



Brownsville 'Haymakers' — A League of Our Own

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer and Columnist

BROWNSVILLE — A new baseball program is taking shape in Brownsville, offering local players a competitive option while complementing existing recreational sports opportunities in the community.

The Brownsville Haymakers are being organized as a youth baseball program focused on competitive play, player development, and preparing athletes for higher levels of the game. The program is intended for players seeking a more structured, competitive baseball experience, with more advanced practices, games, and expectations.



Titus Koontz closes out the game win as the pitcher against Central.



Minor American boys celebrate the win: Kash Holmes, Coen Kinder, Bowen Short, Silas Manning, Titus Koontz, and (front middle) Adley Koontz.

The Haymakers are separate from the Central Linn Recreational Association, commonly known as CLRA, though both organizations support youth sports and serve local families.

CLRA has long focused on recreational sports for children in the Central Linn area. Its mission is centered on participation, fun, learning the basics of the game, and giving children a positive team experience, regardless of skill level. Recreational programs, such as those offered through CLRA, help introduce young athletes to sports in a low-pressure

HAYMAKERS continued on page 5

The Rebirth of The Times

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer and Columnist

The Times of the Central Willamette Valley

When the presses stopped, Brownsville lost more than a newspaper.

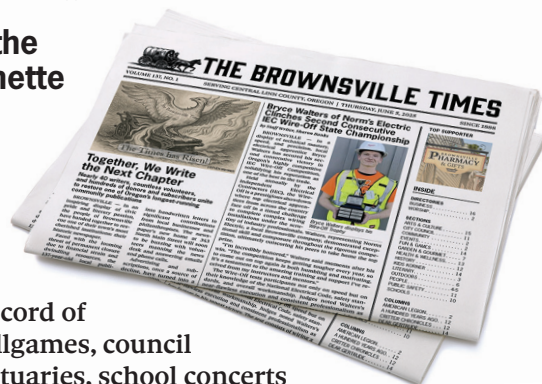
It lost a weekly record of birthdays and ballgames, council meetings and obituaries, school concerts and Pioneer Picnic memories. It lost the familiar place where neighbors saw their lives reflected in print.

Founded in the late 1880s as The Brownsville Times, the newspaper was part of the rhythm of community life for more than a century. It chronicled generations of change in Brownsville and surrounding Central Linn communities.

By the 1960s, the name had been shortened to simply The Times, a familiar title that reflected how generations of readers had come to know the paper.

Whether called The Brownsville Times or simply The Times, the newspaper documented the work of farmers and business owners, the service of veterans and volunteers, local schools, and decisions made in city halls and public meetings.

TIMES continued on page 13



Community Survey Reflects Strong Reader Support, Offers Ideas for Growth

By Mikayle Stole, Editor

Participation in The Times Community Feedback Survey continues to grow, with 51 readers sharing their thoughts on local news coverage, community priorities, and the newspaper's future.

The anonymous survey shows a highly engaged readership, with more than 90 percent of respondents reporting they read the paper every week or most weeks. More than 86 percent said they were satisfied or very satisfied with the newspaper's content, while more than 80 percent said they would recommend The Times to others and were likely to renew their subscriptions.

Readers consistently identified community events, local government coverage, school news, history features, non-profit updates, and the Sheriff's Report as some of the newspaper's most valuable content.

Many respondents also shared ideas for future coverage. Requests included more local history stories, profiles of longtime residents, youth achievements, business spotlights, and family-oriented features.

"The paper is so important to keeping our community vibrant!" one reader wrote.

Another commented, "You are doing a wonderful job."

The survey also provided constructive feedback. Several readers requested clearer organization by town, fewer jumps between stories on different pages, and a broader representation of viewpoints on community issues. Others suggested adding more comics, humor, and event previews.

Those suggestions are already helping shape future editorial planning. As coverage expands across the Central Willamette Valley, The Times is working to improve navigation within the newspaper and continue growing its network of local contributors.

Several readers also expressed concerns about the growing use of artificial intelligence in journalism. While AI may occa-

SURVEY continued on page 13

INSIDE



3



4



7



9



13

SERVICE RECOGNITION



15



ISSN 3068-2290 13823 >
9 773068 229003

ONGOING EVENTS

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

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

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

Brownsville Thursday Market
Thursdays • 3–6 p.m.
185 Main St., Brownsville
Located across from Dari Market — shop local vendors and learn more about the community market initiative through the Calapooia Food Alliance.
<https://www.calapooiafoodalliance.org>

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

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

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

BACKYARD BURN SEASON CLOSED JUNE 1

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Bryan Bielanski Live in Albany
Wednesday, June 3 • 6–8 p.m.
The Barn at Hickory Station, 640 NW Hickory St., Albany
Singer-songwriter Bryan Bielanski brings his upbeat, folk-rock sound to Albany as part of his international touring schedule. Known for high-energy performances and catchy original songs.
<https://www.facebook.com/share/18bxSAXzVB>

Home Energy Fair
Thursday, June 4 • 6–8 p.m.
Arnold Park near Harrison Ave. and Merrie Dr., Corvallis
The Corvallis Sustainability Coalition and Seeds for the Sol will host a free Home Energy Fair featuring nonprofit organizations and energy-efficiency contractors sharing information about Oregon incentives for heat pumps, solar energy, heat pump water heaters, and other home energy upgrades. Free refreshments will be available.
info@sustainablecorvallis.org • 541-230-1237

1st Friday at the Historic Carousel & Museum
Friday, June 5 • 11 a.m.–7 p.m.
Historic Carousel & Museum, 503 W 1st Ave., Albany
On the first Friday of every month, the Historic Carousel & Museum offers special deals in its café and toy shop. Visitors can check the museum’s social media pages for current sale details. Unlimited ride bracelets will also be available for \$10 during Friday’s extended hours.
<https://albanycarousel.com> • 541-497-2934

Brownsville Chamber Networking Night
Friday, June 5 • 5:30 p.m.
Kirk’s Ferry Trading Post, 217 W Bishop Way, Brownsville
The Brownsville Community Chamber of Commerce invites members and prospective members to a casual evening of networking, conversation and community connection. Meet fellow Chamber members, get to know the Board of Directors, share feedback and ideas for the future, and enjoy complimentary pizza and non-alcoholic beverages.

George Andrus Community Art Show
Friday, June 5 • 5–7 p.m.
Albany Regional Museum, 136 SE Lyon St. S., Albany
Community art exhibit featuring artists from across Oregon working in a variety of styles and media. Free public opening reception with People’s Choice Award voting. Exhibit continues through July 25. Admission to the museum is waived during First Friday hours. Light refreshments will be provided.
<https://www.armuseum.com/events/2026/6/5/andrusopening>

Albany Civic Theater Presents ‘Greater Tuna’
Friday and Saturday, June 5–6 • 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 7 • 2:30 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, June 12 and 13 • 7:30 p.m.
Albany Civic Theater, 111 W 1st Ave., Albany
Albany Civic Theater presents “Greater Tuna” by Jaston Williams, Ed Howard, and Joe Sears, directed by Lance Duddleston. This comedic farce explores the lives of the quirky residents of Tuna, Texas, with all characters portrayed by just two actors. Doors open 45 minutes before showtime.
<https://albanycivic.org> • 541-928-4603

Happy Birthday, America!
Saturday, June 6 • 7 p.m.
Albany Performing Arts Center, West Albany High School, 2100 SW Elm St.
Sunday, June 7 • 4 p.m.
Ashbrook Independent School, 4045 SW Research Way, Corvallis
Willamette Valley Symphony closes its season with a concert celebrating America’s musical heritage, featuring selections by Copland, Bernstein, Ellington, and more. A pre-concert talk with Artistic Director Lance Inouye begins 45 minutes before the concert.
Tickets: 17 and younger are FREE; adults \$22; seniors 65 and older \$20. One adult accompanying a youth may receive a \$10 ticket at the door. Adults with an Oregon Trail SNAP card may receive a \$5 ticket at the door.
<https://www.willamettevalleysymphony.org>

Cancer Survivors Day Celebration
Sunday, June 7 • 1–3 p.m.
Pastega Regional Cancer Center
441 NW Elks Drive, Corvallis
Samaritan Cancer Program will host a free National Cancer Survivors Day celebration honoring cancer survivors and their loved ones. The event includes food, an art activity, talks from cancer care team members and survivors, and information about community cancer resources. Registration is encouraged but not required.
<https://samhealth.org/celebratesurvivors> • 541-768-2171

Crawfordsville Fire Station 23 Open House
Tuesday, June 9 • 5 p.m.
Station 23, 25995 1st St., Crawfordsville
The Sweet Home Fire District will host an open house celebrating the completion of major renovations to Crawfordsville’s Station 23. Community members are invited to tour the updated station, meet firefighters, and enjoy a free hot dog dinner. For more information, call 541-367-5882.

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

McKenzie Crossing Encampment 2026
Friday–Sunday, June 12–14 • 10 a.m.–5 p.m. • FREE
40370 Deerhorn Rd., Springfield
The Native American Cultural Encampment returns for a weekend of cultural activities, demonstrations, and community gathering. The event is alcohol- and drug-free, children are welcome, and pets must remain leashed and under control. A free meal will be provided

Sunday afternoon, limited to one plate per person.
<https://www.nativeamericanencampment.com>
541-570-5950 • petersdietz@gmail.com

Halsey City-Wide Garage Sale
Saturday, June 13 • 8 a.m.–4 p.m. • Throughout Halsey
Featuring household items, clothing, tools, collectibles, furniture, and more. Sale registration is due by June 8. Cost is \$8, and park booth spaces are available. Register online or at Halsey City Hall.
https://www.halseyor.gov/garage_sale_registration.php

Tangent Community Garage Sales
Saturday, June 13 • Citywide throughout Tangent
Residents throughout Tangent will host community garage sales featuring household items, clothing, tools, decor, collectibles, and more. If you would like your address included on the community garage sale map email tangentvolunteer@gmail.com by June 10.

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

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

139th Annual Linn County Pioneer Picnic — “250 Years of American Spirit”
Friday–Sunday, June 19–21 • FREE
Brownsville Pioneer Park
The 139th Annual Linn County Pioneer Picnic returns to Brownsville for three days of family activities, entertainment, and community traditions. Established in 1887, the celebration is recognized as Oregon’s longest continuously running festival and was named an Oregon Heritage Tradition in 2012.
Festivities begin Friday with the Kiddie Parade and crowning of the Pioneer Picnic Princesses. Saturday features the firefighters’ breakfast, the Grand Parade, quilt and art shows, logging competitions, horseshoe tournament, children’s games, and activities throughout Pioneer Park. Sunday concludes the weekend with a historic nondenominational church service. Live music, food vendors, and community gatherings take place throughout the weekend.
<https://www.pioneer-picnic.com> • 541-466-5656

See what’s happening and add your event:
<https://brownsvilletimes.org/community-calendar>

Crawfordsville Fire Station to Celebrate Renovation with Open House

CRAWFORDSVILLE — The Sweet Home Fire District will host a community open house Tuesday, June 9, at Crawfordsville’s Station 23 following the completion of a major remodeling project.

The event begins at 5 p.m. at the station, located at 25995 First St. in Crawfordsville. Community members are invited to tour the renovated facility, meet firefighters, and enjoy a free hot dog dinner.



According to the district, renovations have been underway for the past six months and mark a significant upgrade to the longtime community station.

Fire district personnel said they are excited to welcome the community into the updated building and celebrate the completion of the project alongside current and former firefighters, local residents, and supporters of the station.

For more information, contact the Sweet Home Fire District at 541-367-5882. ☎

Crawfordsville Post Office Temporarily Closes for Repairs

CRAWFORDSVILLE — Residents who use the Crawfordsville Post Office will need to make temporary arrangements for postal services while the facility undergoes repairs.

According to a notice from the U.S. Postal Service, the Crawfordsville Post Office has been temporarily closed for repair work. During the closure, all retail services and mail distribution for Crawfordsville customers will be handled through the Brownsville Post Office.

Customers can pick up their mail and conduct postal business at the Brownsville Post Office, located at 430 N. Main St. in Brownsville. The Brownsville office can be reached at 541-466-5937.

Postal officials said mail collection from the blue exterior drop box at the Crawfordsville location will continue Monday through Saturday during the closure.

The Brownsville Post Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. for customer services.

No reopening date for the Crawfordsville Post Office was announced. ☎



Crawfordsville's post office sits closed for repairs in late May. Postal customers are currently being served through the Brownsville Post Office while work is completed on the Crawfordsville facility

Volunteers Needed at Brownsville Meal Site

BROWNSVILLE — Meals on Wheels of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties is seeking volunteers to help serve older adults and people with disabilities throughout Brownsville and surrounding communities.

The Brownsville meal site operates at Brownsville Christian Church and is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The local program provides home-delivered meals and in-person dining opportunities to reduce social isolation and loneliness among seniors. Organizers say there is an urgent need for both kitchen volunteers and delivery drivers.

Volunteers are asked to serve one to two days a week, with shifts lasting about 2.5 hours. Kitchen volunteers help package meals for delivery and assist with serving in-person diners. Drivers deliver meals directly to clients and provide an important wellness check and friendly connection for residents who may live alone.

Meals on Wheels of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties operates through the Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments and serves communities throughout the region.

Those interested in volunteering as kitchen helpers or delivery drivers can contact Katherine at 541-924-8432 or king@ocwcog.org. Questions about the Brownsville meal site may be directed to Kay at 541-466-5015 or prim@ocwcog.org. Additional information is available at Meals on Wheels of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties at <https://www.mealsonwheelslbl.org>. ☎

Pride Month: A Time for Reflection

By Jeff Brown, Staff Writer and Columnist

Each June, Pride Month is observed across the United States. Its origins trace back to the Stonewall Uprising, a series of events in 1969 that brought national attention to the way gay and lesbian Americans were treated under the law. In the years that followed, those events became part of a broader conversation about fairness, dignity, and equal protection.

Today, Pride Month is observed in different ways across communities. In larger cities, it may include public events and celebrations. In rural Oregon communities like ours, observances are often more modest — perhaps a quiet acknowledgment, a conversation among neighbors, or an opportunity to learn more about the month’s history. For some, it may simply pass as another point on the calendar.

At its core, Pride Month is about the desire to be treated fairly and to feel a sense of belonging in the places where people live and work. These are familiar values in small towns, where daily life is shaped by personal connections and shared spaces.

Whether one chooses to actively observe the month or simply take note of its history, it offers an opportunity to reflect on how communities function and how neighbors treat one another. In that sense, Pride Month fits into a broader American tradition of recognizing historical moments that have shaped ongoing conversations about fairness and equal treatment under the law. ☎



Felted heart by Brownsville Art Association Member, Colleen Becker

LINN COUNTY PIONEER PICNIC 2026 Flower Show Categories Announced

The 2026 Flower Show theme will be “250 Years of American Spirit.” Entries may be delivered to the Flower House in the Park from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, June 18, and from 8 to 10 a.m. Friday, June 19.

Division I: Clubs, Churches, Businesses and Displays

Division II: Arrangements and Bouquets with or without accessories

A. 250 Years of American Spirit — Red, white, and blue

B. Splendor in the Grass — Grasses, greens, whites, and pods

C. Symphony of Color — Four or more colors; green counts

D. My New Hat — “Ladies Head” container

E. For the Roses

F. Anything Goes

Division IV: For Men Only

A. Tool Time — Container or accessory from a garage or tool shed

B. Chug-a-Lug — Favorite beverage container

C. Anything Goes

D. 250 Years of American Spirit — Red, white, and blue

Division V: Pee Wee — Ages 8 and Under

A. Toy Story — Favorite toy

B. Animals — Animal or animal container

C. Anything Goes

D. 250 Years of American Spirit — Red, white, and blue

Division VI: Juniors — Ages 9-17

A. Take a Sip — Favorite beverage container

B. Straight from the Beach — Use shells or a beach theme

C. Anything Goes

D. 250 Years of American Spirit — Red, white, and blue

Division VII: Potted Plants

Division VIII: Horticultural — Annuals

Division IX: Horticultural — Perennials

Division X: Roses

Calling All Kids for the Kiddie Parade

Get ready for the Linn County Pioneer Picnic Children’s Parade proudly sponsored by the Pollyanna Club on Friday, June 19! Decorate your wagons, wheels, small pets, and yourselves like American kids from any era. Lineup begins at noon at the old Baptist Church Parking lot, 515 N. Main St., Brownsville, behind Carlson Hardware and next to Poppi’s Place (also known as Craven’s Outpost). Judging is at 12:30 p.m. The parade begins at 1 p.m. There are cash prizes for each category! The Kiddies’ Parade theme this year is “250 Years of American Spirit.”

There are six categories, and cash prizes will be awarded for each category: Create a Float, Decorate a Bicycle, Dress Up as an American kid from any era, Dress your Small Pet, Decorate your Little Wheels, and Children’s Motorized Ride-Ons (an adult must accompany any motorized ride-on). First Place for each category is \$20, Second Place for each category is \$15, Third Place for each category is \$10. Sweepstakes prize is \$50! Choose your category and create your entry to be a part of this fun event! See you there! ☎



SHARON K. BANKS

BROWNSVILLE GARDEN CLUB

Garden Club Blossomed Through Community Effort

BROWNSVILLE — For years, many residents assumed the Brownsville Garden Club had been part of the community for generations, like the Pollyanna Club, established in 1926, or the Brownsville Women’s Study Club, founded in 1911. But longtime member Cindy Stucky says the club’s roots are much more recent.

Stucky sat down with Lisa Keith at the Brownsville Senior Center and said the Brownsville Garden Club was founded around 2010 or 2011 through the efforts of Linda Scronce-Johnson, a newcomer to the community remembered by members as courageous and charismatic. Scronce-Johnson died in 2017, but her vision helped establish a group that quickly became active in beautification projects and community events throughout Brownsville.

Among the club’s longtime core members were Sandra Saltzer, the group’s most recent president; Judy Whitfield, the most recent treasurer; twins Joyce Nelsen and Julie Reed; Mary Lou Neher; Cindy Stucky; and Sara Fielder, who has since passed away. Many other volunteers, helpers, and advisers contributed to the organization over the years.

One of the club’s earliest projects was planting and maintaining the decorative flower barrels along Main Street, a tradition that continues today. The club also regularly supports the Pioneer Picnic Flower Show and Contest by helping clean and prepare the flower beds around the Garden House in Pioneer Park and the building’s interior. Members also provided prizes and gifts for judges and contest winners.

One of the organization’s largest and most successful events was the 2016



2016 Brownsville Garden Tour

Explore the Garden Path Less Taken
A celebration of gardens and those who create them!

Saturday June 25th
10am to 3pm

~ Tour includes ~
5 local Gardens,
Community Garden,
Kirk Walnut trees,
Meyer Wisteria tree
Brownsville Walking
Tour Map

Thanks to our Sponsors:
Brownsville Garden Club (Host)
Cakapooa Food Alliance (Co-host)
Brownsville Senior Center
Brownsville Chamber
Brownsville Community Foundation
City of Brownsville
Linn County Tourism/Travel Oregon
The Times

Ticket Sales
\$15 per person
on sale
June 25th at the
Brownsville Senior Center
345 N Main St

All proceeds
go to the
Brownsville Garden Club
& Cakapooa
Food Alliance

BROWNSVILLE GARDEN CLUB

Find us on Facebook

HALSEY MAYOR’S CORNER

Don’t Let “Templeton” Move In

By Jerry Lachenbruch, Halsey Mayor

It appears we’ve had several “Templeton” sightings in Halsey lately. For those unfamiliar with the reference, Templeton was the rat in “Charlotte’s Web.” This time of year, rodents become more active, especially around mini farms, chicken coops, gardens, and orchards.

Mini farms provide a rewarding lifestyle, but they can also attract rats by offering the three things rodents need most: food, water, and shelter. Rats can spread disease, contaminate feed, damage property, and threaten young livestock and poultry. Fortunately, prevention goes a long way.

One of the best defenses is proper feed storage. Chicken coops are especially attractive because scattered feed is easy to access. Feed should be stored in metal containers with tight-fitting lids, spilled grain should be cleaned up promptly, and uneaten food should be removed at night whenever possible. Hanging or treadle feeders can also help reduce waste and rodent access.

Reducing clutter around your property is equally important. Rats prefer dark, protected hiding places near food sources. Keep grass and weeds trimmed, stack firewood off the ground, remove debris piles, and organize sheds and storage areas. Regular maintenance also helps identify rodent activity early.

Water sources should also be monitored carefully. Leaking hoses, standing water, and poorly drained areas can sustain rodent populations. Repair leaks, empty standing water, and clean livestock waterers regularly.

Compost piles can attract rodents if not managed properly. Avoid adding meat or greasy food scraps, turn compost regularly, and consider enclosed bins when possible. Keeping compost areas away from barns and coops can also help.

Signs of a rodent problem may include droppings, gnaw marks, burrows, scratching noises, chewed feed bags, or greasy rub marks along walls. If rats appear despite prevention efforts, options include snap traps, enclosed bait stations, or professional pest control services. Please avoid using poison where pets, wildlife, or children may be exposed.

The most effective rodent prevention combines sanitation, feed management, exclusion, and routine monitoring. Staying proactive helps protect livestock, equipment, and stored feed while keeping our community healthy.

I appreciate everyone working hard to provide fresh produce, eggs, and livestock care during these financially challenging times. Preventing “Templeton” infestations is simply part of that responsibility.

As always, if you have ideas, tips, or best practices that have worked for you, please reach out to me at mayor@halsey.or.gov. The council and I work for you, and we always welcome your input. ☺

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners OK Wildfire Ready Project Grant Plan

By Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer

ALBANY — Young people who are part the Linn County Juvenile Department’s work crew will have the opportunity to learn about creating defensible space and reducing wildfires, thanks to an agreement between Linn County and the Sweet Home Fire Department.

Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Sherrie Sprenger and Will Tucker approved a \$524,556 grant from the Wildfire Ready Project at their May 26 meeting.

Juvenile Department Director Torri Lynn said \$307,800 will provide participating youth with vocational training. They will be paid \$15 per hour reducing burnable fuels such as brush and woody materials thereby creating defensible spaces in east Linn County.

Another \$179,550 will provide work gear for the young people including a jacket, rain gear, boots, socks, pants, program T-shirt and sweatshirt, a USB thumb drive and a binder to hold their resumes.

A third portion of the grant for \$37,206 will be used to develop and house a database and software licensing for the program.

All three commissioners support the program. Commissioner Tucker said the experience and job counseling the young people receive may help them secure jobs with wildland firefighting hand crews, including a new one based at the Sweet Home Fire Department.

Lynn also reported that in April, 25 young people from Linn County, six from Benton County, two from Lincoln County and one from Marion County were held at the detention center.

There were 38 referrals and there are 184 youth in the Probation Unit, with 29 of them assessed as high-risk.

There are 146 youth in the Community Programs Unit and the Intervention Specialist is working with 211 youth, of which 191 have not been involved with law enforcement.

The Victim Advocate made 116 contacts in April. ☺

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

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

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

Schedule your Maintenance Today!
541-754-1681

CCB #35426

Scan Me!

Mountain Top Mud Bogs Opens the Pit at May Bounty Hole Event

By Marcy Hermens, Staff Writer and Tangent Correspondent

SCIO — Mountain Top Mud Bogs brought something a little different to its Bounty Hole event in Scio on Saturday, May 15.

Mike Bonogofski, head of Mt. Top Mud Bogs, waived the Bounty Hole fee for the day, and drivers stepped up to the challenge. A strong mix of spectators and seasoned mudders made for an energetic afternoon. Tangent Together, a community nonprofit based in Tangent, was on hand as a partner, giving away three sets of Harvest Festival tickets at the event.

After the rigs completed their runs, the fun shifted to the youngest attendees. Thirteen kids lined up for the Kids' Run — a tradition where a hat is passed, cash is collected, and children race to walk, crawl, or scramble across the mud pit first. The top three finishers split the pot. Not one of them came out clean.

Billed as the toughest Bounty Hole in the Pacific Northwest, Mt. Top's pit started — and ended — the day still undefeated. ☼



Pickup trucks disappear into thick mud during the Bounty Hole event May 15 at Mountain Top Mud Bogs in Scio.



A Jeep churns through the mud pit during the Bounty Hole competition.



Marcy Hermens smiles from the back seat after a muddy run through the pit at Mountain Top Mud Bogs' Bounty Hole event in Scio on May 15. Hermens is the author of this article and a staff writer and Tangent correspondent for The Times.

HAYMAKERS

continued from cover

environment that emphasizes teamwork, enjoyment, and community involvement.

The Haymakers, by contrast, are being developed for players interested in a more competitive baseball path. While the program will still emphasize sportsmanship, teamwork, and character, its focus is on improving skills, competing against stronger teams, and giving players a chance to grow through a higher level of play.

Organizers say the two programs are not in competition with each other, but instead provide different opportunities for local athletes. CLRA continues to offer a welcoming recreational experience focused on participation and fun, while the Haymakers provide a more competitive path for players looking to advance their skills. Together, the programs give Central Linn families more choices and opportunities for local youth to play, grow, and represent their community.

For information about the program, email haymakers@brownsvilleoregonathletics.com or (541) 252-5270. ☼



Landon Gaskey steps up to the plate for the Senior American Haymakers.



The Brownsville Haymakers Senior American team includes back row from left, Coach Jason Means, Coach Robert Strauss, Corben Pribble, Arlo Hubbard, Lincoln Martinez, Chris Means, Henry Suing, Landon Gaskey, Shepherd Strauss, and Coach Kyle Koontz. Front row, from left, are Lincoln Funk, Aiden Riel, Jackson Martinez, and Dominic Hostetler. Not pictured is Kash Dodge.

A FULL SERVICE TIMBER COMPANY



KYLE TURNER

PROJECT MANAGER

541-393-7424

neworegonforestry.com

neworegonforestry@gmail.com

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

MARK LIFE'S GREAT PASSAGES WITH US

Notices of birth, marriage, or passing may be submitted for publication.

Kindly send particulars in 50 words or less to editor@brownsvilletimes.org or place a longer paid notice at <https://brownsvilletimes.org/notices>

Fernando Ledesma

General Contractor L&F LLC

Lawn Service

Free Estimates

• Mulch • Mow • Weeding

• Clean-UPS • Pruning

• Pressure Washing

541-730-0037

Jordan Jewelers

Fine Jewelry Custom Repair

541-926-1907

202 W 1st Avenue Albany, OR 97321

jordansjewels@msn.com

www.jordanjewelers.com

106 W Bishop Way BROWNSVILLE



M-Th 10-9 F & Sat 9-9, Sun 10-8

Where Bars & Restaurants Shop 541.458.3280

BROWNSVILLE

PHARMACY & GIFTS

EST. 1981

Friendly, Prompt, Hometown Service!

411 North Main St

Historic Downtown Brownsville

541-466-5112 ☼ M-F 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

GREAT OLD BROADS FOR WILDERNESS

New Executive Director Visits Brownsville Gathering

By Barbara Andersen, Staff Writer and Copy Editor

BROWNSVILLE — On Memorial Day last week, Cyndi Anderson hosted a gathering at her Brownsville home for about 20 members of the Willamette Valley Broadband of the Great Old Broads for Wilderness.

The Great Old Broads is a “women-led grassroots organization that engages and inspires activism to preserve and protect wilderness and wildlands.” The occasion was a visit from the new Executive Director of the national organization, Reba Elliot. Ms. Elliot lives in Virginia and is touring the West Coast Broadbands, including the four in Oregon. Her enthusiasm, background, and commitment to preserving our public lands impressed everyone, as did her easygoing, approachable manner. She fully believes that older women bring humor, grace, common sense, and passion, and are bold and courageous in defending wild lands.

The Willamette Broadband has 150 members from across the valley, including Brownsville, Corvallis, Eugene, Lebanon, and Junction City. Cyndi Anderson is the Co-Chair with Chandra LeGue of Oregon Wild. The group plans advocacy events, education about areas of concern or celebration, hikes, campouts, and stewardship opportunities around the state, around four key areas of focus: Advocacy, Stewardship, Education, and Fun.

Several members joined a four-day campout organized by leaders of the Pacific Northwest Broadbands to the Klamath River in Northern California... an opportunity to learn up close about the impacts, restoration, and recovery efforts around the biggest dam removal project in history (or ever anywhere on Earth).

Membership is open to women of any age and to men who share the organization’s goals. If anyone wants to learn more about the group, you can contact Cyndi Anderson at thebrownsvillehouse@gmail.org or 541-570-1055. ☺



Members of the Willamette Valley Broadband of Great Old Broads for Wilderness gathered at the Brownsville home of Cyndi Anderson on Memorial Day weekend during a visit from national Executive Director Reba Elliot. The group discussed advocacy, stewardship and efforts to protect public lands and wilderness areas throughout the West Coast.

Eagle Park Reopens with Ribbon Cutting Celebration

HARRISBURG — Community members gathered May 21 to celebrate the reopening of Eagle Park with an open house and ribbon cutting hosted by the Tri-County Chamber of Commerce.

Located on a gravel access road off 396 Sommerville Ave., Eagle Park recently completed a series of improvements funded by a \$75,000 Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Local Government Grant. The project added approximately .32 miles of trails, picnic tables, benches, interpretive signs, and a new dog park.

Mayor Bobby Duncan led the ribbon cutting ceremony alongside representatives from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department and members of the Tri-County Chamber board.

Eagle Park, a former mining site purchased by the City of Harrisburg in 2020, continues to undergo rehabilitation and restoration. The park now features riparian forest trails and scenic views overlooking the Willamette River. Vehicular access to the park is available through the summer via the gravel road off South Second Street.

Interactive signs throughout the park highlight local history, wildlife,

and the area’s cultural significance, including recognition of the Kalapuyan people who lived in the region thousands of years before Harrisburg was incorporated in 1866. Another display honors Morse Bros. and their influence on the community’s development.

City officials also recognized the significant local support for the project, including volunteer efforts by students and community members who helped improve the park. ☺



Harrisburg Mayor Bobby Duncan cuts the ribbon reopening Eagle Park on May 21 alongside Oregon Parks and Recreation Department staff members and Tri-County Chamber of Commerce board members Matt McCarl, left, vice president of the chamber, and Jamie Hooper, right. The celebration marked the completion of new trails, picnic areas, interpretive signs, and other park improvements funded through an Oregon Parks and Recreation Department grant.

THE TIMES

**CENTRAL
WILLAMETTE VALLEY**

Periodical postage paid at Brownsville, OR (USPS 0680-000).
Published every Thursday by The Brownsville Times, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

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

SUBSCRIPTION RATES:

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

Monthly subscriptions must be paid by credit card.

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

Volunteer Coordinator: Nancy Diltz | misscabc@yahoo.com

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

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

Deadline for Advertising: Wednesday at 5 p.m. (for the following issue)
Deadline for Article Submissions: Wednesday at noon (for the following week’s issue)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: <https://brownsvilletimes.org/contact>
EDITORIAL GUIDELINES: <https://brownsvilletimes.org/editorial-policy>

☎ 458-266-0511
343 N Main St, Brownsville OR 97327 | <https://brownsvilletimes.org>
Office Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 9 a.m. to noon, Thursdays 1 to 4 p.m.

TABLE TALK

Breakfast All Day at Pop's

By Jeff Brown, Staff Writer and Columnist

If you've spent any time driving through Albany, chances are you've passed by Pop's Branding Iron and wondered whether it's worth pulling in. I finally did, along with my wife and another couple, and I'm glad we made the stop.

Pop's has that classic, no-nonsense feel you'd expect from a place that's been around a while. Originally known as Scott's Inn, then as Pop's Café, the restaurant has roots in Pop Uken, a well-known horse breeder from years past. The current establishment, located at 901 Pacific Highway SE, has been in the same family since 1964, and it shows in the comfortable, lived-in atmosphere. With seating for around 100, a large banquet room, and the adjoining Lariat Saloon — complete with a full bar, cocktails, and video lottery — it's a spot that seems to cater to just about everyone.

One thing that stood out right away was how clean everything appeared. The dining area was tidy and well-kept, and the restrooms were clean as well — something that always makes a difference, especially in a busy, long-running establishment like this.

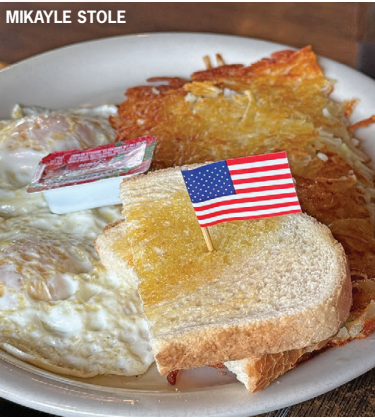
Their tagline, "Meet you at Pop's," fits. It feels like the kind of place locals actually do meet up, whether it's for breakfast, lunch, or dinner. Pop's serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner all day, which makes it easy to stop in whenever the mood strikes.

We all went in for breakfast and had no trouble finding something that sounded good. I ordered the Western omelette, packed with bacon, sausage, onions, and cheese, served alongside hash browns and toast. It was, simply put, one of the better breakfasts I've had in a long time — and that's saying something, since I eat out for breakfast fairly often. Everything was cooked right, portions were generous, and it came out hot and fresh.

My wife wasn't especially hungry and chose the soup of the day, a loaded potato soup. She mentioned more than once how flavorful it was, which is usually a good sign. Our friends ordered the Monte Cristo with fries for one and a country-style breakfast with chicken fried steak, eggs, hash browns, and toast for the other, and both meals disappeared quickly with no complaints.

Pop's is open daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. for dine-in or takeout, making it an easy option just about any time of day.

This isn't a flashy place, and it's not trying to be. But if you're looking for solid comfort food, generous portions, and a relaxed, local feel, Pop's Branding Iron is worth a stop. If you've been wondering about it as you drive by, the answer is yes, it's good, and it's worth checking out. ☺



MIKAYLE STOLE



MIKAYLE STOLE



MIKAYLE STOLE

SEASONS EATINGS

Taking the Chill Off: Easy Comfort Meals for Early Summer Nights

By Lisa Keith, Staff Writer and Columnist

This week's recipes come from my sister, Deana (pronounced Dee-nah, like Dean with an a). She, admittedly, is not a big fan of cooking... she really doesn't have much time. The first recipe came from her in the "working girl" mode in the mid-90s. This hamburger rice casserole is a modification of those Betty Crocker recipes from the 50s that use canned soup as a base. The second one she shared a couple of weeks ago. Zuppa Toscana (Italian for Tuscan soup, LOL) is another knock-off from Olive Garden fame. Both are quick and easy, using ingredients most of us have in our pantries. Thank you, Seester!

Hamburger Rice Casserole

- 1 ½ lbs ground beef
- 1 lg onion, diced
- 2 C diced celery
- 1 4 oz can sliced mushrooms, drained
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 2 cans water
- 2 Tbsp soy sauce
- 1 C MJB brown rice

Mix soup, water, soy sauce, rice, and mushrooms in a large pan. Place over low heat and stir occasionally. Brown meat, onions, and celery. Drain fat. Combine the meat and the soup mixtures, then pour them into a large casserole dish. Bake for 1 hour at 350°F. Stir several times. Can be baked a day before and reheated.

In recent years, I have made my own cream sauce instead of using canned sauce. I also like to add fresh mushrooms rather than canned. This recipe also lends itself to adding fresh, chopped spinach, peas, grated carrots, and some quinoa. No adjustments are needed to add the veggies.

Zuppa Toscana (Olive Garden knock-off)

Prep Time: 5 min., Cook time: 40 min., Total time: 45 min., Servings: 8, Calories: 532

- 16 oz (1 lb) spicy Italian sausage
- 8 slices bacon
- ½ large onion, sliced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 28 oz chicken broth (3½ C)
- 24 oz water (3 C)
- 5 medium russet potatoes, thinly sliced
- 1 tsp red pepper flakes
- 1 tsp each S & P (salt and pepper)
- 4 C chopped kale
- 1 C heavy cream
- Garnish with fresh grated Parmesan

Brown sausage and bacon in a Dutch oven until bacon is crispy. Remove meat with a slotted spoon and set aside. Add onion and cook until translucent. Add garlic and cook 1 minute. Add liquids, S & P, pepper flakes, potatoes, and cooked sausage, and bring to a medium simmer. Cook until potatoes are tender, about 10 minutes. Add Kale and simmer another 10 min. Add cream and heat through. Add S & P to taste. Serve with Parmesan.

Thank you to all our loyal readers. We wouldn't be here without you! Anyone want to cook together? Contact me at iamcheflisa@gmail.com. ☺



STOCK



STOCK



OVERTON VALLEY BEEF

GRASS FED • GRASS FINISHED

USDA Certified Angus Beef • 100% Natural No BS. Just quality beef: \$5.49/lb (includes slaughter, cut, & wrap) custom boxes available!

Family owned and operated

Kyle Koontz • 541.990.3374

OVERTONVALLEYRANCH.COM



403 N Main St
Brownsville

Natoshya Moffitt
541.405.2147

memascountrykitchen@yahoo.com

Facebook: Mema's Country Kitchen

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

PIONEER VILLA

RESTAURANT & SALOON

Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner • 5 am-10 pm

33180 Hwy 228, Halsey • 541-369-2801

pioneervillatruckplaza.com



Take 25% OFF

All Case Pack Drinks

with coupon

One-time use only. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Expires 5/30/26. While supplies last.

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

Follow Us!

grocerydealsOR.com



122 Spaulding
11-9 • Sunday 12-8
Family Friendly

Armandos

Mexican Restaurant

Phone Orders 541-466-3636

\$5 OFF
When you spend \$40+

1847

BAR & GRILL

Buy an entree & receive 50% off an appetizer

505 Mullins Drive, Lebanon • 541-451-1847

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

BROWNSVILLE LIBRARY

A Brownsville Invitation to Slow Down and Recharge

By Eva Wada, Brownsville Assistant Librarian

Looking for a meaningful way to give back to your community, or perhaps just a quiet escape from the daily hustle? The Brownsville Community Library has plenty to offer this season, starting with a unique opportunity to shape its future. There is currently one opening on the Library Advisory Board, which meets on the second Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m., September through May. If you are a Brownsville resident interested in serving, please call Sherri Lemhouse at 541-466-5454.

The library remains a vibrant hub for adults even during the sunny summer months. While our structured adult events take a brief pause to focus on the “Plant A Seed, Read” children’s summer program kicking off June 20, the welcoming Stitchery group continues to meet in the History room every Wednesday at 1 p.m. Looking ahead to autumn, we are already hard at work planning a brand-new lineup of adult sessions, including an informative Estate Planning: Making a Trust workshop scheduled for Thursday, September 17, at 6 p.m. in the Kirk Room.



When was the last time you truly treated yourself to a quiet moment of discovery? Wander back to the comfy chairs in our magazine room hideaway

and stay a while. Sneak past the check out counter where the donated adult paperback books can help to reduce stress, because there are no fines if you forget it somewhere during your summer travels. Ultimately, the library is more than just a building — it is a quiet oasis in the heart of town; a place to connect, unwind, and find exactly what you need to recharge. 🌻



BROWNSVILLE LIBRARY CALENDAR

Parents & Pals Story Time

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

Thread Wizards Stitchery Group

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

Songs, Rhymes & More Story Time

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

The Page Turners Book Club

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

Summer Reading Program Kick Off

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

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

Connect with the Library

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

HALSEY LIBRARY CALENDAR

Summer Reading Program ‘Plant a Seed, Read’

Saturdays, July 11 to August 8

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

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

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

Connect with the Library

773 W 1st, Halsey • 541-369-2705
<https://www.halseyor.gov/library>
<https://www.facebook.com/HalseyLibrary>

HARRISBURG LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Tiny Tots Story Time

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

Friday Storytime & Activity

Fridays • 10 a.m.

Adult Craft Night Out

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

Summer Reading Program ‘Plant a Seed, Read’

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

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

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

Lego Club

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

Library Hours: Tue 1–5 p.m.; Wed 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Thu 1–6 p.m.; Fri 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; Sat 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

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

Connect with the Library

354 Smith St., Harrisburg • 541-995-6949
<https://www.ci.harrisburg.or.us/library>
<https://www.facebook.com/HarrisburgOregonLibrary>



TURNING PAGES BOOK CLUB

Readers Fall Short in Tackling Tree Epic

By Holly Arrow, Book Club member

The Turning Pages Book Club met on May 20 at the Brownsville Library to discuss “The Overstory” by Richard Powers. Two of the ten attendees were attending for the first time — a visiting cousin of a member and me, who was then tasked with writing a review of the book and the meeting. Odd, right?

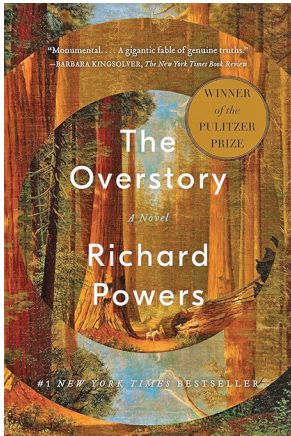
My qualification is that I finished the book and had something to say beyond “didn’t get past the part where...”

Why did most never get to the trunk of the novel? The book is structured in an unusual way. It begins with eight short stories, each recounting how a tree or trees — a chestnut, a mulberry tree, or a tree planted at each child’s birth — played a role in the life of a different character.

Readers who love novels often don’t read many short stories, and several people got stranded in this section, never reaching the Trunk, where the characters begin to link up as their fates intertwine. The novel is about the developing interconnections among the characters and the connections in an actual forest — in which trees constantly signal back and forth through the air and through their roots underground. It documents, among other forest themes, the fraught history of trees in the Pacific Northwest, including the many ways that those intent on saving trees and those intent on cutting them down attempt to sabotage one another.

Without a book in common to discuss, the group went around the circle, and people shared a little about another book they had recently read or were reading. We ate treats, caught up on one another’s lives, and signaled back and forth through the air, like the endless rustling of aspen leaves, in the way our species is so fond of doing.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 17, in the Brownsville Library’s Kirk Room (side entrance), starting at 7 p.m. I have been assured the group will do better next time and be ready to discuss “The Midnight Library” by Matt Haig, a book about what might happen if we could change our past and make different choices. Copies are available to check out at the Brownsville Library, and everyone is welcome to join. 🌻





SHORT TERM RENTAL



Available on Airbnb
925-289-9119

TheAverillHouse@gmail.com



Steller's View

Available on Airbnb & VRBO



Secluded 2 bedroom near downtown Brownsville

CENTRAL LINN TRACK & FIELD

Cobras Shine at District Championships

REGIS — Central Linn athletes turned in a strong showing at the 2A-SD2 District 2 Championships, winning multiple events and qualifying several competitors for the next round during the May 21–22 meet at Regis High School.

The Cobras were especially strong on the track, led by senior Don Ware and sophomore Anya Griffith. Ware won the boys’ 400 meters in a season-best 51.05 seconds and placed second in the 200 meters with a personal-best 22.94. Griffith captured the girls’ 400 meters in 1:00.24 after running a season-best 1:00.15 in the preliminaries. She also won the girls’ 1,500 meters in 5:00.26.

Senior Jayne Neal added another district title for Central Linn, winning the girls’ 800 meters in 2:28.26. Neal also placed second behind Griffith in the 1,500, finishing in a season-best 5:03.43, giving Central Linn a 1–2 finish in the event.

The boys’ relay teams also delivered for the Cobras. Jackson Durringer, Don Ware, Aren Schneider, and Sawyer Kirk won the 4x100 relay in 45.25 seconds. Durringer, Ethan Denison, Schneider, and Ware followed with another district title in the 4x400 relay, finishing in 3:31.56. Durringer also placed second in the boys’ 800 meters in a personal-best 2:02.54, while Denison finished fifth in the same race in 2:07.86.

Central Linn’s girls 4x400 relay team of Jayne Neal, Isabelle Curtis, Georgia Wahl, and Anya Griffith placed second in 4:18.40. The girls 4x100 relay team of Curtis, Wahl, Griffith, and Neal placed fourth in 53.31.

The Cobras also found success in the field events. Aren Schneider placed third in the boys’ high jump with a personal-best 1.80 meters. Peyton Gaskey placed third in the girls’ discus with a personal-best throw of 29.82 meters, and Georgia Wahl placed third in the girls triple jump at 9.79 meters. Addison “Addie Wolff” was sixth in the triple jump with a personal-best 9.59 meters.

Other Central Linn highlights included Sawyer Kirk’s fourth-place finish in the boys 100 meters, Bob Cunningham’s fourth-place finish in the boys 110 hurdles, Alyse Glenn’s fourth-place finish in the girls 3,000 meters, and Creed Mast’s sixth-place finish in the boys 1,500.

Central Linn’s district performance showed depth across sprints, distance races, relays, and field events, giving the Cobras a strong finish to the postseason meet.



Central Linn medal winners at the 2A-SD2 District Championships included, front row from left, Aren Schneider, Ethan Denison, Jackson Durringer and Don Ware; back row, Sawyer Kirk, Georgia Wahl, Isabelle Curtis, Jayne Neal and Anya Griffith.

CENTRAL LINN BASEBALL

Summer Baseball Program Aims to Build Central Linn’s Future Players

BROWNSVILLE — Central Linn High School’s baseball program is looking toward the future this summer by inviting current eighth graders and incoming freshmen to join the school’s summer baseball team.

Coach Tyler Kohler recently announced the program is assembling its June roster and encouraging younger players to take part in what he described as a development-focused experience designed to help athletes prepare for high school baseball.

“Our summer ball team is all about development,” Kohler wrote in a public post promoting the program.

The team plans to play about 20 games in June, including a tournament, giving players an opportunity to gain experience in competitive situations and become familiar with Central Linn’s coaching staff and future teammates.

Kohler said the program is designed to ensure all participants have opportunities to play while learning the expectations and culture of the high school program before the spring season begins.

Summer baseball programs often serve as an important transition for younger athletes entering high school sports, helping players build confidence, sharpen skills, and form relationships with teammates ahead of official school competition.

Families interested in learning more or signing up players are encouraged to contact Kohler at coachtykohler@centrallinn.k12.or.us.



Central Linn’s summer baseball team is inviting current eighth graders and incoming freshmen to participate in a June development program that includes approximately 20 games and a tournament.

CENTRAL LINN HIGH SCHOOL JUNE STUDENT ATHLETE

Don Martinez Ware

Senior Don Martinez Ware has been named Central Linn High School’s Athlete of the Month after an outstanding track season that has placed him among the top competitors in the Class 2A District.

Don is the son of Wendy Ware and Juan Martinez and the Grandson of Don and Wanell Ware of Brownsville.

Ware recently wrapped up district competition with a dominant performance, finishing first in three events and second in another. His success helped lead Central Linn on the track and earned him a return trip to the state championships.

For the second consecutive year, Ware qualified for state in every event he entered, a rare accomplishment that reflects both his talent and consistency. He currently ranks No. 2 in the 400 meters and No. 7 in the 200 meters. Ware is also part of two highly ranked relay teams, with Central Linn sitting No. 7 in the 4x100 relay and No. 3 in the 4x400 relay.

Ware’s strongest event has been the 400, where his speed, endurance, and competitive drive have made him one of the top runners in the state. His ability to contribute to individual races and relays has made him a key part of Central Linn’s track program.

His high school career will continue at the next level. Ware plans to attend Southwestern Community College, where he is expected to compete in the 400, 800, and 4x400 relay.

With another state appearance ahead and a college opportunity waiting, Ware has closed his Central Linn career as one of the Cobras’ standout athletes.

Congratulations to Don Martinez Ware, Central Linn High School’s Athlete of the Month.



JOHNNA NEAL

Commercial Services



Genesis Lawn Care

FREE ESTIMATES

Proud sponsor of the Central Linn Athlete of the Month



541.570.0986

genesis-lawncare.com



Nikki Billington



Kenah Cervantes



Chloe Cross



Isabelle Curtis



Lily Diaz



Jackson Duringer



Leif Erickson



Sol Abraham Flores



Taivyn Garber



Luis Garcia Lopez



Peyton Gaskey



Moth Jenkins



Sawyer Kirk



Enrique Luis-Gonzalez



Carmen Martinez Ware



Don Martinez Ware



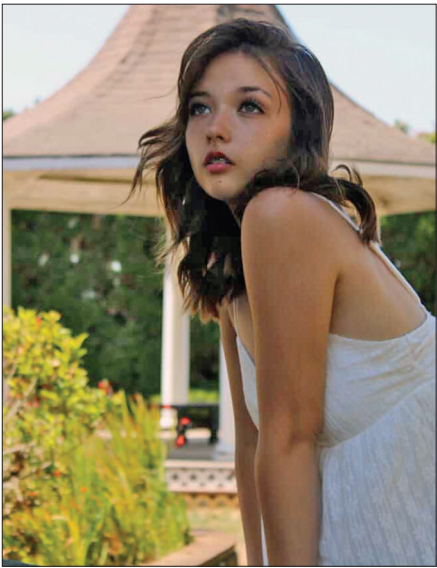
Brogan Melero



Cooper Meir



Colby Miller



Kahaeli Morris



Jayne Neal



Colten Northern



Dakota Ramshur



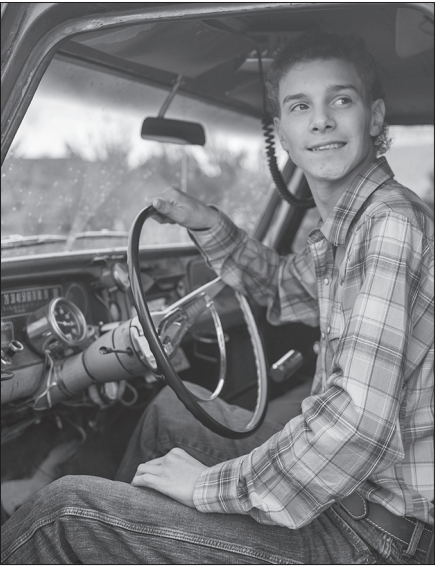
Gary Rivers



Marvin Serna



Thomas Smith



Greyson Tenbusch



Hannah Travis



Georgia Wahl



Terri Williamson



Brooklyn Winningham



Addie Wolff

Georgia-Pacific Supports Sharing Hands with Donation, Fundraiser

The Georgia-Pacific Halsey Mill recently donated \$5,000 to Sharing Hands Food Bank through the Georgia-Pacific Foundation and the Koch Companies Community Fund.

Donna Black, communications coordinator for the mill, presented the check to Tay Thornton, manager of Sharing Hands Food Bank.

In addition to the corporate donation, Halsey Mill employees recently held a fundraiser in which staff purchased raffle tickets for the chance to throw a pie in the face of a member of the mill's leadership team. The event raised more than \$1,000, which was also donated to the food bank.

The mill also continues to support Sharing Hands Food Bank through ongoing donations of toilet paper and recyclable bottles and cans.

According to Georgia-Pacific, the Halsey Mill partners with organizations in the communities where employees live and work, supporting charitable initiatives focused on education, entrepreneurship, environmental stewardship, and community enrichment. 🌱

Tay Thornton, left, manager of Sharing Hands Food Bank, receives a \$5,000 donation from Donna Black of the Georgia-Pacific Halsey Mill. The donation was made through the Georgia-Pacific Foundation and Koch Companies Community Fund to support the food bank's ongoing community services.





GROCERY LIST

Canned Goods

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

Grains & Breads

- ☐ Bread
- ☐ Buns
- ☐ English Muffins
- ☐ Cereal
- ☐ Crackers
- ☐ Dry Pasta

- ☐ Sugar
- ☐ Snacks
- ☐ Spices

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

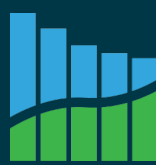
- ☐ Toothbrushes
- ☐ Toothpaste
- ☐ Shampoo
- ☐ Conditioner
- ☐ Soap
- ☐ Laundry soap

Please no expired items.





Students from Pioneer Christian Academy recently toured the Sharing Hands Food Bank and thrift store facility in Brownsville, where they learned about the organization's efforts to provide food and support to local families in need.



ALYRICA

INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER

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

📞 541-929-3330 📠 541-368-2425 🌐 alyrica.net

Go Solar with a Local Company You Can Trust

Serving the Willamette Valley

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

YOUR LOCAL SOLAR SOLUTION

PURE ENERGY GROUP

MILES HENDERSON

541-730 9899 miles@pureenergy.group

emergence

addiction and behavioral therapies

RECOVERY, FOR THE FUTURE YOU WANT.

4emergence.com
541-967-6597



Greenways Academy

Powered by eDynamic Learning

Fall Enrollment for Full-Time K-12 Online Learning

greenwaysacademy.com
(314) 432-7534



Andrews Honored for Service to Brownsville

BROWNSVILLE — Don Andrews was honored May 26 by the city of Brownsville for more than three decades of public service.

Andrews was presented with an official certificate of gratitude in recognition of his exemplary service to the city. He has served on the Brownsville Planning Commission since August 1992 and served 18 years on the city’s Budget Committee.

The certificate, approved unanimously by the Brownsville City Council, recognized Andrews for his leadership and long-standing commitment to the community.

“Don Andrews has shown strong leadership by facing every challenge during his tenure, supporting fellow commissioners, city staff, and the general public, and remaining committed to the continual improvement of Brownsville,” the certificate stated.

City Manager Scott S. McDowell and Elizabeth Coleman, Administrative Assistant, presented the certificate and a special personalized gift to Andrews at his home on Tuesday. 🌿



Don Andrews, seated, receives a certificate of gratitude from the City of Brownsville in recognition of more than 30 years of public service. Joining him are, from left, his partner Cheryl Haworth, Elizabeth Coleman, and City Manager Scott S. McDowell.

TIMES continued from cover

When the historic paper shut down, the loss was deeply felt.

But in Brownsville, the quiet did not last long.

A group of local citizens began asking a simple question: What would it take to bring the paper back?

The answer was not easy. Newspapers across Oregon and the nation have struggled with rising printing costs, shrinking advertising revenue, and changing reading habits. Small-town papers have been hit especially hard, leaving many rural communities without consistent local news coverage.

Still, the need was clear. Brownsville, Halsey, Shedd, Tangent, Crawfordsville, and Harrisburg needed a newspaper of their own.

From that need, The Brownsville Times was reborn on June 5, 2025.

June 5 marks one year since the paper returned to publication and local stories once again began filling its pages. The anniversary reflects the community’s continued belief in small-town journalism.

The revived Times returned as a nonprofit, community-supported newspaper built on the belief that local news is a public service. Its mission is to provide reliable, nonpartisan coverage while preserving the stories of the communities it serves.

As the paper grows, its name is growing with it.

To better reflect its coverage area, The Brownsville Times has become The Times of the Central Willamette Valley. The new name honors the paper’s Brownsville roots while recognizing the broader communities it now serves and its commitment to inclusive local coverage.

Each town has its own history, identity, public life, and stories worth telling.

The paper’s rebirth depended on volunteers. Writers, editors, photographers, office helpers, delivery supporters, and board members have stepped forward to help rebuild the publication from the ground up. Many are retired professionals or longtime residents. Others are simply people who believe a community newspaper matters.

The paper’s chief editor and publisher is the only paid position. Everyone else gives their time.

That volunteer spirit has allowed The Times to rebuild relationships with readers, advertisers, contributors, and community organizations.

Each week, the paper once again arrives in mailboxes and inboxes, carrying stories from across the Central Willamette Valley.

The revived Times covers public meetings, schools, sports, local history, business news, obituaries, the sheriff’s report, community events throughout the region, and the everyday people who make small towns strong. It also serves as a place for announcements and constructive public conversation.

Like the original paper, the revived Times belongs to the community it serves. Its future depends on subscriptions, advertising, donations, grants, and continued volunteer support.

Every subscription and advertisement helps pay for printing. Every story submission helps preserve a piece of community life.

The rebirth of The Times is still unfolding

It reflects a town that refused to let its newspaper disappear and of neighboring communities coming together around the shared need for local news. It is also a story of residents investing in one another and a historic paper finding new life in a changing world.

Most of all, it is a reminder that local news does not survive by accident.

It survives because people decide it matters. 🌿

SURVEY continued from cover

sionally assist with transcription or administrative tasks, every article published in The Times is reviewed and edited by a human editor. Accuracy, community trust, and authentic local storytelling remain central to the newspaper’s mission.

Survey results also help support grant applications and long-term sustainability planning by demonstrating audience engagement and community impact.

Readers who have not yet participated are encouraged to complete the anonymous survey at <https://brownsvilletimes.org/survey>. Every response helps guide editorial decisions and strengthen local journalism throughout the Central Willamette Valley. 🌿

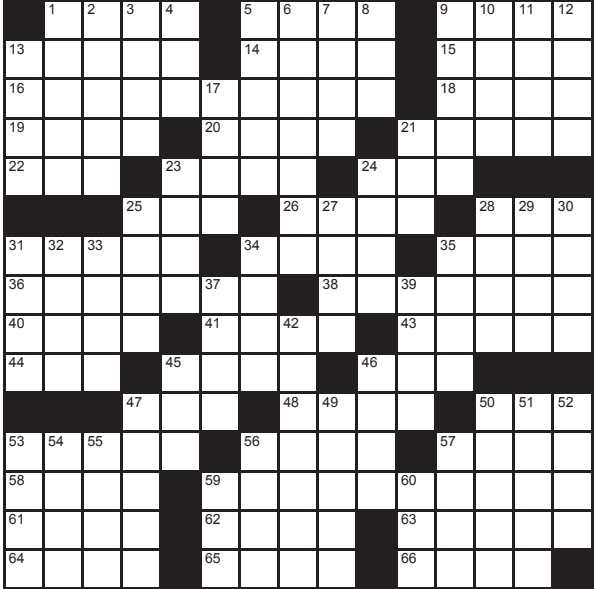


CCB # 198551
Albany, OR

Big Valley Electric
Serving the Willamette Valley

RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL
NEW CONSTRUCTION • REMODELS • SERVICE CALLS
(541) 801-4854

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- Copyright ©2026 PuzzleJunction.com
- ACROSS**

1 Renown

5 Golden rule word

9 Con game

13 Log home

14 Page

15 Cherish

16 Teenager

18 Domain

19 Benefit

20 Kennedy and Turner

21 Tangle

22 Time zone

23 Breakers

24 Beer barrel

25 Kipling’s Gunga

26 Condo, e.g.

28 Hubbub

31 Discover

34 Current

35 Sluggish

36 Criminal

38 Wildcatter’s concern

40 Deli side dish

41 Legume

43 Kilns

44 French possessive

45 Toe holders

46 Bunk

47 Bounder

48 Not this

50 Amigo

53 Music group, at time

56 Old autos

57 East of Eden director Kazan

58 Golf club

59 Carnival attraction

61 Bunsen burner

62 Ready for picking

63 Zodiac sign

64 Clairvoyant

65 Social insects

66 Grubstake

DOWN

1 Withers

2 Cancel

3 Cow juice

4 Compass pt.

5 Gastric woe

6 Stephen King’s ___ Things

7 Sunburns

8 Frequently, in verse

9 Language type

10 Actress Witherspoon

11 Profess

12 Repast

13 Fear or Horn

17 Bowl over

21 Arrange

23 Harmonize

24 Fuzzy fruit

25 Sketched

27 Midday

28 Brews

29 Buffoon

30 Night fliers

31 Enumerate

32 Vogue rival

33 Wistful word

34 Take to the hills

35 Kill a fly

37 Retired

39 Booty

42 Try

45 Blubber

46 Beer buy

47 Fragrant storage material

49 Aspirations

50 Garden-variety

51 Broadcast

52 Colleen

53 Has debts

54 Pigeon’s home

55 Sound quality

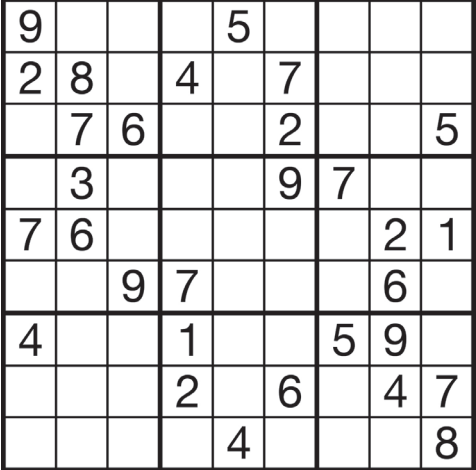
56 Destroy

57 Beige

59 Lingerie item

60 Brit. fliers

SUDOKU TRICKY



SUDOKU PUZZLE PROVIDED BY WWW.SUDOKUOFTHEDAY.COM
VISIT THEM AND GET A NEW SUDOKU EVERY DAY!

WORD JUMBLE

Donut Day, Friday, June 5

ELPAM ARB _____

DOL FNIDEH SOA _____

RELPKNSI _____

DNUOT OSLEH _____

SELRCRUL _____

IFELLD _____

boxed squares _____

PUZZLE Solutions on page 16

WORSHIP DIRECTORY

BROWNSVILLE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CRAWFORDSVILLE

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

HALSEY

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

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

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

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

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

SHEDD/PEORIA

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

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

HARRISBURG

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

New Housing Community Gives Veterans a Fresh Start in Albany

ALBANY — A new affordable housing development in Albany is giving veterans a stable place to call home while helping them rebuild connections and plan for the future.

Valor Place, which opened in April, provides 30 affordable homes, most of which are reserved for veterans who have experienced housing instability or face challenges related to disabilities, aging, or fixed incomes. The project was developed through a partnership involving Oregon Housing and Community Services, Linn Benton Housing Authority, Housing Development Center, and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Housing officials recently highlighted the project as an example of how stable, affordable housing can help veterans regain independence, rebuild community connections, and create a foundation for the future after military service.

“Investing in housing developments like Valor Place is about creating environments where veterans can feel safe, regain stability, and build community,” said Natasha Detweiler-Daby, director of affordable rental housing for Oregon Housing and Community Services.

Among the residents is Gene Manley, an Air



Air Force veteran Gene Manley, a resident at Valor Place in Albany, holds a Quilt of Valor quilt. Manley said the new housing community has given him stability and a renewed sense of home after years in temporary housing.

Force veteran who served from 1962 to 1970 in electronic security operations during the Vietnam era. Before moving into Valor Place, Manley spent several years living in a travel trailer on a family member’s property.

“When you come out of a temporary housing situation, this gives you a feeling of home,” Manley said. “It’s personal, comfortable, and permanent. It lets you make decisions about your future again.”

Manley said the development offers flexibility for veterans with different needs and personalities.

“Some veterans want to be social and make connections, and others need privacy and quiet,” he said. “This place allows for both. It’s welcoming, comfortable, and non-threatening.”

Now settled into his new home, Manley hopes to volunteer with youth basketball programs in the Albany area, reconnecting with a longtime passion for coaching and mentoring young people.

Oregon Housing and Community Services said it continues to support affordable housing developments across the state for veterans, families, older adults, and others facing housing challenges. ☼



Valor Place, a new affordable housing development in Albany, opened in April and is home to more than 20 veterans. The 30-unit complex provides stable housing for veterans and others facing housing challenges.

OBITUARY

Turner Dale Whitfield

January 12, 1933 to May 19, 2026

Turner Whitfield, 93, of Brownsville, Oregon, passed away on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, from injuries sustained in a tractor accident.

Born in Texas on January 12, 1933, Turner graduated from Modesto High School in 1952 and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War from 1953 to 1955. He worked for Owens Corning for 14 years before joining National Semiconductor in California, where he spent 15 years before retiring at age 70.

Turner was a member of the Brownsville American Legion and the Church of Christ in Sweet Home. He volunteered with Brownsville Meals on Wheels and was very active at the Brownsville Senior Center.

Turner enjoyed fishing, camping, gardening, woodworking, and spending time in his shop working on a variety of projects. In his younger years, he also enjoyed riding motorcycles. He especially loved attending his grandchildren’s

many activities and sporting events.

Turner is survived by his wife of 26 years, Judy (Northern) Whitfield; stepchildren Pam Nosack, Lynda Treadway, Angie Lester, Greta Hastings, and Brent Burton; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren who knew him as “Papa Turner.”

Turner was preceded in death by his parents and all of his siblings.

No services are planned at this time. ☼

The Frame House, LLC
Custom Framing Since 1970
Your complete source for custom Picture Frames
Complete line of art supplies
Al Severson
Owner

434 W First Ave.
Albany OR 97321

541-928-7676

Community Gathers at Pioneer Cemetery for Memorial Day Tribute

By Allen L. Buzzard, Staff Writer and Columnist

BROWNSVILLE — Despite overcast skies and the threat of rain, a faithful group of observers — including the Gold Star Family of Sergeant Travis Aaron Moothart — paid tribute to those who fell while serving in the United States armed forces at Brownsville, Oregon’s Pioneer Cemetery on Monday morning, May 25, 2026, Memorial Day.

Legionnaires from The American Legion Travis Aaron Moothart Post 184 of Brownsville, The American Legion Post 92 of McLeod, California,

and VFW and American Legion Auxiliaries from Sweet Home, Brownsville, and greater Central Linn rendered dignified honors, including an opening/closing prayer, lowering the colors (The American Flag) to half-mast, a three-volley rifle salute, “Taps,” and poems read aloud to pay respect to veterans who helped keep “America The Beautiful” free and united but have since passed away. ☸



LINDA MCCORMICK

Members of the American Legion Rifle Detail fire a three-volley salute during the Memorial Day ceremony at Pioneer Cemetery in Brownsville.

BROWNSVILLE AMERICAN LEGION POST 184

A Long Day to Earn It

By an ordinary seaman

The older you get, the more you realize the real history of a place like Brownsville isn’t written in textbooks, but right up there in our rolling hillside cemetery. We gathered there this week, about fifty of us, leaving the dust of country roads on the fenders of our pickups to stand among the weathered stones. The new green of the Linn County grass tries every year to swallow up the past, but Charlotte, the captain of our flag planters, wouldn’t have it. Armed with a map she meticulously charted, she led our American Legion Travis Moothart Post 184 crew up and down the hills, leaving us panting for breath in the afternoon heat, until nearly a hundred small American flags snapped softly in the breeze.

When the ceremony commenced, it wasn’t a day for grand, high-blown oratory. In fact, Commander Norm Simms — a man who would frankly rather call bingo or sweat through a community work party than stand behind a microphone — looked out at the crowd and told us plain and simple that while the printed program called for a speech, he wasn’t going to give one. Instead, he let the day speak for itself. Chaplain Jim Weger, standing tall despite his recent knee surgery, opened us up with a brief, heartfelt prayer, thanking God for bringing us all together and for the enduring contributions of those who went before us. The words drifted out quietly toward the freshly cut hay fields.

Then the ceremony turned to the voices of the past and the names of the gone. We listened to a recitation of “In Flanders Fields,” those haunting lines reminding us how short days ago, the dead lived, felt dawn, and saw sunset’s glow. We heard the strains of an old country song about a young woman waiting at a railroad station for the soldier who was the love of her life. Then, the names of the warriors who made the ultimate sacrifice were proclaimed, and folks in the crowd spoke aloud the names of people they themselves had known who served and never returned. It

felt particularly close to home this year, as we marked the absence of two of our own Post 184 brothers who answered their final roll call since last Memorial Day — Richard Swearingen and Turner Whitfield. Richard, whenever his health let him make a meeting, always carried a grin, a sly little look as if he were privy to some beautiful secret. And Turner, our Korean War veteran, possessed that rare gift of inserting humor right when a room got too tense. Just this past May, while our scholarship finalists were being quizzed and the questioning was turning sharp and pointed, Turner leaned forward and asked, “Can either of you girls swim?” That moment of stunned silence, followed by the roar of laughter that chased the tension right out of the room, is exactly what we miss. They were the very fabric of our community, neighbors who served when the blood was warm, and then came home to grow old with the country right here.

As the rifle volley shattered the air and the mournful, solitary notes of Taps hung suspended, my mind drifted to that haunting final scene in “Saving Private Ryan.” You remember it — old Ryan kneeling before the marker of Captain Miller, the man who gave his life so Ryan might have one. Miller’s dying whisper was a command: “Earn this.”

That is the sticky, uncomfortable hook that catches in the throat of the living. It’s easy to feel a passive awe for the veterans resting right here under our own bending heaven. But those markers are like the pants you bought last year for a growing boy; if we don’t grow into the citizens they died for, the seams are going to pop, and our virtue will be nothing but a cunning mask.

We sang “God Bless America” before we dispersed, our voices a frail thread of sound against the vast Oregon sky. Walking back to our cars, looking across Kirk Ave., you had to wonder: are we living lives that justify the bargain made on those foreign hillsides? ☸



LINDA WEGER

American Legion Chaplain Jim Weger offers a prayer during the Memorial Day ceremony as the American flag flies at half-staff at Pioneer Cemetery.



TERRI SNEDDEN

Members of the American Legion Rifle Detail stand at Mournful Parade Rest during the ceremony.

INSTALL • RESURFACE • REPAIR

CCB#225744

Full-service Chip Seal Paving

- Residential Driveways
- Commercial Parking Lots
- Pavement Maintenance

503-673-3399

WeGotAsphalt.com

Paving the Willamette Valley Since 1998

CLASSIFIEDS

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

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



Danielle M. Myers, Esq.
Attorney at Law, LLC

- Estate Planning/Probate
- Criminal Defense

333 N. Main St., Brownsville (541) 600-0422
danielle@dmmyerslaw.com

www.dmmyerslaw.com



Sheila Ridinger
Real Estate Broker

541.570.5698
Sheridinger@gmail.com

2345 S. Santiam Hwy
Lebanon, OR 97355



Jenna Stutsman

- OR Real Estate Principal Broker
- Brownsville Local
- Trusted and Involved in the Brownsville Community

128 Spaulding Ave, Brownsville
(541) 556-7521
www.StutsmanHomes.com



PUZZLE KEY

Puzzles on page 13

F	A	M	E		U	N	T	O		S	C	A	M		
C	A	B	I	N		L	E	A	F		L	O	V	E	
A	D	O	L	E	S	C	E	N	T		A	R	E	A	
P	E	R	K		T	E	D	S		S	N	A	R	L	
E	S	T		S	U	R	F		K	E	G				
			D	I	N		U	N	I	T		A	D	O	
L	E	A	R	N		F	L	O	W		S	L	O	W	
I	L	L	E	G	A	L		O	I	L	W	E	L	L	
S	L	A	W		B	E	A	N		O	A	S	T	S	
T	E	S		C	A	D		T	H	A	T		P	A	L
O	C	T	E	T		R	E	O	S		E	L	I	A	
W	O	O	D		B	U	M	P	E	R	C	A	R	S	
E	T	N	A		R	I	P	E		A	R	I	E	S	
S	E	E	R		A	N	T	S		F	U	N	D		

MAPLE BAR
OLD FASHIONED
SPRINKLES
DONUT HOLES
CRULLERS
FILLED
CAKE DONUTS

9	1	4	8	5	3	6	7	2
2	8	5	4	6	7	1	3	9
3	7	6	9	1	2	4	8	5
1	3	2	6	8	9	7	5	4
7	6	8	5	3	4	9	2	1
5	4	9	7	2	1	8	6	3
4	2	3	1	7	8	5	9	6
8	5	1	2	9	6	3	4	7
6	9	7	3	4	5	2	1	8

SUBSCRIBE TODAY!

Name

Address

Address (suite, apt #, unit)

City State Zip

Email

Phone

☐ \$10 month by Credit Card-OR- ☐ \$99 year

Mail your annual payment check (or a voided check for monthly ACH payments) to

The Times
PO Box 278, Brownsville OR 97327

brownsvilletimes.org/subscribe

(458) 266-0511



FORM ED-1

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A public meeting of the Central Linn School District will be held on June 8th, 2026 at 6:30 pm at Central Linn Elementary School, 239 W 2nd St, Halsey. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 as approved by the Central Linn School District Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at Central Linn District Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30pm., or online at www.centrallinn.k12.or.us. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.

Contact: Celeste Van Cleave Telephone: 541-762-6149 x3223 Email: celeste.vancleave@centrallinn.k12.or.us

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount Last Year 2024-25	Adopted Budget This Year 2025-26	Approved Budget Next Year 2026-27
Beginning Fund Balance	\$388,859	\$455,333	\$1,039,676
Current Year Property Taxes, other than Local Option Taxes	4,333,733	4,564,702	4,747,290
Current Year Local Option Property Taxes	0	0	0
Other Revenue from Local Sources	508,872	552,273	502,046
Revenue from Intermediate Sources	0	8,200	6,500
Revenue from State Sources	4,935,825	4,317,185	6,763,666
Revenue from Federal Sources	754,510	2,263,910	840,653
Interfund Transfers	990,684	355,313	180,176
All Other Budget Resources	0	0	753,500
Total Resources	\$11,912,484	\$12,516,916	\$14,833,507

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Salaries	\$4,296,327	\$4,321,681	\$5,068,464
Other Associated Payroll Costs	2,456,748	2,555,694	2,861,789
Purchased Services	2,293,407	1,500,233	4,891,197
Supplies & Materials	516,160	891,631	846,469
Capital Outlay	23,523	1,898,567	112,132
Other Objects (except debt service & interfund transfers)	231,407	282,059	296,642
Debt Service*	145,395	145,397	248,835
Interfund Transfers*	993,727	355,313	180,176
Operating Contingency	0	366,341	127,803
Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance & Reserves	0	200,000	200,000
Total Requirements	\$10,956,693	\$12,516,916	\$14,833,507

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY FUNCTION			
1000 Instruction	\$4,331,243	\$5,203,363	\$5,988,789
FTE	40.91	41.045	49.075
2000 Support Services	4,188,454	5,791,622	4,417,647
FTE	24.5	21.875	24
3000 Enterprise & Community Service	407,755	454,880	431,915
FTE	2.79	2.45	2.6875
4000 Facility Acquisition & Construction	890,119	0	3,238,342
FTE	0	0	0.25
5000 Other Uses	0	0	0
5100 Debt Service*	145,395	145,397	248,835
5200 Interfund Transfers*	993,727	355,313	180,176
6000 Contingency	0	366,341	127,803
7000 Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	0	200,000	200,000
Total Requirements	\$10,956,693	\$12,516,916	\$14,833,507
Total FTE	68.2	65.37	76.0125

* not included in total 5000 Other Uses. To be appropriated separately from other 5000 expenditures.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING **

Capital Improvement funds designated for CLES Seismic Rehab and CLHS CTE Building Interior

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed	Rate or Amount Imposed	Rate or Amount Approved
Permanent Rate Levy (Rate Limit 4.6179 per \$1,000)	4.6179	4.6179	4.6179

NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

The Central Linn School Board will review a proposed supplemental budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 to be presented at 6:30 PM, June 8th, 2026 at Central Linn Elementary School 239 W 2nd St, Halsey.

A copy of the supplemental budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after June 9th.

SUMMARY OF SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET			
FUND: 269 STATE SUMMER PROGRAM GRANTS			
Resource	Amount	Expenditure	Amount
1 State Restricted Grants-in Aid	\$161,500	1 Elementary	\$30,000
		2 Middle/Junior High	\$15,000
		3 Administration	\$10,000
		4 Professional Development	\$6,000
		5 Transportation	\$15,000
		6 Information	\$5,000
		7 Health Services	\$5,000
		8 Summer School Programs	\$75,500
Revised Total Resources	\$161,500	Revised Total Requirements	\$161,500

Comments:
Oregon Department of Education provided late notice to school districts for the State Summer Learning grants.

JEFF LONGTAIN, HIS
Director of Hearing Services
(541) 227-5720
jlongtain@myhearingcenters.com
1144 Willagillespie Road #6
Eugene, OR 97401

 **MY HEARING CENTERS**





Kirt M. Glenn DMD PC
102 E. Bishop Way Brownsville
541-466-5171
ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS
www.dentistinbrownsville.com

Pioneer Bookkeeping & Tax Service
202 N Main Street, Brownsville • 541-466-3144

Cindy Clark, LTC#4910
"Full Service for Small Businesses!"
Income Tax Preparations • Reasonable Rates
Evenings & Weekends by Appointments
OBTP#B00696

LIFETIME VISION SOURCE OF LEBANON
MEMBER *VISION SOURCE* NETWORK

ROGER MUNK, OD • BRANDYN WYATT, OD
LUKE BORAN, OD
www.lifetimevisionsource.com

90 MARKET ST, STE 20
LEBANON, OR 97355
T: 541-451-2020
F: 541-451-1785

FORM LB-1

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

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

Contact: Briana Parra

Telephone: 541-369-2522

Email: admin@halseyor.gov

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES

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

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION

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

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

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING

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

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES

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

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

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

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:
STATE REVENUE SHARING**

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

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

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

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

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING — CITY OF
HALSEY Proposed Utility Rate Increase**

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

Proposed water rate increases include:

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

Proposed sewer increases include:

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

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

Increases support operations and maintenance of the water, sewer and stormwater systems, including treatment, plant and system maintenance, costs associated with testing, permitting, chlorination, operations, alignment, repair and major replacement or upgrading of facilities. Proposed rate increases are in alignment with the 2022 Water Rate Study and CPI. The 2025-2026 Western Region CPI shows an average increase of 2.8 percent.

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

For more information, contact Halsey City Hall.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

Interested parties may appear and be heard.

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



David K. Hansen

RETIREMENT & INVESTMENT SERVICES

LINCOLN

INVESTMENT

541-242-3553

dhansen@lincolninvestment.com

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

Now Publishing Legal Notices

The Times is now accepting legal notices and public notices for publication.

Rates are \$14 per column inch (columns shown in this issue are 2 columns wide).

To place a notice or request information, contact: editor@brownsvilletimes.org.

Edward Jones

Financial strategies.
One-on-one advice.



Andrea J Yoder

Financial Advisor

1195 Main St., Sweet Home, OR 97386

andrea.j.yoder@edwardjones.com

541-223-2864

edwardjones.com | Member SIPC





TRUELIFE

FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS

VETERAN OWNED

Alex Johnson II *Principal Broker*

Mobile: 541-730-5064

Email: alex2.truelife@gmail.com

- Medicare Solutions
- Life Insurance
- Cancer Insurance

www.TrueLifeFinancialSolutions.com



JC JIMENEZ QUALITY HOMES

NEW BUILDS • REMODELS

GENERAL CONTRACTOR • J. Carlos Jimenez

541-224-1195 • jucaji_22@MSN.com

CCB #235048

SHERIFF'S REPORT MAY 23-29

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

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

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

BROWNSVILLE

Sun., May 24, 12:03 a.m. — Caller reported a suspicious person knocking loudly on her front door in the 400 block of Moyer St. The deputy checked the area and was unable to locate anyone.

12:19 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a male entering a trailer in the 30400 block of Brownsville Rd. The deputies searched the area for the male but were unable to find him. Report taken.

Mon., May 25, 11:55 a.m. — Joshua Harden, 46, of Brownsville, was contacted and arrested for an active warrant in the 100 block of N Main St. Harden was transported and lodged at the LCJ without incident. Report taken.

6:53 p.m. — Deputy investigated vandalism and unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle in the 35600 block of Courtney Creek Dr near Hwy 228. Report taken.

Tue., May 26, 3:43 p.m. — While on routine patrol, a deputy observed a driver parking on grass at Kirk's Ferry Park, where there was ample room to park in the gravel. The deputy asked him to move, and he did.

3:46 p.m. — Deputy attempted to stop a motorcycle for an equipment violation in the 100 block of E Bishop Way near S Main St. The mo-

torcycle eluded, and the pursuit was terminated. Report taken.

Wed., May 27, 12:39 p.m. — Citizen reported a civil dispute between an ex-wife and requested that the deputy document what was reported in the 200 block of W Park Ave. Non-criminal.

2:11 p.m. — A citizen was scammed out of over \$4,000 after being promised the money was to pay for a family member's needed services in the 35400 block of Washburn Heights Dr. Report taken.

Thu., May 28, 12:16 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of fraud in the 300 block of Kirk Ave. The victim reported being pressured into giving money in exchange for the release of a family member from an ankle monitor. The suspects described the adult in custody (a family member) and provided an inmate number that matched the inmate's actual ID. The victim used online banking to transfer funds to a Zelle account. After paying the initial amount, the suspects requested additional funds to process the family member's release. The victim recognized the situation as fraudulent and contacted the Sheriff's Office. Report taken.

9:20 a.m. — Deputy conducted an ongoing investigation into an illegal drone operating in the 3600 block of Northern Dr.

Fri., May 29, 3:23 a.m. — Deputies observed a suspicious vehicle in the 300 block of N Main St. Deputies attempted contact and were informed they were contracted to measure the distance from the ATM to the light source. During contact, it was not apparent that a crime had been committed or was about to occur. The individual left the area without further incident.

2:40 p.m. — Deputy responded to a fraud report in which the caller had lost approximately \$2,000 in the 37300 block of Northern Dr. Investigation ongoing; report taken.

BRUSH CREEK

Thu., May 28, 11:24 a.m. — Deputies investigated a death in the 24200 block of West Brush Creek Rd. No foul play noted. Report taken.

Fri., May 29, 9:59 p.m. — Deputies responded to a crash and assisted with the

exchange of information in the 26000 block of Brush Creek Rd.

HALSEY

Sun., May 24, 1:39 a.m. — Martin Meraz-Perez, 39, of Portland, was arrested for Criminal Trespass I and for warrants out of Sweet Home Municipal Court, Albany Municipal Court, Lebanon Municipal Court, and Washington County in the 25000 block of Hwy 99E. Report taken.

Mon., May 25, 7:51 p.m. — Juan Rodrigo Tzompaxtle Juarez, 19, of Salem, was cited for speeding, driving without a license, and driving uninsured in the 26200 block of Hwy 99E.

8:26 p.m. — Abigail Riggs, 19, of Florence, was cited for speeding in the 32300 block of Twin Buttes West Dr. near Brandon Rd.

Fri., May 29, 1:02 p.m. — Deputy issued a written warning to a dog owner as a public nuisance for trespass on private property in the 500 block of W 4th St.

HARRISBURG

Sat., May 23, 9:04 p.m. — Intoxicated male accidentally called 911 from the 500 block of S 6th St. Deputy conducted a welfare check. Non-criminal. No injury.

Sun., May 24, 8:58 a.m. — Family member reports Edgar Neri Macias, 41, of Harrisburg, missing in the 700 block of S 2nd St. after not making a connecting flight from Dallas, Texas. Report taken.

7:14 p.m. — Caller reported juveniles on dirt bikes in the park near 30500 Priceboro Dr. and Sommerville Loop. They had left when the deputy arrived. No information was given on the juveniles.

Mon., May 25, 2:25 a.m. — Caller reported a suspicious vehicle at Diamond Hill RV Park and requested a deputy to document the information. Non-Criminal.

10:54 a.m. — Caller reported receiving threatening text messages from an unknown person in the 23600 block of Peoria Rd.

10:31 p.m. — Deputy contacted a male in the park after hours. The male lived nearby in the 300 block of N 2nd St. He heard crying sounds, which were determined to be cats fighting. Non-criminal.

Tue., May 26, 3:19 a.m. — Jennifer Penland, 40, of Junction City, was cited for driving while suspended and

driving uninsured in the 700 block of S 2nd St. Penland was also arrested for an outstanding Albany Municipal Court warrant and lodged at the Linn County Jail.

1:21 p.m. — Deputy responded to the report of a found animal carcass in the 34300 block of Diamond Hill Dr near Gap Rd. Investigation is ongoing, and OSP Wildlife was notified. Report taken.

5:20 p.m. — Deputy patrolled a Filbert orchard in the 24000 block of Hwy 99E for known trespassers. No one was located.

8:29 p.m. — Deputies responded to a welfare check request for an elderly citizen not responding to their phone in the 800 block of Arrow Leaf Ave. The deputy spoke to her roommate, who said she was seen earlier in the evening but had now gone to bed. Non-criminal.

Wed., May 27, 6:36 p.m. — Deputy responded to a verbal domestic dispute between a juvenile and her mother at their residence in the 32900 block of Diamond Hill Dr. The argument reportedly began after the mother took the daughter's cell phone. No physical altercation or criminal activity was observed.

Thu., May 28, 3:00 p.m. — Deputy conducted an ongoing juvenile investigation in the 600 block of LaSalle St.

4:30 p.m. — Caller found a vape pen in the 300 block of Smith St.

5:55 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report that unsolicited photographs were sent to the individual via their Facebook Messenger account in the 500 block of S 6th St. After further investigation, it was more likely the photographs were sent by accident. Deputies assisted the individual in blocking the communication and reporting the account to Facebook for illicit imagery. No report was necessary.

6:36 p.m. — Deputy spoke with a bicyclist regarding almost running over juveniles in the 500 block of Smith St. The juveniles were also spoken to about not intentionally blocking the bicyclist's path.

8:05 p.m. — Gary Scott Shirliff, 35, of Eugene, was cited for failing to obey a traffic control device in the 600 block of S 6th St. near LaSalle St.

Fri., May 29, 3:34 p.m. — Caller reported suspicious persons in the 900 block of

Red Clover Ct., near N 9th St. Door-to-door salespersons with Verizon who did not have permits to operate within the city of Harrisburg were provided with instructions on how to obtain permits.

10:05 p.m. — Deputy responded to a report of an intoxicated female causing a minor disturbance at a bar in the 200 block of Smith St. No crimes were reported. Female walked home and said she was staying there for the night. Non-criminal.

JEFFERSON

Mon., May 25, 1:19 a.m. — Caller reported telephonic harassment in the 38300 block of Kelly Rd. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

PEORIA

Mon., May 25, 4:22 p.m. — Deputies conducted a welfare check at a residence in the 29700 block of Main St. Deputies found the 71-year-old male deceased. Report taken.

Fri., May 29, 11:10 p.m. — Caller reported a suspicious vehicle. The deputy contacted the occupants of the vehicle at Peoria Park after hours, informed them of park rules, and they left. Non-criminal

SCIO

Sat., May 23, 8:25 a.m. — Deputies located two missing juveniles in the 40800 block of Rodgers Mountain Loop. Both juveniles were returned to their responsible adults.

9:42 a.m. — Deputies conducted a death investigation in the 39300 block of Hwy 226. Nothing suspicious was observed.

Sun., May 24, 11:45 a.m. — Elmer Cleveland, 42, of Scio, was cited and released for his Lebanon Municipal Court warrant in the 38800 block of West Scio Rd. Report taken.

Mon., May 25, 12:43 p.m. — Deputies responded with medics to a report of a suicidal subject in the 43100 block of Hwy 226. Upon arrival, the individual was transported to a local hospital for further treatment.

10:33 p.m. — Deputy responded to a non-injury motor vehicle crash in the 36300 block of Gilkey Rd., near Crabtree Dr. Linus Niedermeyer, 34, of Scio, was cited for using his cell phone while driving after rolling his car into a ditch. Report taken.

Tue., May 26, 4:23 a.m. — Chase Reynolds, 24, of Scio, was cited for speeding and driving without privileges in the 38000 block of Jefferson-Scio Dr.

11:01 a.m. — An Overdose/ingestion poisoning was reported in the 38900 block of NW 1st Ave. No public narrative.

5:40 p.m. — Caller reported a civil dispute between a married couple in the 38800 block of NW Alder St. Information was documented.

5:43 p.m. — Deputy came across a single-vehicle crash involving a trailer detaching and going off the roadway in the 38000 block of Hwy 226. No persons were injured. OSP was notified.

Wed., May 27, 5:32 p.m. — Steven Atkins, 54, of Albany, was cited for speeding in the 40700 block of Hwy 226.

Fri., May 29, 9:16 a.m. — Deputy issued citations for dogs at large, x2, to Kelly Rydz of Crabtree in the 37100 block of Crabtree Dr.

SHEDD

Sat., May 23, 9:16 a.m. — Deputy assisted with a herd of lambs in the 29300 block of Hwy 99E.

3:02 p.m. — Deputy investigated

a non-injury motor vehicle crash in the 40100 block of Cole School Rd. The male fell asleep at the wheel and drove into a ditch. Report taken.

Wed., May 27, 7:23 p.m. — Deputy checked on a suspicious vehicle in the 32900 block of Linn West Dr. near Ogle Rd. Alexander Abshire, 31, of Lebanon, was cited on a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant. Report taken.

Thu., May 28, 11:30 a.m. — Deputy received a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 31900 block of Oakville Rd. The vehicle was found to be abandoned on private property. No action taken.

4:57 p.m. — Kristyn Workman, 37, of Albany, was cited for speeding in the 30400 block of Seven Mile Ln near Morgan Dr.

TANGENT

Sat., May 23, 7:30 a.m. — Caller reported a missing 4-year-old in the 31800 block of Hydrangea Ln. The juvenile was found safe inside the parents' residence. Report taken.

Thu., May 28, 4:09 p.m. — Erick Rangel, 35, of Albany, was cited for speeding and driving uninsured in the 32900 block of Seven Mile Ln. ☀

Emerald Ash Borers Emerging Earlier in Oregon After Mild Winter, Warm Spring

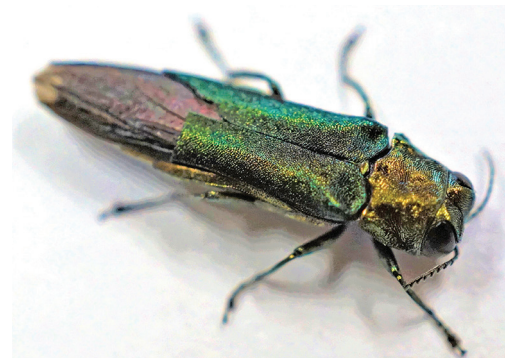
Oregon forestry officials say invasive emerald ash borers are emerging weeks earlier than usual this year because of the state's mild winter and warm spring temperatures.

The invasive beetle, commonly known as EAB, attacks and kills ash trees by tunneling beneath the bark and disrupting the tree's ability to move water and nutrients.

A newly confirmed emerald ash borer site in Woodburn has raised concerns for communities throughout the Willamette Valley because of its closer proximity to the mid-valley. The Woodburn discovery is less than a mile from Wyffels Park, where the pest was found last year.



An emerald ash borer adult discovered by Oregon Department of Forestry invasive species specialist Wyatt Williams in King City was fully formed several weeks earlier than expected. Williams said Oregon's mild winter and warm spring temperatures accelerated the development of EAB larvae into adults.



KELSEY STOLL/NATIONAL PARK SERVICE WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

An emerald ash borer adult is shown in 2018.

help the beetles spread more quickly by giving adults more time to reproduce and infest additional ash trees.

Symptoms of infestation can include thinning leaves, dying upper branches, bark splitting, and twisting tunnels beneath the bark.

Officials encourage residents to learn how to identify ash trees and watch for signs of infestation during the summer months.

More information about emerald ash borers and identifying ash trees is available at <https://OregonEAB.com>.

Report suspected infestations at <https://oregoninvasiveshotline.org> or by calling 1-866-INVADER. ☀

Oregon Department of Forestry invasive species specialist Wyatt Williams said warmer temperatures this year accelerated the insects' development.

"The very mild winter and the many warm spring days we've had in Oregon this year have allowed EAB larvae to develop more rapidly into adults," Williams said.

Forestry officials warn that warmer conditions may also

LINN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff's Office Warns Residents About Scam Calls

The Linn County Sheriff's Office is warning residents about an increase in scam calls from people pretending to be deputies or law enforcement officials.

According to the Sheriff's Office, scammers tell victims they have a warrant and must immediately pay fines to avoid arrest. The callers often pressure people to act quickly and may request payment through gift cards, cryptocurrency, wire transfers, or payment apps.

Officials emphasized that legitimate law enforcement agencies do not call people demanding payment to avoid arrest.

"If you receive one of these calls, hang up immediately," the Sheriff's Office advised in a recent public alert.

Residents are also encouraged not to provide personal or financial information over the phone, not to send money, and to report suspicious calls to local law enforcement.

The Sheriff's Office said scammers frequently use fear and urgency to pressure victims into making quick decisions.

Authorities encourage residents to share the warning with friends and family members, particularly older adults who are often targeted by fraud schemes.

Residents can report scam calls or suspicious activity to the Linn County Sheriff's Office non-emergency line at 541-967-3950. The line is answered 24 hours a day. ☀

Family Dentistry

Douglas M. Johnson DMD
Nicholas Mantovani DDS

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

www.douglasjohnsondmd.com



AUTO | HOME | LIFE | BUSINESS | RETIREMENT

Jeff Garver Insurance Agency

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

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



JEFF GARVER
Financial Adviser
Insurance Agent
Farm Certified Specialist



KALISTA KENNEDY
Associate Agent
Office Manager
Home/Auto/Commercial

33254 Hwy 99 E • Tangent

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

WHERE TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR HOME & PROPERTY

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

NORTHERN ROCK SUPPLY LLC

ALL YOUR ROCKING NEEDS: drain rock
crushed rock • rip rap • pit run • loam sand
bark dust • old chips • cat work • backhoe work

FREE ESTIMATES

No job is too big or too small!

Larry 541-979-8241 • Cody 541-974-3277
CCB #124385

STAR WATER SYSTEMS INC

Pumps • Tanks • Filters

541-451-3298 • 250 Market St • Lebanon

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

DAVIS GLASS

Est. 1975

► RESIDENTIAL
► COMMERCIAL

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



New Flo
PLUMBING
INC
CCB #238181

Mitch Carter,
Owner

541-367-5655

100 Main St
Sweet Home

CASCADE

Timber Consulting, Inc.

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

541-367-2111 • www.cascadetimber.com
PO Box 446 • 3210 Highway 20 • Sweet Home, OR



DELIVERY

Bark • Compost • Soils

thebarkplace.net

The Bark Place

open 7 days a week through the summer

(541) 926-8701

6485 Pacific Blvd
Albany

UniversalGeneralConstruction3@gmail.com

541-981-9144

CEO: Bulmaro R.
CCB: 250302

Free Estimates!

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



Tree Fix
TREE PROBLEMS SOLVED

Scott Schones • Cell: 541-961-9699
34265 Powell Hills Loop, Shedd, Oregon 97377
treefixmail@gmail.com • www.treefix.net

LICENSED, BONDED, INSURED



Carlson Hardware & Lumber Yard

111 Stanard Ave.
Brownsville
(541) 466-5108

Monday-Saturday 8-5

ACE
The helpful place.

Family
owned &
operated
since 1942



— Free Estimates —



• General
Construction
• Interior
• Exterior
• Residential

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



RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL

WALKER
HEATING & AC, INC.

Free Estimates

\$145 Tune-Up
\$95 Diagnostic



TRANE
It's Hard To Stop A Trane.

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

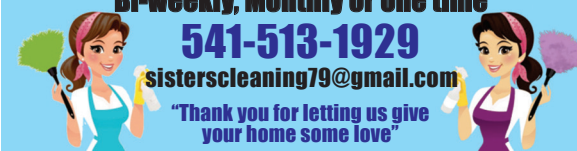
H & A Sisters CLEANING COMPANY LLC

Regular House Cleaning, Deep Cleaning
Bi-weekly, Monthly or one time

541-513-1929

sisterscleaning79@gmail.com

"Thank you for letting us give
your home some love"



**ADVANCED
ENERGY
SYSTEMS**

OREGON'S
SOLAR + BATTERY
EXPERTS

541.683.2345 | AESrenew.com | info@aesrenew.com



**CLEAN CRUSHED
QUARRY ROCK**
DELIVERY AVAILABLE



Liberty
ROCK PRODUCTS & CRUSHING

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

LOCATIONS IN
SWEET HOME &
BROWNSVILLE

J&R Mowing

FARMS • FIELDS • TREE FARMS • LARGE PROPERTIES

MOWING: riding trails • ditch lines • around ponds

Brush and blackberry removal to reduce fire danger

BUCKET WORK • DRIVEWAY GRADING • WOOD SPLITTING

No job too big — just ask

Jerame Gibbons • 541-974-3961

541-367-0822 (message) • jrforest1@outlook.com



Carl Conner

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

Cell: 541.214.1131

Fax: 541.466.5807

carl202@centurytel.net

P.O. Box 455 • Brownsville, OR 97327

NORMS
ELECTRIC INC.

Electric Contractors Since 1971

279 Templeton Ave • PO Box 28
Brownsville, OR 97327

Electrical Material Available

• Residential • Commercial • Agricultural

541-466-5328 • CCB #55960



DAN WHITE

OWNER & OPERATOR
CCB# 237735

Driveways • Shop Floors
RV Pads • Patios • Sidewalks

GreatWhiteConcreteLLC@gmail.com

541-220-3342

CONCRETE COMPANY LLC



Storage Units, Inside and Outside
RV/Boat Storage
Located in Brownsville

(541) 990-1992



ccb# 123198

ROOFING

Tear Off & Replace • Metal & Composition
Major Rot Repairs & Alterations

Call Gary 503-989-0368



**Nicholson
Construction
& Remodel LLC**

Affordable Home Upgrades:

Exterior: Siding - Paint - Doors - Windows - Decks - Patio Covers

Interior: Drywall - Paint - Trim - Cabinet Install - Kitchen & Bath Remodels

Real Estate Repair Addendums

CCB# 213147
Bonded & Insured

Call Jason: 541-401-1355