



Decades of Service Lead Ervins to Grand Marshal Honor

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer and Columnist

After forty years of service to their neighbors, Joe and LeAnne Ervin will lead one of Brownsville's most beloved traditions as Grand Marshals of the 2026 Pioneer Picnic. The honor recognizes a legacy built on their steady, everyday care for the community.

Joe Ervin began working at Brownsville Pharmacy on May 1, 1985. Over the years, he became a trusted figure to generations of local families. For many customers, he was more than a pharmacist. He was someone who listened, answered questions, offered reassurance, and helped when help was needed most. Residents remember moments that reflected his character, including times when he helped customers afford needed medication or responded quickly during emergencies to make sure families had prescriptions in hand.

Joe was the founder and chair of the Pioneer Picnic Dam Run 5K/10K. He chaired the event for over 10 years. Proceeds from the annual event benefit the Central Linn Track Teams. LeAnne Ervin's contributions were equally important. A graduate of Oregon State University, along with Joe, she helped manage the pharmacy's finances and shaped the gift shop into a favorite stop for shoppers. Her careful selection of cards, children's clothing, handmade items and gifts helped make the pharmacy a place of connection as well as care. Together, the Ervins built a business rooted in service. Through changing times, from handwritten prescriptions to digital systems, their approach remained the same: people came first.

GRAND MARSHAL continued on page 12



COURTESY: LINN COUNTY PIONEER ASSOCIATION

Joe and LeAnne Ervin, dressed in period attire, will serve as Grand Marshals of the 2026 Linn County Pioneer Picnic. The honor recognizes their decades of community involvement, business leadership, and service to Brownsville.

A Fun Day! All-Girls Car Cruise

By Heidi Anderson and Vicki Burnett, Guest Contributors

The 2026 All-Girls Car Cruise took participants from Salem to Brownsville in a colorful mix of classic hot rods, modern muscle cars, and daily drivers. Some women drove, some rode shotgun, but everyone enjoyed the journey.

The group traveled south on Interstate 5 to Exit 228 (Hwy 34) before making their way to Brownsville along Seven Mile Lane. The scenic country road offered views of the Butte Mountains, green farmland, grazing sheep, and blue skies. The quiet route provided plenty of opportunities to enjoy both the scenery and the sounds of the cars cruising through the countryside.

The first stop was the Linn County Historical Museum in Brownsville. Participants enjoyed exploring the museum's exhibits, artifacts, and local history. The building's historic wood floors, walls, and ceilings helped create an atmosphere that transported visitors back to an earlier era. Several attendees said they plan to return with family members to spend more time exploring the museum's collections.

After the museum, the group headed to Kirk's Ferry Trading Post Restaurant for lunch. The restaurant is home to Alexander Kirk's cabin, built in 1847 and recognized as the oldest standing building in Oregon. The cabin has been preserved inside the restaurant, giving visitors a chance to experience a unique piece of Oregon history while dining.

Lunch was a highlight of the day. Popular menu choices included brisket, ribs, and pulled pork sandwiches, with many participants praising the food and hospitality.



LAUREN SINZ

Missy Finn poses with her 1956 Chevrolet Bel Air, recipient of the "Pretty as a Peach" award at the 2026 All-Girls Car Cruise. Photo provided.

The cruise provided an opportunity to enjoy scenic roads, great food, and the company of both new and longtime friends. Organizers described the event as another successful gathering celebrating cars, camaraderie, and adventure.

Those interested in receiving information about next year's cruise can email Riseandshinedevine@gmail.com. ☺

2026 Award Winners:

- "Easy on the Eyes" — Shirl Shetler, 1956 Ford pickup
- "Red-Hot Classic" — Gwen Ruebesam, 1967 Chevy Impala
- "Pretty as a Peach" — Missy Finn, 1956 Chevrolet Bel Air
- "Speed Demon" — Olga Dean, 2015 Corvette Stingray

INSIDE

POTTERY CLASSES



GREATER TUNA-



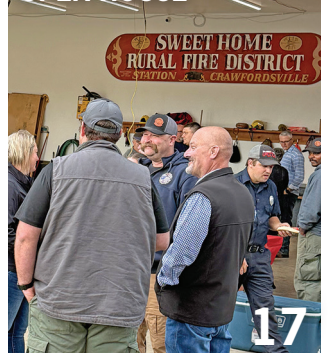
TABLE TALK TACOS



PIONEER PICNIC GUIDE



STATION 23 OPEN HOUSE



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
<https://www.lebanonpool.org/swim-club>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Friends of the Lebanon Public Library Book Sale
Saturday, June 20 • 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Friends Bookstore/Lebanon Senior Center, 80 Tangent St., Lebanon
The monthly book sale features a select inventory of books and media, New Arrivals, carved vintage books, bookish gift items, and more. Most books are \$0.50 to \$2 each. Card payments are accepted on purchases of \$5 and over.

Historic Lebanon Hotel Community Tour
Saturday, June 20 • 11 a.m.
661 S Main St., Lebanon
One of Lebanon’s oldest landmarks is opening its doors for a special community tour of the historic Lebanon Hotel, built in 1913. The hotel once contained 80 rooms. The current owner will share the building’s history, restoration efforts, and vision for the future.
<https://www.teamgillott.com> • 541-451-2211

Father’s Day Car Show
Sunday, June 21 • 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
Valley Christian Center • 577 Scrael Hill Rd. NE, Albany
Come out for cool cars, a free hot dog lunch, and family fun. Bringing a car to the show? Registration starts at 10 a.m. No entry fee. Judging begins at 1:30 p.m. with many categories and prizes.

SafeHaven Family Volunteer Day
Sunday, June 21, 2–4 p.m.
SafeHaven Humane Society, 32220 Old Hwy. 34, Tangent
Families are invited to spend an afternoon volunteering to help shelter animals through hands-on activities, including cleaning, making enrichment toys, and socializing with animals. Children under 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Space is limited, and advance registration is required.
<https://safehavenhumane.org/events> • 541-928-2789.

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>

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.

City of Halsey Wetland Town Hall Meeting
Wednesday, June 24 • 6–7:30 p.m.
Halsey Community Center, 100 W Halsey St.
The purpose of this meeting is to provide information on the City’s draft Local Wetland Inventory, answer questions, and receive community feedback.

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 handmade garments alongside the animals that produced the fiber. Free parking.
<https://www.blacksheepgathering.org> • 503-804-0014
blacksheepgathering@gmail.com

Annual Harrisburg Citywide Cleanup Day
Saturday, June 27 • 9 a.m.–2 p.m.
Harrisburg High School, 400 S 9th St
Provided by Republic Services and the City of Harrisburg. Open to Harrisburg city residents only; ID required. Cost is \$5 per load.
Accepted items include yard debris and branches, unpainted or untreated wood, broken yard items, TVs, computers and electronics, scrap metal (all fluids and tanks removed), swimming pools, large appliances, broken furniture, and general junk items.
Hazardous waste, paint, tires, chemicals, fertilizers, pesticides, explosives, ammunition, car or machine fluids, and household garbage will not be accepted.
Residents should use regular garbage service for household trash.

Harrisburg Firecracker 5K Walk/Run and Kids’ Fun Run
Saturday, June 28 • 9 a.m.
Harrisburg Elementary School, 642 Smith St.
Walk or run the 5K course (the kids’ fun run for ages 2-10 will follow the 5K). Proceeds benefit the Fourth of July fireworks and kids’ events. Shirts can be purchased for \$10. Packet pickup is available Friday, June 26, 5–7 p.m., and Saturday, June 27, 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m., at 500 Smith St., or on the morning of the race beginning at 7 a.m.
<https://raceroster.com/events/2026/116629/harrisburg-firecracker-5k-and-kids-fun-run>
Carlene Mitchell • 541-221-0688

SEE PIONEER PICNIC GUIDE ON PAGES 9-12

STAY CONNECTED!
Discover events or add your own to our community calendar:
<https://brownsvilletimes.org/community-calendar>

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.

Calapooia Clay Offers Summer Classes, Workshops, and Events

ALBANY — Adults looking to explore pottery, develop new artistic skills, or simply enjoy a creative outlet will find plenty of opportunities this summer at Calapooia Clay.

Located at 1533 Seventh Ave. SE in Albany, the studio offers a variety of classes, workshops, and special events designed for beginners and experienced ceramic artists alike. Calapooia Clay welcomes participants ages 16 and older and emphasizes small class sizes, personalized instruction, and a supportive community atmosphere.



COURTESY: CALAPOOIA CLAY

Several multi-week classes begin in late June. Wheel Throwing Basics will be offered in two sessions starting June 23, from 4–6 p.m. and 7–9 p.m. Intermediate students can explore botanical-inspired pottery techniques in The Botanical Studio, beginning

June 25. Beyond the Basics Wheel Throwing and Handbuilding Basics both begin June 27 at 9:30 a.m.

The studio also has several hands-on workshops scheduled throughout June and July. Potters can test their skills during The Big Bowl Throwdown on June 18, create custom drinkware during the Summer Sipper Workshop on July 5, or craft decorative Fruit Plates on July 19. Unwind on the Wheel sessions, designed for a relaxed evening of creativity, will be offered June 26, July 10, and July 24.

In addition to classes, Calapooia Clay hosts special events, including private pottery parties on July 3 and July 17. The studio will also participate in Art + Wine in the Garden



COURTESY: CALAPOOIA CLAY

on July 25 and 26, combining local art, wine, and outdoor enjoyment.

Calapooia Clay describes itself as more than a pottery studio, serving as a creative learning space where participants can build skills, explore new techniques, and connect with fellow clay enthusiasts.

Visit <https://calapooiaclay.com/classes> for class registration, workshop details, or membership information. ☼

ALBANY VISITORS ASSOCIATION

Summer Fun for the Kids Albany Summer Passport Program

By Donald Lyon, Staff Writer and Columnist

School's out, and the fun begins. The Albany Visitors Association and other organizations are making it happen. Kids ages 2 to 17 are invited to sign up for a free Albany Safari. The event kicked off on June 11 at the Albany Carousel, with rides on the exquisitely carved lions, tigers, and giraffes, plus a luau. To get your Safari Passport, bring a parent or guardian and drop by the Albany Visitors Association at 122 Ferry Street in Albany.

There are 29 local places of interest participating in the Safari, including the Amtrak Station, the Albany Library, an Ice Cream Parlor, and even



Albany's Summer Passport Program invites children to explore local attractions, museums, and businesses throughout the summer. Pick up a free passport, visit participating locations, collect stamps, learn about featured animals, and become eligible for prizes through Aug. 7.

Thompson's Mills State Heritage Site. At each spot, your quest is to find a poster of that place's animal and learn something about it. For example, Thompson's Mills' animal is the Northern Long-eared Bat, which uses echolocation to navigate and catch its food. Got it? Get your passport stamped at each place you visit, then turn it in to the Albany Visitors Association before August 7. Many prizes will be announced at the Carousel on August 15.

In addition to the passport program, the Albany Youth Orchestra is announcing summer classes.

The YMCA offers summer programs, including Day Passes — just \$5 for those 17 and under. Monthly membership is \$49 for kids ages six to 17. They also offer a drop-in Child Watch program. The Albany Regional Museum is free for kids under 13, Veterans, and SNAP EBT cardholders, who can bring up to 3 guests. Seniors pay just \$3. Not bad! While you are at the Visitors Association office, pick up brochures for other great places to visit around the area. ☼

Children enjoy a ride on the historic Albany Carousel during the kickoff celebration for the Albany Summer Passport Program on June 11. The free summer activity encourages families to visit participating attractions throughout Albany.



ALBANY CIVIC THEATER

Greater Tuna Delights Audience

By Jeff Brown, Staff Writer and Columnist

The Albany Civic Theater recently brought audiences a delightful production of "Greater Tuna," the first and most famous installment in the beloved Tuna comedy series written by Jaston Williams, Joe Sears, and Ed Howard. Directed by Lance Duddleston with Assistant Director Meghan Duddleston, the production showcased remarkable talent, energy, and versatility from its cast while highlighting the dedication of the theater's all-volunteer organization.

Set in the fictional town of Tuna, Texas, "Greater Tuna" is a fast-paced comedy that pokes fun at small-town life through a colorful cast of eccentric residents. The story unfolds through a series of sketches and conversations, many of them broadcast over the local radio station, offering a humorous look at the town's personalities, politics, and peculiarities. The comedy works because its characters are both larger-than-life and surprisingly relatable.

Gary Burris and Chuck Skinner carried the production from start to finish, portraying a combined 21 characters while bringing the quirky citizens of Tuna, Texas, to life. Burris took on 10 roles and Skinner 11, each making rapid transitions between characters through costume changes, vocal shifts, and distinctive mannerisms. Despite the constant transformations, every character felt unique and recognizable. Supporting their efforts was Cal Skinner, whose non-speaking appearances helped tie scenes together and added to the production's visual humor and flow. Together, the trio main-

tained the show's energy and pacing, keeping the audience laughing throughout the performance and showcasing the considerable talent required to make a production like "Greater Tuna" succeed.

For local theatergoers, this production carried special significance. While "Greater Tuna" was the first play written in the series, it was the final installment presented by Albany Civic Theater after previous productions of "A Tuna Christmas," "Red, White and Tuna," and "Tuna Does Vegas." With this production, the theater completed the entire Tuna franchise, giving audiences the opportunity to experience all four chapters of the long-running comedy series.

As an all-volunteer organization, Albany Civic Theater continues to demonstrate the passion and commitment that community theater can bring to the stage. With strong direction, exceptional performances, and plenty of laughter, "Greater Tuna" proved to be a fitting and entertaining conclusion to the theater's Tuna journey.

Next up for ACT is a production of Shakespeare's lighthearted comedy "A Midsummer Night's Dream," running July 10-25. ☼



Gary Burris portrays one of the many eccentric residents of Tuna, Texas, during Albany Civic Theater's production of "Greater Tuna." Burris played 10 different characters in the show.



Chuck Skinner appears as one of Tuna's colorful citizens. Skinner portrayed 11 different characters throughout the comedy.

Greenways Academy
Powered by eDynamic Learning

Fall Enrollment for Full-Time K-12 Online Learning

greenwaysacademy.com
(314) 432-7534

Hey, Girl.
That long, hot summer?
Yeah, it's coming.

Show him a little love before he breaks down during the first heatwave.

Stephens
HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING, INC.
Family Owned Since 1979

Schedule your Maintenance Today!
541-754-1681

AMERICAN LEGION POST 184

From Central Linn to the Horizon and Back

By an ordinary seaman

There is a particular kind of warmth that settles into the Central Linn High School gymnasium every June, a familiar mixture of community pride and the gentle rustle of folding chairs. Under the roof this year, four to five hundred parents, grandparents, and neighbors gathered, filling the bleachers and the rubber-matted floor to watch thirty-two young people cross the threshold into adulthood.

At the scheduled moment, the high school band struck up "Pomp and Circumstance," the classic march that has become the definitive soundtrack for American graduations. As Principal Dean Rech led the graduates onto the stage two by two, the audience let out a collective roar. There were smiles, a few wiped-away tears, and beautiful, ringing anthems from the school choir, the Blue Notes.

For those of us at the Travis Moothart American Legion Post 184, the day held an extra bit of joy. Earlier this spring, we found ourselves with two exceptionally qualified finalists for our annual scholarship. Unable to deny the immense talent and drive of either young woman, the local Legionnaires decided to award \$2,500 to both. This fall, Addison Wolff will head to George Fox University to study nursing, while Isabelle Curtis will attend Oregon State University to begin her journey in civil engineering.



Norm Simms congratulates graduates Addison "Addie" Wolff and Isabelle Curtis.

Looking at the stage, one realizes that high school graduation is a vital checkpoint in our lives. We watch our youth step out into the wider world, knowing they must go where their training and ambitions call them. They leave to learn, to grow, and to test themselves. Yet, as any elder will tell you, a look toward the horizon is best paired with a look back home. We send our graduates off with the deepest hope that the roads they travel will eventually lead them back across the Calapooia River.

Years from now, when today's future has become history, perhaps after Addison has successfully led a medical team in containing a virus among the citizens of Moon Base Alpha, and Isabelle has completed her masterpiece as the chief designer of the world's first fully automated transcontinental highway system, we look forward to welcoming them back. We hope to see them return to CLHS, standing at the very podium they just left, showing the next generation of Central Linn graduates how to find their own way home. 🌊

School Year Ends with Full Cobra Pride

By Eva Wada, Staff Writer and Assistant Editor

The Central Linn senior class packed their final days with spirit this June. Celebrations began on Monday, June 1, at the Senior Banquet, where families cheered for award winners. Georgia Wahl and Brook Winningham received the Gary Keen Memorial Scholarship, Luis Garcia-Lopez won the \$1,000 Sweet Home Sanitation scholarship, and Dakota Ramshur won a \$1,000 scholarship from the East Linn Masonic Lodge, to name a few. Presenters urged future senior parents to ensure their kids apply next year, noting there were far more funds to give out than applicants.

Following the banquet, spirit week festivities kicked into high gear as the Central Linn Junior and Senior High School staff joined the fun for Wednesday's goofy "Wig and Jort Day." That afternoon, elementary students lined the bus loop with signs and bubbles to cheer the cap-and-gown-clad seniors as they toured in yellow buses led by the Brownsville Fire Department for the Senior Parade. Following a festive Luau party on Thursday evening, the week concluded with Senior events on Saturday as caps flew into the air at Graduation inside the CLHS Cobra Dome on June 6.



Twins Alexys and Avery Vaquez shed tears and said farewell to fellow students for the summer on Thursday, June 11.

Central Linn Elementary School also had plenty of fun during the final two weeks of school. On June 4, thirteen students used "Cobra Pride" tickets to buy a "pie the teacher" ticket. Brave staff members took a hit, including Principal Mr. Sauter, who then surprised Mrs. Sandy with the last pie. On June 10, the Halsey Fire Department arrived to hose down ecstatic kids. It was the perfect prelude to June 11, when the final half-day of class closed the school year.

As that final bell rang, a heavy sadness hung over Central Linn Elementary. The exit turned into big tears as students said goodbye to Ms. Joanne Chase, the Speech Language Pathologist on campus, Ms. Heather Baze, a paraprofessional many students adored, as well as the third-grade student teacher heading to Portland next year, Ms. Marly Knox. Whether stepping out into the world as graduates or heading into summer vacation with bittersweet goodbyes, the district's students carry forward the strong support of their families, their community, and the CLSD educators who cheered them on every step of the way. 🌊



Senior Dakota Ramshur received the East Linn Masonic Lodge Scholarship worth \$1000.



Students and staff at CLES waved handmade pencil flags and congratulation signs to CLHS Seniors on Wednesday, June 10.



Principal Mr. Sauter, Mrs. Sandy, Mr. Jesse, Mr. Hainz, Miss Klein, Miss Davis, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Jake, and Mr. Hobie from CLES got pied in the face by students who saved up their Cobra Pride tickets for good behavior.

Pioneer Bookkeeping & Tax Service
 202 N Main Street, Brownsville • 541-466-3144
 Cindy Clark, LTC#4910
 "Full Service for Small Businesses!"
 Income Tax Preparations • Reasonable Rates
 Evenings & Weekends by Appointments
 OBTP#B00696

Solar Powered Farmhouse
 with EV Charger
 Available on Airbnb
 541-915-9322

Stellar's View
 Available on Airbnb & VRBO
 Secluded 2 bedroom near downtown Brownsville



Members of the Central Linn High School Class of 2026 gather on stage during commencement ceremonies June 6 in the school gymnasium. Thirty-two graduates received diplomas before an audience of family, friends, faculty, and community members celebrating the milestone achievement.



Jayne Neal, Georgia Wahl, and Isabelle Curtis lead the Class of 2026 into commencement ceremonies.



Jackson Durringer, Isabelle Curtis, Enrique Luis-Gonzales, Jayne Neal, and Addie Wolff pose with scholarship awards.



Left: Brownsville resident Brayden Garber celebrates earning his high school diploma from Central Linn. Right: Tangent resident Georgia Rae Wahl graduated from Central Linn High School with an honors diploma and plans to attend Linn-Benton Community College to pursue a degree in animal technology.



Jayne Neal receives a scholarship award from Carolyn Jackson during Central Linn High School commencement ceremonies June 6. Neal was one of three recipients of scholarships awarded by the Central Linn Recreation Association, receiving \$2,500. The association also awarded \$2,250 to Georgia Wahl and \$250 to Terri Williamson.



Seniors Leif Erickson and Jackson Durringer have celebrated sports victories on the field and court together through the years. Still making memories, they took the final graduation walk through the Cobra Dome.

Below: Seniors wore personalized caps expressing their memories and appreciation. This cap reads, "Thank you for the music."



Senior Banquet: From left: Don and Carmen Martinez Ware, Brooklyn Winningham, Addie Wolff, and on the other side of the table, Peyton Gaskey, Wannell and Don Ware.

TABLE TALK

TacoVino, Date Night Done Right

By Jeff Brown, Staff Writer and Columnist



Ave., a place I'd heard about more than once. On a Saturday night, it was busy — every table full and folks waiting — but the line moved along. About 15 minutes later, we were seated and greeted by our server, Melanie, who kept things running smoothly despite the crowd.



For the main course, I ordered the Barbacoa and Al Pastor tacos. The brisket in the Barbacoa was tender and smoky, paired nicely with the sweet jalapeño relish. The Al Pastor, with its charred pineapple and marinated pork, had a depth of flavor that's hard to overstate. These weren't your standard tacos — they felt carefully put together, with each ingredient earning its place.

My wife went with the Skirt Steak and Fish tacos, both just as thoughtfully done. By the end, we were too full to consider dessert, though it was tempting.

It's easy to see why folks are willing to wait for a table here. TacoVino delivers a meal that's worth slowing down for. If you find yourself in Corvallis, it's a stop I'd recommend.

CORVALLIS — A recent Saturday with chores all done gave my wife and I the perfect excuse for a fun and delicious date night — dinner and a movie over in Corvallis. We started the evening at Darkside Cinema, a spot that always feels like a good fit for something a little different. They were showing Granite Rapids Moon, an independent film about hiking the Grand Canyon. Having made that trek ourselves years ago, it struck a chord and brought back more than a few memories.

But as good as the movie was, the meal that followed is what struck me.

Afterward, we walked a few blocks over to TacoVino, located at 151 NW Monroe



MINOR BROWNSVILLE HAYMAKERS BASEBALL

Minor League Continue to Grow Through Tough Competition

The Brownsville Haymakers Minor American team faced two of the league's toughest teams on June 2, giving the young squad a valuable opportunity to grow against strong competition.

The Haymakers continue to learn and progress as each challenge pushes them to sharpen their skills and focus on the fundamentals of the game. Although tough matchups can be difficult, they also provide some of the best opportunities for development. Players learn to overcome adversity, battle through each inning, and stay focused on every pitch, regardless of the score or situation.

Coaches and supporters say the growth from the first week of the season to now is evident. The boys are improving physically and mentally while also learning how to work together as a team. In sports, close games, difficult games, and even losses often create the greatest growth. Big wins are fun and exciting, but tough competition gives players a chance to improve in deeper and more meaningful ways.

At Brownsville Athletics, the goal is the overall development of each player's athletic ability, sportsmanship, and character, both on and off the field. While the team always wants to win, winning is not the primary focus. The larger goal is to prepare players for the next level of baseball while helping them build skills they can carry into life and throughout their athletic careers.

Although the team carries the Brownsville Haymakers name, the program is not limited to Brownsville players. The Haymakers welcome athletes from nearby communities, including Halsey, Shedd, and surrounding areas, helping bring young players together through competitive baseball.

The third and fourth grade Haymakers will have a long home stand during the second half of the season. The city of Halsey has welcomed and supported the program, and all home games are being played at Halsey City Park, 300 W O St.



Colt Craven works from the mound during the Haymakers' 6-2 game against Monroe. Coaches say the team's growth and confidence continue to improve with each week of competition.



Members of the Brownsville Haymakers Minor American team pose for a 2026 season photo.



OVERTON VALLEY BEEF

GRASS FED • GRASS FINISHED

USDA Certified Angus Beef • 100% Natural

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

Family owned and operated

Kyle Koontz • 541.990.3374

OVERTONVALLEYRANCH.COM



403 N Main St
Brownsville

Natoshya Moffitt
541.405.2147

memascountrykitchen@yahoo.com

Facebook: Mema's Country Kitchen

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

PIONEER VILLA

RESTAURANT & SALOON

Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner • 5 am-10 pm

33180 Hwy 228, Halsey • 541-369-2801

pioneervillatruckplaza.com

RESTAURANT

Traditional Mexican Food

Daily Specials

CALI

693 W 2nd
HALSEY

541-642-3007

Mon-Sat 11-8

Tasty Mexican Food!



122 Spaulding
11-9 • Sunday 12-8

Family Friendly

Armandos

Mexican Restaurant

Phone Orders 541-466-3636

\$5 OFF
When you spend \$40+

LEBANON **1847** OREGON

BAR & GRILL

Buy an entree & receive 50% off an appetizer

505 Mullins Drive, Lebanon • 541-451-1847

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

SENIOR AMERICAN BROWNSVILLE HAYMAKERS

Haymakers Rally From Seven Down to Defeat Stayton

The Brownsville Haymakers Senior American team of seventh and eighth graders showed plenty of grit Friday, June 5, rallying from a seven-run deficit to defeat Stayton Senior American-Dark, 17-7.

Stayton came out swinging, building an early lead with five runs in the first inning. Lincoln Dark drew a bases-loaded walk, Ethan Hemphill and Levi Classen each singled in runs, and Luke Foltz added a groundout that scored two more.

Stayton added two more runs in the third inning, stretching the lead to 7-0 after Hunter Hagemann singled to center field and Dark drove in another run on a groundout.

But the Haymakers refused to go quietly.

Brownsville answered in the bottom of the third with a big inning of its own. Kash Dodge, Chris Means, Arlo Hubbard, and Dominic Hostetler all delivered hits, while Aiden Riel reached on a fielder's choice, and Jack Martinez capped the rally with a triple. By the end of the inning, the Haymakers had tied the game at 7-7.

Brownsville took the lead for good in the fourth when Martinez tripled again, driving in a run to put the Haymakers ahead 8-7.

Then came the fifth inning explosion.

The Haymakers scored nine runs in the inning to put the game away. Riel singled to bring home two runs, Corben Pribble drove in a run on a groundout, and another run came across on a dropped third strike. Lincoln Martinez drew a bases-loaded walk, Means followed with a two-run double, and Hubbard added a two-run single.

By the time the inning ended, Brownsville had turned a close game into a 17-7 victory.

The Haymakers finished with 13 hits. Means, Riel, Hostetler, and Hubbard each had two hits. Means and Hubbard were especially productive in the heart of the lineup, driving in three runs apiece.

Brownsville also showed patience at the plate, drawing 11 walks. Lincoln Martinez led the team with three walks.

The Haymakers were aggressive on the bases as well, stealing 15 bases. Dodge, Landon Gaskey, Hostetler, Lincoln Funk, and Martinez each stole multiple bases.

Martinez started on the mound for Brownsville, allowing eight hits and seven runs over 4 1/3 innings while striking out two and walking three. Means came on in relief to help close out the win.

The comeback victory highlighted the Haymakers' ability to stay composed after a rough start and keep battling inning by inning.



Team huddle, Lincoln Funk, Arlo Hubbard, Corben Pribble, Kash Dodge, Chris Means, Dominic Hostetler, Henry Suing and Coaches Kyle Koontz and Robert Strauss



Lincoln Funk, Shepherd Strauss, Lincoln Martinez, and Noah Purvis all take a knee as Corben Pribble warms up to close out the game against Stayton.

Linn County Youth Wage Grant Program Returns for 2026

Linn County is once again helping connect young people with their first jobs while providing financial assistance to small businesses through its First-Time Employment Youth Wage Grant Program.

The program reimburses eligible Linn County businesses \$4 per hour for hiring first-time employment youth between now and Sept. 30, 2026. The reimbursement rate was increased this year from \$3 per hour to \$4 per hour, making it even more attractive for employers to participate.

The program is available to businesses with 35 or fewer employees and is designed to encourage employers to give young people valuable work experience. Eligible youth must be Linn County residents, between the ages of 14 and 19, legally authorized to work in the United States, and have not previously worked for the participating employer.

Employers may receive up to \$2,000 per youth employee, with a maximum reimbursement of \$6,000 per business. Businesses may employ up to three qualifying youth at one time.

Over the years, dozens of local businesses, farms, nonprofits, and public agencies have participated in the program, helping young people gain valuable work experience while developing workplace skills.

Participating employers have included Anderson Ranches Oregon Lamb, Kirt M. Glenn, DMD, PC, Randy's Main Street Coffee, and Ram Trucking in Brownsville; Lyn Seed Testing and Kirk Century Farms in Halsey; the City of Harrisburg, Bashaw Land & Seed Inc., Langdon AG, Olsen Run Winery, and Roy A. Bowers & Sons, Inc. in Harrisburg; Albany Box Company, Boshart Trucking, Inc., Oregon Powder Coating, Phelan Enterprises, SafeHaven Humane Society, and Wirth Family Farms, Inc. in Tangent; Cascade Timber Consulting in Sweet Home; and Lebanon Aquatic District in Lebanon. Their willingness to invest in young workers has helped many Linn County teens gain their first job experience while strengthening the local workforce.

Applications are being accepted through Sept. 30. Businesses interested in participating can obtain an application through the Linn County Board of Commissioners. Reimbursement requests must be submitted by Nov. 14, 2026.

For more information, visit <https://www.co.linn.or.us> or contact the Linn County Board of Commissioners at 541-967-3825.

THE TIMES



CENTRAL WILLAMETTE VALLEY

Periodical postage paid at Brownsville, OR (USPS 0680-000).

Published every Wednesday by The Brownsville Times, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

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

SUBSCRIPTION RATES:

PRINT & DIGITAL yearly \$99 monthly \$10
DIGITAL ONLY yearly \$39 monthly \$5

Monthly subscriptions must be paid by credit card.

Editor/Publisher: Mikayle Stole | editor@brownsvilletimes.org

Volunteer Coordinator: Nancy Diltz | misscabc@yahoo.com

Board of Directors:

Sharon Banks, Chair | thebrownsvilletimes@gmail.com
Michael Humphreys, Treasurer
Dan Murphy, Secretary
Jeff Brown, Eric Kilgore, Donald Lyon, and Carolyn Pearce
Members at Large

Advertising: Jeff Brown 541-657-8148 | advertise@brownsvilletimes.org

Deadline for Advertising: Wednesday at 5 p.m. (for the following issue)

Deadline for Article Submissions: Wednesday at noon (for the following week's issue)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: <https://brownsvilletimes.org/contact>

EDITORIAL GUIDELINES: <https://brownsvilletimes.org/editorial-policy>

458-266-0511

343 N Main St, Brownsville OR 97327 | <https://brownsvilletimes.org>

Office Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 9 a.m. to noon, Thursdays 1 to 4 p.m.



BROWNSVILLE LIBRARY

Sneak Peek at Library Summer Fun

By Eva Wada, Brownsville Assistant Librarian



A Raggedy Ann doll belonging to Sherri Lemhouse's mother is featured in a display at the library. Visitors can also explore an exhibit celebrating America's upcoming 250th anniversary.

The Brownsville Community Library is bursting with excitement this season with a jam-packed schedule of awesome events. Kids and teens can look forward to a Bike Rodeo, creating fairy or gnome gardens, and learning cool facts during the “Bee Amazed” event with the U of O Museum of Natural and Cultural History. There is even a Stuffed Animal

Sleepover and a weekly reading challenge where turning in your reading logs can win you cool prizes.

If you are looking for your next great read, you are in luck. Head Librarian Sherri Lemhouse is introducing fantastic new books right on the Brownsville Library YouTube page, which you can find at @brownsvilibrary9641. In her recent video, she shares quick, exciting sneak peeks of hot new mysteries and thrillers. She highlights gripping stories like “The Big Empty” by Robert Crais, “The Mediator” by Robert Bailey, and “Anatomy of an Alibi” by Ashley Elston.

You can watch the video from home to pick out the perfect books, then visit us to check them out.

Please note we will also be closed June 23–27 for library maintenance. Grab your library card and join the fun! 🌻



Free Med-Project mail-back envelopes for unwanted prescription medications, along with disposal containers for inhalers and sharps, are also available at the library

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.
- Connect with the Library
- 146 Spaulding Ave., Brownsville • 541-466-5454
- <https://www.brownsvillecommunitylibrary.org>
- <https://www.facebook.com/BVORLibrary>

HARRISBURG LIBRARY

Summer Programs and State Parks Passes

Families looking for free summer activities will find plenty to do at the Harrisburg Public Library in the coming weeks, including storytimes, crafts, LEGO challenges, and the library's new Summer Reading Program.

The library's “Plant a Seed, Read” Summer Reading Program kicked off June 12 and continues with weekly Friday activities at 10 a.m. through Aug. 7. Upcoming events include an FFA Storytime and American flag planting at Harrisburg City Hall on June 19 and a Mommy and Me Paint Class on June 26. Additional summer programs will focus on gardening, nature, pollinators, and hands-on learning.

Children ages 0–3 can enjoy Tiny Tots Storytime each Wednesday at 11 a.m., featuring songs, rhymes, stories, and playtime. Older children are invited to Storytime on Fridays at 10 a.m. and LEGO Club on Fridays at 3 p.m. On June 19, participants will tackle a Father's Day-themed LEGO building challenge, with opportunities to earn prizes and display their creations. Throughout the summer, LEGO Club features new themed challenges each week.

Adults have an opportunity to connect during Craft Night Out, held Thursdays from 4–6 p.m. The free program includes crochet and knitting instruction, project-sharing, and a chance to learn new crafting skills.

The library is also participating in the Oregon State Parks Library Pass Program. Through the program, patrons can check out a free Oregon State Parks day-use parking pass, providing access to state parks that charge parking fees. The passes are valid at participating day-use parks statewide and can be borrowed through the library, subject to our checkout policies. The program runs through June 2027 and is intended to help more Oregonians explore the state's parks and outdoor recreation opportunities. 🌻

HARRISBURG LIBRARY PROGRAMS

- Tiny Tots Story Time
- Wednesdays • 11 a.m. • Ages 0–3
- Friday Storytime & Activity
- Fridays • 10 a.m. • Ages 4 and up
- Adult Craft Night Out
- Thursdays • 4–6 p.m. • 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, through August 7 • 10 a.m. • FREE
- Family-friendly activities, storytimes, crafts, and educational presentations. Supplies for some activities are limited.
- 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.
- Thu 1–6 p.m.; Fri 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; Sat 9 a.m.–2 p.m.
- Connect with the Library
- 354 Smith St., Harrisburg • 541-995-6949
- <https://www.ci.harrisburg.or.us/library>
- <https://www.facebook.com/HarrisburgOregonLibrary>

Halsey Parks and Library Committee Reviews Successful Spring Projects

HALSEY — The Halsey Parks and Library Committee celebrated several successful community projects at its May 21 meeting, including the annual Book-It 5K, the new pollinator garden, and preparations for the Summer Reading Program.

Committee members reported that this year's Book-It 5K drew about 62 participants, consistent with attendance in previous years. The event generated about \$2,100 in donations, while expenses totaled roughly \$600. Committee members also began discussing improvements for next year's race, including opening registration earlier, expanding sponsorship opportunities, improving finish-line signage, and exploring more accessible race options for participants with disabilities.

The committee also received an update on Halsey's pollinator garden project. Members reported that the garden has been planted and is already sprouting. The planting event, which involved local elementary school students, was deemed a success. Additional established plants and wildflower seeds were expected to be added before the end of May. The committee is seeking shrub donations to further enhance the garden.

Looking ahead, members discussed educational activities related to the pollinator garden, including possible fall programs on pollinators and migratory birds, as well as a pollinator-themed art display at the library.

Plans are also underway for the library's Summer Reading Program. Committee members discussed ways to boost participation, including improved outreach to local schools and community organizations. Ideas under consideration include raffles, participation prizes, completion certificates, and a future high school mentorship program to encourage reading.

The committee also discussed a potential bookmobile project. City staff and Public Works representatives recently inspected a retired school bus owned by the Central Linn School District as a possible basis for a mobile library. Further evaluation is needed before pursuing grant funding opportunities.

In addition, members discussed organizing a park work party to beautify city parks by planting trees, improving flower beds, and adding fresh bark around playground areas. Proposed work dates are expected to be considered in the coming weeks. 🌻

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!
- Library Hours: Closed Sun–Mon.
- Tue–Fri 1–5 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
- Connect with the Library
- 773 W 1st, Halsey • 541-369-2705
- <https://www.halseyor.gov/library>
- <https://www.facebook.com/HalseyLibrary>

139th Linn County Pioneer Picnic



Visitors gather along Main Street near Park Avenue in Brownsville during the Linn County Pioneer Picnic, June 9–11, 1915. According to Pioneer Association Director Linda McCormick, residents and the town band often met arriving families at the train depot before marching in parade fashion to the park for the reunion festivities. The photograph, which also hangs in The Times office, captures Brownsville during the height of the celebration.

The History of the Linn County Pioneer Picnic

By Linda McCormick, Linn County Pioneer Association Director

For many years, the homesteaders of Linn County talked about someday having a reunion. Many of them knew each other from traveling the Oregon Trail together, doing business with one another, or working on their farms. Finally, in



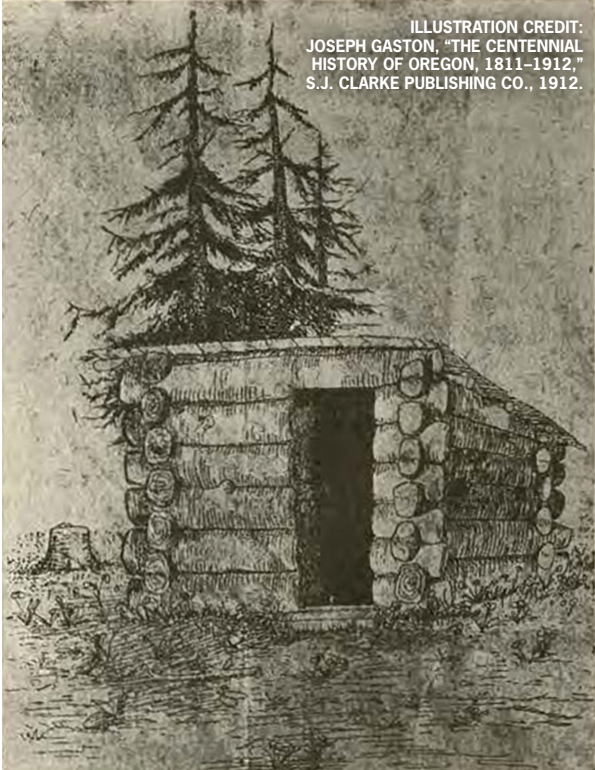
Attendees of the Linn County Pioneers Reunion gather at Pioneer Park in Brownsville in June 1891. The reunion was established just four years earlier by local pioneers who wanted to preserve friendships and memories forged during the settlement of the Willamette Valley.

1887, they decided to meet and plan the reunion. Many of the old timers had died by then. It was now or never.

Since many of the organizers lived near Crawfordsville, the first planning meeting of the Linn County Pioneer Association was held on July 30, 1887, in an upstairs room of a store owned by Robert Glass in Crawfordsville. Those present were George F. Colbert, Robert Glass, Wilson B. Glass, James W. Gay, Dr. G.W. Gray, William McCaw, J.H. Scott, James N. Rice, and the Rev. Robert Robe. George F. Colbert was elected the first president, and Wilson B. Glass became secretary. The group decided that the first Linn County Pioneer Reunion

would be held on Sept. 1, 1887, in a nearby grove. It is believed the grove was just east of the road to the Crawfordsville Cemetery, which lies east of town. A small stream still runs through that property. During the first reunion, the new Association elected Robert Glass as president for the next year, Dr. G.W. Gray as vice president, and the Rev. Robert Robe as secretary. A committee was appointed to prepare a constitution and by-laws for a permanent Linn County Pioneer Association.

After all these years, the event has never been canceled, and today the Linn County Pioneer Picnic remains a family event, thanks to the dedication of the Linn County Pioneer Association. ☼



This 1912 illustration — captioned “First Cabin in Albany. Built by Hiram Smead and Milton Hale in 1847” — represents the settlement era that generations celebrate at the Linn County Pioneer Picnic. Early pioneers arrived with little more than basic tools and determination to establish Willamette Valley homes.



Two young attendees of the 1919 Pioneer Picnic, sisters Lillie Mae Hover Haynes (standing) and Georgia Stewart Hover, pause for a photograph in Brownsville. The image was shared by their great-niece, Betty Jo Smith.

BROWNSVILLE
PHARMACY & GIFTS
EST. 1981

Friendly, Prompt, Hometown Service!

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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, June 18

5:30-7 pm Flower & Student Art Show entries accepted *Log Cabin*

Friday, June 19

8-10 am Flower & Student Art Show entries accepted *Log Cabin*
9 am-4 pm Pioneer Picture Gallery opens
1 pm Kitchen Opens *Pavilion*
11 am-6 pm Quilt Show *Community Arts Bldg*
Noon Kiddie Parade Assembly *Craven's Parking Lot*
1 pm Kiddie Parade *Main Street - Pollyanna Club*
1:30-7 pm Flower & Student Art Show *Log Cabin*
1-7 pm Food, Arts & Crafts Booths, Inflatables *Pioneer Park*
2 pm Spelling Bee *Stage*
3:30 pm Penny Scramble *Family Games Area*
5 pm Pioneer Fashion Show
7 pm Opening Ceremony, Coronation, Raffle *Stage*
Queen's Reception *Stage*

Saturday, June 20

Sign-up: Beard and Mustache Competition *Info Booth*
Sign-up: Talent Showcase *Info Booth*
7-9 am Wagon Train Breakfast *Pavilion - Brownsville Chamber*
8 am Parade Entrants Assemble *Templeton & Hwy 228*
9 am Parade Judging *South of Hwy 228*
9 am-5 pm Picture Gallery Opens *Picture Gallery*
10 am Sign-Up: Horseshoe Tournament *Horseshoe Pits*
10 am Grand Parade *see map page 7 - Central Linn Lions Club*
11 am Kitchen Opens *Pavilion*
11 am-6 pm Quilt Show *Community Arts Bldg*
After Parade Car, Truck, Tractor and Motorcycle Show *Pioneer Park*
12 pm Horseshoe Tournament *Horseshoe Pits*
12-7 pm Flower & Student Art Show *Log Cabin*
12 pm "One More Time Band" *Stage*
11 am-7 pm Food, Arts & Crafts Booths, Inflatables *Pioneer Park*
12:45 pm NW Scots Honor Guard Presentation by Colonel Daniel Gepford, Commander *Stage*
1:30 pm Summer Reading Program Kick Off presents Dan Estep bringing magic, laughs and unique facts about Prehistoric Dinosaurs *Stage*
2 pm Square Dance *Dance Hall*
3 pm Pie Eating Contest *Stage*
4 pm Talent Showcase *Stage*
7 pm Quilts of Valor Presentation *Stage*
Beard and Mustache Competition
7-8 pm Country Line Dance lessons
8-11 pm Social *Dance Hall*

Sunday, June 21

7-7:45 a.m. Sign-in/Sign-up Pioneer Dam Run 5K/10K *Museum Park*
7-10 am Wagon Train Breakfast *Pavilion - Brownsville Chamber*
8 am Pioneer Dam Run 5K/10K *Pioneer Picture Gallery*
10 am Church Service *Stage*
11 am Horseshoe Tournament *Horseshoe Pits*
11 am Kitchen Opens *Pavilion*
11 am-4 pm Quilt Show *Community Arts Bldg*
11 am-3:30 pm Flower & Student Art Show *Log Cabin*
11 am-4 pm Food, Arts & Crafts Booths, Inflatables *Pioneer Park*
12:30 pm Penny Scramble *Family Games Area*
1 pm 65th Linn County Loggers' Jamboree *Logging Arena*
1 pm Family Games/Races *Family Games Area*
1-4 pm Picture Gallery Open *Pioneer Picture Gallery*
3:30-4 pm Pick-up Flower and Art entries/ribbons/prizes *Log Cabin*

Kiddie Parade at Noon

One of the sweetest traditions of the Linn County Pioneer Picnic is the annual Kiddie Parade, themed this year "250 Years of American Spirit." Proudly organized and sponsored by the Brownsville Pollyanna Club.

Lineup begins at Noon in the parking lot at Craven's Outpost (Poppi's Place) at 522 N Main St. Judging starts promptly at 12:30 p.m., with the parade starting at 1 p.m.

Kids compete in six entry categories:

- 1. Create a Float
- 2. Decorate a Bicycle
- 3. Dress your Small Pet
- 4. Decorate your Little Wheels
- 5. Dress-Up as an American Kid from any era
- 6. Children's Motorized Ride-Ons (must be accompanied by an adult)

Sweepstakes prize is \$50, First Place for each category is \$20, Second Place for each category is \$15, Third Place for each category is \$10. So, choose your category and create your entry to be a part of this fun event! See you there! 🌟

Pioneer Fashion Show to Debut at 5

A new event will make its debut at this year's Linn County Pioneer Picnic as community members model clothing and costumes representing more than 150 years of American fashion history.

The Pioneer Fashion Show is scheduled for Friday, June 19, at 5 p.m. and will feature attire from the 1750s through the 1910s.

The presentation will highlight how clothing styles evolved from the colonial era through the Victorian period and into the early 20th century.

The show ties into this year's Pioneer Picnic theme, "250 Years of American Spirit," celebrating America's semiquincentennial and the people, traditions, and everyday lives that helped shape the nation.

Audience members can expect to see a variety of historical garments that reflect changing fashions across generations. From pioneer-era dresses and workwear to more formal styles of the late 1800s and early 1900s, the event offers a glimpse into how Americans dressed throughout the country's history.

Organizer, Amieca Henson Whistler, hopes the fashion show will provide an entertaining and educational addition to the weekend's activities, giving visitors a chance to experience history in a unique and visual way. 🌟

Pioneer Picture Gallery opens Friday

The Pioneer Picture Gallery is a unique photo museum and is open Friday and Saturday starting at 9 a.m. Located in Brownsville on the corner of Park Avenue and Main Street. It houses a collection of donated photos that date from the late 1800s to the present time. The subjects of the photos feature Linn County communities, schools, people, buildings, homes, the Linn County Pioneer Picnic, and Brownsville. Take some time to enjoy a visual record of history. 🌟



Sigrid Swartzendruber models a late Victorian-era outfit during preparations for the new Pioneer Fashion Show.

Opening Ceremony and Queen Coronation at 7

Join the community at 7 p.m. Friday on the main stage for the official Opening Ceremony and Queen Coronation. The evening will begin with a flag presentation by the local Boy Scouts, followed by the crowning of this year's Pioneer Picnic Queen. Complimentary cake will be served following the ceremony. 🌟

RAFFLE GRAND PRIZE

Helicopter Adventure Awaits

This year's Pioneer Picnic raffle grand prize is a \$200 gift card to Envi Adventures, allowing the winner to choose a helicopter tour adventure. The gift card expires May 27, 2027.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each, and the drawing will be held Friday, June 19, immediately following the Queen's Coronation on the Pioneer Picnic stage. Winners do not need to be present to win, though prizes are awarded on a first-drawn, first-choice basis after the grand prize winner is selected.

Raffle Prize List Gift Certificates

- \$20 Armando's Mexican Restaurant (Brownsville)
- \$20 J & S Supply (Brownsville)
- \$20 Latte Da (Brownsville)
- \$25 James Gang Pizza (Lebanon)
- \$20 Kim's Café (Tangent)
- \$20 Randy's Main Street Coffee (Brownsville)
- \$20 Shedd Market (Shedd)

Prize Basket Themes

- Pasta Dinner
- Pasta Salad
- Baking Treats
- Movie Night
- Dental
- Summer Fun
- Chicken Decor
- Cooking Simple

Linn County Pioneer Association Clothing Prizes

- Hoodie gift certificate
- Sweatshirt gift certificate
- Cap gift certificate
- Pioneer Picnic T-shirt gift certificates (6)

The raffle helps support the Linn County Pioneer Association and its ongoing efforts to preserve local history and continue the traditions of the annual Pioneer Picnic. 🌟

Flower & Student Art Show

The Flower House will be bursting with color, creativity, and community pride during this year's Flower & Student Art Show at the Pioneer Picnic. Displays include floral arrangements, potted plants, roses, horticultural exhibits, and artwork created by local students.

Flower Show categories include divisions for clubs, businesses, adults, men, juniors, and pee wees, with creative themes such as "My New Hat," "Tool Time," "Toy Story," and "Straight From the Beach."

Flower Show and Student Art entries may be delivered to the Flower House on Thursday, June 18, from 5:30-7 p.m. or Friday, June 19, from 8-10 a.m. Be sure to stop by throughout the weekend to enjoy the displays and support local artists and gardeners. 🌟



SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Start Your Weekend with a Hearty Breakfast

The Brownsville Community Chamber of Commerce invites locals and visitors to fuel up for the fun at the Annual Pioneer Breakfast, held at Pioneer Park during Pioneer Picnic weekend. Breakfast will be served on Saturday, June 20, from 7–9 a.m., and again on Sunday, June 21, from

7–10 a.m. The menu includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, coffee, and orange juice. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$5 for kids, with any proceeds going back into the community. ☼

GRAND PARADE

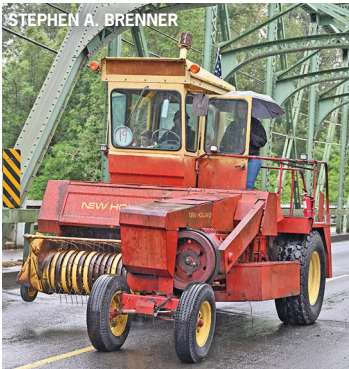
Community Pride Takes Center Stage

The heart of the Linn County Pioneer Picnic is undeniably the beloved Saturday morning parade, a time-honored tradition that brings the community together. Each year, residents and visitors line the streets of Brownsville to enjoy a classic small-town spectacle filled with color, creativity, and hometown pride.

This year’s theme, “250 Years of American Spirit,” celebrates America’s 250th anniversary and invites parade participants to honor the nation’s history through patriotic floats, costumes, and displays.

The Grand Parade begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 20. Registration opens at 8 a.m. at the corner of Templeton Street and Highway 228, with judging starting promptly at 9 a.m. Entrants are encouraged to arrive early, fully decorated, and ready for judging.

Leading the parade as this year’s Grand Marshals are Joe and LeAnne Ervin, whose four decades of service at Brownsville Pharmacy made them trusted and familiar faces to generations of local families. Spectators can look forward to a lively procession featuring marching bands, classic cars, antique tractors, equestrian groups, community organizations, local businesses, and plenty of patriotic flair. The Grand Parade remains one of the signature events of the Pioneer Picnic, setting the stage for a weekend filled with entertainment, contests, food, music, and family fun in Pioneer Park.



STEPHEN A. BRENNER

Want to join the fun?

Parade entry is free for local clubs, organizations, businesses, and individuals. Participants should arrive by 9 a.m., ready for judging and decorated to match the theme. Bring your creativity, community spirit, and a little red, white, and blue — then join the celebration as Brownsville honors 250 years of American spirit. For more details and to preregister for the Parade visit <https://www.pioneerpicnic.com/porch-parade>. ☼

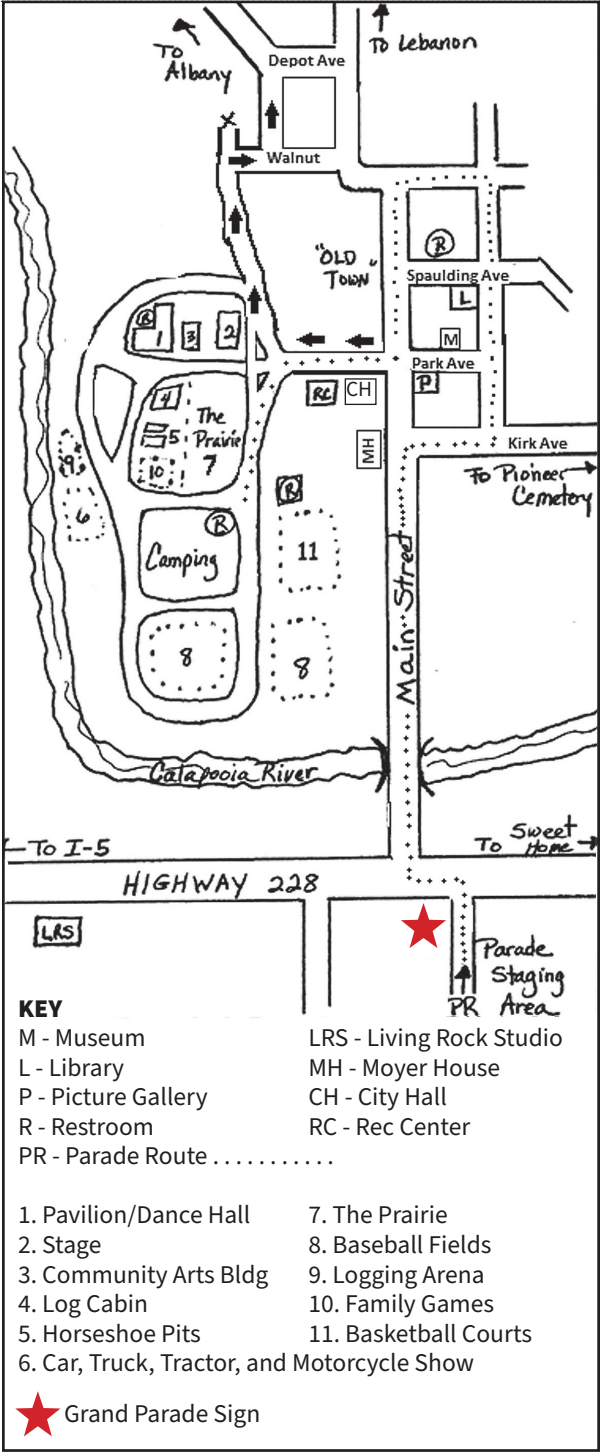


STEPHEN A. BRENNER



STEPHEN A. BRENNER

PARADE ROUTE



STEPHEN A. BRENNER

Summer Reading Program Kickoff

Join Dan Estep, Saturday, June 20, at 1:30 p.m. on the Stage for a fun-filled program featuring magic, laughs, and unique facts about prehistoric dinosaurs. Sponsored by the Brownsville Women’s Study Club and Brownsville Friends of the Library. ☼

Car, Truck, Tractor, and Motorcycle Show

Celebrate the valley’s rich agricultural and automotive heritage at the annual Car, Truck, Tractor, and Motorcycle Show, part of the 2026 Linn County Pioneer Picnic.

Festivities begin early on Saturday, June 20 after the parade, cruise on over to Pioneer Park to enjoy food, music, and a showcase of classic cars, trucks, motorcycles, and tractors.



MIKAYLE STOLE

For more information or to participate, contact Ben Port at 541-409-1940 or visit <https://www.pioneerpicnic.com/car-show>. ☼

Beard & Mustache Contest

Whiskers take center stage Saturday, June 20, at 7 p.m. during the Pioneer Picnic’s 3rd Annual Beard and Mustache Contest on the Pioneer Park stage. Competitors can enter categories ranging from goatees, business class (scruff to ½ inch), and mustaches to short (2–4 inches, mid-length (5–8 inches), and dedicated (8 inches and beyond) beards. Judges will award first through third place in each division, along with special honors for Logger, Ugliest, and Overall Favorite. Entry is \$20, with proceeds benefiting the Central Linn High School Music Department. Registration is available at the information booth in Pioneer Park. ☼

Boot Scootin’ Fun: Line Dancing

Get your boots ready for a toe-tappin’ good time as the 2026 Linn County Pioneer Picnic, in partnership with the High Steppin’ Country Dance Club, presents A Boot Scootin’ Time of Line Dancin’ on Saturday, June 20.

This all-ages event kicks off with free line dancing lessons from 7–8 p.m., followed by a lively social dance from 8–11 p.m. Held at the Brownsville Park Dance Hall (200 West Park Avenue), the evening will feature DJ music by Ashley of Songbird Sounds.

No experience needed — just bring your dancing spirit! The event is free and open to the public, with donations accepted at the door to support the Linn County Pioneer Association.

For more updates, follow the Linn County Pioneer Association, High Steppin’ Country Dance Club, and Songbird Sounds on Facebook. For questions, email LCPA1887@gmail.com or call 541-466-5656.

Dust off your boots and join the fun! ☼



SHARON K. BANKS

Pioneer Dam Run Set for Sunday Morning at 8

Lace up your running shoes for the annual Pioneer Dam Run, happening Sunday, June 21, at 8 a.m. This family-friendly event includes both 10K and 5K run/walk options, welcoming runners and walkers of all skill levels.

Participants will meet and register at the the Pioneer Picture Gallery. The fee is \$25 per person, with an additional \$5 charge for same-day registration.

Proceeds from the event benefit the Central Linn High School cross country and track teams, supporting young athletes in the community.

Pre-registration link is available online at <https://www.pioneerpicnic.com/pioneer-dam-run>.

For more information, contact the Linn County Pioneer Association at 541-466-5656 or email lcpa1887@gmail.com.

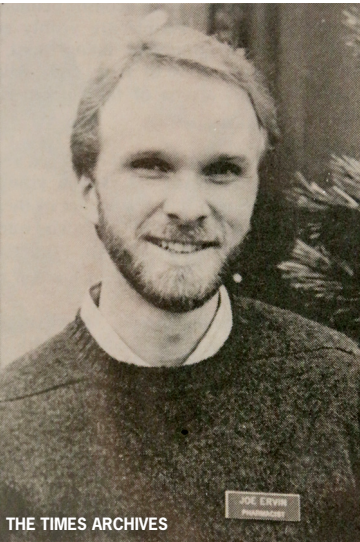
Food, Arts & Crafts Booths, and Inflatables are open from 1–7 p.m. on Friday, 11 a.m.–7 p.m. on Saturday, and 1–4 p.m. on Sunday.



SHARON K. BANKS

GRAND MARSHAL *continued from cover*

Joe and LeAnne have been an integral part of the community, have supported countless events and organizations, always greeting us with smiling faces and compassion, and have provided a much-needed service in a small town, where running a business, especially a pharmacy, was not always easy. Joe's pharmaceutical expertise, coupled with Leanne's business knowledge and eye for displays and buying, made their store a must-stop space when visiting downtown. They have been long-time Chamber members and supported their activities for many years. Now retired after 40 years, Joe and LeAnne are beginning a new chapter that may include travel and more time with family. But their impact remains deeply woven into Brownsville.



THE TIMES ARCHIVES

A young Joe Ervin is pictured in a 1989 Brownsville Chamber of Commerce announcement after being elected Chamber president. Ervin would go on to serve the community for the next 40 years as owner and pharmacist at Brownsville Pharmacy.

Pioneer Picnic celebrates the town's history, spirit, and sense of community. As Grand Marshals, the Ervins will lead the parade through downtown, greeted by friends, neighbors, and generations of customers whose lives they touched. In a town that values connection and kindness, Joe and LeAnne Ervin represent the best of both.

The whole community wishes to say thank you for your service to our town. We'll miss seeing you when we go to the pharmacy and the store, but we are thrilled that you are able to retire and focus on other things that bring you joy.

This June, Brownsville will have the chance to say what many have felt for years: thank you! 🌟

Please join us for

Pioneer Picnic Community Worship Service

at the Pioneer Park Stage

June 21

Cinnamon Rolls
Donuts
Coffee

9:15 am

Worship Service
for all ages

10 am



DONALD LYON

Joe and LeAnne Ervin stand outside Brownsville Pharmacy & Gifts, the downtown business they owned and operated for four decades. The couple were selected as Grand Marshals of the 2026 Linn County Pioneer Picnic in recognition of their years of service to the community.

CENTRAL LINN HIGH SCHOOL

Harvey joins Central Linn as CTE instructor

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer and Columnists

Tom Harvey has been hired by the Central Linn School District as a Career and Technical Education (CTE) instructor, bringing decades of hands-on construction, manufacturing, and teaching experience to the district's growing CTE program.



Tom Harvey has joined the Central Linn School District as a Career and Technical Education instructor, bringing a background in construction, manufacturing, and technical education that will expand hands-on learning opportunities for students.

Harvey applied for the position after the Oakridge School District ended its CTE manufacturing program earlier this year. He said Central Linn stood out as one of the schools with a forward-looking vision for student success in career and technical education.

A native of Chicago, Harvey built his career working on high-performance boats and yachts before becoming a general contractor and

licensed home inspector. During an economic downturn in 2004, he returned to school at the University of Wisconsin, earning both undergraduate and master's degrees in CTE education. He later taught CTE courses at the university and in a correctional institution before relocating to Oregon, where he worked in marine construction and most recently taught in Oakridge.

At Central Linn, the CTE program will focus on construction during the coming school year, with manufacturing processes for the following year. Harvey is licensed to teach construction, manufacturing, and business management courses and many classes may offer college credit opportunities for students who excel.

Harvey said he is excited to help students develop practical skills that create more opportunities after high school. Potential projects under discussion include refurbishing a surplus bus into a bookmobile and creating a student team to assist with school maintenance projects.

Students will learn to design, blueprint reading, fabrication, and project management through hands-on projects. The program will also include a “Project for Profit” assignment, in which students conduct market research and develop products or projects with income potential, providing experience in entrepreneurship and business planning.

Harvey said the ultimate goal is to help students build confidence, develop useful skills, and discover new possibilities for their futures. 🌟

BOOKS TO CONSIDER

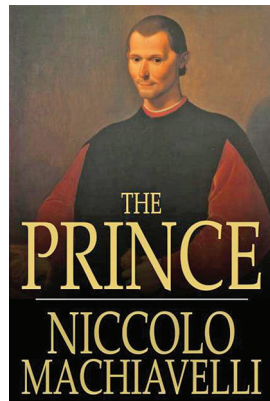
The Modern Marvel of Machiavelli

By Nancy Diltz, Staff Writer and Columnist

Though Niccolo Machiavelli wrote “The Prince” in the early 16th century, there are themes throughout his work that remain relevant today. You may think that something written in the 1500s would use archaic language and be entirely uninteresting. I thought that as well, and I was correct about some of the language, but I found it to be riveting material.

I packed an anthology of short stories collected by Paulo Coelho (author of “The Alchemist”) into my carry-on bag for a flight I had not anticipated. Or to be fair, I had anticipated it with trepidation. After two awful travel experiences, I had pointedly avoided venturing far for a bit. However, I learned that you can only do that for so long, and it was time to face my fears.

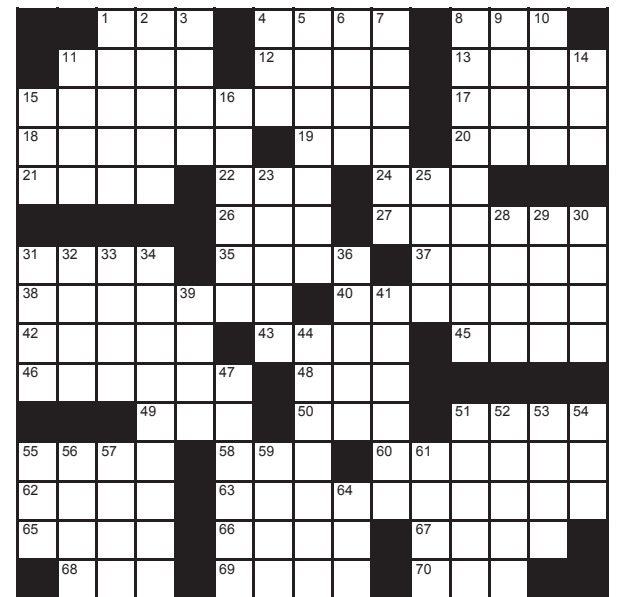
Assuming I would be too nervous to read on my flight, I still grabbed a paperback selection of short stories in case I felt up to it. Mid-flight, feeling a mix of boredom and anxiety, I picked up the book. It fell open to Machiavelli's "The Prince." Not my first choice, but I began reading the excerpt. No longer was I bored or nervous. I became engrossed in this political treatise offering advice to world leaders. For example, a quote I like is, "A prudent man should always follow in the path trodden by great men and imitate those who are most excellent, so that if he does not attain to their greatness, at any rate he will get some tinge of it." This tale is a tough-minded letter to political leaders everywhere about how to gain and retain power, when to bend and break rules, when to instill fear, and how to encourage loyalty.



This 500-year-old work retains its ability to alarm and instruct those in politics, provided they are not overly concerned with morality. According to Readers Library Classics and posted on Thriftbooks.com, “The Prince” by Machiavelli has evolved into the modern-day term “Machiavellian,” describing deception, dishonesty, and cruelty used to meet a goal. “The Prince” by Niccoli Machiavelli was written as a guide for autocrats on how to govern using means intended to deceive and manipulate a government’s constituency, to the point of advocating the use of evil for political expediency. The Edition Description, 1998, University of Chicago Press states, “‘The Prince’ remains as lively and shocking today as when it was written almost five hundred years ago.” It is interesting to note that this work highlights some present-day political tactics that would benefit from citizen inspection and awareness.

**“The Prince” is available through the Brownsville Library on Libby eBooks. **

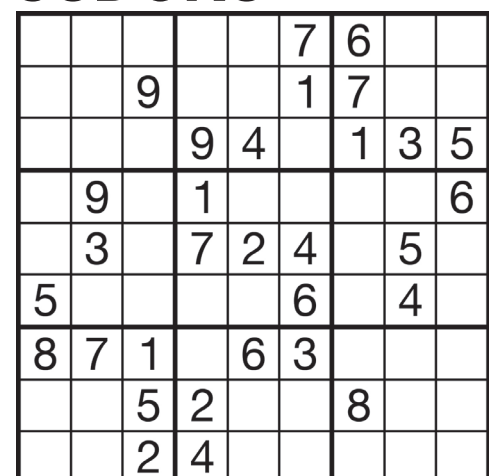
CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- | | | | | | |
|----|----------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|----|----------------------------|
| 1 | Bog | 58 | Actress Balin | | opposite |
| 4 | Aroma | 60 | Lose weight | 25 | Moore of "G.I. Jane" |
| 8 | Bumped into | 62 | Sandwich shop | 28 | Oklahoma city |
| 11 | Fury | 63 | Like a raccoon, e.g. | 29 | Source |
| 12 | Hibernia | 65 | Assortment | 30 | Sea eagles |
| 13 | Building block | 66 | Jai ____ | 31 | Followers (Suffix) |
| 15 | TV type | 67 | Cattail, e.g. | 32 | "____ stop now!" |
| 17 | Old dagger | 68 | "The Joy Luck Club" author, Amy | 33 | Kett of the comics |
| 18 | Black Sea port | 69 | Fewer | 34 | Condition of being notched |
| 19 | Bunk | 70 | Big ____, Calif. | 36 | Roomy vehicle |
| 20 | Autos | | | 39 | Tournament passes |
| 21 | "Diamond Lil" actress, Mae | DOWN | | 41 | Extradite |
| 22 | Extinct flightless bird | 1 | Withers | 44 | Tropical lizards |
| 24 | Tokyo, formerly | 2 | Cast out | 47 | Curved |
| 26 | Dash lengths | 3 | Capone nemesis | 51 | French farewell |
| 27 | Idolize | 4 | Over (Poet.) | 52 | King or queen |
| 31 | Bad day for Caesar | 5 | Molded, as metal | 53 | Decorated, as a cake |
| 35 | Soaks, as flax | 6 | Cookie | 54 | ____ Zeppelin |
| 37 | Youngster | 7 | Tenant | 55 | Big fuss |
| 38 | Carryall | 8 | Moscow resident or isinglass | 56 | Buckle holder |
| 40 | Magazine word | 9 | Sicilian city | 57 | Lamb alias |
| 42 | Admittance | 10 | Level | 59 | Cairo's river |
| 43 | Helper | 11 | Fair attraction | 61 | Corn units |
| 45 | Time zones | 14 | French possessive | 64 | Enlisted folks (Abbr.) |
| 49 | Egyptian cobra | 15 | Surprise word | | |
| 50 | A, in Acapulco | 16 | Photo taker | | |
| 51 | Seed cover | | | | |

SUDOKU EASY



WORD JUMBLE

Father's Day/Outdoors, Sunday, June 21

YFLIAM

EBURAEBC

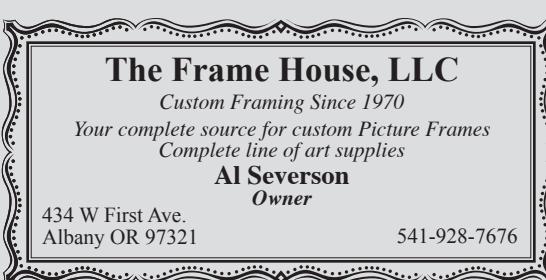
GHISINF

HTNNUGI

NIKHIG

boxed squares

boxed squares _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

PUZZLE Solutions on page 15A decorative border with a repeating pattern of small dots and stylized floral motifs, enclosing the text.

The Frame House, LLC

Custom Framing Since 1970

Your complete source for custom Picture Frames

Complete line of art supplies

Al Severson

Owner

434 W First Ave.
Albany OR 97321

541-928-7676

The logo for Big Valley Electric is presented within a black rectangular border. In the top left corner is a square QR code. To its right is a graphic of a green mountain range with two evergreen trees in front of it, all set against a blue swoosh that curves from the left. In the top right corner, the text "CCB # 198551" and "Albany, OR" is displayed in a black serif font. The company name "Big Valley Electric" is centered in a large, bold, black serif font, with the tagline "Serving the Willamette Valley" in a smaller, italicized serif font directly below it. At the bottom, the text "RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL" is in a large, black, all-caps serif font, followed by "NEW CONSTRUCTION • REMODELS • SERVICE CALLS" in a slightly smaller, black, all-caps serif font. The phone number "(541) 801-4854" is at the very bottom in a large, bold, blue sans-serif font.

WORSHIP DIRECTORY

BROWNSVILLE

Brownsville Assembly of God 313 Washburn St
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Services 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Classes Wed. 7 p.m. all ages • 541-466-5030

Brownsville Christian Church 117 N Main St
541-466-3273 • <https://brownsvillechristianchurch.com>
Sunday Services and Children’s Church 11 a.m.
Adult classes 10 a.m.

Brownsville Community Church 198 Washburn St
541-936-9131 • <https://hislifeinbrownsville.com>

First Baptist Church of Brownsville 27910 7 Mile Ln
541-642-3000 • <https://www.fbcbrownsvilleoregon.org>
Sunday Services and Nursery 9 and 10:45 a.m.

Holy Trinity Catholic Church 104 W Blakely Ave
541-367-2530 • holytrinitybrownsvilleor@gmail.com
Weekday Mass Wed. Noon • Sunday Service 11:30 a.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
1111 North Main St • 541-570-2903 • Sun. Service 10 a.m.

Brownsville Mennonite 34795 OR-228 • 541-466-5622

CRAWFORDSVILLE

Crawfordsville Calvary Chapel 38353 Glass St
541-730-4519 • <https://www.crawfordsvillecc.org>
Sunday Service 10 a.m.

HALSEY

Central Valley Church 657 American Dr
503-602-6796 • <https://www.cvchalsey.com>
Sun. Corp. Service 8 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. (during school year)
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. • Mon. Prayer 7–8 p.m.

Halsey Mennonite Church 910 E 1st St
712-432-8773 • <https://www.halseymennonite.org>
Sunday Service 10 a.m. • 1st & 3rd Sunday 6 p.m.
Prayer meeting 1st & 3rd Wed. 7:30 p.m.

Harvest Reformed Baptist Church 411 W 2nd St
541-220-1902 • <https://harvestrbcb.org>
Sunday School 9 a.m. • Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Fellowship Meal noon

Spirit of the Valley United Methodist Church
611 W 3rd St • 541-369-2322
spiritofthevalleyumc@gmail.com
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. • Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Valley Christian Fellowship 690 W 2nd St
732-434-3592 • <https://vcfhalsey.com>
Sunday Service 10 a.m. • Wednesday Service 7:15 p.m.

SHEDD/PEORIA

Oakville Presbyterian Church 29970 Church Dr
541-758-0647 • <https://oakvillechurch.org>
Sunday Service 10 a.m.

Riverside Christian Fellowship 29360 Abraham Dr
360-880-4734 • Sunday Prayer 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service 10 a.m. • Sunday School 11 a.m.

HARRISBURG

Calvary Chapel Tri-County 255 Smith St
541-995-8221 • <https://cctriconity.com>
Sunday Service 10–11:30 a.m. • Wed. Women’s Study 10 a.m. • Wed. Study 6:30–8 p.m.

Harrisburg Christian Church
601 Smith St • 541-995-6723
<https://www.harrisburgchristianchurch.org>
Sunday Worship 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Harrisburg Church of God (Seventh Day)
820 Diamond Hill Rd • 541-995-8003
<https://harrisburgcog7.com>
Saturday Classes 10 a.m. • Saturday Service 11 a.m.

Harrisburg Mennonite Church 23688 Powerline Rd
541-995-3446 • <https://www.pilgrimministry.org>
Sunday Service 10 a.m.

Harrisburg Riverside Church 210 LaSalle St
541-743-1582 • Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses
550 Peoria Rd • 541-995-4800 • <https://www.jw.org/en>

Life Bible Church 23650 Peoria Rd • 541-995-8282
<https://www.lifebiblechurch.org>
Sun. Services 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. • Wed. Service 6:30 p.m.

United Methodist Church 710 Smith St • 541-369-2322

SHARING HANDS

Thrift Store Renovation Opens Door to Safer, More Accessible Space

In an ongoing effort to better serve the community, Sharing Hands Thrift Store is undergoing a major renovation designed to make the store safer, more accessible, and easier for everyone to use. The shop offers affordable household items, clothing, and other donated goods.

As part of the project, the raised floor inside the thrift store has been removed. The floor had become a constant tripping hazard for shoppers, volunteers, and visitors. Interior walls were also removed, opening up a space that had previously felt divided and difficult to navigate. The result will be a wide-open floor plan that allows shoppers to move more freely through the store and makes it easier for volunteers to organize dona-

tions, display items, and serve customers.

Funds are still needed to finish the flooring and to upgrade racks and shelving. These will allow the store to display donated items more safely and efficiently while creating a cleaner, more organized shopping experience.

Community members who would like to support the improvements are encouraged to donate to Sharing Hands. Every contribution will help complete the project while continuing to provide a valuable service to local families. When complete, the renovated thrift store will be safer, brighter, and more accessible — a space designed to better serve everyone who walks through its doors. 🌀



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

TAKE 10% OFF
ALL Frozen Foods with Coupon!
One-time use only. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Expires 6/30/26.

Follow Us!
 [grocerydealsOR.com](https://www.facebook.com/grocerydealsOR.com) 

**SHOPE • OF • SHALOM**
Halsey, Oregon
27515 Hwy 99E

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

M-F: 9–5 • Sat: 9–12
(541) 369-2950

**Grains & Breads**
☐ Bread
☐ Buns
☐ English Muffins
☐ Cereal
☐ Crackers
☐ Dry Pasta

☐ Sugar
☐ Snacks
☐ Spices

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

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

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

Please no expired items.

INSTALL • RESURFACE • REPAIR
CCB#225744

**COLUMBIA ASPHALT PAVING**
EST. 1998

Full-service Chip Seal Paving

- Residential Driveways
- Commercial Parking Lots
- Pavement Maintenance

503-673-3399
WeGotAsphalt.com
Paving the Willamette Valley Since 1998

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners OK Cox Creek Bridge Project Contract

By Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer

ALBANY — At their June 9 meeting, Linn County Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Sherrie Sprenger, and Will Tucker approved a contract for \$2,441,679.20 with Legacy Contracting of Stayton for the Cox Creek (Waverly) Drive Bridge Project in Millersburg.

The project will be administered by the Linn County Road Department and is scheduled to start on June 15. Some 89.73 percent of the cost will be funded through ODOT’s Local Agency Certification Program, and the City of Millersburg will contribute 10.27 percent.

According to the City of Millersburg, Waverly Drive is the sole access route into Talking Waters Garden, the Simpson Park parking lot, and access to the Portland & Western railroad yard. The existing bridge is 65 years old, is structurally

deficient and load-restricted, and is reduced to a single travel lane.

The timbers also trap logs and debris in the creek below the bridge.

The new bridge will be constructed of concrete and feature a single, 110-foot-long span over the creek. There will be two lanes of vehicle travel and an 8½-foot-wide sidewalk for pedestrians.

The new bridge will be constructed one half at a time, allowing access to Simpson Park and Talking Waters Garden during the construction process, although vehicles and pedestrians can expect 20-minute delays to cross the bridge.

The commissioners also approved easements with the Blue Ox RV Park of Albany for the Goldfish Farm Road Improvement Project. The easements were for \$358, \$312, \$179 and \$15,162. ☼

CENTRAL LINN COUNTY HOME SALES REPORT

Rural Properties Drive Higher Home Sales Prices

In April and May 2026, the Central Linn County area saw a range of residential sales across Brownsville, Harrisburg, Halsey, and Shedd, with prices from \$125,000 to \$887,900. The sales included in-town residences, historic homes, and larger rural properties. Home sizes ranged from 1,008 to 4,400 square feet, and lot sizes from 0.15 to 7.69 acres. Most homes had two to five bedrooms and one to three bathrooms, underscoring continued demand for both family homes and small-acreage rural properties throughout the region. ☼

Date	Street Address	City	Sale Price	Sq Ft	Year Built	Beds	Baths	Acres
Apr. 21	35676 Oak View Dr.	Brownsville	\$887,900	4,400	1998	5	3.5	6.65
Apr. 21	711 Main St.	Brownsville	\$313,000	1,560	1860	2	1	0.23
Apr. 22	24315 Peoria Rd.	Harrisburg	\$575,000	1,564	1948	3	1.5	2.75
Apr. 22	390 7th Pl.	Harrisburg	\$370,000	1,008	1969	3	1	0.15
Apr. 23	37969 Courtney Creek Dr.	Brownsville	\$824,000	3,372	1984	4	3	7.69
Apr. 29	35001 Northernwood Dr.	Brownsville	\$852,500	2,651	2011	3	2.5	4.71
Apr. 29	29460 Peoria Rd.	Halsey	\$565,000	1,485	1971	2	2	0.44
May 1	86 2nd St.	Halsey	\$349,900	1,028	1979	3	1	0.18
May 1	30939 Green Valley Rd.	Shedd	\$550,000	2,468	1951	3	2	1.84
May 4	32888 Lake Creek Dr.	Halsey	\$125,000	1,258	1870	3	1	7.39
May 18	780 4th St.	Halsey	\$360,000	1,502	1974	3	2	0.23
May 20	612 Kay Ave.	Brownsville	\$365,000	1,152	1982	2	1	0.28



Jenna Stutsman
OR Real Estate Principal Broker
Brownsville Local
Trusted and Involved in the Brownsville Community
128 Spaulding Ave, Brownsville
(541) 556-7521
www.StutsmanHomes.com



Sheila Ridinger
Real Estate Broker
541.570.5698
Sheridinger@gmail.com
2345 S. Santiam Hwy
Lebanon, OR 97355



Now Publishing Legal Notices

The Times is now accepting legal notices and public notices for publication. Rates are \$14 per column inch (columns shown in this issue are 2 columns wide). To place a notice or request information, contact: editor@brownsvilletimes.org.

Jordan Jewelers
Fine Jewelry Custom Repair
541-926-1907
jordansjewels@msn.com
www.jordanjewelers.com



106 W Bishop Way BROWNSVILLE



LIQUOR
M-Th 10-9
F & Sat 9-9, Sun 10-8
Where Bars & Restaurants Shop
541.458.3280





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



CLASSIFIEDS

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

AA WEEKLY MEETING
Fridays • 7 p.m. • Halsey City Hall, 100 W Halsey St.

GARAGE SALE — JUNE 19-20
Annual PEO garage sale scholarship fundraiser. Friday, June 19, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.; Saturday, June 20, 8 a.m.–3 p.m. Evangelical Church gym, 1347 Long St., Sweet Home. Blueberry and Columbia Star blackberry order forms available. Information: Nancy, 541-912-6579.

COMMUNITY PASSING

Wathenia Tracy
October 3, 1948–June 2, 2026
Wathenia Tracy, 77, of Brownsville passed away on Tuesday, June 2, 2026. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. <https://sweethomefuneral.com>.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The City of Halsey Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday June 30, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., at Halsey City Hall, 100 W. Halsey Street, to consider a Site Review for Minor Land Partition (x2) and a Lot Line Adjustment for 14S03W06BC lot 100 and 14S03W06BC lot 203 Halsey, Oregon. These lots are on the eastern boundary of the City of Halsey.
Interested parties may appear and be heard.
Information available at City Hall, (541) 369-2522

PUZZLE KEY

Puzzles on page 13

F	E	N	O	D	O	R	M	E	T	1	2	3	8	5	7	6	9	4
R	A	G	E	I	R	E	U	N	I	4	5	9	6	3	1	7	8	2
W	I	D	E	S	C	R	E	E	N	S	N	E	E	7	8	6	9	4
O	D	E	S	S	A	C	O	T	C	A	R	S	2	9	4	1	8	5
W	E	S	T	M	O	A	E	D	O	6	3	8	7	2	4	9	5	1
I	D	E	S	E	M	S	R	E	V	E	5	1	7	3	9	6	2	4
T	O	T	E	B	A	G	E	D	I	T	8	7	1	5	6	3	4	2
E	N	T	R	Y	A	I	D	E	E	D	3	4	5	2	1	9	8	6
S	T	A	R	E	S	G	A	P	9	6	2	4	7	8	5	1	3	
A	B	E	T	I	N	A	R	E	D	U	C	E	F	A	M	I	L	
D	E	L	I	R	I	N	G	T	A	I	L	E	F	I	S	H	I	
O	L	I	O	A	L	A	I	R	E	E	D	H	U	N	T	I	N	
T	A	N	L	E	S	S	S	U	R									

FAMILY
BARBECUE
FISHING
HUNTING
HIKING
boxed letters: FUN GUY

SUBSCRIBE TODAY!

Name

Address

Address (suite, apt #, unit)

City State Zip

Email

Phone

☐ \$99 year

Mail your annual payment check to

The Times
PO Box 278, Brownsville OR 97327
<https://brownsvilletimes.org/subscribe>
(458) 266-0511



SAFEHAVEN'S PET OF THE MONTH

Meet Jazzy!

Jazzy is a sweet, energetic girl with a pep in her step and a love for adventure. Whether it's a walk around the neighborhood, a hike on the trails, a game of fetch, or simply tagging along on errands, Jazzy is happiest when she's spending time with her people.

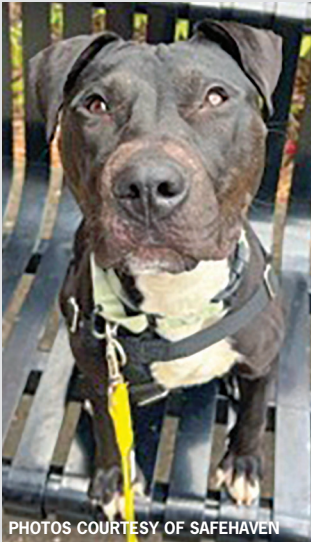
This playful pup has a big heart and an even bigger personality. She loves meeting new people and does wonderfully with everyone she encounters, including children. Jazzy can get a little excited when saying hello and may greet friends with an enthusiastic jump or two, but it's all part of her affectionate nature.

Jazzy thrives when she has an outlet for her energy and enjoys having a job to do. An active home that can provide regular exercise, enrichment activities, and plenty of companionship would be a great fit for this fun-loving dog.

Because Jazzy can become overly enthusiastic about toys and other chewable items, she will need a family committed to managing her environment and providing safe play options. With the right supervision and care, Jazzy is sure to be a loyal and loving companion.

As part of SafeHaven Humane Society's "12 Months of Love" campaign, adoption fees are waived for all animals on the second Saturday of each month. The next fee-waived adoption day will be July 11.

Interested in adopting Jazzy? Visit SafeHaven Humane Society in Tangent, open daily from noon to 5 p.m., or view adoptable pets at <https://safehavenhumane.org>. Call 541-928-2789.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF SAFEHAVEN

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners Receive Canyon Wildfires Recovery News

By Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer

ALBANY — Santiam Disaster Services of Santiam Hospital & Clinics has assisted 1,221 families who were affected by the devastating Beachie Creek/ Lionshead fires of Labor Day weekend 2020, Linn County Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Sherrie Sprenger, and Will Tucker were informed at their June 2 meeting.

Melissa Baurer, Santiam Hospital Executive Director of Community Development, said 470 homes in Marion and Linn counties were destroyed in the fire. Some 348 have completed a household recovery plan. Of the 60 Linn County families assisted, 40 were homeowners, 18 were renters, and two were unsheltered.

In total, almost \$4.5 million has been raised and distributed by the Santiam Canyon Wildfire Relief Fund.

Baurer said that Linn County families have received more than \$1.5 million in assistance. Linn County also provided some \$150,000 in cash and gift cards to affected families immediately after the fires.

Linn County also waived permit fees and expedited building permits for families. Planning and Building Director Steve Wills said his department continues to honor that assistance program.

Baurer thanked the commissioners for their long-term commitment to helping the canyon families.

Commissioner Nyquist said Linn and Marion counties didn't care what side of the county line someone lived on. The goal was to get them help as quickly as possible and sort out the details later.

Commissioner Tucker noted that the efforts of the Santiam Disaster Services Team, the speed of its activities, the coordination of agencies, and professionalism have been recognized by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as a model for the nation.

The commissioners also praised volunteers from Christian Aid Ministries, who donated thousands of hours over four years rebuilding homes on both sides of the river.

"These are Mennonite farmers who hopped on a bus and traveled west each year after farming season to help out," Tucker said. "They are amazing."

In a written report, Baurer noted, "We are deeply grateful to the Linn County Board of Commissioners for your steadfast support and commitment to our program and the survivors of the 2020 Labor Day fires. Your dedication has made it possible for families to rebuild their homes, restore their lives, and find hope after unimaginable loss."

In other business the commissioners:

- Approved an Enterprise Zone Exemption for ATI SAC, waiving the requirement to increase its workforce by 10 percent. According to John Pascone of the Linn Economic Development Group, ATI has invested \$70 million in new equipment and facility modifications since 2024 and have already added 124 new employees. Co-sponsors can waive the employment requirement if the project exceeds \$25 million. The tax exemption will increase from three to five years.
- Approved a construction contract with North Santiam Paving Company for \$2,247,650 for the North River Drive Improvement Project. The project is funded by the Federal Highway Administration and Linn County will be reimbursed at 89.73 percent by the FHWA Western Federal Lands.
- Approved a construction contract with North Santiam Paving Company for \$992,088 for the North River Drive Public Access Improvement Project. The project is funded by the Local Agency Certification Program and Linn County will be reimbursed at 89.73 percent by ODOT.
- Approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Sweet Home School District, to receive surplus woody debris from the removal of hazardous trees and fallen trees during storm events. The school district uses the wood for its forestry program.
- Approved a refund of \$1,100 to Terra Tech Land Surveyors in Lebanon from the Planning & Building Department.
- Announced that the Board of Commissioners will not meet on Tuesday, June 30.



AUTO | HOME | LIFE | BUSINESS | RETIREMENT

Jeff Garver Insurance Agency

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

- Rated A+ by AM Best since 1997
- Named top pick by Forbes
- Ranked No. 1 by J.D. Power for customer loyalty
- Top-rated in service and claims in every state we serve
- Celebrating 100 years in 2025
- Providing life insurance for 96 years



JEFF GARVER
Financial Adviser
Insurance Agent
Farm Certified Specialist



KALISTA KENNEDY
Associate Agent
Office Manager
Home/Auto/Commercial

33254 Hwy 99 E • Tangent

Office: 541-926-4883 • Cell: 541-231-9955
Jeff.Garver@countryfinancial.com

Family Dentistry

Douglas M. Johnson DMD
Nicholas Mantovani DDS

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

www.douglasjohnsondmd.com



Crawfordsville Fire Station Renovation Celebrated with Community Open House

By Mikayle Stole, Editor

CRAWFORDSVILLE — More than three decades after volunteers built Station 23, many of those same community members returned Tuesday evening to celebrate a major renovation of the Crawfordsville fire station.

The Sweet Home Fire District hosted an open house June 9 at Station 23, welcoming residents to tour the updated facility, enjoy refreshments, and reconnect with neighbors and firefighters.



Former Station 23 volunteers and supporters pose at the open house. From left are John Marble, Bob Maynard, Rich Adams, and Larry Maynard. The men were among those celebrating the station they helped build, support, and serve over the years.

Fire Chief Nick Tyler highlighted improvements completed during the six-month renovation project, including new siding and seismic upgrades.

The evening also served as a reunion for many of the people who helped build and staff the original Station 23, dedicated in October 1991. Among those attending were former Station 23 volunteer firefighter John Marble; former Brownsville volunteer firefighter and fire chief Rick Petersen; brothers Bob and Larry Maynard; and Rich Adams, who served as general contractor for the original project while guiding the volunteer construction crew.

Adams was also among the volunteer firefighters who served at Crawfordsville's original Station 23, then located in a former bus garage on school property. Marble, and the Maynard brothers are recognized on a plaque inside the station as major volunteer builders. Another plaque displayed in the station commemorates the volunteers, contractors, and community supporters who helped make the original Crawfordsville fire station a reality.

Sweet Home Fire District Board President Dawn Mitchell and board members Larry Johnson, Rob Younger, Charlene Adams, and Jim Yon also attended the celebration.



Community members, firefighters, and fire district leaders gather at Station 23 during the June 9 open house. The event welcomed residents to tour the renovated facility and reconnect with volunteers past and present.



Volunteer firefighter Virgil Kropf, left, and Fire Chief Nick Tyler prepare hot dogs for guests.

Representing the next generation of volunteers were firefighters Nick Glover and Virgil Kropf. Kropf attended with his wife, Danielle, and their son, Tyler, highlighting the family support that has long been an important part of volunteer fire service in Crawfordsville. Current Station 23 volunteers Caleb and Whitney Winslow, both former Crawfordsville residents, were also among those attending.

Visitors enjoyed hot dogs, chips, water, and juice boxes while touring the station and learning about its history and recent improvements.

Fire Chief Nick Tyler said the district is actively seeking volunteers from the Crawfordsville area. Opportunities include firefighters, tender drivers, and support personnel who assist on emergency scenes. Tyler noted that local volunteers help ensure the quickest possible response from Station 23, while calls without local staffing are answered from the district's main station in Sweet Home.

Station 23 continues to serve the Crawfordsville area as part of the Sweet Home Fire District, and the open house offered a chance to celebrate both the station's history and its future.

PHOTOS: MIKAYLE STOLE

LIFETIME VISION SOURCE OF LEBANON
MEMBER VISION SOURCE NETWORK

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

www.lifetimevisionsource.com

90 MARKET ST, STE 20
LEBANON, OR 97355

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

GENERAL DENTIST
COSMETIC • FAMILY

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

541-466-5171
ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS

www.dentistinbrownsville.com

JEFF LONGTAIN, HIS
Director of Hearing Services

(541) 227-5720

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

MY HEARING CENTERS

Go Solar with a Local Company You Can Trust
Serving the Willamette Valley

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

PURE ENERGY GROUP
MILES HENDERSON
541-730 9899 miles@pureenergy.group

ALYRICA
INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER

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

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

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

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

TRUE LIFE
FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS
VETERAN OWNED

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

- Medicare Solutions
- Life Insurance
- Cancer Insurance

www.TrueLifeFinancialSolutions.com

David K. Hansen
RETIREMENT & INVESTMENT SERVICES

LINCOLN INVESTMENT
541-242-3553
dhansen@lincolninvestment.com

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

SHERIFF'S REPORT JUNE 7-14

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

Sun., June 7, 1:19 a.m. — Deputy responded to a report of a suicidal subject in the 35400 block of Washburn Heights. After speaking with the individual, there was no indication of self-harm, harm to others, impairment, or any criminal activity. The individual agreed to return home for the night. No further action.

11:42 a.m. — Motorist reported five to six cows outside a pasture on a marked open-range roadway in the 36200 block of Courtney Creek Dr., near Timber Rd. The deputy checked the area to determine whether the cows had moved into a non-open-range area. The deputy did not find any cows.

Mon., June 8, 10:53 a.m. — Caller reported suspicious circumstances at Pioneer Park. The deputy informed the individual of park rules.

9:37 p.m. — Nora Cockrell, 52, of Sweet Home, was cited for failing to carry proof of insurance in the 100 block of Worley Ave., near Gap Rd.

Tue., June 9, 4:31 p.m. — Deputies received a DHS 307 Referral in the 35500 block of Oakville Dr. A Deputy conducted an initial investigation of an incident involving a juvenile. Report taken.

Thu., June 11, 8:29 a.m. — A Brownsville citizen reported an attempted scam

involving a fraudulent check in the 900 block of Oak St. He did not cash the check and turned it over to LCSO for documentation. Report taken.

3:41 p.m. — Deputies responded to a civil matter between a tenant and a store unit manager in the 300 block of Depot Ave.

10:02 p.m. — Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle in the 25100 block of Gap Rd. The vehicle and its owner were identified for future reference should future calls for service be requested. No crimes were reported at this time.

Fri., June 12, 8:34 a.m. — Caller reported egging of a house and a vehicle in the 700 block of Oak St. Report taken.

Sun., June 14, 2:21 p.m. — Deputy took a report from a citizen who received a fraudulent email claiming to provide information to open a loan in the 800 block of W Bishop Way. The citizen attempted to open a loan using the provided information, and \$1,000 was fraudulently withdrawn from his bank account. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

10:26 p.m. — Deputy took a report of a juvenile harassing a citizen by phone in the 36600 block of Mountain Home Dr. The juvenile's parents were contacted and stated they would have the juvenile stop the phone contact. Non-criminal.

CRAWFORDSVILLE/HOLLEY

Tue., June 9, 11:22 a.m. — Deputy assisted Linn County Mental Health in the 40100 block of Crawfordsville Dr.

2:48 p.m. — Rachel Adams, 32, of Sweet Home, was cited for driving while suspended and for a warrant in the 40300 block of Crawfordsville Dr. Report taken.

Sun., June 14, 9:49 a.m. — Caller reported a cow in his front yard in the 38700 block of Hwy 228. Caller contained the cow and contacted the owner to pick it up.

HALSEY

Sun., June 7, 2:16 p.m. — Caller reports a juvenile riding an ATV on the street in the 800 block of W 3rd St., near W I St. Deputy checked the area but was unable to locate any ATVs on the street.

Mon., June 8, 1:11 p.m. — Caller reported approximately \$7,100 stolen in the 200 block of W H St.

Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

Thu., June 11, 11:05 p.m. — Deputy responded to a report of trespassing at a residence in the 700 block of Puffin St. A juvenile entered an open garage and startled the resident. The juvenile left when asked. The resident requested that the juvenile be formally trespassed from the property.

Fri., June 12, 8:32 a.m. — Deputies responded to a DHS 307 Referral in the 33900 block of Lake Creek Dr. No public narrative.

Sat., June 13, 6:02 p.m. — Deputies assisted the Halsey-Shedd Fire Dept. in determining the cause of a fire that destroyed four travel trailers in the 29100 block of Potter Dr. The fire was determined to be non-criminal and likely started from a previously used burn pile nearby.

HARRISBURG

Sun., June 7, 2:16 a.m. — While patrolling Harrisburg, the deputy observed a small black e-bike traveling without lights and running a stop sign in the 500 block of LaSalle near S 6th St. During the stop, the rider cut through the grass and between the apartment building on the southeast corner of the intersection. The deputy attempted to locate the rider and later found what appeared to be a juvenile wearing an oversized teal or light gray hooded sweater, running between the buildings. The juvenile continued running through the complex to avoid the deputy.

1:50 p.m. — Kimberly Celeste, 50, of Junction City, was arrested in the 100 block of Fountain St. on charges of Disorderly Conduct II and Criminal Trespass II.

Mon., June 8, 11:23 a.m. — A citizen lost their wallet near S 2nd St and Monroe St on Friday evening (6/5/26). Report filed for lost property.

7:58 p.m. — Benjamin Carrasco Castro, 47, of Albany, was cited for speeding in the 24500 block of Hwy 99E near Powerline Rd.

Tue., June 9, 1:38 p.m. — Deputies responded to a suicidal subject in the 100 block of Smith St. The person was located by family and taken to a hospital. Non-criminal.

Wed., June 10, 5:25 p.m. — A citizen reported finding a dog near the 30000 block of Substation Dr. and turned it over to LCSO the next day.

5:30 p.m. — Samuel Park,

47, of Washington, was cited for speeding 98 in a posted 65-mph zone in the 21200 block of I-5 S.

Thu., June 11, 6:42 p.m. — Caller reported that an individual was throwing urine from an RV in the Diamond Hill RV Park. The caller stated that the park manager was aware of the issue and taking steps to address it. Deputy documented the caller's statements.

Fri., June 12, 12:26 a.m. — Deputy assisted OSP with traffic control at a crash in the 21000 block of southbound I-5.

3:47 p.m. — Deputy warned a male for trespassing on railroad property in the 300 block of Sommerville Ave.

7:53 p.m. — Deputy responded to a civil dispute regarding video lottery winnings in the 800 block of Sommerville Loop. The parties were separated, and information was documented at their request.

Sat., June 13, 1:42 p.m. — Roger Brasier, 27, of Junction City, was arrested on an outstanding warrant and cited in lieu of custody after a deputy patrolled the park on foot in the 300 block of Sommerville Ave. Report taken.

Sun., June 14, 9:09 a.m. — Deputy assisted DHS with a welfare check at Diamond Hill RV Park.

10:12 a.m. — Deputy received a mental health call at Diamond Hill RV Park.

11:36 a.m. — Deputy responded to a report of phone harassment at Diamond Hill RV Park. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

JEFFERSON

Tue., June 9, 9:39 p.m. — Caller reported hearing shots in the 38900 block of Densmore Rd., near Jefferson Scio Dr. After receiving a complaint that a round landed near someone recreating in the area, Deputy lectured a property owner on proper backstop requirements for shooting on property.

SCIO

Sun., June 7, 12:43 a.m. — Deputies responded to a non-injury motor vehicle hit-and-run in the 41400 block of Rodgers Mountain Loop. Report taken.

Mon., June 8, 1:37 p.m. — Deputy responded to a burglary in the 39000 block of NE 4th Ave. A list of stolen items and a timeframe for the crime were collect-

ed. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

Tue., June 9, 11:56 a.m. — Deputy investigated a criminal mischief call involving damage to Scio Middle School property in the 38700 block of NW Beech St. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

9:36 p.m. — Dolly Miller, 43, of Lebanon, was arrested for DUII and reckless driving following a single-vehicle crash in the 38500 block of Richardson Gap Rd. Report taken.

10:55 p.m. — Anthony Doner, 26, of Sweet Home, was arrested on a Yamhill County warrant for a probation violation in the 40500 block of Hess Rd. Mr. Doner was lodged at the Linn County Jail. Report taken.

Wed., June 10, 9:50 a.m. — Deputies assisted another agency. A female attempted to overdose on a prescription medication in the 43100 block of Hwy 226. She was transported to the hospital.

Thu., June 11, 12:19 p.m. — Jose Ortiz Soliz, 54, goat owner, was charged with livestock at large in the 38700 block of Hungry Hill Dr. Report taken.

Fri., June 12, 11:58 a.m. — Deputy responded to a report of theft at Scio High School in the 38800 block of N Main St., involving stolen bags of cans. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

2:17 p.m. — Deputy responded to a civil property dispute in the 40400 block of Shimanek Bridge Dr. Information was documented.

Sat., June 13, 8:48 p.m. — Deputy assisted with traffic control during a structure fire in the 37700 block of Gilkey Rd.

Sun., June 14, 3:45 p.m. — Andrew Jacobson, 55, of Stayton, was cited for failing to renew his vehicle registration and for driving uninsured in the 38900 block of NE 1st Ave., near N Main St.

SHEDD

Sun., June 7, 2:38 p.m. — Caller reported a traffic complaint in the 32900 block of Linn West Dr., near Ogle Rd. No deputies were available to intercept.

Tue., June 9, 9:05 p.m. — Deputy took a report of two backpacks stolen in the 33400 block of Linn West Dr. Under investigation. Report taken.

Wed., June 10, 6:41 a.m. — Jorge Torres Castillo, 32, of Eugene, was cited for speed-

SHERIFF'S REPORT JUNE 7-14

ing 90 in a 65-mph zone in the 22000 block of north-bound I-5.

TANGENT
Sun., June 7, 12:08 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report that a citizen was dumping yard debris at the roadside in the 3100 block of Tangent Dr., near McLagan Rd. The citizen was contacted and removed his yard debris for proper disposal.

Tue., June 9, 12:36 a.m. — Troy Johnson-Davis, 23, of Lebanon, was arrested for DUII after investigation of his non-injury motor vehicle crash into a ditch in the 32900 block of Seven Mile Ln., near Tangent Dr. Report taken.

2:42 a.m. — Sreekar Thanguturu, 27, of Corvallis, was cited for speeding 85 in a 55-mph zone in the 31300 block of Hwy 34 near Hinck Rd.

Wed., June 10, 8:33 p.m. — Trevor Tomlin, 27, of Lebanon, was cited for speeding 110 in a 55-mph zone in the 32100 block of Parker Rd., near Glaser Dr.

Thu., June 11, 11:55 a.m. — Deputies documented information regarding a trespass in the 33300 block of McFarland Rd.

Fri., June 12, 12:05 p.m. — Caller reported a suspicious person on their property in the 32400 block of Seven Mile Ln. Deputy searched the area but could not locate the person.

1:03 p.m. — Deputy responded to a hit-and-run call in the 31400 block of N Lake Creek Dr., near Tangent Dr. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

Sat., June 13, 11:11 p.m. — Deputies conducted a death investigation into the death of a 59-year-old female who passed away from natural causes in the 34000 block of McFarland Rd. Report taken.

Sun., June 14, 11:22 a.m. — Deputy responded to a single-vehicle rollover crash with injuries in the 33900 block of Looney Ln. The juvenile driver was transported to a nearby hospital and is reported to be in relatively stable condition. ☀

YOUTH VILLAGES

Five Ways to Keep Kids Safe Online During Summer Break

Submitted by Youth Villages

As school lets out for the summer, many children will spend more time at home — and more time online. While screens can provide entertainment and connection, parents and caregivers should remain mindful of how children use technology during the summer months.

Youth Villages, a national nonprofit organization focused on children’s mental and behavioral health, offers five tips to help families encourage safe and healthy online habits.

1. Make time for offline activities: Children who spend time reading, playing outdoors, pursuing hobbies, or connecting with friends in person are less likely to rely solely on online communities for social interaction. Scheduling regular family activities and encouraging independent play can help create a healthy balance between screen time and real-world experiences.

2. Know what your child is doing online: Talk openly with your children about internet safety and establish clear expectations for device use. Parents should know which apps, websites, and games their children use and consider utilizing parental controls or monitoring tools when appropriate. Regular conversations about online experiences can help children feel comfortable reporting concerns.

3. Be cautious about anonymous communication: Many popular apps and online games include chat features that allow users to communicate with strangers. Teach children to interact only with people they know and trust. Parents should familiarize themselves with the communication features of the platforms their children use and discuss potential risks associated with sharing personal information online.

4. Talk about artificial intelligence (AI): AI tools and chatbots are becoming increasingly common. Parents should discuss what these tools can and cannot do and remind children that AI is not a substitute for trusted adults, friends, family members, or mental health professionals. Encourage children to seek support from real people when facing challenges or difficult emotions.

5. Choose screen time carefully: Not all screen time is the same. When parents need time to work or complete household tasks, selecting age-appropriate movies, television programs, educational content, or creative activities can provide entertainment while reducing exposure to less supervised areas of the internet.

Parents and caregivers should also watch for changes in mood, behavior, or social interactions that may indicate a child is struggling. Open communication remains one of the most effective tools for helping children stay safe online.

If you believe a child is experiencing a mental health crisis or having thoughts of self-harm, call or text 988, the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, for free, confidential support available 24 hours a day.

Youth Villages is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization providing mental and behavioral health services for children, young adults, and families. The organization serves communities across the United States, with the nearest office in Salem <https://youthvillages.org/about-us/locations/oregon>. ☀

Junction City Man Arrested on Child Exploitation Charges; Investigators Seek Additional Victims

JUNCTION CITY — A 56-year-old Junction City man has been arrested on charges related to an Internet Crimes Against Children investigation, according to the Oregon State Police.

Glenn William Norris was arrested May 27 and charged with online sexual corruption of a child in the first degree and luring a minor, Oregon State Police announced Wednesday.

According to investigators, Norris was identified during an Internet Crimes Against Children investigation. Following his arrest, he was lodged at the Clackamas County Jail and later indicted on the listed charges.

State police detectives believe there may be additional victims and are asking anyone with information to come forward.

Anyone with information related to the investigation is encouraged to contact Oregon State Police dispatch at 1-800-442-0776 or *OSP (*677) from a mobile phone and reference case number SP26165006.

The investigation remains ongoing, and no additional information has been released.

The booking photo released by Oregon State Police was made public for law enforcement purposes in accordance with Oregon House Bill 3273.

As with all criminal cases, the charges against Norris are allegations, and he is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law. ☀





emergence

addiction and behavioral therapies

RECOVERY,
FOR THE
FUTURE
YOU WANT.



4emergence.com

541-967-6597

A FULL SERVICE TIMBER COMPANY



KYLE TURNER

PROJECT MANAGER

541-393-7424

neworegonforestry.com

neworegonforestry@gmail.com

Specializing in purchasing timber and land, offering a seamless process that ensures fair and competitive evaluations



Tree Fix

TREE PROBLEMS SOLVED



Scott Schones • Cell: 541-961-9699

34265 Powell Hills Loop, Shedd, Oregon 97377

treefixmail@gmail.com • www.treefix.net

LICENSED, BONDED, INSURED

CASCADE



Land Management Services, Logging,
& Road/Driveway Maintenance.

541-367-2111 • www.cascadetimber.com

PO Box 446 • 3210 Highway 20 • Sweet Home, OR

WHERE TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR HOME & PROPERTY

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

— Free Estimates —



- General Construction
- Interior
- Exterior
- Residential

Call Damian Torres **503-551-2837** CCB#254413
dtrpaintingllc13@gmail.com

NORMS
ELECTRIC INC.

Electric Contractors Since 1971
279 Templeton Ave • PO Box 28
Brownsville, OR 97327

Electrical Material Available
• Residential • Commercial • Agricultural
541-466-5328 • CCB #55960



DAN WHITE
OWNER & OPERATOR
CCB# 237735

Driveways • Shop Floors
RV Pads • Patios • Sidewalks
GreatWhiteConcreteLLC@gmail.com
541-220-3342
CONCRETE COMPANY LLC



Carl Conner
PRESIDENT • CCB: 203129
VETERAN-OWNED COMPANY ★
LICENSED • BONDED • INSURED
HVAC SERVICE

Cell: 541.214.1131
Fax: 541.466.5807
carl202@centurytel.net
P.O. Box 455 • Brownsville, OR 97327

Fernando Ledesma
General Contractor L&F LLC
Lawn Service

- Mulch • Mow • Weeding
- Clean-UPS • Pruning
- Pressure Washing

Free Estimates
541-730-0037



DELIVERY
Bark • Compost • Soils
thebarkplace.net

The Bark Place
open 7 days a week through the summer
(541) 926-8701 6485 Pacific Blvd Albany

UniversalGeneralConstruction3@gmail.com
541-981-9144
CEO: Bulmaro R.
CCB: 250302



Free Estimates!
New Construction • Remodeling • Patios
Siding • Windows/Doors • Flooring • Fences
Painting • Flat Concrete • Porch Cover Remodel

DAVIS
GLASS
Est. 1975

► RESIDENTIAL
► COMMERCIAL

info@davisglass.net | davisglass.net
230 2nd Ave SE | Albany, OR 97321
Phone: [541] 926-1962



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



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

RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL
WALKER
HEATING & AC, INC. Free Estimates

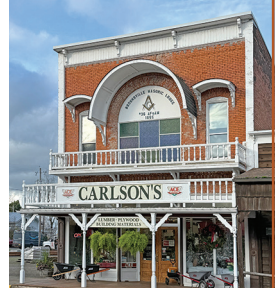
\$145 Tune-Up
\$95 Diagnostic



541-367-8706 2222 Main St • Sweet Home CCB# 208491

Carlson Hardware
& Lumber Yard

111 Stanard Ave.
Brownsville
(541) 466-5108
Monday-Saturday 8-5



ACE
The helpful place. Family owned & operated since 1942

STAR WATER SYSTEMS INC
Pumps • Tanks • Filters

541-451-3298 • 250 Market St • Lebanon

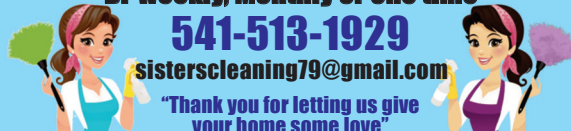
Pumps ★ Pressure Tanks ★ Storage Tank Systems
Water Treatment ★ Filtration ★ Real Estate Testing
Self-Serve Purified Water ★ Spa Chemicals
24-hour Emergency Service



Nicholson Construction & Remodel LLC
Affordable Home Upgrades:

Exterior: Siding - Paint - Doors - Windows - Decks - Patio Covers
Interior: Drywall - Paint - Trim - Cabinet Install - Kitchen & Bath Remodels
Real Estate Repair Addendums
CCB# 213147 Bonded & Insured **Call Jason: 541-401-1355**

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




ADVANCED ENERGY SYSTEMS

OREGON'S SOLAR + BATTERY EXPERTS

541.683.2345 | AESrenew.com | info@aesrenew.com



D & D STORAGE

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

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



CLEAN CRUSHED QUARRY ROCK
DELIVERY AVAILABLE



Liberty
ROCK PRODUCTS & CRUSHING

ROGER 541-409-1982
KENNY 541-401-3043

LOCATIONS IN SWEET HOME & BROWNSVILLE



ccb# 123198
Gary Sprauer Construction ROOFING

Tear Off & Replace • Metal & Composition
Major Rot Repairs & Alterations
Call Gary 503-989-0368

NORTHERN ROCK SUPPLY LLC

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