



Harrisburg Veterans Memorial Service

By Allen L. Buzzard, Guest Contributor

HARRISBURG — First Lt. Russell Quinn, a World War II pilot from Harrisburg, who was killed in combat while flying a P-38 Mustang on June 13, 1944 over Bréal-sous-Montfort, France was remembered during the first Veterans Memorial Service at the Harrisburg Area Museum June 13, 2026.

A small yet respectful crowd of all ages heard the story of Quinn's life and sacrifice, which was recounted in a June 24, 1998, Albany Democrat-Herald article titled, "Remembering Russell Quinn" and shared by his nephew, Russell Hayworth. Hayworth spoke following Mary Tallouzi, national spokesperson for the Wounded Warriors Project. Tallouzi spoke passionately about caring for all wounded veterans, drawing from her own experience after losing a son who was severely wounded during Operation Iraqi Freedom and later died following a two-year battle to recover.

Decades after Lt. Quinn's death, family and community members honored him at his crash site with a memorial cross, photos, letters, and flowers. The memorial was made possible by Frenchman Jean-Paul Favrais, who, at age 9, witnessed the downing of Lt. Quinn's fighter plane. Favrais vowed to identify the pilot's surviving family and spent years researching the crash and locating relatives. His efforts to preserve the stories of American airmen lost in France, including Quinn, are featured in the documentary "Fallen Heroes of the Mighty Eighth." His work led to a memorial ceremony at the crash site in 1995 and helped foster ongoing connections between Quinn's family, local veterans, and the French community, ensuring his sacrifice continues to be remembered by future generations.



Mary Tallouzi, national spokesperson for the Wounded Warrior Project, speaks during Harrisburg's first Veterans Memorial Service on June 13 at the Harrisburg Area Museum. Tallouzi shared her family's experience with military sacrifice and the importance of supporting wounded veterans.

At the Harrisburg Veterans Memorial Service, leaders and neighbors gathered to honor all veterans. Mayor Robert Duncan thanked past and present service members. City

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Pancakes, Games, and Fireworks: Brownsville's Fourth of July

By Kathleen Swayze, Fourth of July Breakfast Coordinator

BROWNSVILLE — Brownsville's Fourth of July celebration begins with the traditional pancake breakfast from 8–10 a.m. in Pioneer Park. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, eggs, orange juice, and coffee, with music, dancing, entertainment, and the always-popular aerial pancake flipping. All proceeds support the fireworks display.

Breakfast costs \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under. The traditional fire truck wake-up call will make its rounds through town to remind residents breakfast is being served.

The celebration continues throughout the day. Lunch in the pavilion begins at 11:30 a.m., and the car show will be held from 11 a.m.–4 p.m. near the pavilion. Inflatables and children's activities will be open from noon–8 p.m. on the prairie section of the park.

Food vendors near the baseball field will open at 3 p.m., and live music is scheduled from 4–9:30 p.m. As evening approaches, families are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs and find a spot for the fireworks display, which will begin after dark.

Free ice cream cones will be available for children 12 and under beginning around 8:30 p.m. Cones for older 'kids' are \$1 each.

No personal fireworks or alcohol are allowed in Pioneer Park. A \$10 donation is requested for each car entering the park. 🌀



Pancake Breakfast volunteers Barbara Andersen, Jenna Stutsman, and Mary Brown pause for a photo while preparing breakfast for Brownsville's annual Fourth of July celebration. The popular community breakfast helps raise funds for the evening fireworks display.



A hearty Fourth of July breakfast featuring pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, and coffee awaits visitors at Pioneer Park.



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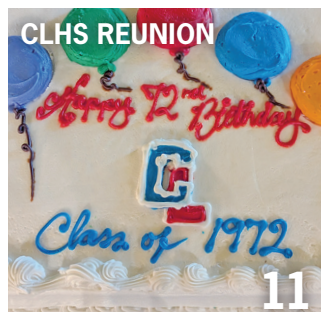


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ONGOING EVENTS

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>

Jefferson Night Market

First Thursday of the Month • 4–7 p.m.
150 N. 2nd St., Jefferson
Held monthly through September, the
Jefferson Night Market features local
farmers, crafters, artists, food vendors,
and small businesses. Shop local, enjoy
the community atmosphere, and support
area vendors at this family-friendly out-
door market presented by the Jefferson
Area Chamber of Commerce.

Scio Saturday Market

Saturdays • 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
Linn County Lamb & Wool Fairgrounds
38999 NE 1st Ave., Scio
Open rain or shine through Sept. 26
(except July 4 and Aug. 1), this weekly
market features local produce, baked
goods, crafts, art, food vendors, live
music, demonstrations, and other
family-friendly entertainment. Accessible
parking, picnic tables, and an ADA
portable restroom are available on site.
<https://www.sciosaturdaymarket.com>

American Legion Bingo Night

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

JUNE & JULY EVENTS

ALBANY

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
This 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 tradi-
tional Spinners’ Lead, where fiber artists model hand-
made garments alongside the animals that produced the
fiber. Free parking.
<https://www.blacksheepgathering.org> • 503-804-0014
blacksheepgathering@gmail.com

Linn County Fair

Thursday–Saturday, July 16–18
Linn County Fair & Expo Center, 3700 Knox Butte Rd E
Three days of family fun featuring 4-H exhibits, livestock
and animal shows, carnival rides, food vendors, and
live entertainment. Evening concert headliners include
Frankie Ballard on July 16, Montgomery Gentry featuring
Eddie Montgomery on July 17, and The Band Perry on
July 18. Rodeo events are scheduled for Thursday and
Friday. Reserved concert seating is available.
<https://www.linncountyfair.com>

Springhill North Albany Car Show

Sunday, July 19 • 9 a.m.
Bryant Park, 801 Bryant Way SW
This car show benefits the South Willamette Valley
Honor Flight, which provides veterans with trips to visit
military memorials in Washington, D.C. Community
members are invited to enjoy a variety of vehicles while
supporting a worthy cause.
Dave Faller: SHNACS@gmail.com

BROWNSVILLE

Junk Art Workshop

Saturday, June 27 • 2–4 p.m. • FREE
Brownsville Art Center, 225 N Main St
The Brownsville Art Association will host a workshop on
creating art from discarded materials. The event serves
as an introduction to the annual Junk Art Show, opening
July 15, and encourages participants to explore creative
reuse and consider entering the exhibit.
<https://brownsvilleart.org>

Stars, Stripes, & Sirens Community Dinner

Wednesday, July 1 • 5:30 p.m. • FREE • Pioneer Park
CONNECT Linn County will host a free community
spaghetti dinner honoring veterans, active-duty military
personnel, firefighters, law enforcement officers,
emergency medical personnel, and other first respond-
ers. Community members are invited to enjoy a meal,
connect with neighbors, and celebrate local heroes.
Dinner available while supplies last.
<https://www.connectlinncounty.net>

Death Cafe

Tuesday, July 7 • 6:30 p.m. • FREE
The Kirk Room, Brownsville Library, 146 Spaulding Ave.
Join an open and respectful conversation about death,
dying, and the experiences that connect us all. Death
Cafe is an international movement that brings people
together over tea, coffee, and cake to discuss mortality
in a judgment-free setting. The gathering is not a grief
support group, counseling session, or religious event,
and there is no set agenda. Hosted by retired registered
nurse Nan VanSandt. Free and open to adults. Cake will
be provided.

HARRISBURG

Annual Harrisburg Citywide Cleanup Day

Saturday, June 27 • 9 a.m.–2 p.m. • \$5 per load
Harrisburg High School, 400 S 9th St
Provided by Republic Services and the City of Harrisburg.
Open to Harrisburg city residents only; ID required.
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

Summer Sounds Concert Series: Inner Limits

Thursday, July 9 • 5:30–8:30 p.m.
Riverfront Park Gazebo, First and Smith streets
The Summer Sounds Concert Series opens with a
performance by Inner Limits. Food trucks begin serving
at 5:30 p.m., followed by live music at 6:30 p.m. Bring
lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy a free evening of music
along the Willamette River.
<https://www.tri-countychamber.com>
<https://www.ci.harrisburg.or.us>

JEFFERSON

Jefferson Heroes’ Day

Saturday, June 27 • 7 a.m.–5 p.m. • Downtown
Celebrate local heroes with a community pancake break-
fast, parade, car show, vendors, food trucks, games, live
music, pickle and jam contests, a community scavenger
hunt, and a softball tournament. Proceeds benefit the
Jefferson Volunteer Firefighter Association and local
youth athletics programs.
<https://www.facebook.com/JeffersonHeroesDay>
jeffersonheroesday@gmail.com

LEBANON

Waterloo County Park Encampment 2026

Friday–Sunday, July 24–26 • 10 a.m.–5 p.m. • FREE
Waterloo County Park, 39510 Gross St., Lebanon
Join the Native American Cultural Encampment at
Waterloo County Park celebrating Native culture, music,
and community. Flutestock Lite will join the encamp-
ment on Saturday, featuring flute music throughout the
day accompanied by drum, rattle, and vocals.
<https://www.nativeamericanencampment.com>
541-570-5950 • petersdietz@gmail.com

TANGENT

Tangent Farmers Market

Saturday, July 11 • 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Baxter’s Brew/Riverland Rentals, 33977 OR-99E, Tangent
Shop local vendors offering baked goods, crafts, flowers,
farm goods, honey, meats, woodworking, home decor,
and more. The next market is August 8.
<https://www.facebook.com/tangentfarmersmarket>

Come for the Fun!

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**Fourth of July
BREAKFAST**

8–10 a.m. | Pioneer Park

Aerial Pancake Acrobatics ★
Music & Fun with the Egg Man,
the Eggettes, ★
the Back Sink Boys,
and the Coffee King
& Don Ware with
the kitchenware

Proceeds support
the Brownsville
fireworks display ★

MENU ★
• pancakes
• sausage & eggs
• coffee & orange juice

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to our community calendar:

[https://thetimescww.org/
community-calendar](https://thetimescww.org/community-calendar)

INDEPENDENCE DAY EVENTS

ALBANY/MILLERSBURG

We Hold These Truths: Public Reading of the Declaration of Independence

Friday, July 3 • 5:30 p.m. • Linn County Courthouse, North Steps, 300 SW 4th Ave.

Join Braver Angels Mid-Willamette Valley Alliance for a public reading of the Declaration of Independence. Guest readers will participate in the approximately 30-minute program. Linn County Commissioner Will Tucker will welcome attendees. Free and open to the public.

Linn County Fourth of July Fireworks Show

Saturday, July 4 • Dusk • Near Timber-Linn Park 900 Price Rd SE

The cities of Albany and Millersburg, in partnership with Linn County, will present a free fireworks show celebrating America's 250th year of independence. Parking will be available for visitors traveling from outside the area. Organizers encourage residents to enjoy the professional display and help reduce wildfire risk by leaving personal fireworks at home.

<https://linnfireworks.com>

BROWNSVILLE

Brownsville Fourth of July Celebration

Saturday, July 4 • 8 a.m.–Dark • Pioneer Park

Celebrate America's 250th anniversary at Brownsville's annual Fourth of July celebration. Enjoy a community breakfast from 8–10 a.m. (\$10 adults, \$5 ages 10 and under), a free car show hosted by Lebanon Cars & Coffee from 11 a.m.–4 p.m., kids' activities, food vendors, and live music throughout the afternoon and evening. Performers include Randy Nicholson (4–5:30 p.m.), Michael Opperman (6–7:30 p.m.), and the Shane Brown Trio (7–9:30 p.m.). Fireworks begin at dark. Hosted by the Brownsville Fire Department and CONNECT Linn County.

<https://www.connectlinncounty.net>

Fourth of July Celebration at Randy's

Saturday, July 4 • Noon–8 p.m. • Randy's Main Street Coffee, 240 N. Main St.

Enjoy barbecue, a beer garden, and live music by BrownTown Sound. Food will be served from noon to 8 p.m. The community is invited to join the festivities.

HARRISBURG

Friday

Pet and Costume Parade

Friday, July 3 • 11 a.m. • Riverfront Park

Bring pets, wagons, bikes, trikes, or wheelchairs for this family-friendly parade along the riverfront. Check-in begins at 10:30 a.m., with judging and prizes at 10:45 a.m.

Live Music and Food Trucks

Friday, July 3 • 6:30–9:30 p.m. • Riverfront Gazebo

The Barn Shakers will perform traditional country and classic rock while food trucks.

Saturday

Harrisburg Volunteer Firefighter Association Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, July 4 • 6–10 a.m. • Old Fire Dept., 500 Smith St.

Pancakes, eggs, ham, juice, coffee, and Lochmead milk served by local firefighters.

Fourth of July Parade

Saturday, July 4 • 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. • Downtown

The community parade begins at Seventh and Smith streets and travels through downtown before ending near Harrisburg High School.

Artists and Vendors Marketplace

Saturday, July 4 • Noon–10 p.m. • 1st and Smith streets

Browse food vendors, artisans, crafts, and community booths throughout downtown.

Family Games and Obstacle Course

Saturday, July 4 • Following Parade • 6th St. and BN Park

Enjoy a penny scramble, foot races, gunny sack races, egg toss, three-legged races, and a free inflatable obstacle course for all ages.

Entertainment at the Riverfront Gazebo

Saturday, July 4 • Noon–Dusk • Riverfront Park

A display of historic Declaration of Independence editions, followed by live music from Pretti Graffiti from 2–5 p.m. and Bad Reputation from 5:30–9:30 p.m.

Flag Boat Parade

Saturday, July 4 • 8 p.m. • Willamette River

Decorated boats will parade along the river as part of the holiday festivities.

Fireworks Display

Saturday, July 4 • Dusk (approx. 10 p.m.) • Riverfront Area

The celebration concludes with a fireworks show over Harrisburg. Bring chairs or blankets and follow posted safety guidelines.

Sunday

Show and Shine Classic Car Show

Sunday, July 5 • 4–7 p.m. • The 99 Grill, 290 N 3rd St.

Featuring classic vehicles, music by DJ Jediah Flatt, food, prizes, drawings, trivia, and family-friendly activities including hula hoop and limbo contests. The event is sponsored by State Farm Agent Dave Zech and Lola's Coffee.

Jefferson Heroes' Day Returns June 27

JEFFERSON — The Jefferson Area Chamber of Commerce and community partners will host Jefferson Heroes' Day on Saturday, June 27, bringing a full day of family-friendly activities to downtown Jefferson while honoring those who serve the community.

The celebration begins with a pancake breakfast hosted by the Jefferson Volunteer Firefighters from 7 a.m. to noon, followed by a parade on Main Street at 10 a.m. Visitors can also enjoy a car show, local vendors, food trucks, games, live music, and a community scavenger hunt.

Several contests will be held throughout the day, including pickle, jam, and jelly competitions. Entries for both contests will be accepted at the Conser House lawn from 11 a.m. to noon, with judging beginning later in the afternoon.

The day concludes with a community softball tournament at 5 p.m. featuring teams from the Jefferson Fire District, Jefferson High School athletics programs, and community members. Players of all skill levels are welcome to participate. Registration is \$25 and includes a T-shirt.

Proceeds from Heroes' Day activities benefit the Jefferson Volunteer Firefighter Association, the Jefferson High School Track Project, and local youth softball and baseball programs.

For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/JeffersonHeroesDay> or email JeffersonHeroesDay@gmail.com.

CONNECT LINN COUNTY

Stars, Stripes & Sirens Dinner to Honor Community Heroes

BROWNSVILLE — CONNECT Linn County will kick off its summer Community Dinner series on Wednesday, July 1, with a patriotic evening honoring veterans, active-duty military personnel, first responders, firefighters, law enforcement officers, and emergency medical personnel.

The free community event, "Stars, Stripes & Sirens," begins at 5:30 p.m. at Brownsville's Pioneer Park. Organizers invite residents of all ages to attend and enjoy a complimentary spaghetti dinner while celebrating those who serve and protect the community. Community members are encouraged to



arrive early, as meals will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The event marks the first in CONNECT Linn County's summer dinner series, which brings neighbors together through shared meals and themed community gatherings. This year's opening dinner honors the sacrifices and contributions of local heroes, including members of the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, fire departments, police departments, and other first responders.

In addition to the meal, attendees will have the opportunity to connect with fellow community members and express their appreciation for those who dedicate their lives to public service.

Dinner will be served free of charge and available while supplies last. CONNECT Linn County is a community-building organization that works to strengthen relationships and foster connections among residents throughout Linn County. The summer dinner series is designed to provide welcoming opportunities for people to gather, share a meal, and build a stronger sense of community.

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**Sunday
June 28
6 p.m.**

B'ville
CommUnity Church
198
Washburn
541-405-1425

Tangent Farmer's Market Expands in Its Second Year

By Daniel R. Murphy, Staff Writer and Columnist

TANGENT — The Tangent Farmer's Market continued its second season on Saturday, June 13, drawing 32 vendors and visitors to its location at 33977 Highway 99E. The market, held in the Riverland Rentals parking lot, also featured live music and local food and beverages.

The market was launched in 2025 by Leslie Harrison, a former Tangent City Councilor, volunteer with Tangent Together, and co-ordinator of the Tangent Harvest Festival Parade. Harrison organized the market following discussions about creating a community gathering place for local vendors and residents.

Operating independently of other organizations, the market is organized entirely by volunteers Leslie and Zach Harrison, with support from Baxter's Brew and Riverland Rentals, which provide the venue and volunteer assistance.

The Harrisons moved to Tangent in 2020. Before launching the market, Leslie operated Harrison Honey and Homestead, a farm stand that offered eggs, honey, jams, cut flowers, and other locally produced goods. Honey from the farm is also used at Baxter's Brew, a neighboring business in the market.

Zach Harrison assists with market operations and serves in the Oregon



COURTESY: JEWEL-ANNE STRAWN

Jewel-Anne Strawn and Baxter, the black Labrador Retriever who inspired the name Baxter's Brew, pose for a photo. The coffee stand serves customers on weekdays and during Tangent Farmer's Markets.

Army National Guard. Together, the couple has helped grow the market into a regular community event that connects local producers, small businesses, and residents.

Baxter's Brew, operated by Jewel-Anne Strawn, is open on market days and serves many visitors throughout the event. Strawn, who hopes to eventually open a brick-and-mortar café, operates the coffee stand weekdays from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on market Saturdays.

The Tangent Farmer's Market is held on the second Saturday of each month, from May through August. The next market is scheduled for July 11, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. ☼



DANIEL R. MURPHY

Zachary and Leslie Harrison of Harrison Honey and Homestead welcome visitors to the Tangent Farmer's Market on June 13. Leslie launched the market in 2025 and continues to coordinate the growing community event, while Zach assists vendors and customers throughout the season.

TANGENT TOGETHER

First-Ever Pay It Forward Scholarships Awarded

By Trina Henderson, President and founder

TANGENT — Tangent Together proudly awarded its first-ever Pay It Forward Scholarships June 18, marking a milestone four years in the making for the community organization.



COURTESY: KACIE JO WAHL
Georgia Wahl is one of two students selected to receive Tangent Together's inaugural Pay It Forward Scholarship.

Recipients Georgia Wahl and Marissa Fox were each awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to support their studies at Linn-Benton Community College this fall. Selected from nine applicants, both students impressed reviewers with their strong connection to Tangent, educational goals, and commitment to serving others.

Marissa Fox is pursuing a bachelor's degree in elementary education and plans to make a difference in the classroom as a teacher. Georgia Wahl plans to earn an associate degree in animal technology and become a certified artificial insemination technician. She is passionate about working with cattle and supporting the agricultural industry.

What makes the Pay It Forward Scholarship unique is that recipients are asked not only how they will use the scholarship funds for their education, but also how they would like to give back to the community. In addition to the scholarship award, each recipient was given \$200 to help bring their pay-it-forward idea to life.

Georgia chose to support the Fix It Friday program, where youth spend Fridays at the farm learning hands-on skills from farmers under the direction of Jeremy Ott. Having learned valuable life skills through the program, she wanted to ensure future students have the same opportunities. Tangent Together will partner with Fix It Friday to implement a community project in Georgia's honor.

Marissa chose to focus on supporting students with learning disabilities at Tangent Elementary School. Her goal is to help younger students feel encouraged, included, and supported throughout their educational journey. Tangent Together will work with local partners to develop a project in Marissa's honor that reflects her vision of creating a more supportive environment for students.

The scholarship selection process was conducted through a blind review. Applications were reviewed by Joe Samaniego, city manager of Tangent, Lisa Coon of Tangent Together, and Tangent Together founder Trina Henderson after all identifying information had been removed.

"This scholarship is proof of what can happen when a community keeps showing up," said Henderson. "Four years ago, it was just an idea, and last night we watched it become real. Our community came together to invest in its future, and that's something I'm incredibly proud of."

Tangent Together hopes the scholarship program will continue for years to come, creating opportunities for local students while encouraging the next generation to give back to the community that helped shape them. ☼



MICHELLE ROBINSON

Marissa Fox was recognized for her commitment to giving back to the Tangent community through the Pay It Forward Scholarship program.

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Kraze Daze Returns to Downtown Albany July 9-11

By Marcy Hermens, Staff Writer and Tangent Correspondent

ALBANY — Downtown Albany’s longest-running event is back. Kraze Daze, presented by the Albany Downtown Association, fills the historic downtown district with sidewalk sales, great food, and community spirit Thursday through Saturday, July 9-11.



Local shops set merchandise out on the sidewalks throughout downtown at reduced prices. Stock changes daily, so shoppers are encouraged to return all three days. Local craft vendors add variety to the mix, and downtown eateries join in with food specials throughout the event. Cap it off with the car show Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a full day in the heart of historic Albany.

Kraze Daze has deep roots — dating to 1898, when it was known as Bargain Days, and re-named Crazy Daze after World War II. One of the event’s most memorable moments came in 1962,



when a monkey scheduled to perform made a daring escape into downtown Albany.

That intrepid monkey inspired this year’s Gary’s Great Escape scavenger hunt. Free to participate, the hunt sends you through

downtown shop windows in search of 20 stuffed “Gary” monkeys, each wearing a different color ribbon. Pick up your Gary Passport at the Albany Downtown Association office, 126 Ferry Street SW. Find all 20 “Gary” monkeys and return your completed passport to the ADA office by 4 p.m. Saturday, July 11. A winner will be drawn Monday, July 13, from all completed entries. 🌀

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Runa Boutique Set for July Opening in Brownsville

By Mandy Cole, Guest Contributor

BROWNSVILLE — Teek Loukota, owner of the brand-new Runa Boutique, is preparing to welcome customers during a soft opening July 3-4 at 439 N. Main St., the former home of Sharing Hands Food Bank.

“Brownsville reminds me of a fairy tale town,” Loukota said. “It’s very calming.”

Visitors to the boutique will find ethically sourced, higher-end, and secondhand clothing, handmade jewelry, candles, incense, antiques, books, medicinal teas, and crocheted items crafted by Loukota herself. The shop will initially be open on Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. “I’d like to be open more hours in the future,” she says.

Loukota is no stranger to small-business ownership. She has owned the Harrisburg Barber Shop for the past 10 years. Born in Eugene, she now lives on a farm near Sweet Home with her husband and three children.

Looking for a change of pace and more time with her family, she decided to pursue a long-held dream.

“My kids are excited about their mom having a business closer to home,” she says. “I’ve always wanted to open a cute, quaint store.”

Her Norwegian heritage also influenced the shop’s name. Loukota said that “Runa” is an Old Norse word meaning whimsical.

With its mix of unique goods and handmade creations, Runa Boutique adds another locally owned business to Brownsville’s historic downtown.

Welcome Loukota to her new enterprise. 🌀

Teek Loukota, owner of Runa Boutique, will welcome customers during the shop’s soft opening July 3-4 at 439 N. Main St. in Brownsville. The boutique features ethically sourced clothing, handmade goods, antiques, books, teas, and other unique items.

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Adminstrator Michele Eldridge and Calvary Chaplain Chris Pace introduced guests and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Albany City Councilor Marilyn Smith and Michele Harding spoke about bravery, service, and honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Family members shared stories about Russell Quinn and other local veterans. Volunteers and students helped clean and landscape the memorial behind the courts. Organizers invited the community to join future events and to recognize a new special sister-city relationship forged between Bréal-sous-Montfort and Harrisburg. The ceremony closed with French and American flags, cookies, and warm wishes for safe travels and a peaceful afternoon.

Those interested in learning more about Quinn’s story and Favrais’ efforts can watch “Fallen Heroes of the Mighty Eighth” at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5oWM-ppDBf0>. 🌀

American and French flags, commemorative pins and registration materials were displayed during Harrisburg’s Veterans Memorial Service.

Russell Hayworth, nephew of First Lt. Russell G. Quinn, speaks during Harrisburg’s first Veterans Memorial Service on June 13 at the Harrisburg Area Museum. Hayworth was named after his uncle, a Harrisburg pilot who was killed in combat over France during World War II.

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Summer Sounds Concert Series Returns to Harrisburg Riverfront

HARRISBURG — The Summer Sounds Concert Series returns to Riverfront Park beginning July 9, bringing five evenings of live music to the Willamette River waterfront.

Food trucks open at 5:30 p.m., followed by concerts at 6:30 p.m. at the gazebo near First and Smith streets.

- This year's lineup includes:
- July 9 — Inner Limits
 - July 16 — The Riverside
 - July 23 — Outlaw Shine
 - July 30 — Marcus Brown & Ghost Town
 - Aug. 6 — Candy Apple Bleu

Admission is free. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy an evening of music by the river.

The series is presented by the Tri-County Chamber of Commerce and the City of Harrisburg. Sponsors and volunteers are still being sought to support the summer events. 🗳️



Concertgoers dance at Harrisburg's Riverfront Park during a 2025 Summer Sounds event. The historic Moore, Gerst & Barber Building, built in the 1860s and later home to the May & Senders store, stands in the background.



Candy Apple Bleu performed yacht rock at Harrisburg's Riverfront Park in 2025.



Inner Limits opens Harrisburg's Summer Sounds Concert Series on July 9 at Riverfront Park.



The Riverside brings its blend of folk, bluegrass, and Americana music to Harrisburg's Riverfront Park on July 16 as part of the Summer Sounds Concert Series.



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Families Invited to Experience Oregon Trail Life on Historic Barlow Road

SALEM — Families interested in Oregon history and pioneer living will have an opportunity this summer to travel portions of the historic Oregon Trail during the 2026 Oregon 4-H Wagon Train.

The week-long experience, scheduled for July 12–18, allows participants to travel along the historic Barlow Road by horseback, covered wagon, and on foot while learning about pioneer life, Oregon history, and outdoor skills.

Organizers say the program is designed for both youth and adults, and no prior wagon train experience is required.

Participants spend the week camping outdoors, caring for horses, preparing meals, and traveling through Oregon landscapes much like pioneers did more than 175 years ago.

“The Wagon Train is more than a camp. It’s a transformative experience that connects people to Oregon’s history, the outdoors, and each other,” Wagon Train leader Wayne Beckwith said in a news release.

Founded in 1982 through Oregon State University Extension’s 4-H program, organizers say the Oregon 4-H Wagon Train is the only 4-H Wagon Train club in the country.

The July Wagon Train costs \$350 per participant, plus a \$50 fee per animal. Financial assistance is available.

Registration is encouraged by June 28.

More information is available at <https://www.4hwagontrain.org>.



COURTESY: OREGON 4-H WAGON TRAIN

Participants in the Oregon 4-H Wagon Train travel portions of the historic Barlow Road by covered wagon, horseback, and on foot during the annual living history experience.



COURTESY: OREGON 4-H WAGON TRAIN

Families and youth participating in the Oregon 4-H Wagon Train spend a week camping outdoors while learning pioneer-era skills and Oregon history.



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BROWNSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Un-bee-lievable Summer Library Activities

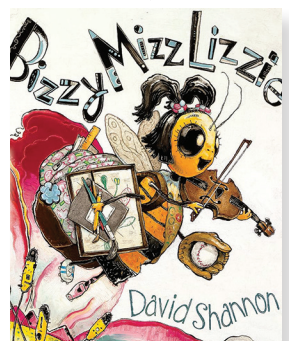
By Eva Wada, Brownsville Assistant Librarian

Calling all busy bees and bookworms! The excitement is buzzing on Spaulding Avenue from June 30 to July 3, so stop by The Brownsville Community Library to pick up our Take and Make Activity! Thanks to the OSU Extension Service, you can grab a free summer activity book and everything needed to build a crafty little bee, while supplies last. There is a limit of one book per family.

Looking back, we had an un-bee-lievably good time at our "Plant a Seed, Read" Kickoff at The Pioneer Picnic on June 20! Dan Estep totally wowed the crowd with a program full of magic, laughs, and facts about prehistoric dinosaurs. A giant hive-five to our sponsors, the Brownsville Women's Study Club and the Brownsville Friends of the Library.

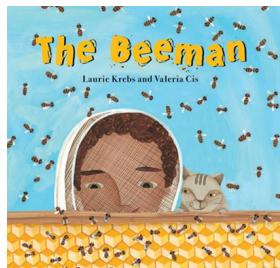
For another taste of sweet summer fun, mark your calendars to swarm over for our July 9 Bike Rodeo and Fire Safety event! Little honeybees, bring your bike and learn to ride safely this summer on our course from 4 to 5 p.m. The American Legion and the Brownsville Fire Department suggest bringing a towel! The fire trucks will be there to hose you down and cool you off after buzzing around on your bike.

Even busy bees rest among the flowers. Like them, find a good book and a shady nook to keep your brain growing and to discover a lifelong love of learning at your local library! If you are a little honeybee still exploring pictures, try a fun rhyming story like "The Beeman" by Laurie Krebs and Valeria Cis. You can also zoom through "Bizzy Mizz Lizzie" by David Shannon to meet the most active, fast-moving resident in Hivetown.



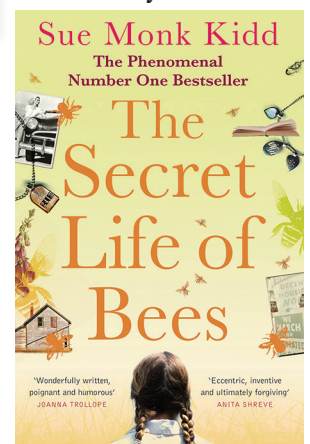
Kidd. It is a beautiful story about finding your chosen family and your own voice.

Just remember, our workers are resting, and the library will be closed June 23-27 and July 4. Make a beeline for the library so you don't miss out on all the sweet reads. 🐝



Teens, collect an armful of good reads, including "The Secret Life of Bees" by Sue Monk Kidd.

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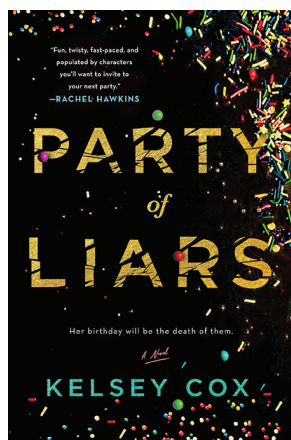
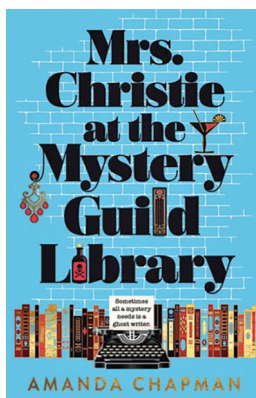


SHERRING BOOKS

Large Print Collection Expands with New Mysteries and Thrillers

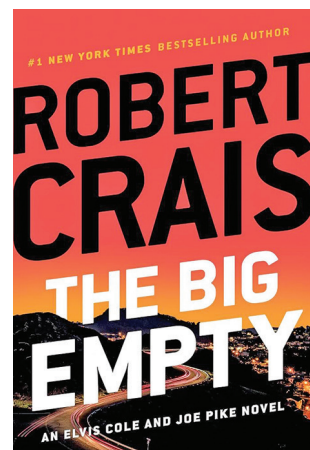
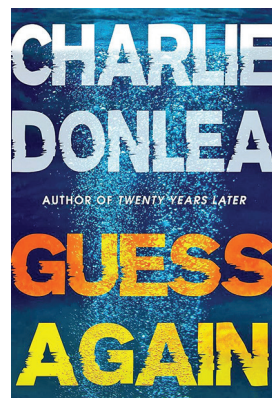
The Brownsville Library has expanded its large print collection with several new mysteries, thrillers, and suspense novels.

New additions include "Mrs. Christie at the Mystery Guild Library" by Amanda Chapman, where a book conservator teams up with a woman claiming to be Agatha Christie to solve a murder.



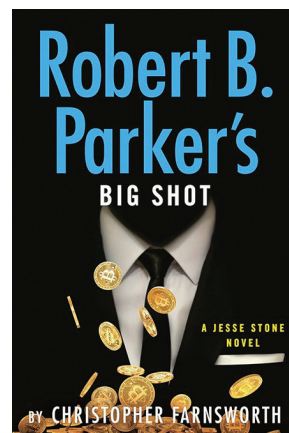
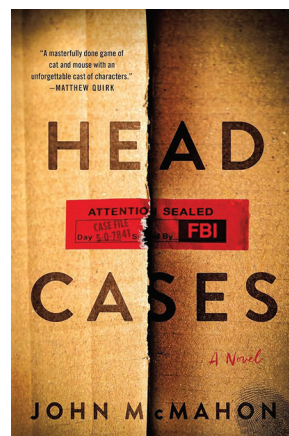
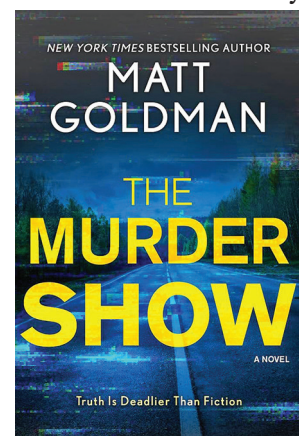
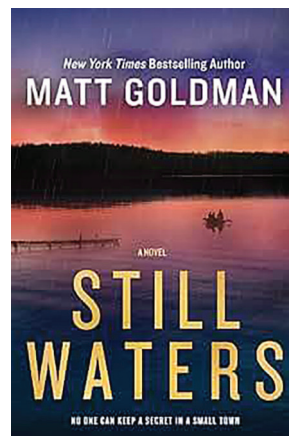
Suspense readers can explore "Party of Liars" by Kelsey Cox, set during a deadly birthday party at a cliffside mansion, or "Guess Again" by Charlie Donlea, featuring a missing girl and a twisted killer.

The library also added "The Big Empty" by Robert Crais, starring private investigator Elvis Cole, and "Girl

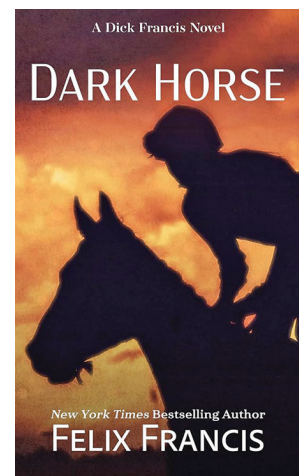


Anonymous" by Christina Dodd, described as "West Side Story" meets "The Godfather."

Other new large print titles include "Still Waters" and "The Murder Show" by Matt Goldman, "Head Cases" by John McMahon and "Fire Mountain" by Dana Mentink.



Western and detective fans may enjoy "Dark Horse" by Felix Francis and two Jesse Stone novels, "Robert B. Parker's Big Shot" and "Buried Secrets" by Christopher Farnsworth.



Librarian Sherri Lemhouse said large-print books continue to be popular among library patrons, especially readers seeking accessible editions of current mysteries and bestselling thrillers. 🐝

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.

Summer Reading Program 'Plant a Seed, Read'

Through July 31 • FREE

Brownsville Community Library's summer reading program features weekly activities, special presentations, and prizes for readers. Bring weekly reading logs to enter weekly prize drawings.

- June 23-27 — Library closed for maintenance
- June 30-July 3 — Take-and-Make Activity
- July 4 — Library closed for Independence Day
- July 9 — Bike Rodeo and Fire Safety, 4-5 p.m.
- July 16 — Let's Make Fairy or Gnome Gardens, 4-5 p.m.
- July 23 — University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History presents "Bee Amazed," 4-5 p.m.
- July 30 — Going to Seed at the Library and the 3rd Annual Stuffed Animal Sleepover, 4-5 p.m.
- July 31 — Story Time and stuffed animal pickup, 11 a.m.-noon.

Library Hours: Closed Sun-Mon.

Tue-Wed & Fri 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thu 1-7 p.m.

Sat 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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JEFFERSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Summer Reading Program Offers Reading, Crafts and Family Fun

Summer is in full swing at the Jefferson Public Library, and readers of all ages are invited to join the fun through Aug. 15 with the library’s 2026 Summer Reading Program.

Participants can earn prizes by tracking their reading time while enjoying free performances, hands-on activities, and special events throughout the summer. Readers can stop by the library to pick up a paper tracker or use code 9d028 with the ReaderZone app to participate.

Young readers and children can earn tickets to spend in the library’s Prize Room, while teens and adults can enter drawings for special prize packages. Beyond reading, the library is offering opportunities for families to learn, create, and explore together.

Upcoming programs include a Polynesian dance troupe performance by Paradise of Samoa on June 25, hands-on crafts, game activities, and special visitors throughout the summer. Families can also participate in the community stuffed-animal scavenger hunt by locating plant-themed plush animals hidden in local businesses and reporting their discoveries to library staff for raffle entries.

A highlight later this summer will be visits from Goat It Solutions, Red Yarn, and the Museum of Natural and Cultural History’s “Bee Amazed” presentation.

Whether you’re reading for prizes, hunting for stuffed animals around town, or attending one of the many free programs, discover something new at your local library. 🌻

JEFFERSON LIBRARY CALENDAR

Storytime

Wednesdays • 11:30 a.m. • Ages 0–6
Stories, songs, and early literacy activities for young children and caregivers.

Robotics

First Saturdays • 10 a.m.–2 p.m. • Ages 10–18
Explore coding and robotics through hands-on projects.

All Ages Craft Day

Second Saturdays • 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons/ Game Day

Third Saturdays • noon–4p.m. • All ages and experiences

Upcoming June and July Events

- June 25 — Paradise of Samoa performance, 12:30 p.m.
- June 27 — Early Childhood Literacy Activity Day, noon–2 p.m.
- June 27 — Read-to-a-Dog, 2–3 p.m.
- June 30 — Bean & Seed Mosaic Craft, 12:30 p.m.
- July 1 — Color Your Own Puzzle, 12:30 p.m.
- July 2 — Memory Game, 12:30 p.m.
- July 2 — Unit Souzou performance, 12:30 p.m.
- July 11 — Play with goats from Goat It Solutions, noon–2 p.m.
- July 16 — Red Yarn performance, 12:30 p.m.
- July 23 — Bee Amazed presentation, 12:30 p.m.

Library Hours: Closed Sun, Mon, Fri
Tue–Thu 10 a.m.–6 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

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COURTESY: JEFFERSON LIBRARY

SCIO PUBLIC LIBRARY

‘Plant a Seed, Read’ Returns for Summer

The Scio Public Library invites children and families to deepen their love of reading this summer through its free Summer Reading Club, “Plant a Seed, Read.”

Registration remains open, and participants can track their reading through Aug. 13 while earning prizes and rewards. The program is designed to encourage reading throughout the summer and to offer educational and entertaining experiences for children and families.

This year’s schedule features a variety of presentations and activities, including puppet theater, music, science programs, wildlife education, and hands-on projects. Participants will have opportunities to learn about bats, bees, reptiles, and more while exploring their creativity by building fairy gardens.

Special guests this summer include Pegasus Puppet Theatre, OMSI, the University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History, and The Oregon Reptile Man. Several activities require pre-registration, so families are encouraged to register early.

The Summer Reading Club is supported in part by grants from the State Library of Oregon and the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund, as well as by support from the Friends of the Scio Public Library.

Whether attending a presentation, working on a project, or simply enjoying a good book, the library hopes families will make reading part of their summer adventures. 🌻

SCIO LIBRARY CALENDAR

Tiny Tots Story Time

Tuesdays • 9:30–10:30 a.m. • Ages 0–6
Scio Fire District Community Room, 38975 SW 6th Ave.
Stories, songs, finger-plays, crafts, and free play time.

Summer Reading Club ‘Plant a Seed, Read’

Thursdays, July 9 to August 13 • 12:30 p.m.
ZCJB Hall, 38704 S. Main St., Scio

Weekly educational and interactive presentations for children and families.

- July 9 — Pegasus Puppet Theatre’s “Stellaluna”
- July 16 — Create a Fairy Garden (pre-register)
- July 23 — Make Music with Matt
- **Monday, July 27** — OMSI presents “Going Batty!” (pre-register); sessions at 10:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.)
- Aug. 6 — Museum of Natural and Cultural History presents “Bee Amazed!”
- Aug. 13 — The Oregon Reptile Man

Library Hours: Closed Sat–Sun.
Mon–Thu 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; Fri 9 a.m.–Noon

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HARRISBURG CITY LIBRARY

Something for Everyone This Summer

Whether you’re looking for your next great read, a fun activity for the kids, or a chance to learn a new skill, the Harrisburg Public Library has something for everyone this summer. The library’s Summer Reading Program continues through Aug. 7, alongside regular storytimes, Lego Club, and Craft Night Out for adults. Stop by to discover new books, connect with neighbors, and enjoy free programs for all ages. 🌻

HARRISBURG LIBRARY CALENDAR

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 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.

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HALSEY LIBRARY CALENDAR

Summer Reading Program ‘Plant a Seed, Read’

Saturdays, July 11 to August 8

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.
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LBCC Announces
Spring 2026 Honor
Roll Students

ALBANY — Linn-Benton Community College has announced its Spring Term 2026 Honor Roll. Students who earned a grade point average of 3.5 or higher while completing at least 12 graded credits between March and June 2026 qualified for the honor. Pass/no pass and incomplete credits were not included in the calculation.

Local students earning recognition include:

Brownsville: Alyssa Greeno, Lynn Hein, Zion Larson, Abigail Lee, and Wyatt Morrow.

Halsey: Cailen Arnold, Jen Bunch, Saydey Johnson, Joselyn Morales, Leah Smucker, and Willamena Wilkinson.

Harrisburg: Reed Rush and Davita Thomas.

Jefferson: Joselin Barron, Cody Olheiser, Chandra Simmons, and Haylie Sullivan.

Scio: Meadow Aponte.

Tangent: Thane Johnson, Trevon Nofziger, and Amy Samples.

LBCC officials congratulated the students for their academic achievement during the spring term. 🌻



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- ☐ Milk
- ☐ Cheese
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- ☐ Toothpaste
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- ☐ Conditioner
- ☐ Soap
- ☐ Laundry soap



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LINN COUNTY
SMALL WOODLANDS ASSOCIATION

Five OSU Students
to Share LCSWA
Scholarships

Almost \$20,000 goes to
forestry students; Scio High
project receives \$500

By Bonnie Marshall, LCSWA scholarship Co-chair

Nearly \$20,000 in educational funding was approved on June 4 by the Linn County Small Woodlands Association (LCSWA).

University scholarships relating to forestry were awarded to five Oregon State University students. The scholars will share \$19,000. Another \$500 was awarded to an environmental education project at Scio High School. Funding for these educational opportunities comes from the LCSWA Seedling Sale — the 32nd annual event will be held on Feb. 13, 2027.

The two returning scholars are Mason Montigue and Emmaline Westfall. Mason just completed his AAOT (Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer) at Linn-Benton Community College and will enter Oregon State this fall as a junior, majoring in forest restoration and fire prevention.

Mason is originally from Sweet Home. This summer, he will work as a wildland firefighter based in La Grande.

Emmaline will be starting her junior year at Oregon State in natural resources, specializing in Ecological Restoration. She has landed two summer jobs, one as a research assistant working with a graduate student and another with the Corvallis Parks and Recreation as a Youth Volunteer Core Leader. She will be leading youth in service projects focused on maintaining natural habitat areas around Corvallis.

We are also excited to announce three new scholarship recipients for the 2026/2027 school year — Blaise Pindell, Allison Dariano, and Camryn Kolouch.

Blaise is from Philomath. He recently completed the requirements for an associate's degree in forest engineering at Southwestern Oregon Community College. He will attend Oregon State this fall, working toward his forestry degree with a specialization in Forest Management.

Allison Dariano, a junior, is pursuing dual degrees: a natural resources degree with an ecological restoration specialization in the College of Forestry and a sustainability degree in the College of Agricultural Science.

Camryn Kolouch will enter Oregon State University's College of Forestry this fall as a freshman, focusing on forest ecosystems and conservation. Her goal is to become a dendrologist, a botanist or scientist who specializes in the scientific study of trees, shrubs, and other woody plants. 🌻

CENTRAL LINN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Reviews Student
Progress, Summer
Programs, and CTE
Plans

During its June 8 meeting, the Central Linn School District Board of Directors addressed student achievement, staffing, facilities, budget actions, and summer programs.

The meeting opened with roll call and approval of agenda adjustments, including staff acknowledgments, a policy committee report, and an FFA presentation on a possible trip to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis.

Student representative Grant Wahl shared updates on senior activities, graduation, and the end of the school year. Administrators also highlighted prom, kindergarten signing day, and strong performances at the state track meet, where Central Linn athletes competed in individual events and relays.

Joel Sauter, Principal of the Elementary School, provided an academic update, highlighting outdoor school, kindergarten signing, and fourth-quarter awards, during which 42 students were recognized. He presented testing data showing generally positive growth in math and reading for kindergarten through second grade, with most scores meeting or exceeding state averages. He also noted concerns about fifth-grade Oregon Statewide Assessment System (OSAS) math scores, saying the lower performance may have been affected in part by testing during a long-term substitute assignment. Additional math support and curriculum improvements are planned for next year.

Sauter also reported on the transition of the fifth- and sixth-grade classroom space, including a visit by Mandy Brady to assess the area and explore collaboration opportunities with the FFA program.

Kim Tyskiewicz updated the board on summer school grant implementation. The program will include 80 hours of in-person learning for elementary students through eighth grade, online credit recovery for high school students, and positive-credit courses for juniors and seniors. The program begins Monday and will run for two weeks, with some students continuing through extended school year services in July. Grant funds will also support resources such as Wayfinder and Edmentum.

Allison Williams presented a proposal for a self-funded, school-sponsored trip to the National FFA Convention. The trip would support Kendra Glaser in receiving her American FFA Degree and could include another student competitor. The board approved the proposal.

The board adopted three budget resolutions for the 2026-27 fiscal year and approved a \$161,500 supplemental budget for summer school programs. It also approved Supplemental Budget No. 6 and Transfer Resolution 9.5, transferring \$50,000 from contingency to instruction.

Personnel actions included hiring Jillian LaRaut as a middle school social studies and K-6 ESOL teacher, Megan Grant as an English language arts teacher, and Kenneth Bagg as a cross-country coach. The board accepted the resignations of Dena Crowell, executive assistant board secretary, and David Moffitt, maintenance supervisor.

The board also approved policy updates, CTE facility plans, seismic grant changes, a one-year boys' soccer co-op with Lebanon, OSBA board training, and a calendar change moving future meetings to 6 p.m. 🌻



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By Daniel R. Murphy, Staff Writer and Columnist

Members of the Central Linn High School Class of 1972 gathered May 15, 2026, at Kirk's Ferry Restaurant to celebrate a milestone year as classmates turn 72 years old. The event was organized by Barbara Holcomb and Jimie Nousen, who have helped coordinate many class gatherings over the years.

The celebration featured a no-host bar, dinner, two birthday cakes, and a White Elephant gift exchange. The Class of 1972 originally included 77 students.

Classmates also took time to remember the 18 members who have passed away since graduation:

- Mark Shelley 11/22/1970 (before graduation)
- Clint Strahan
- Delores Dominguez
- Elbert Dannen 9/10/2009
- Denise Hatfield 5/9/2010
- Billy Whatley 11/20/2011
- Donna Baker 5/14/2012
- Kay Black Fisher 9/29/2012
- Glen Kirk 9/11/2013
- Linda Straley Driskill 8/12/2014
- Pat Wood 12/1/2015
- Susy Kirk Crowson 2/11/2016
- Karen Falk Short
- Deanna Putman
- Sue Davis Murray
- Lonnie Spencer 5/2019
- Maureen Snook Rose 2/21/2024
- Mary Schmucker Snook 4/14/2024

The class continues to stay connected through reunions and special gatherings, typically meeting every five years. Looking ahead, Holcomb and Nousen are already discussing plans for the class's 60th reunion in 2032. 🌟

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From left, Barbara Holcomb, Peggy Krambuhl, and Sandi Stacey Gregory pose for a photo during the class gathering.



A banner celebrating the Central Linn High School Class of 1972's 72nd birthday gathering hangs at Kirk's Ferry Restaurant during the May 15 celebration.



Tony Koontz sports his vintage Cobra cap.



Denise Thornton shows off her White Elephant gift.



Karen Grant received a gift card during the exchange.



Colleen Sutter Slay jokingly plays her new guitar.



Roseanne Davis Hartness enjoying the White Elephant exchange.



From left, Paul Hansey, Tom Nousen, and Rick Dominguez at the reunion.

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Bynum Visits Halsey to Celebrate \$700,000 Water Project Investment

By Mikayle Stole, Editor

HALSEY — Congresswoman Janelle Bynum visited Halsey on June 15 to celebrate \$700,000 in federal funding that will help the city complete its Municipal Water Well and Water Treatment Project.

During the gathering at Halsey City Hall, Bynum presented city officials with a ceremonial check representing the federal investment, which was secured through the Fiscal Year 2026 Community Project Funding process.

Mayor Jerry Lachenbruch, City Administrator Briana Parra, Public Works Administrator Andy Ridinger, Utility Worker Billie Jones, and City Councilor Stacy Strauss joined Bynum for the presentation and discussed the importance of maintaining and improving critical infrastructure in small communities.

The funding will help the city complete construction of a new municipal drinking water well and modernize key components of the city's water treatment system, providing additional reliability and redundancy for Halsey's water supply.

"Like many small towns, we have aging infrastructure," Halsey City Administrator Briana Parra said. "The money we received through this grant is the difference between us being able to update our treatment plant. We were going to essentially program the new well into our existing computers because it was the only solution we had until we could raise more funds. Because of this funding, we'll be able to bring our water treatment plant into the 21st century. It is the difference between being able to do this job and do this job right."

Bynum noted that Community Project Funding allows members of Congress to advocate for specific projects identified by local communities. In Fiscal Year 2026, she secured nearly \$15.8 million for projects throughout Oregon's 5th



Pictured with a ceremonial \$700,000 check for Halsey's Municipal Water Well and Water Treatment Project are (from left) City Administrator Briana Parra, Utility Worker Billie Jones, Congresswoman Janelle Bynum, Mayor Jerry Lachenbruch and granddaughter Lincoln, City Councilor Stacy Strauss, Strauss' sons, and Public Works Administrator Andy Ridinger.

Congressional District, including the Halsey water project.

Following the presentation, Bynum spoke with city officials and residents about infrastructure needs, housing affordability, and other issues

facing rural Oregon communities.

For Halsey, with just over 1,000 residents, the funding represents a significant investment in a project that city leaders say will help ensure a safe and reliable water supply for years to come. ☼

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Congresswoman Janelle Bynum chats with Lincoln, granddaughter of Halsey Mayor Jerry Lachenbruch, following a June 15 visit to Halsey City Hall. During their conversation, Lincoln, who lives in Missoula, Montana, and will enter seventh grade this fall, told Bynum she hopes to stop fires this summer. Looking on in the background is Mickey Harvey, Bynum's Central Oregon field representative.

Why Halsey's Water Project Matters

By Steven Lyle Haney, Guest Contributor

HALSEY, OR — For a city of just over 1,000 residents, local government is usually a game of pennies, careful budgeting, and hoping old machinery holds out for just one more season. But a recent federal funding package has shattered standard small-town scales, injecting a massive dose of financial adrenaline directly into Halsey's underground utility grid.

For a city with just 359 active utility accounts, the funding represents nearly \$2,000 per connection. While residents may never see the pumps, pipes, and treatment equipment involved, these systems are essential to providing safe drinking water.

To understand what this means for a small community, Halsey's entire municipal utility system operates on just 359 active user accounts. Break down that \$700,000 federal check across those accounts, and it translates to a \$1,950 gift per utility connection.

For a community of Halsey's size, investments of this magnitude can accelerate projects that might otherwise take years to complete through local funding alone.

Like many communities throughout Oregon, Halsey has been operating on aging infrastructure. A significant portion of the city's underground water distribution piping was buried in 1969. More than 50 years later, the system requires increasing maintenance as components age.

Halsey's current water treatment facility was

constructed in 1998 and has served the community for nearly three decades. However, it has long faced a critical challenge: the city relies primarily on just two production wells. When the original well failed in 2022, Halsey lost critical system redundancy.

In public drinking water, redundancy is everything. If one well fails mechanically or becomes seasonally contaminated, the city loses its safety net. Securing a second well has been the top priority, but funding it locally without significantly increasing utility costs has been difficult.

While initial Phase 1 drilling successfully tapped into the water source at the Public Works shop facility on West 4th Street, this allocation moves the project into Phase 2 to activate the well. The funds will cover the purchase and installation of a high-capacity submersible well pump, upgraded electrical control panels, and the raw water transmission mainlines needed to pipe the water directly into the 1998 treatment facility, along with required state water-quality testing and water rights permitting.

While residents may never see these improvements, reliable water infrastructure protects public health, supports economic development, and helps ensure a dependable water supply for years to come.

Editor's note: Steven Haney is a water professional with more than 35 years of experience in the industry and attended the June 15 funding announcement. ☼

AMERICAN LEGION POST 184

Retiring Old Glory with Care and Honor

By an ordinary seaman

It is June in Linn County, which means two things: the rye grass is pollinating with a vengeance, and the members of Travis Moothart Post 184 are quietly gathering some of our community's most sacred, weathered possessions. We are preparing for the annual American flag retirement ceremony.

To clarify, this is the legal, official, and deeply respectful American Legion retirement ritual. Because we are entering fire season, we treat this process with extreme caution. There are no wild bonfires here. According to U.S. Flag Code Resolution No. 440, when a flag is tattered from surviving three Oregon winters and a runaway tractor, you don't throw it in the trash. You incinerate it with dignity in a carefully contained, controlled fire pit.

This time of year, around here, everyone's focus is naturally locked onto the fields, watching the weather, cutting, baling, and praying the equipment holds together through the hay rush. But when we put on our Legion caps, our focus shifts to a very different kind of preservation. To a veteran, that flag isn't just fabric. It's the memory of the guy who had your back in a tough spot, the solemn oath we took at eighteen, and, occasionally, the flag draped over a friend's casket who never made it back to a small town like ours. It is deeply personal.

Which brings us to the great paradox of the veteran community. We hold a visceral, chest-tightening reverence for the flag, yet we are equally obsessed with the U.S. Constitution.



Scout Wyatt Ramshur, assisted by Scoutmaster Richard Chandler, retires unserviceable American flags during a Flag Day ceremony June 14. The flags were respectfully destroyed by fire in accordance with the U.S. Flag Code and American Legion traditions.

If you want to see a spectacular debate, put a group of Post-184 veterans in a room and ask about citizens who deface the flag in protest. Half the room will turn red-faced, viewing it as an insult to fallen comrades. The other half will calmly point out that the Supreme Court protects flag burning as free speech and that the radical freedom to disagree is exactly what we swore to defend. It's a beautiful contradiction. We will fiercely protect your right to be odious.

On Sunday, June 14, the Chaplain said a prayer, we saluted, and the nylon flags melted safely.

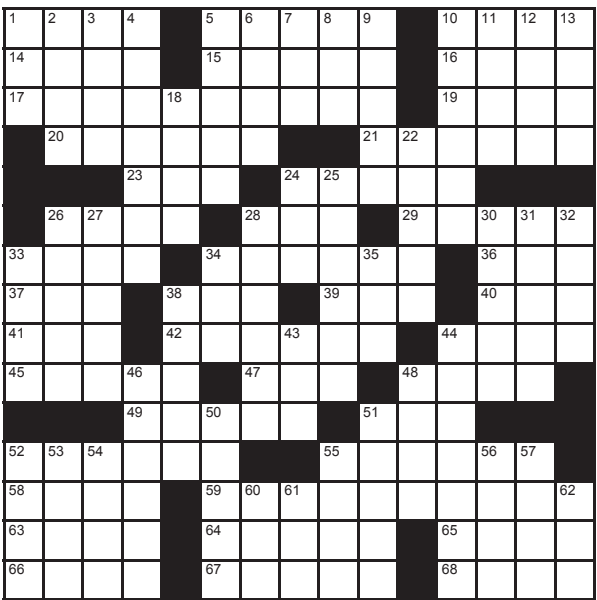
If you have a flag to retire, contact Jim Weger at 541-619-8976 or drop it off at Post 184 on any weekday morning. ☼



Participants gather following the Flag Day flag retirement ceremony hosted by Travis Moothart American Legion Post 184. Pictured from left are Jack Sayer, Dan George, Rick Dominguez, Jim Weger, Jeff Brown, Richard Chandler, Norman Simms, Brad Ramshur, and Wyatt Ramshur.

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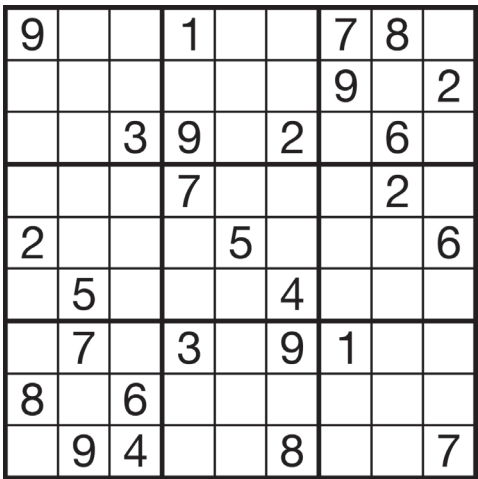
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MOUNTAINTOP REFLECTIONS

Spirit-Empowered People

By Jacquie Hoekstra, Staff Writer and Columnist

A Spirit-led people are a Spirit-empowered people. Paul wrote to those in Christ, “We must live in the Holy Spirit and follow after him,” and “The mature children of God are those who are moved by the impulses of the Holy Spirit” (Galatians 5:25; Romans 8:14 TPT).

Joshua succeeded Moses and led Israel into the Promised Land. God led him to do some peculiar things in conquering their first city, Jericho. He directed them to march around the city once a day in silence for six days. On the seventh day, he said to march around the city seven times in silence, then have seven priests blow seven trumpets, as the congregation of marchers shouts. (Joshua 6:1-16) They obeyed, the walls of Jericho fell down, and they took the city. (Joshua 6:20)

Soon after this victory, Joshua sent spies to survey the next town on their agenda, Ai. Those spies returned, saying Ai was small and they only needed a few thousand men for the battle. (Joshua 7:2-3) They lost the battle, and 36 men lost their lives. (Joshua 7:5) Scripture reveals someone sinned against God’s directive at Jericho, and his sin needed to be dealt with before they moved on to Ai. (Joshua 7:11-26) While this sin influenced the outcome at Ai, it was not the only factor in the defeat. Joshua and his spies fell short, too.

Joshua, called to lead Israel, and his spies, having come off a miraculous and powerful victory, fell into pride and presumption. Joshua was called and anointed to lead Israel to take the land. He became the military strategist walking out his calling. He presumed God would bless his plans because he was doing what he was called to do. The spies, in their pride, assumed God would follow them wherever they went, because they, too, were following his directive to conquer the land.

The issue arises when they (and we) take off ahead of God, not seeking his plan, timing, or directives. Nowhere in scripture does it say we can make our choices and decisions and expect God to bless them. He does not follow us; we follow him. He never points and says, “Go that way, and when you have really messed it up, I will come and help you.”

He does tell us in scripture, “Trust in [God] with all your heart, and don’t lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight” (Proverbs 3:5, 6 WEB). Joshua and his spies failed to seek God before or include him in making their plans. Their pride and presumption squeezed God out of the equation, and it cost them.

Once Israel realigned with God, addressed the sin, and sought him for their next steps, they defeated Ai. Joshua’s proper response was to build an altar and worship God. He displayed humility by acknowledging the only one who brings victory. (Deuteronomy 20:4) Victory belongs to humble, Spirit-led, worshipers of the God of glory. ☼

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Death Cafe Comes to Brownsville

By Jacquie Hoekstra, Staff Writer and Columnist

“Nothing in life is certain except death and taxes,” Benjamin Franklin famously said — and who wants to talk about taxes? Have you heard about the movement known as “Death Cafe”? The concept originated in Europe and spread internationally in 2011, creating spaces where people can discuss the often-taboo subject of death. It is a space for people from all walks of life and faiths to come together and discuss what we all have in common: death and dying.

While it might sound morbid at first glance, Death Cafe organizers describe the gatherings this way: “At a Death Cafe, people drink tea, eat cake, and discuss death. Our aim is to increase awareness of death to help people make the most of their finite lives.”

A Death Cafe is not a grief support group or counseling session. Meetings have no set agenda, and while a host facilitates the gathering, no one directs the conversation. Nor does the movement promote any particular belief system or viewpoint. Instead, participants are invited to share thoughts, questions, and experiences in a respectful, judgment-free environment where honesty and curiosity are welcome.

Nan VanSandt, a retired registered nurse, will host a Death Cafe in Brownsville on Tuesday, July 7, from 6:30–8 p.m. in the Kirk Room. During her 46-year nursing career, VanSandt worked in pediatric intensive care, oncology, and hospice settings, experiences that gave her a unique perspective on life, death, and the conversations surrounding both. Though retired and enjoying time with grandchildren, VanSandt is trained as an end-of-life Doula and is committed to providing information and resources related to the final stages of life.

She first heard of the Death Cafe movement through a newspaper. While volunteering at Lumina Hospice, she became acquainted with the concept. VanSandt began attending Death Cafe meetings while at Lumina and soon began helping facilitate them. She is hosting this meeting in Brownsville to provide one closer to home.

The event is free and open to adults. And yes, she promises to bring cake. ☼

ANNIVERSARY

Greg and Martha Chamberlain Celebrate 50 Years

Greg and Martha Chamberlain will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house from 1–4 p.m. Saturday, June 27, at Central Valley Church, 657 American Drive in Halsey. Married June 26, 1976, the couple invites family and friends to join them in celebrating this milestone. ☼

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A Lesson on the Hill

Young Husky's Early Adventure Ends with a Shock — and a Lasting Memory

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer and Columnist

In the early months of 2015, not long after the loss of a beloved German Shepherd named Jamie, a new presence brought life and energy back to the household.

Eva, a cinnamon-colored Siberian Husky with striking blue eyes, arrived as a bundle of curiosity and energy. At just four months old, she was already showing the spirited independence for which the breed is known — eager to explore, investigate, and, at times, test her limits.



On a mild spring day, as weeds were being pulled in the yard, Eva roamed nearby, nose to the ground, sampling scents and occasionally nibbling at grass and plants. It seemed harmless enough — typical behavior for a young pup discovering the world.

Beyond the yard, however, the land dropped steeply. The north hillside was thick with old-

growth ferns and towering fir trees, crisscrossed by creeping berry briars that clung low to the ground and made footing uncertain even for a careful walker.

In a matter of moments, Eva had wandered farther than she expected, slipping down the hill and out of sight.

Then came the sound — sharp, piercing yelps cutting through the quiet.

Fearing the worst, the immediate thought was of predators. In this wooded area, cougar sightings were not unheard of. Without hesitation, there was a rush downhill — through briars and brush, over uneven ground, heedless of bare feet and scratches. Shoes were lost in the scramble, but there was no time to stop.

The only thought was to reach Eva. When she was finally found, the danger proved to be something far less dramatic — but no less startling.

An electric fence. In her curiosity, Eva had attempted to climb over it and received a sharp shock, enough to send her into a panic. Though shaken, she was unharmed.

The lesson, however, stayed with her, and she never again tried to cross that fence.

Still, Eva's adventurous nature remained. For years afterward, keeping her close to home proved challenging. Like many Huskies, once she caught a scent, her instincts took over — and there was little that could stop her.

It was, in the end, part of who she was: independent, determined, and always ready for the next adventure. ☼

Local Fire Agencies Receive State Wildfire Staffing Grants

LINN COUNTY— Several local fire agencies across Linn County and the surrounding region received state funding this year to prepare for wildfire season.

On May 1, the Oregon State Fire Marshal announced that nearly \$6 million in Wildfire Season Staffing Grants has been awarded to 180 fire agencies across Oregon. Among the local recipients are the fire districts serving Brownsville, Halsey-Shedd, Harrisburg, Jefferson, Scio, Sweet Home, and Tangent.

The grants provide up to \$35,000 per agency to help departments hire seasonal firefighters or increase staffing during the peak of wildfire season through October.

State Fire Marshal Mariana Ruiz-Temple said the program has become an important tool for keeping fires small and for preventing larger, more costly wildfires.

“Over the years, we have offered this grant to the Oregon fire service, and it has been a game-changer,” Ruiz-Temple said in a news release.

All ODF Districts Enter Fire Season

The Oregon Department of Forestry announced June 15 that all ODF districts are now officially in fire season, meaning fire restrictions may be in effect across the state. Officials are urging residents to take precautions to prevent human-caused wildfires, including checking local restrictions, properly extinguishing campfires, avoiding parking on dry grass, and never

The grant program is now in its fifth year. According to the Oregon State Fire Marshal, rural departments that rely heavily on volunteer firefighters are prioritized for funding. Additional staffing can also help agencies respond to medical calls and other emergencies while wildfire activity increases during the summer months.

Fire Chief Sean Hartley of Crooked River Ranch Fire and Rescue credited the grant with helping his department respond during major fires in 2025.

“The additional personnel funded by the grant meant we had more firefighters available when these large incidents occurred,” Hartley said.

The Oregon Legislature has already approved continued funding for the program in 2027.

A complete list of grant recipients is available through the Oregon State Fire Marshal website at <https://www.oregon.gov/osfm/wildfire/Pages/seasonal-staffing-grant.aspx>. ☼

using fireworks on forest-protected lands. ODF officials say current conditions point to another active wildfire season and stress that prevention remains the most effective tool for reducing fire risk.

For wildfire prevention information, visit <https://keeporegongreen.org>. ☼

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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

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FRAUD FIGHTERS: PROTECTING OUR SENIORS

Cautionary Tale of the Aquaman Catfish

By Danielle Myers, Esq., Columnist

This story is difficult, but it must be told. It is a heartbreaking example of how new technology is used to deceive, manipulate, and steal from vulnerable people. As part of our continuing series “Fraud Fighters: Protecting Our Seniors,” I turn today to a cautionary story that shows how cruel and persuasive modern scams can be.

A grieving widow was recently tricked out of her life savings by a scammer who used artificial intelligence to impersonate movie star Jason Momoa. This is a painful reminder that modern fraud is evolving faster than many realize, and that seniors are increasingly targeted.

After losing her husband of 50 years, the widow joined a fan group for Jason Momoa on Facebook. Soon after, she received a message from someone claiming to be the actor. The messages were warm and caring, and they quickly developed what she believed was a private relationship.

The scammer sent personalized video messages that looked and sounded exactly like Jason Momoa. He even referenced details from her life. The videos were generated with AI, making them appear completely real. Eventually, the scam-

mer introduced a young girl he claimed was his daughter. She also sent messages asking for help.

The fake Momoa promised they would build a home together in Hawaii. He said he needed financial help because his money was tied up in a movie deal. Wanting to help her new companion, the widow sent him money. Then she sold her home to send even more.

By the end, she had lost nearly £500,000. When the money ran out, the messages stopped. She was left heartbroken and broke.

She was not the only victim. At least six other women have reported similar scams involving AI-generated videos featuring Momoa and his “daughter.” All were contacted through fake fan pages and manipulated emotionally before being pressured to send money.

These scams are dangerous because they use convincing new technology. Criminals can now create videos that mimic real people’s faces and voices. For someone unfamiliar with deepfake technology, it is almost impossible to tell the difference.

If you or someone you love is contacted by a

supposed celebrity or romantic interest, watch for warning signs:

- They want to move conversations to private apps
- They avoid live video calls and send only pre-recorded messages
- They quickly express strong emotions
- They ask for money for emergencies, travel, or business
- They pressure you to keep the relationship secret

Do not send money. Before taking any action, talk to a trusted family member, friend, or legal advisor. Scammers rely on isolation, shame, and secrecy to succeed.

Report any suspicious activity to the FTC or local law enforcement. The Federal Trade Commission provides resources at <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov>.

This widow’s story is tragic, but it can also serve as a warning. Scammers are getting smarter, so we must be smarter, too. Stay skeptical, talk openly, and never be afraid to ask questions.

Protect your heart and your wallet. ☹️

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Ashura Offers a Chance to Learn Beyond Familiar Traditions

By Jeff Brown, Staff Writer and Columnist

In many rural Oregon communities like ours, Ashura may go unnoticed — but for millions around the world, it is a deeply meaningful day.

In 2026, Ashura will be observed from the evening of June 25 through June 26. It is observed on the 10th day of the Islamic month of Muharram and centers on reflection and remembrance. The day commemorates the death of Husayn ibn Ali, the Prophet Muhammad’s grandson, who was killed in the Battle of Karbala in 680 AD.

For many Muslims, especially in the Shia tradition, Ashura embodies themes of sacrifice, justice, and resistance to oppression. Others observe it through fasting and quiet reflection

While rural Oregon communities like ours may have a small Muslim population, community leaders say that learning about traditions such as Ashura can foster understanding across cultures. Even in rural areas, taking time to recognize global observances encourages curiosity and respect for neighbors near and far.

Ashura serves as a reminder that important lessons — about compassion, resilience, and fairness — are shared across many faiths. ☹️

This illustration from an Ottoman manuscript created between 1585 and 1590 depicts Ali ibn al-Husayn Zayn al-Abidin, also known as al-Sajjad, the son of Husayn ibn Ali. Zayn al-Abidin survived the Battle of Karbala in 680 A.D., where his father was killed. The events of Karbala are commemorated during Ashura, an annual observance that emphasizes sacrifice, justice, faith, and resilience.



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North Albany Man Sentenced in Kidnapping Case That Led to Brother Being Shot by Police

ALBANY — A North Albany man whose kidnapping of his younger brother led to an officer-involved shooting earlier this year has been sentenced to more than six years in prison.

On June 18, John Dakota Lyon pleaded guilty in Benton County Circuit Court to Attempted Kidnapping in the Second Degree, Unlawful Use of a Weapon, and Coercion. He was sentenced to 77 months in prison followed by two years of post-prison supervision. Lyon has remained in custody continuously since his arrest.

According to the Benton County District Attorney's Office, the incident occurred on the morning of Jan. 6 while Maverick Lyon was home from college during winter break. Dakota Lyon, who had recently been released from prison, accused his younger brother and their father of conspiring to harm him.

Prosecutors said Dakota armed himself with a large kitchen knife and, while tightly holding onto Maverick's shirt, pulled him throughout the family home while threatening to harm him. Despite Maverick's pleas, Dakota refused to release him or put the weapon down.

Maverick eventually convinced Dakota to let him grab a second kitchen knife, under the pretense that they would leave the residence to confront their father together. The father, who was monitoring the situation through a home surveillance system, called 911.

When Albany police officers arrived, they observed the two men inside the residence through a back door window and noted that one was armed. Following a brief encounter with officers, Maverick broke free of his brother and rushed toward the exit.

According to investigators, Maverick began dropping the knife as he broke the plane of the back door. However, officers standing near the doorway — believing there was an immediate threat to their safety and the lives of fellow officers — opened fire. Maverick was struck multiple times. An earlier review by the Benton County District Attorney's Office concluded the officers' use of force was justified.

Officers immediately provided first aid at the scene. While being treated, Maverick reportedly told officers, "You shot the wrong guy." Dakota Lyon was taken into custody without further incident, and his knife was recovered nearby.

Maverick underwent surgery and a lengthy recovery and is reported to be doing well.

Court records show Dakota Lyon had previously been sentenced in February 2023 to 58 months in prison for Attempted Assault in the First Degree and Unlawful Use of a Weapon. Prosecutors said methamphetamine played a key role in the January incident. A urine sample taken from Dakota on the day of his arrest tested positive for the drug, and those close to him believed he had recently relapsed.

At the sentencing hearing, defense attorney Christian Strahl acknowledged Dakota's role in his brother's shooting, noting that Dakota felt immense remorse and wished he "could have taken the bullets instead" of Maverick.

Chief Deputy District Attorney Amie Matusko, who prosecuted the case, publicly pushed back on that sentiment. While noting the defense's comment was appreciated, Matusko emphasized that true accountability would require remorse for raising a knife against his brother in the first place.

Matusko added that the tragic shooting was a direct result of Dakota Lyon's actions, emphasizing the lasting, traumatic impact the event has had on Maverick and the rest of the family.



John Dakota Lyon was sentenced June 18 to 77 months in prison after pleading guilty to charges stemming from the Jan. 6 kidnapping of his brother, Maverick Lyon, in North Albany. During the incident, Maverick Lyon was shot and seriously injured by responding police officers after escaping the home while holding a knife.

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Commissioners Learn about July 3 Declaration of Independence Program

By Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer

ALBANY — At their June 16 board meeting, Judi Saam and Joe Esker of the Mid-Willamette Alliance of Braver Angels updated Linn County Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Sherry Sprenger, and Will Tucker about plans for a reading of the Declaration of Independence on the north steps of the Linn County Courthouse at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, July 3.

The event is called "We Hold These Truths: A Public Reading of our Founding Document".

Guest readers will take part in the program, expected to last about 30 minutes. Linn County Commissioner Will Tucker will welcome guests to the event.

A reading will also take place earlier in the day at 10 a.m. on the steps of the Corvallis City Hall.

Saam is co-chair of the Braver Angels Mid-Willamette Valley Alliance, which includes members from Linn and Benton counties.

Braver Angels is a national organization whose goal, according to a handout, is to "bring liberals, conservatives, and others together at the grassroots level — not to find centrist compromise, but to find one another as citizens."

Braver Angels sponsors workshops, debates, campus engagement, faith-based partnerships, and more.

In addition to the two readings of the Declaration of Independence on July 3, Braver Angels will also host a free public discussion about the Declaration at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 9, at the Fireside Room at Linn-Benton Community College.



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SHERIFF'S REPORT JUNE 15-19

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 1 (first-degree theft).

BROWNSVILLE

Mon., June 15, 1:00 p.m. — Deputy received a report that a camper was overstaying at Pioneer Park. Deputy advised them to pack up and leave the area.

3:12 p.m. — Katie Hayes, 32, of Salem, was arrested for DUII and reckless driving and cited for an open-container traffic violation in her vehicle after a report that her vehicle was lodged on a boulder while exiting Pioneer Park near Fisher St.

10:22 p.m. — Deputies responded to a non-injury two-vehicle crash in the 30600 block of Sand Ridge Rd. The second vehicle did not remain at the scene, and deputies were unable to locate it. Report taken.

Tue., June 16, 10:26 a.m. — Deputy received a report of an attempted scam in the 100 block of Holloway Heights. The caller stated they recognized it as a scam before providing any information.

8:20 p.m. — Deputies conducted a death investigation in the 26900 block of Gap Rd. No public narrative. Report taken.

Wed., June 17, 10:15 p.m. — OSP troopers responded to a report of an armed domestic disturbance to assist LCSO. LCSO was on a priority call and could not respond. Carter Launa, 19, of Brownsville, was arrested for Domestic Violence Assault IV and Disorderly Conduct

II in the 200 block of N Main St. Launa was transported to LCJ without incident.

Thu., June 18, 10:30 a.m. — Deputy documented information regarding a dog complaint at Pioneer Park.

4:26 p.m. — Deputy responded to a residence due to a caller's concern that a spouse may arrive and cause a disturbance in the 100 block of E Kisling Ave. The caller was able to leave and stay elsewhere before the spouse arrived. Non-criminal.

Fri., June 19, 1:17 p.m. — Deputy contacted a male who was napping on the Brownsville Animal Clinic's lawn. Male left the area without incident.

3:05 p.m. — Brownsville citizen reported a possible case of child abuse by a mother in the 200 block of North Ave. Deputy investigated and determined it was not criminal. It was documented, and DHS was notified.

3:52 p.m. — Brownsville citizen requested that a person be trespassed from the residence in the 800 block of W Bishop Way, but the deputy could not contact the person. Deputy documented the request for future notification.

5:39 p.m. — Deputies responded to a dispute in the 200 block of N Main St. Parties were contacted and instructed to separate. The incident was determined to be non-criminal.

6:40 p.m. — Caller reported a non-injury motor vehicle crash in the 200 block of Main St. No public narrative. Report taken.

7:23 p.m. — Deputy contacted a suspicious person reported at the Brownsville Assembly of God on Washburn St. Deputy informed the person that they are no longer allowed to camp at the church.

8:59 p.m. — Kenneth Gilfillan, 50, of Brownsville, was arrested for DUII and reckless driving in the 29500 block of Brownsville Rd. Gilfillan was cited and released to the hospital. Report taken.

BRUSH CREEK

Wed., June 17, 5:55 p.m. — David Clinton Fox, 57, of Sweet Home, was arrested on a federal warrant for felon in possession of a firearm and possession of a controlled substance in the 25100 block of Brush Creek Rd. Report taken.

CRAWFORDSVILLE/HOLLEY

Thu., June 18, 1:04 p.m. — Caller reported that an estranged family member showed up at their workplace, demanding money and threatening physical violence if it was not paid. Investigation ongoing. Report taken in the 40000 block of Crawfordville Dr.

Fri., June 19, 7:07 a.m. — DHS 307 referral reported in the 40300 block of Crawfordville Dr. No public narrative.

9:15 a.m. — Deputies issue a trespass notice per Cascade Timber Consulting's request in the 38200 block of Courtney Creek Dr.

HALSEY

Mon., June 15, 1:35 a.m. — Cathan Weathers, 24, of Washington, was cited for failing to stop at a stop sign.

7:18 p.m. — Deputy observed an open door at a business in the 1300 block of Crowell Ln. after hours. Deputy remained on scene until the property owner secured the door.

8:52 p.m. — Deputy took a report of a missing wallet in the 33100 block of Hwy 228.

Tue., June 16, 9:26 a.m. — Deputy removed a deceased dog from the roadway in the 32000 block of Hwy 228 and transported it to Linn County Animal Control for disposal after attempting to locate the owner. The dog was micro chipped, but the chip was not registered, and the dog had no collar.

Thu., June 18, 10:03 p.m. — Deputy responded to a reported violation of a parenting agreement in the 300 block of W G St. The deputy advised that this was a civil matter and documented the incident. Non-criminal.

HARRISBURG

Wed., June 17, 9:52 a.m. — LCSO Civil Division conducted an eviction lockout in the 800 block of Arrow Leaf Ave. The property was posted and turned over to the lawful representative.

1:18 p.m. — Deputy responded to a mental health crisis in the 32900 block of Diamond Hill Dr. The person causing the disturbance declined assistance. Non-criminal.

3:37 p.m. — Deputy responded to a two-vehicle, non-injury crash in the 21600 block of Coburg Rd. Michael Pedersen, 56, of Springfield, was cited for failing to signal. Report

taken.

Thu., June 18, 10:28 a.m. — Deputy conducted a welfare check on multiple cats following an animal complaint in the 100 block of N 1st St. Investigation ongoing.

12:56 p.m. — Deputy responded to a juvenile complaint in the 500 block of N 7th St. An altercation over a basketball occurred, and the deputy spoke with all parties involved.

Fri., June 19, 12:09 p.m. — Caller reported finding a stray dog in the 500 block of LaSalle St. Caller was not from the area and was passing through when they found the dog. Deputy advised them to not leave the area with the dog but to attempt to locate the owner.

JEFFERSON

Mon., June 15, 7:12 a.m. — Alexander Martinez, 34, of Jefferson, was cited for speeding 72 in a 45-mph zone in the 37500 block of Scrael Hill Rd.

Tue., June 16, 5:33 p.m. — Deputy responded to a hit-and-run accident in which one operator left the scene in the 37000 block of Scrael Hill Rd. Per the victim's request, the deputy gathered information from both parties, and the information was exchanged. No arrests were made.

SCIO

Mon., June 15, 7:28 a.m. — Deputy answered questions regarding possible phone harassment by an ex-boyfriend in the 37800 block of Robinson Dr. Information was documented. Non-criminal at this time.

11:05 a.m. — Deputy blocked the road in the 43000 block of Thomas Dr., due to a fallen tree and partially removed the tree.

5:35 p.m. — Caller reported being hit by a cup of water thrown from a vehicle the day before in the 36900 block of Richardson Gap Rd.

Tue., June 16, 3:23 p.m. — Deputy took a fraud report involving iPhones mailed to a residence in the 39700 block of Stayton Scio Rd. The scammer claimed the FBI would arrest them. The iPhones were seized as evidence. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

Thu., June 18, 9:03 a.m. — Deputies responded to a single-vehicle injury crash in the 37300 block of Richardson Gap Rd. Non-criminal. Report taken.

9:35 a.m. — Deputy con-

tacted a sheep owner in the 38800 block of Sheburn Dr. regarding a welfare check on a sheep. The sheep was in good condition, so no further action was necessary.

Fri., June 19, 1:36 p.m. — Deputy documented information regarding a borrowed vehicle not being returned in the 39100 block of Fish Hatchery Dr.

5:09 p.m. — Deputy responded to an animal complaint regarding a deer that was struck by a vehicle in the 43200 block of Bilyeu Creek Dr. The deer was deceased upon the deputy's arrival.

8:39 p.m. — Deputy responded to a non-injury motor vehicle accident in the 36900 block of Richardson Gap Rd. Operator hit the accelerator instead of the brakes and backed into a ditch. A passerby pulled the vehicle from the ditch, and no damage occurred.

SHEDD

Tue., June 16, Caller reported that someone claiming to be from Capitol One was forwarded to someone claiming to be a police officer, who attempted to obtain information in the 800 block of Sommerville Loop. No money or sensitive information was obtained. Deputy advised them of resources and ways to safeguard themselves in the future.

TALLMAN

Mon., June 15, 11:14 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a sexual assault in the 34200 block of Red Bridge Rd. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

Tue., June 16, 2:59 a.m. — A 16-year-old was cited for speeding 99 in a 55-mph zone in the 35200 block of Spicer Dr.

TANGENT

Mon., June 15, 10:27 a.m. — Deputy located a downed stop sign in the 33500 block of Tangent Dr. The deputy positioned the sign to remain visible until it is fixed.

2:56 p.m. — Mario Felix Ignacio, 45, of Tualatin, was cited for driving while suspended and for driving uninsured.

4:09 p.m. — Carlos Alarcon Villegas, 40, of Albany, was cited for driving uninsured at Hwy 99E and Hwy 34. His vehicle was nuisance towed. Report taken.

8:55 p.m. — Deputies encountered an illegal camp on private property in the 32600 block of McLagan Rd. ☼

K9 Juice Helps Deputies Capture Wanted Man Near Sweet Home

BRUSH CREEK — A wanted Sweet Home man was arrested June 17 after attempting to evade deputies and hiding in a creek south of Sweet Home.

According to the Linn County Sheriff's Office, deputies received information shortly before 9 p.m. regarding the location of David Fox, 57, near the 25000 block of Brush Creek Road. Deputies conducting surveillance confirmed Fox had outstanding warrants related to a parole violation.

As deputies moved in, Fox reportedly fled on foot. After losing sight of him, deputies established a perimeter around the area and deployed drones to assist in the search. Several deputies, along with Linn County Sheriff's Office K9 Juice and handler Sgt. Sheets, searched the area and prevented Fox from escaping.

K9 Juice ultimately located Fox hiding while partially submerged in a nearby creek. Fox was taken into custody after sustaining minor injuries from a dog bite. He was treated at the scene by Sweet Home medics before being transported to the Linn County Jail.



Linn County Sheriff's Office K9 Juice helped deputies locate and apprehend a wanted Sweet Home man June 17 after the suspect attempted to evade arrest and hid in a creek near Brush Creek Road.

Following the arrest, deputies obtained a search warrant for a vehicle associated with Fox. During the search, investigators located three firearms, including two reported stolen from neighboring counties, as well as multiple knives, ammunition, suspected fentanyl, suspected LSD, and other drug paraphernalia.

Fox was lodged at the Linn County Jail on charges including parole violation, felon in possession of a firearm, third-degree escape, unlawful possession of fentanyl, and unlawful possession of LSD.

The sheriff's office noted that K9 teams undergo extensive training throughout the year to prepare for real-world situations. Officials credited K9 Juice and Sgt. Sheets for their role in safely bringing the incident to a close.

Quick Response Prevents Grass Fire from Spreading Near Lebanon

LEBANON — A fast-moving grass fire burned about two acres northeast of Lebanon on June 15 before firefighters and local farmers brought it under control.

Lebanon Fire District crews were dispatched at 5:03 p.m. to a reported natural cover fire in the 35900 block of KGAL Road. While responding, a battalion chief observed a large column of smoke and upgraded the response to a first alarm, dispatching additional personnel and equipment.

Upon arrival, firefighters found the fire burning in a wind-rowed field, pushed by steady winds toward the roadway and nearby farm equipment. Crews worked to protect the equipment while attacking the head of the fire, preventing it from crossing the road and potentially spreading into another field.

Several local farmers assisted firefighters by bringing water trucks to help extinguish the blaze. The fire was brought under control in about 20 minutes, though some crews remained on scene for mop-up operations.

During the incident, Lebanon Fire District also responded to a cardiac arrest, a fire alarm, and a motorhome fire on the south end of town, further straining district resources.

Fire officials reminded residents that fire season has begun and that open burning is prohibited.



Lebanon Fire District firefighters extinguished a two-acre grass fire in the 35900 block of KGAL Road on June 15. Assisted by local farmers with water trucks, crews brought the wind-driven blaze under control in about 20 minutes, preventing it from spreading to nearby fields and farm equipment. Photo courtesy of Lebanon Fire District.

Motorcyclist Killed in Crash West of Jefferson

JEFFERSON — An Albany motorcyclist was killed in a two-vehicle collision at the intersection of Highway 164 and Scravel Hill Road, roughly one mile west of Jefferson, on the night of June 13.

According to Oregon State Police, the crash occurred at approximately 10:01 p.m. when a westbound Dodge Ram collided with a southbound Honda motorcycle at the intersection.

The motorcyclist, 41-year-old Christopher Adam Brown, was pronounced dead at the scene.

The driver of the truck, Jason Richard Jones, 47, also of Albany, was not injured. Following a preliminary investigation, State Police troopers arrested Jones on charges of second-degree manslaughter, driving under the influence of intoxicants, reckless driving, and driving while suspended. He was subsequently booked into the Linn County Jail.

Highway 164 was closed for approximately three hours following the wreck while emergency crews cleared debris and investigators processed the scene.

Oregon State Police troopers were assisted by the Jefferson Fire District, Albany Fire Department, and the Oregon Department of Transportation. The investigation remains ongoing.

Tangent Man Sentenced to 10 Years in Federal Prison in Child Exploitation Case

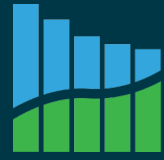
TANGENT — A Tangent man has been sentenced to 10 years in federal prison after admitting to possessing child sexual abuse material while still on probation for a previous child sexual abuse conviction.

Matthew Lynn Windom, 55, was sentenced June 16 to 120 months in federal prison followed by a lifetime term of supervised release.

According to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Oregon, a multinational investigation found Windom had potentially possessed and shared child sexual abuse material through the New Zealand-based online platform Mega. Investigators executed a search warrant at his residence and later obtained a warrant for one of his email accounts, where they discovered the illegal material.

Windom was arrested Jan. 8, 2025. A federal grand jury in Eugene indicted him the following month, and he pleaded guilty March 10, 2026.

The investigation originated from information provided by Australia's New South Wales Police Force and New Zealand's Department of Internal Affairs. Homeland Security Investigations led the case, with assistance from the Albany Police Department.



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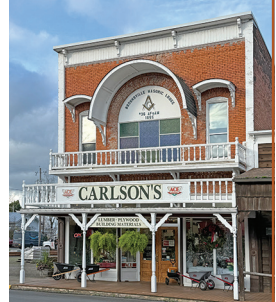
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