block of Cartney Dr.

1:48 p.m. — Deputy observed teens in a place where they shouldn't have been at Eagle Park. The deputy warned the teens, who then moved along.

Sun., May 31, 6:18 p.m. — Deputy responded to a juvenile acting aggressively and out of control in the 700 block of Crimson Way. The deputy spoke with the parent and the juvenile, who agreed to calm down. Non-criminal.

7:48 p.m. — Helen Andrews, 57, of Albany, was cited for speeding in the 24500 block of Powerline Rd near Hwy 99E.

Mon., June 1, 12:37 p.m. — Caller reported finding an unfired small-caliber round in the 800 block of Erica Way. The deputy instructed him to leave it somewhere the deputy could later retrieve and dispose of it.

7:47 p.m. — Deputy assists Harrisburg Fire at a crash on private property in the 33400 block of Mt. Tom Dr.

Tue., June 2, 9:31 p.m. — Deputy investigated juveniles who were egging a house in the 300 block of Schooling St. No one was detained due to insufficient evidence.

2:37 p.m. — Ashton Wagoner, 28, of Harrisburg, was arrested for menacing, domestic violence harassment, and resisting arrest after a domestic disturbance call in the 800 block of S 6th St. Report taken.

11:06 p.m. — Timothy Lycett, 35, of Veneta, was cited for no insurance and failing to maintain a lane after deputies responded to a single-vehicle crash in the 22300 block of Coburg Rd. Report taken.

Wed., June 3, 8:34 a.m. — Adam Tate, 71, of Eugene, was cited for operating a motorcycle without an endorsement and warned for a moving violation in the 200 block of Monroe St., near N 3rd St.

9:26 a.m. — Kevin Willard, 41, of Lebanon, was cited for driving while suspended and uninsured in the 300 block of S 3rd St. near Kesling St.

10:12 a.m. — Deborah Lake, 75, of Harrisburg, was cited for failing to carry proof of insurance in the 200 block of S 3rd St., near Macy

St.

4:37 p.m. — William McCormick, 68, of Philomath, was cited for speeding 90 in a 55-mph zone on his motorcycle in the 31500 block of Diamond Hill Dr.

5:45 p.m. — Deputy conducted additional patrols around Harrisburg High School to check on students involved in a senior prank. Non-criminal.

8:49 p.m. — Michael Linwood, 23, of Salem, was cited for failing to carry proof of insurance in the 600 block of Territorial St., near N 7th St.

Thu., June 4, 2:20 a.m. — Deputy responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 500 block of S 5th St. The deputy investigated a report of a male and female fighting and learned they were intoxicated and boisterous, but not fighting. Non-criminal.

3:57 p.m. — Deputy assisted Harrisburg Public Works in removing broken glass from the roadway in the 400 block of Territorial St.

5:05 p.m. — Deputy responded to a DHS 307 report referral involving a parent and an aunt using controlled substances around children in the 32800 block of Diamond Hill Dr. Following the investigation, no evidence was found that any crimes occurred or that any children were endangered. Non-criminal.

11:59 p.m. — a 17-year-old from Cottage Grove was cited for failing to carry proof of insurance in the 200 block of S 3rd St., near Macy St.

Fri., June 5, 3:35 p.m. — Deputies responded to a civil dispute over possession of a vehicle in the 1000 block of S 6th St.

8:09 p.m. — Caller requested a report number after being involved in a hit and run in the 23400 block of Hwy 99E.

Sat., June 6, 11:10 a.m. — Esmeralda Ruiz Magno, 22, of Harrisburg, was arrested and lodged in the LCJ on charges of domestic harassment and reckless endangering following a domestic disturbance in the 1000 block of Applegate Pl.

2:28 p.m. — Ongoing investigation into suspicious circumstances involving a married couple in the 800 block of Burton St.

JEFFERSON

Mon., June 1, 1:05 a.m. — Caller reported that his ex

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drove by his residence in the 38300 block of Kelly Rd. and fired a single gunshot in an unknown direction. The deputy contacted the ex, who denied involvement. No evidence was found to substantiate the incident. Information documented.

Thu., June 4, 4:14 p.m. — Deputy contacted occupants of a reported suspicious vehicle in the 39300 block of Hwy 99E and instructed them to move along.

PEORIA

Mon., June 1, 7:57 p.m. — Deputy responded to a report of a cat hit by a car in the 32600 block of Peoria Rd.

SCIO

Sat., May 30, 3:38 p.m. — Raymond Daniel, 22, of Salem was cited for speeding 78 in a 55-mph zone and for not having a driver's license in the 36700 block of Richardson Gap Rd.

4:07 p.m. — Grady Foss, 20, of Lebanon, was cited for speeding 78 in a 55-mph zone in the 37300 block of Richardson Gap Rd near Montgomery Dr.

5:37 p.m. — Reda Miller, 71, of Jefferson, was cited for speeding 78 in a 55-mph zone in the 39000 block of Hwy 99E near SE Cedar St.

Mon., June 1, 8:15 a.m. — Audrey Scully, 38, of Eugene, was cited for failing to yield to oncoming traffic, which resulted in a traffic crash in the 37100 block of Gilkey Rd. No injuries were reported. Report taken.

11:01 a.m. — Deputy documented a report of fraudulent credit card use in the 40000 block of Stayton Scio Loop. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

11:45 a.m. — Deputies logged information from a DHS 307 referral reported in the 40700 block of Fish Hatchery Dr.

Tue., June 2, 3:01 a.m. — Deputy received a report of an erratic driver in the 37300 block of Richardson Gap Rd near Montgomery Dr. Deputy checked the area, found one vehicle matching the description, and observed no violations. Deputy continued to check the area but was unable to locate any erratic drivers.

11:31 a.m. — Deputy answered a citizen's questions regarding animal odors and weed management coming from a neighboring property in the 35500 block of Ede Rd.

11:45 a.m. — Deputy documented a reported threat by a student at Scio High School in the 38800 block of N Main St. Report taken.

5:21 p.m. — Deputy spoke to a female whose son found dogs in the 44200 block of Camp Morrison Dr and brought them home. There were no available kennels at animal control at the time of the report.

7:06 p.m. — Deputy responded to a trespass request in the 37000 block of Richardson Gap Rd. The caller did not want the trespassers contacted and said they were leaving. The caller also raised additional

concerns about the safety of people parking just off the roadway.

Wed., June 3, 4:57 p.m. — Elisha Crisanto, 30, of Scio, was cited for no driver's license, driving uninsured, and failing to renew a vehicle registration in the 39700 block of Montgomery Dr.

9:03 p.m. — an overdose ingestion poisoning was reported in the 40700 block of Hwy 226. No public narrative.

9:20 p.m. — Caller reported a non-injury crash in the 39200 block of Ridge Dr. near Stayton Scio Rd. The deputy spoke with the driver and passengers and learned the driver had missed their turn, driving into a ditch. The crash was determined to be non-reportable.

Thu., June 4, 5:51 p.m. — Melissa Lee, 53, of Scio, was arrested on an LCCC warrant and transported to the LCJ in the 36500 block of Crackerneck Dr. Report taken.

Fri., June 5, 1:34 p.m. — Steve Ekseldson, 57, of Scio, was arrested on a parole-violation warrant in the 37400 block of Robinson Dr.

8:12 p.m. — Deputy responded to a report of a civil dispute in the 42400 block of Valley View Dr., where a mother and daughter argued over ownership of a motor home.

Sat., June 6, 10:48 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an abandoned vehicle in the 42800 block of Rogers Mountain Loop. After further investigation, the vehicle was determined to be involved in a hit-and-run accident. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

SHEDD

Mon., June 1, 8:00 p.m. — Caller reported a juvenile riding a dirt bike on the roadway in the 33600 block of Linn West Dr. Deputies were unable to locate anyone in the area.

Tue., June 2, 9:51 a.m. — Ann Kilborn, 52, of Brownsville, was cited for speeding in the 30700 block of Seven Mile Lane.

Sat., June 6, 3:20 a.m. — Deputy assisted a stranded motorist in the 31000 block of Hwy 99E in changing a flat tire.

TANGENT

Mon., June 1, 3:58 p.m. — Deputies logged information from a DHS 307 referral reported in the 32000 block of Birdfood Dr.

Tue., June 2, 9:27 a.m. — Caller reported a stray dog in the 31500 block of Driver Rd. Deputy transported the stray to animal control.

Thu., June 4, 4:36 p.m. — Caller reported an ATM located in a local waterway in the 3100 block of Tangent Dr. near McLagan Rd. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

Fri., June 5, 9:41 a.m. — Deputies spoke with a citizen who is going through a breakup in the 33700 block of Hwy 99D. The citizen worried there would be issues with their ex destroying personal property, amongst other things. ☺

Utility Pole Swap

By Allen L. Buzzard, Guest Contributor

BROWNSVILLE — A crew from Yates Line Company replaced an aging utility pole in Brownsville on June 2, 2026.

Yates' is one of many subcontractors that perform work for Pacific Power. The crew was working at Locust Avenue and Oak Street in historic Brownsville's former railroad district.

The intersection sits among homes built between 1859 and the 1890s and was once part of a busy, railroad-centered commercial district. Today, a modern storage facility and a new residential subdivision stand just blocks away, overlooking scattered, rotting remnants of large creosote-treated railroad trestle timbers.

According to Yates, the complexity and size of the job dictate how many bucket trucks and crew members are needed. Seven men — three in two bucket-lift trucks; two traffic flaggers and two ground crew; one of whom is both lead foreman and safety observer — were needed in this instance.

Contrary to popular belief, a powered steel auger was not used. Instead, crews used high-pressure water and a vacuum hose.

Yates said the method is commonly used in developed neighborhoods because it allows crews to locate underground utilities with less risk of damaging gas, power, or communication lines.

The old pole remained standing beside the new one because extensive woodpecker damage had rendered it unserviceable.

"Yep. Woodpeckers are our money maker," declared the foreman.

Utility companies that rely on wooden poles regularly contend with woodpecker damage, which can shorten a pole's service life. ☺



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Crews in bucket trucks installing a new utility pole.



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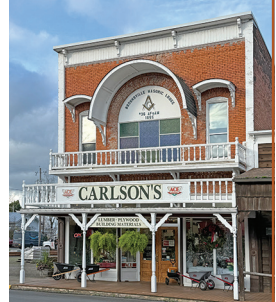
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