



Walk Back into Castle Rock

Brownsville Celebrates 40 Years of 'Stand By Me'

By Mikayle Stole, Editor



Dressed as the beloved "Stand By Me" crew, Kurry Travis, Kelvin Hahn, Isaiah Jeffery, and Aksel Karo stroll down Park Avenue like they've stepped right out of the film at the 2025 Stand By Me Day event.

BROWNSVILLE — Forty years after a small Oregon town became the fictional Castle Rock, fans from around the world will return to Brownsville on Saturday, July 25, to celebrate one of the most beloved coming-of-age films.

Based on Stephen King's novella "The Body," "Stand By Me" was filmed in Brownsville throughout the summer of 1985, with its release in August 1986. Four decades later, the community that helped bring the story to life continues to welcome visitors from around the world eager to walk the same streets, visit iconic filming locations, and relive the friendships and adventures of Gordie, Chris, Teddy, and Vern.

This year's 40th-anniversary celebration promises to be one of the largest yet, featuring a full day of family-friendly activities that begin at 8 a.m. and conclude with an outdoor screening of the movie in Pioneer Park at 8 p.m.

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Nationally Known Muralist Leaves His Mark on Tangent

By Marcy Hermens, Tangent Correspondent



TANGENT — A blank wall at Kim's Kafé has been transformed into a colorful tribute to Tangent's agricultural heritage, thanks to Oregon muralist Skye Walker.

The completed mural spans the side of the building, featuring rolling farm fields, cattle, sheep, a soaring bald eagle, an American flag, and a modern combine beneath the words "Tangent, OR est. 1871." It creates a vibrant new landmark for residents and visitors alike.

Walker's path to becoming a muralist began in Philomath, where his family settled during his junior year of high school.

When the school district cut its art program his senior year to fund football instead, Walker left to earn his GED at Linn-Benton Community College so he could continue pursuing art. That led him to JumpSTART, an immersive precollege art program at Oregon State University, where he earned the Helen E. Plinkiewisch Scholarship to attend OSU.

After graduating, Walker moved to California in 2002, working first in design and art direction in the action sports industry before turning to murals full time. His first large-scale piece still hangs inside the Philomath Tru Value Hardware store. Since then, he's painted more than 400 murals nationwide, including the "Maya" Mother Earth mural at Taco Vino in Corvallis and murals at four Corvallis Coffee Culture locations. With family still in Philomath, Walker says he feels tied to the community and enjoys combining visits home with nearby projects.

The Tangent project began when City Manager Joe Samanigo reached out to Walker about painting the historic

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<https://www.calapooiafoodalliance.org>

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Saturdays • 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

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38999 NE 1st Ave., Scio

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<https://www.sciosaturdaymarket.com>

American Legion Bingo Night
Saturdays • 6 p.m.
American Legion, 339 N. Main St., Brownsville

Community fundraiser supporting programs such as Quilts of Valor and local senior activities. All are invited to play and support the Post.

JULY & AUGUST EVENTS

ALBANY

A Midsummer Night’s Dream
Now–July 25 • Fri. and Sat., 7:30 p.m. • Sun., 2:30.
Albany Civic Theater, 111 W. First Ave., Albany

Celebrate Albany Civic Theater’s 75th anniversary with Shakespeare’s beloved comedy, featuring mischievous fairies, young lovers, and plenty of magical mishaps.

<https://actshow.link/midsummerlive>

River Rhythms: Bill Haley Jr. and the Comets
Thursday, July 23 • FREE
Food vendors 5:30 p.m. • Concert 7 p.m.
Monteith Riverpark, 489 NW Water Ave.

Enjoy an evening of a high-energy popular tunes from the 50s and 60s. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. A \$1 donation is encouraged. Outside beer, wine, cider, and hard seltzer are permitted after 5:30 p.m.; no hard alcohol. Service dogs only. Rain or shine.

<https://albanyoregon.gov/parks/events/river-rhythms>

Marbles Activity Day
Friday, July 24 • 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
Albany Regional Museum, 136 Lyon St. SW, Albany

Learn to play marbles, sharpen your skills, and join friendly matches during this all-day event for visitors of all ages. Event included with regular admission fee.

<https://www.armuseum.com/events>

47th Annual Historic Home Tour
Saturday, July 25 • 11 am.–5 p.m. \$20
Albany Visitors Association, 122 Ferry St. SW

Several historic homes will be open for touring, along with the Monteith House, the Albany Regional Museum, the Albany Municipal Airport, and other historic buildings. The Cumberland Church — which will be home to the Cumberland Community Events Center after the full restoration — will host an Open House featuring tours and snacks. Walk, drive, or take the trolley to any of the destinations. Proceeds from Albany’s Interior Tour of Historic Homes benefit the Monteith House Museum. Tickets include a map and a wristband. Children under 12 are free with a paid adult. No photos or videos are allowed.

Tickets: <https://MonteithHouse.org>. Albany Visitors Association the day of the event, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

BROWNSVILLE

Junk Art Show: “Signs of the Times”
July 15–Aug. 29 • Wed., 1–4 p.m.
Thu.– Sat., 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
Brownsville Art Center, 255 N. Main St.

Explore imaginative sculptures and artwork created from recycled, repurposed, and found materials as part of the annual Junk Art Show.

<https://brownsvilleart.org>

FREE CONNECT Linn County Community Dinners
Wednesday, July 22 • 5:30 p.m. • Pioneer Park Pavilion

Looking for a fun evening with family, friends, and neighbors? CONNECT Linn County is serving free community dinners on select Wednesdays through Aug. 26. The dinners are open to everyone and include great food, activities, and a chance to connect with the community.

<https://www.connectlinncounty.net>

‘Stand By Me’ Day
Saturday, July 25 • 8 a.m.–11 p.m. • Pioneer Park

Brownsville’s claim to fame? Many scenes of the iconic film “Stand By Me” were shot right here in town. Locals and folks far and wide from around the world proudly celebrate each year on the 4th Saturday in July. Featuring a blueberry pancake breakfast, cruise in, walking tours of film locations, fan forum, live music, pie-eating contest, games, a treehouse replica, 50s sock hop, live music, and the movie in the park. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the release of the film.

<https://standbymeday.com>

Brownsville Antique Faire & Car Show
Saturday, Aug. 1 • 8 a.m.–4 p.m. • FREE
Pioneer Park

Browse more than 80 antique and collectible vendors, enjoy breakfast and lunch from food trucks, and explore a classic car show beginning at 10 a.m. Admission is free. Trophy presentations begin at 2 p.m.

<https://www.historicbrownsville.com/antique-faire>

CORVALLIS

Corvallis Sustainability Coalition Quarterly Gathering
Thursday, July 30 • 12:30–2 p.m. • FREE
Corvallis-Benton County Library, 645 NW Monroe Ave.

Learn about local sustainability initiatives and hear updates from Climate Action Now, Treefort Children’s Boutique, Philomath Community Services, and the Coalition’s Water Action Team. The event also features networking and refreshments from First Alternative Co-op. Open to the public.

<https://www.sustainablecorvallis.org>

HARRISBURG

Summer Sounds Concert Series: Outlaw ’Shine
Thursday, July 23 • 5:30–8:30 p.m. • FREE
Riverfront Park Gazebo, First and Smith streets

Food trucks Uncle Sammy’s and Chaca’s Hawaiian Grill begin serving at 5:30 p.m., followed by live music by Outlaw ’Shine at 6:30 p.m. Bring lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy a free evening of music along the Willamette.

<https://www.tri-countychamber.com>
<https://www.ci.harrisburg.or.us>

National Night Out
Tuesday, August 4 • 5:30–8 p.m. • FREE
Riverfront Park Gazebo

Meet local law enforcement, firefighters, schools, the library, veterans, and community organizations. Enjoy a free barbecue, live music by the Isaac Barrager Band, root beer floats, face painting, raffle drawings, and family-friendly activities. Sponsored by Knox Ag Irrigation, AB Utility Contractors, Starbucks, and Dollar Tree.

Harrisburg Harvest Festival
Friday, Aug. 7 • 5–11 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 8 • 3:30–11 p.m.
23914 Peoria Rd.

Watch powerful trucks and tractors compete beginning at 7 p.m. both nights. The event also features food vendors, a beer garden, games, and a free Kids’ Zone. Admission charged. Proceeds support the Harrisburg Harvest Festival Association and local FFA programs.

<https://www.harrisburgharvestfestival.org/schedule>

LEBANON

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

Join the Native American Cultural Encampment near Lebanon for a weekend celebrating Native culture, music, and community. Flutestock Lite will join the encampment on Saturday, featuring flute music throughout the day accompanied by drum, rattle, and vocals.

<https://www.nativeamericanencampment.com>
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Advance Directive Workshop
Thursday, Aug. 6 • 2–3:30 p.m. • FREE
Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital, Conference Room B, 525 N Santiam Hwy

Plan for your future and learn about important end-of-life decisions. Participants will have the opportunity to complete an advance directive as part of this workshop.

Register: 541-451-7129 • <https://samhealth.org/event/advance-directive-workshop-lebanon/2026-08-06>

SHEDD

2026 Saddle Butte Rendezvous
Saturday, August 1 • 9 a.m.–4 p.m. • \$10 adults
Albany Rifle and Pistol Club, 29999 Saddle Butte Road

The Albany Rifle and Pistol Club and Bi-Mart invite the public to test-fire select firearms from major manufacturers before you buy. Free entry for ARPC members. Ammunition is included with admission, though supplies may be limited depending on attendance and demand.

<https://www.arpc.info> • 541-491-3755

SWEET HOME

Sweet Home Rodeo: Hell on Hooves Roughstock Rodeo
Saturday, Aug. 15 • Noon–10 p.m. (Rodeo at 6 p.m.)
4100 Long St., Sweet Home

Enjoy bull riding, saddle bronc and bareback riding, barrel racing, mutton busting, live music, food vendors, shopping, and family activities. Tickets: \$30 adults, \$10 youth ages 3–13, and free for children 2 and under.

<https://www.sweethomerodeo.com>.

TANGENT

Chilly’s Custom Autoworks 2nd Anniversary Car Show
Saturday, Aug. 8 • Noon–4 p.m.
Chilly’s Custom Autoworks, 32841 Highway 99E

Bring your vehicle to display or stop by to admire a variety of cars. Car show entry is a school supply donation benefiting the Albany Public Schools Foundation. Spectators are admitted free, and additional school supply donations are welcome. Pre-registration is not required.

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

Saddle Up for the Sweet Home Rodeo

By Eva Wada, Assistant Editor

SWEET HOME — Dust off your cowboy boots and get ready for the most exciting weekend of the summer, because a favorite local tradition is coming right to our backyard! The Sweet Home Rodeo and Events welcomes rodeo lovers and Linn County community members to a celebration dedicated to preserving the Western way of life. As a dedicated nonprofit organization, it works hard to create a safe, family-friendly atmosphere where neighbors can connect and make lasting memories while promoting the sport of rodeo.



COURTESY: SWEET HOME RODEO

O&M Point S Tire and Auto presents the Hell on Hooves Roughstock Rodeo on Saturday, August 15, 2026. The big event takes place at 4100 Long St in Sweet Home, Oregon, with fun running all day from noon until 10 p.m., with the rodeo starting at 6 p.m. Guests will get to watch thrilling action like bull riding, saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, barrel racing, and mutton busting. After the arena action wraps up, live music will keep the energy going and end the night.

There is plenty to do outside the arena as well. Families can explore a wide variety of local business booths, shop for merchandise, and enjoy delicious food and drink vendors. Kids will especially love the Kidz Korner, which features an exciting petting zoo, interactive games, and activities designed just for them. Best of all, children ages two and younger can enter for free, making it an affordable day out for families with little ones.

Adult general admission tickets cost \$30, and youth tickets for ages 3 to 13 are \$10. All tickets are non-refundable and available at <https://www.sweethomerodeo.com>, with updates posted on Facebook and Instagram. If your business wants to help, sponsorship packages are available starting at \$100. To sponsor, visit <https://www.sweethomerodeo.com/get-involved> or contact McKenzie Reynolds at 541-409-2703 or info@sweethomerodeo.com. Secure your tickets online today and get ready to experience the very best of Western tradition, local shopping, and family fun! 🌟

CORVALLIS SUSTAINABILITY COALITION

Coalition to Host Quarterly Gathering July 30

CORVALLIS — The Corvallis Sustainability Coalition will host its next Quarterly Gathering on Thursday, July 30, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, 645 NW Monroe Ave., Corvallis.

The free public event will showcase several local organizations working to strengthen environmental, social, and economic sustainability throughout Benton County. Attendees will hear brief presentations from Brett Walter of Climate Action Now, Brittney Bryant of Treefort Children's Boutique, Sharon Thornberry of Philomath Community Services, and Dave Eckert of the Coalition's Water Action Team.

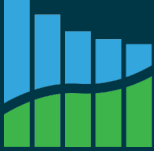
In addition to the presentations, the gathering will offer opportunities for networking and information sharing among attendees. Refreshments featuring locally sourced foods will be provided by First Alternative Co-op.

The event is sponsored by Northwest Realty Consultants and Mica Habarad, an Edward Jones financial advisor.

The Corvallis Sustainability Coalition is a network of nearly 400 partner organizations and hundreds of volunteers working to promote a healthy, sustainable community. Its partners include businesses, nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, faith communities, and government agencies. Coalition projects span 12 focus areas, including energy, food, housing, transportation, waste prevention, water, education, and community inclusion.

The gathering is open to the public.

For more information, call 541-230-1237, email info@sustainablecorvallis.org, or visit <https://www.sustainablecorvallis.org>. 🌟



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ALBANY — History is opening its doors for a fascinating look at some of Albany's most beautiful neighborhoods. Saturday, July 25, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Albany will host the 47th Annual Summer Historic Interior Home Tour. Ticket sales benefit the Monteith Historical Society, which preserves local landmarks including the famous Monteith House. Built in 1849 by pioneer brothers Walter and Thomas Monteith, the home was cleverly placed on the line between their adjoining land claims so each could sleep on his own property while sharing one roof.

The tour offers a sneak peek inside five historic homes, a unique loft, and several notable historic sites, including the Historic Albany Engine Company, Monteith House, Albany Regional Museum, Albany Municipal Airport, and other historic buildings. The Cumberland Church — which will become the Cumberland Community Events Center after its restoration is complete — will also host an Open House featuring tours and refreshments. Visitors may walk, drive, or ride the vintage Albany Trolley through one of Albany's historic neighborhoods while admiring beautifully preserved architecture, including Craftsman and Queen Anne styles.

Purchase \$20 tickets in advance at <https://www.monteithhouse.org>. On the day of the tour, stop by the Albany Visitors Association, 122 Ferry St. SW, beginning at 10 a.m. to pick up your map and wristband or purchase tickets. Day-of ticket sales are cash or check only. Wear comfortable shoes for exploring the neighborhoods, and don't hesitate to ask the volunteer hosts about the history of the featured homes. 🌟



The William Richards House, built around 1910 at 539 Third Ave. SE in Albany's historic Hackleman District, is an excellent example of the American Foursquare architectural style. Named for its original owner, the home is a historic contributing property within Albany's National Register Historic Districts. The house was one of the featured homes on last year's Summer Historic Interior Home Tour, giving visitors a rare opportunity to explore its beautifully preserved interior.

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TABLE TALK

Nuestro Sabor Serves Up Generous Portions and Friendly Service

By Jeff Brown, Staff Writer and Columnist

HARRISBURG — Looking for a good Mexican dinner without breaking the bank? My wife, our grandson Izzik, and I recently visited Nuestro Sabor at 203 Smith Street in downtown Harrisburg, and it turned out to be a great family dinner.

Open every day except Sunday, Nuestro Sabor occupies the former Farmers & Merchants Bank building. The restaurant preserves a bit of Harrisburg's history, with a couple of the original bank vaults still part of the main dining area. In the back is a full bar that was busy throughout our visit, complete with video poker machines and a lively evening crowd.

Our server, Sierra, greeted us with a smile, answered our questions, and ensured we had everything we needed throughout our meal. Friendly service always enhances the experience, and she did an excellent job.

I ordered the Harrisburg Burrito, one of the restaurant's hometown favorites. Filled with carne asada, sautéed onions and tomatoes, cheese, and potatoes, and wrapped in a flour tortilla. It was simple, hearty, and full of flavor. The portion was generous, and I could only finish half. The leftovers will make an excellent lunch — or maybe chopped up with an egg for a delicious Mexican breakfast scramble.



My wife ordered the three-taco plate with chicken, shrimp, and beef tacos, served with rice and beans. She enjoyed the variety of flavors in one meal. Our grandson, Izzik, chose the chicken quesadilla, a grilled flour tortilla stuffed with chicken and melted cheese, served with all the traditional fixings. Judging by how quickly it disappeared, it was a hit.

The restaurant was clean, organized, and comfortable, making it an enjoyable place to spend an evening with family. Good food, generous portions, friendly service, and a unique piece of Harrisburg history all came together to make it a place we'd gladly visit again.

Table Talk Takeaway: If you're looking for authentic Mexican food, generous portions, and friendly service in a unique historic setting, Nuestro Sabor is well worth a stop. Come hungry — you may be taking part of your meal home. ☺

PHOTOS: JEFF BROWN

THEATER REVIEW

'A Midsummer Night's Dream' — Catch It If You Can

By Donald Lyon, Staff Writer and Columnist

I've experienced this Shakespeare favorite in Stratford and Ashland, but I don't think I've enjoyed it more than this production at Albany Civic Theater (ACT). While the Bard set the action in classical Athens, director Daniel Frangos cleverly brings the story to modern-day Albany.

The cast of 24 includes a delightful group of young fairies whose poise and talent add charm throughout the performance. The casting is exceptional, particularly Jim Deal as the delightfully overconfident Bottom. Will Steele-Long is equally memorable as the rustic actor portraying Thisbe, delivering one of the production's funniest performances.

The production's greatest strengths is the attention to detail. Even when they are not speaking, the actors remain fully in character through expressive movement and facial expressions. Puck and the two mischievous elves add an energetic, acrobatic element that keeps the audience engaged from beginning to end.

I enjoyed every minute of this inventive, entertaining production.

Only a few tickets remain for performances July 23–25. ACT is an all-volunteer organization located at 111 W. First St. in Albany. Senior and youth tickets are \$16. Reserve tickets online at <https://actshow.link/midsummerlive>. ☺



Several of the production's young fairies gather before greeting patrons following the performance. The young performers added charm and energy throughout Albany Civic Theater's production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream."



Cast members greet theatergoers following the performance. Pictured from left to right are Lydia O'Brien as Titania, Lauren Miles as Dewdrop, Jim Deal as Bottom, and Albany Mayor Douglas Hambley, who appeared in a cameo role.

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TANGENT PARK & TREE BOARD

Board Recommends New Vision for Highway 99E Trees

By Mikayle Stole, Editor

TANGENT — The Tangent Park & Tree Board voted July 2 to recommend that the City Council proceed with removing failing trees along Highway 99E and with developing a long-term plan to redesign and replant the corridor.

The recommendation is based on an arborist's assessment that found the six-year-old red maple trees suffer from girdling roots, a condition caused by improper planting that inhibits healthy root growth and eventually strangles the trees. According to the report, some trees may survive a few more years, while others are already nearing the end of their lives. City staff plans to coordinate tree removal with upcoming Highway 99E landscaping work and to begin developing a replacement plan for summer 2027.

Board members agreed that replacement trees should be better suited to the site. Commissioner Debra Meadows favored native species that require less water and maintenance, while Commissioner Rich Shelton said creating a maintenance plan for future plantings was an important step. Commissioner Mathew Swenson said the original project had good intentions but was poorly executed.

The board first approved a motion recommending that the City Council remove the trees, replace them as needed, and develop a watering and maintenance plan. Members then unanimously adopted an amended motion recommending that the City Council remove the trees as needed and “reimagine the space,” taking the site's limitations into account.

In other business, the board voted to relocate older picnic tables from Bass Estate Park to the city's new Brush Park as opportunities arise. The tables are being removed from beneath oak trees because repeated limb failures have created safety concerns.

City Manager Joe Samaniego also reported that the city is awaiting state feedback on plans for the new park, which must provide at least the same level of infrastructure as the previous park. He said the city will pause additional Tree City USA spending until later this year, having already exceeded the program's annual requirements. He also reported that Pioneer Park's new Little Free Library has been inspected by CIS Oregon and received positive marks. The city's park fund reserves totaled about \$39,000 as of May and remain on pace to reach this year's funding goal. 🌳



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TANGENT CITY MANAGER

A Busy Summer Ahead in Tangent

By Joe Samaniego, City Manager

TANGENT — Happy fiscal new year! The new year is here, and we expect to see plenty of activity around Tangent this summer.

Several projects are moving forward, including installation of a new irrigation system at City Hall, work at the tree site along Highway 99E, and a mural on Birdfoot Drive. We also hope to install signs along Highway 99E highlighting Tangent businesses.

Longer-term projects include clearing ditches and researching additional streetlights along Highway 99E. With a town hall meeting held July 6 and the election filing period now open, July is shaping up to be a busy month.

The city received six code compliance complaints during the month. We investigated two, but the person who submitted them asked the city to stop. The remaining four were addressed, but they involved matters under the jurisdiction of Linn County or the school district rather than the city.

The Downtown Development Committee currently has two openings and will next review priority areas for sidewalk improvements.

The Park & Tree Board approved removing trees along Highway 99E and will consider replacing them in the future.

Public Works recently removed a picnic table from beneath the trees at Bass Estate. The city is relocating the tables and saving them for future use in Brush Park. The move was recommended by Citycounty Insurance Services following the unexpected failure of a large tree limb in 2025.

We have not received any new information from the State of Oregon or other agencies on high-speed rail. With the November election approaching, the issue likely will not return before then unless fuel prices rise significantly.

The city was scheduled to meet July 10 to discuss the next steps for the pavilion project. The project is behind schedule due to increased costs and a higher-than-anticipated estimate.

Finally, the city encourages residents and parents concerned about the future of Tangent Elementary School to contact the Greater Albany Public Schools Board, follow its meetings, and participate in meetings of the Long Range Facilities Advisory Committee. 🌳



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TANGENT CITY COUNCIL

Transportation Plan Sent to Voters

By Daniel R. Murphy

TANGENT — Tangent voters will decide whether to incorporate the city's updated Transportation System Plan into the comprehensive plan following the City Council's action on July 13.

The Transportation System Plan serves as the city's long-range guide for streets, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, transit, and future transportation improvements. The plan's development included public workshops, advisory committee meetings, and reviews by the Planning Commission and City Council before the council voted to place the amendment before voters.

Mayor Loel Trulove Jr. also presented a proclamation recognizing Tangent-based Barenbrug for supplying grass seed and turf to stadiums hosting the 2026 FIFA World Cup in Canada, Mexico, and the United States. The proclamation highlighted Tangent's longstanding reputation as the “Grass Seed Capital of the World” and Barenbrug's contribution to one of the world's largest sporting events.

Council members discussed traffic safety concerns at the Oregon Highway 34, Looney Lane, and McFarland Road intersection and reviewed potential improvements. No formal action was taken.

In other business, the council approved moving forward with the development of a new city flag, adopted the city's 2027 holiday schedule, and tabled discussion of a proposed administrative fee for payment plans.

The council also heard a proclamation of support for the City of St. Helens following the death of its city administrator.

All council members were present. 🌳

TANGENT PLANNING COMMISSION

Commission Advances Food Truck Regulations

By Mikayle Stole, Editor

TANGENT— The Tangent Planning Commission voted unanimously July 9 to recommend a series of proposed development code amendments to the City Council, clearing the way for the measures to be considered for the November ballot.

Most of the commission's discussion focused on proposed regulations for mobile food units and food parks. Commissioners debated how to handle temporary food vendors during special events, whether permit timelines should be codified in city code, and how the rules would apply to occasional vendors operating within city limits.

City Planner Jamie Viveiros explained that the proposed code would set standards for mobile food units while allowing flexibility for special events. Commissioners agreed that permit timelines and fees would be better managed administratively by city staff rather than being fixed in the development code.

The commission voted 3–0 to recommend the package of code amendments to the City Council, including language that creates regulations for mobile food units and parks, streamlines pre-application conferences, and allows minor modifications to approved site plans without requiring a full review. 🌳

KIDS' KORNER

Brownsville Blowout Mad Libs

By Smiley Wright, Junior Writer

Mad Lib Instructions: Fill in the blanks using the grammar hint, but don't look at the story. Remember: Noun – Person, Place, or Thing; Verb – Action Word; Adjective – Talks About a Noun;

Adverb – Talks about a Verb, Adjective, or Another Adverb. Then write your words in the story below. Read your creation and get ready to belly laugh.

1. NOUN _____

2. ADJECTIVE _____

3. VERB _____

4. PLURAL NOUN _____

5. NOUN _____

6. ADJECTIVE _____

7. VERB ENDING IN -ING _____

8. NOUN _____

9. VERB _____
10. COLOR _____

11. NOUN _____

12. ADJECTIVE _____

13. ADVERB _____

14. NUMBER _____

15. NOUN _____

16. VERB ENDING IN -ED _____

17. ADJECTIVE _____

Every year, the people of Brownsville meet in Pioneer Park for the all-ages 1. _____ -eating contest. This summer, a 2. _____ boy named Greg wanted to 3. _____ the town 4. _____ a lesson. Before the timer started, Greg secretly drank a spoonful of 5. _____ to upset his tummy. The mayor blew a 6. _____ whistle, and the players quickly began 7. _____ their faces with messy 8. _____. Suddenly, Greg puffed out his cheeks and 9. _____ a giant, 10. _____ wave of chewed-up 11. _____ right at his rival. The 12. _____ sight and smelly air 13. _____ made every one else in the crowd feel sick, too. In 14. _____ seconds, the whole park turned into a wild, sticky 15. _____. Greg just smiled and 16. _____ away as the king of the 17. _____ Brownsville blowout. 🌀

HALSEY LIBRARY

No Drama, Just Halsey Library Fun

By Eva Wada, Assistant Editor

The Halsey Public Library, located at 773 W 1st St, officially launched the first day of its Summer Reading Program on Saturday, July 11, and it was a massive hit! The undisputed star of the kickoff event was none other than Caesar the No Drama Llama. A resident of the nearby Mystic Llama Farm in Jefferson, this famous 350-pound celebrity is known across the Pacific Northwest for his incredibly calm, therapy-trained personality.

Despite a brief scheduling miscommunication that led to a slightly late start, the community's spirits couldn't be dampened. While waiting, families made the absolute best of the beautiful sunshine. Attendees of all ages turned the sidewalk into a gallery of colorful chalk art.



A young artist adds another splash of color to a sidewalk masterpiece during the community celebration.

The Halsey Public Library extended a heartfelt thank-you to patrons for keeping the drama low and encouraged everyone to come out each Saturday for other fun library events in Halsey. 🌀



Llama hugs were among the day's biggest attractions as children lined up to meet the friendly animals.

PHOTOS: KAITLYN WATTS

BROWNSVILLE LIBRARY CALENDAR

Parents & Pals Story Time
Wednesdays • 10–10:15 a.m.
A short story time followed by free play together.

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

Songs, Rhymes & More Story Time
Fridays • 11 a.m.–noon
Story time with rhymes, songs, and a craft activity.

Summer Reading Program ‘Plant a Seed, Read’
Through July 31 • 4–5 p.m. except July 31 • FREE
Brownsville Community Library’s summer reading program features weekly activities, special presentations, and prizes for readers. Bring weekly reading logs to enter weekly prize drawings.

- July 23 — University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History presents “Bee Amazed,”
- July 30 — Going to Seed at the Library and the 3rd Annual Stuffed Animal Sleepover
- July 31 — Story Time and stuffed animal pickup 11 a.m.–noon.

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

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

HARRISBURG LIBRARY CALENDAR

Tiny Tots Story Time
Wednesdays • 11 a.m. • Ages 0–3

Friday Storytime & Activity
Fridays • 10 a.m. • Ages 4 and up

Adult Craft Night Out
Thursdays • 4–6 p.m. • Free knitting and crochet lessons. Share and learn tips and tricks while you work on your own crafts or pick up something new.

Summer Reading Program ‘Plant a Seed, Read’
Fridays, through August 7 • 10 a.m. • FREE
Family-friendly activities, storytimes, crafts, and educational presentations. Supplies for some activities are limited.

- July 24 — Nature walk scavenger hunt and wildflower seed scatter
- July 31 — Storytime and make-and-take seed bombs
- Aug. 7 — Carnival

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

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

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HALSEY LIBRARY CALENDAR

Summer Reading Program ‘Plant a Seed, Read’
Saturdays, July 11 to August 8
This year’s theme aligns with the launch of our Pollinator Garden and our much-loved Seed Library. Here’s what’s on the schedule so far.

- July 25 – Interactive Storyteller
- 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.

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JEFFERSON LIBRARY CALENDAR

Storytime

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

Robotics

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

All Ages Craft Day

Second Saturdays • 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons/ Game Day

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

Summer Reading Program ‘Plant a Seed, Read’

July 23 — “Bee Amazed” presentation, 12:30 p.m.

Library Hours: Closed Sun, Mon, Fri

Tue–Thu 10 a.m.–6 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

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SCIO LIBRARY CALENDAR

Tiny Tots Story Time

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

Summer Reading Club ‘Plant a Seed, Read’

Thursdays, July 9 to August 13 • 12:30 p.m.

ZCBJ Hall, 38704 S. Main St., Scio

Weekly educational and interactive presentations for children and families.

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

Library Hours: Closed Sat–Sun.

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Create and Cool Down at Calapooia Clay

By Eva Wada, Assistant Editor

ALBANY — As summer temperatures climb, Calapooia Clay LLC invites community members to escape the heat and get creative. Located at 1533 7th Ave SE, the studio has announced an exciting lineup of summer pottery classes and workshops running through August.

“Before purchasing the studio, I was a member myself,” said Michelle Knighton. “I experienced firsthand the welcoming community that Ed and Felicia [Sweet] built, and it quickly became one of my favorite places to be. When the opportunity arose to purchase the studio, I knew I wanted to preserve that sense of community while continuing to help it grow.”



COURTESY: CALAPOOIA CLAY

Beyond the fun of creating, working with clay offers proven stress relief. A study in the journal “Art Therapy” found that 45 minutes of art-making lowered stress hormone levels in 75 percent of participants — regardless of their artistic skill. As noted by art therapist Dr. Cathy Malchiodi, clay work engages both hemispheres of the brain, accessing emotions that talk therapy often cannot reach.

For those ready to try the pottery wheel, five-week beginner courses start Tuesday, July 28. The summer “Handbuilding Basics” class begins Saturday, August 1.

If you prefer a single-session option, the popular “Unwind on the Wheel” workshop is held the second and fourth Fridays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Designed for beginners aged 16 and older, this 1.5-hour class costs \$50 per person or \$90 for two.

Other weekend options include a plates workshop on August 2 and a “Barnyard & Whiskers” event on August 16. Spaces fill fast, but the studio offers a waiting list and a three-day cancellation policy. Custom private parties are also available. To sign up, visit <https://calapooiaclay.com> or call 541-497-1632.

“The thing I’m most proud of isn’t any one improvement — it’s seeing the community continue to thrive,” Knighton shared. “We have beginners discovering clay for the first time, experienced artists mentoring one another, and people who come in for a class and end up finding lasting friendships. It’s incredibly rewarding to create a space where people feel welcome, supported, and inspired to keep learning.”

Quilters Invited to Weekly ‘Block Party’

BROWNSVILLE — Quilters — and anyone interested in learning — are invited to join the weekly “Block Party” every Tuesday at Yankee Dutch Quilting & Dry Goods, 140 Spaulding Ave.



MIKAYLE STOLE

The informal gathering runs from 10:30 a.m. until their 5 p.m. closing and offers a chance to work on quilting projects, share ideas, and spend time with fellow quilting enthusiasts. Participants are encouraged to bring a current project or purchase a new one at the shop.

The weekly event also features a healthy dose of humor. Co-owner Katie invites attendees to bring their favorite dad jokes to share throughout the day.

For more information, call 541-466-3662 or visit <https://www.yankeedutchquilts.com>.

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Local Exhibitor Earns Reserve Champion Market Honors

By Mikayle Stole, Editor

ALBANY — Carmen Martinez Ware earned Reserve Champion Market honors with her market lamb during the Linn County Fair livestock competition on July 15. The award recognizes one of the top market lambs exhibited at this year’s fair and reflects months of dedication to raising, caring for, and preparing the animal for competition. Linn County’s annual livestock show brings together youth exhibitors from both 4-H and FFA programs, showcasing their animal husbandry skills before judges and prospective buyers. Carmen is the granddaughter of Brownsville resident Don Ware, who shared the photos celebrating her accomplishment.



Carmen Martinez Ware displays her Reserve Champion Market ribbon after earning one of the fair’s top market lamb honors.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF DON WARE



Carmen Martinez Ware presents her Reserve Champion Market lamb during judging at the Linn County Fair on July 15.

Linn County’s Grass Seed Reached the World Cup Stage

By Mikayle Stole, Editor

LINN COUNTY — As the final whistle blew on the 2026 FIFA World Cup, Linn County had something to celebrate beyond the championship. Beneath some of the world’s greatest soccer players was turf grown from Oregon grass seed, produced by an industry centered in the Willamette Valley that includes many Linn County farms and businesses.

“It’s incredible to think that grass grown here in the Willamette Valley became part of the world’s biggest sporting event,” said Dave Goracke, president of the Oregon Seed Council and owner of Cala Farms, Inc. in Shedd. “This recognition belongs to the many growers, researchers, and seed companies that have built Oregon’s reputation over generations.”

Oregon-grown grass seed was used in about 40 percent of the tournament’s 16 stadiums across the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Because FIFA’s premier matches are played on natural grass rather than artificial turf, the quality of the grass itself is critical. While FIFA’s commercial agreements prohibit seed companies from identifying the specific venues, the achievement highlights Oregon’s reputation as a world leader in grass seed production.

The connection runs close to home.

Dave Goracke of Shedd, president of the Oregon Seed Council, owns and manages Cala Farms, Inc., a family-owned seed production and regenerative farming operation. He has spent the past year promoting Oregon’s seed industry and highlighting its role in supplying grass seed for elite sporting venues around the world.

Another Linn County connection is Barenbrug USA, which operates a major seed processing and packaging facility in Tangent. The company works with hundreds of growers throughout the region and is recognized internationally for developing and distributing turfgrass varieties used in parks, athletic fields, golf courses, and professional sports venues.

The Willamette Valley is home to the world’s largest concentration of cool-season grass seed production. Oregon is home to approximately 1,500 grass seed farms and produces roughly two-thirds of the world’s cool-season grass seed, making it one of the state’s most important agricultural industries.



World Cup turf with Oregon roots: Players from Germany and Curaçao compete during a 2026 FIFA World Cup match on one of the tournament fields. Oregon-grown grass seed, produced by an industry centered in the Willamette Valley, was used in approximately 40 percent of the World Cup’s stadiums. Photo by TheG3NERAL John 3:16/Wikimedia Commons (CC0 Public Domain).

This was not the first time Oregon seed has appeared on soccer’s biggest stage. According to the Oregon Seed Council, Oregon companies have supplied nearly all of the grass seed used on natural-turf fields for the past several FIFA World Cups, thanks to the region’s ideal growing conditions and decades of research into durable turfgrass varieties.

Grass seed is Oregon’s fourth-largest agricultural commodity, supporting thousands of jobs while exporting seed to countries around the globe. The industry also contributes to research in sustainable agriculture, improved turf performance, and soil health.

For residents of Shedd, Tangent, Brownsville, Halsey, and communities across Linn County, the World Cup represented more than an international sporting event. It was another reminder that local farms continue to produce products used on the world’s biggest stage. While fans watched unforgettable goals and championship celebrations, Oregon’s grass quietly did what it was grown to do — provide a world-class playing surface.



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OREGON HEALTH PLAN

Some OHP Members May Qualify for New Grocery Benefits

OREGON — Some Oregon Health Plan (OHP) members with serious medical conditions may now qualify for new benefits that help them buy healthy foods, including fruits, vegetables, and pantry staples.

The new program, which began on July 1, is designed for people with complex health needs, including diabetes, chronic kidney disease, cancer, and certain behavioral health conditions. Eligible members may receive up to six months of assistance in the form of grocery boxes delivered to their home or a prepaid card usable at participating grocery stores.

The program is not available to all OHP members. To qualify, individuals must have a qualifying health condition, experience low or very low food security, and meet additional requirements based on their life circumstances, such as pregnancy, recent release from incarceration or treatment, risk of homelessness, or other qualifying situations.

Foods covered may include fresh, frozen, or canned fruits and vegetables, as well as meat, dairy products, bread, cooking oils, and other pantry staples.

The Oregon Health Authority said that improving access to nutritious food can help people better manage chronic illnesses, reduce emergency room visits, and lower health care costs.

The agency also noted that Linn County is among the rural counties where many residents already use related Oregon Health Plan health-support benefits.

OHP members who believe they may qualify should contact their coordinated care organization (CCO) or visit the Oregon Health Authority’s nutrition benefits webpage <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/OHP/Pages/Nutrition.aspx> for eligibility information and application instructions. Members not enrolled in a CCO can contact Acentra by email at ORHRSN@Acentra.com or call 1-888-834-4304 for assistance.

People who do not qualify for the new nutrition benefit still have several options for food assistance. The Oregon Department of Human Services provides information on SNAP benefits, senior meal programs, home-delivered meals such as Meals on Wheels, the Senior Farm Direct Nutrition Program, WIC, and local food pantries. Residents can also find nearby food resources through the Oregon Food Bank’s Food Finder <https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/food/pages/default.aspx> or by calling 211. 🌻

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Commissioners Welcome Endangered Species Act Change

Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer

ALBANY — At their July 14 meeting, Linn County Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Sherrie Sprenger and Will Tucker welcomed news that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration have redefined the definition of the word “harm” in the Endangered Species Act.

The 53-page ruling was announced on Friday and was published in the federal record on Tuesday, July 14.

The Endangered Species Act has been in effect in the United States since the early 1970s. It came under a spotlight in the early 1990s when it led to a sharp reduction in timber sales on state and federal forest lands as part of a plan to protect the Northern Spotted Owl, whose numbers were declining.

Commissioner Sprenger emphasized that the rule change does not make it legal to damage or kill endangered species.

Commissioner Tucker said, “This is a broad rule change. It will take time to figure out its meaning.”

“Habitat protection to try to save the Northern Spotted Owl is proving to be failed public policy over the last 40 years,” Commissioner Nyquist said after the meeting. “This change in strategy is warranted. The Spotted Owl’s problem is predatory in nature.”

A group of environmental groups has already filed a lawsuit against the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and NOAA Fisheries challenging the new ruling in federal district court in Seattle.

Representatives of the Department of the Interior and the Department of Commerce said the ruling will return the interpretation of the Endangered Species Act back to its “actual text and original intent, which will end years of federal overreach.”

“For years, federal agencies abused the ESA to obstruct lawful land use and burden American families and businesses,” Department of the

Interior Secretary Doug Burgum said in a press release. “That approach turned routine activity into a regulatory trap, drove up costs that impacted people’s lives, and expanded federal authority beyond what Congress intended. This action restores common sense, respects private property, provides much-needed certainty for landowners and follows the statute Congress actually passed.”

The agencies note that the ESA’s core protections remain in place. Actions that directly injure or kill listed wildlife will continue to be prohibited. Existing permits and incidental take statements remain valid and unchanged.

In other business the commissioners:

- Were told that 77 land use permits were issued in June, compared to 91 the same month one year ago. A total of 324 building permits were issued, compared to 356 last year. Six permits were issued for single-family dwellings, and seven permits were for manufactured dwellings. There were 11 new code enforcement cases opened and eight closed.
- Approved the purchase of three new Ford pickups, two F250s and one F350 model, from Northside Ford in Portland by the Parks & Recreation Department. The pickups will cost \$183,525.28. The remainder of the \$230,000 will be used to outfit the vehicles with toolboxes, emergency gear, and signage.
- Approved a Good Neighbor Agreement between the Parks & Recreation Department and the U.S. Forest Service. Linn County will reestablish the water system infrastructure at Breitenbush and Cleator Bend Campgrounds, perform deferred maintenance on roads and other park facilities, and continue operations at Blue Pool, Ice Cap, and Trail Bridge recreation sites. The agreement could total \$290,000 by 2028.
- Announced that all three commissioners will scoop ice cream at the annual senior ice cream social in the Sponsors Pavilion at the Linn County Fair Thursday, July 16. 🌻

SHARING HANDS FOOD BANK

Accepting Food Donations

Food donations may be dropped off at 107 W. Bishop Way in Brownsville during pantry hours on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Most-needed items include canned foods, pasta, cereal, bread, toiletries, laundry soap, and fresh garden produce. Donations of unopened, nonperishable food, fresh fruits and vegetables, and essential household items help support local individuals and families experiencing food insecurity.

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☐ Buns

☐ English Muffins

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☐ Crackers

☐ Dry Pasta

☐ Sugar

☐ Snacks

☐ Spices

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Visitors can enjoy a blueberry pancake breakfast, guided walking tours (\$10), a 1950s-era car cruise-in, a treehouse replica with photo opportunities, 1950s-themed games (\$10 for an all-day bracelet), a fan forum, a pie-eating contest (\$5 entry fee), live music, a sock hop, and the premiere of filmmaker Eli Pyke’s documentary, “Stand By Oregon,” which will play throughout the day in the Pioneer Park dance hall.

One musical performance is especially fitting. BrownTown Sound takes the Pioneer Park stage at 11:30 a.m., and one of its members served as a stand-in for the unforgettable “Lardass” during filming. Organizers hope to feature him later in the afternoon Fan Forum, giving movie fans a chance to hear firsthand stories from behind the scenes.

This year’s celebration is also attracting international attention. Jonathan, a filmmaker from Paris, France, will be in Brownsville throughout the weekend, documenting how “Stand By Me” has influenced fans worldwide. He hopes to interview visitors willing to share what the film has meant in their lives, adding their stories to a new documentary exploring the movie’s enduring legacy.

Parking Made Easy

With large crowds expected, organizers have expanded parking for the event.

A free Park & Ride lot that accommodates approximately 200 to 300 vehicles has been established on Loucks Way, just off Highway 228, as visitors enter Brownsville from Interstate 5. Follow the event signs to the designated parking area, where volunteers will direct traffic and assist guests. Complimentary shuttle buses will transport visitors to a stop behind Brownsville City Hall, placing them within easy walking distance of downtown businesses and Pioneer Park. Shuttle service runs throughout the day until 11 p.m.

Community Support Makes It Possible

Stand By Me Day is made possible by the efforts of hundreds of volunteers and generous community sponsors, including the Central Linn Community Foundation, Janky Bird, Pacific Power, Norm’s Electric, Kirt M. Glenn, DMD, PC, Oregon Film, and numerous local businesses and private donors.

Organizers note there is still time for individuals and businesses to support the celebration. Donations of money, goods, services, or volunteer time are accepted through the Linn County Museum Friends, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All donations are tax-deductible, and proceeds support both Stand By Me Day and the Linn County Historical Museum.

Checks should be made payable to Linn County Museum Friends, with “SBM” written in the memo line, and mailed to: LCHM Friends, P.O. Box 607, Brownsville, OR 97327

Donations may also be delivered directly to the museum.

Whether you’re returning for the memories or discovering Castle Rock for the first time, Brownsville is ready to welcome fans back for a celebration marking 40 years.

For a more information, visit <https://www.standbymeday.com>.

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Proceeds support the Travis Moothart
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Scholarship Fund

Stand By Me Day Schedule of Events, July 25

8 – 10 am	Blueberry Pancake Breakfast Price to be announced.	Pioneer Park Pavilion
9 am – 4 pm	50s Era Car Cruise In	SW Corner of Pioneer Park
9 am – 8 pm	“Stand By Oregon” Documentary by Eli Pyke	Dance Hall in Pioneer Pavilion
10 am – 3:30 pm	Guided Walking Tours \$10	Pioneer Park Information Booth
10 am – 4 pm	Treehouse & Photo Ops Printed photos available for purchase.	Pioneer Park
10 am – 4 pm	50s Themed Games \$10 for an all-day bracelet.	Pioneer Park
11:30 am	Music by Browntown Sound	Pioneer Park Stage/Bleachers
12 pm (noon)	Blueberry Pie and Ice Cream \$5 per slice.	Pioneer Park Pavilion
1 pm	Fan Forum	Pioneer Park Grass Area
2:30 pm	Blueberry Pie-eating Contest 50/50 Raffle after pie-eating contest. Must be present to win.	Pioneer Park Stage/Bleachers
4 – 6 pm	Castle Rock 50s Sock Hop	Rec Center 234 Park Avenue
6 – 7:15 pm	Music by Shatterproof	Pioneer Park Grass Area
8 pm	“Stand By Me” Movie	Pioneer Park Grass Area
11 pm	Park & Ride Shuttle Ends	



AMERICAN LEGION POST 184

No Bayonets Required:
The Epic Return of Legion
Blueberry Pie

By an ordinary seaman

Let’s talk about pie. Not just any pie, but the universe-altering magic of a homemade blueberry slice with a scoop of ice cream melting into the crust.

Last year, American Legion Post 184 needed to balance the books. Some brilliant souls suggested selling baked goods to tourists visiting our neck of the woods for “Stand by Me” nostalgia. Vice Commander Sharon Banks, the Sayers, and a stealth crew of local baking legends stepped up. They handcrafted 50 pies. The result? Happy movie buffs, a balanced budget, and zero kitchen casualties.

This year is much bigger.

It’s 2026, the 40th anniversary of “Stand by Me,” and a small army of film fans is about to descend on Brownsville. At the Legion Hall, our math was simple: if we sold 50 pies in a normal year, we could definitely bake 100 this year. With that roaring confidence, we already awarded two \$2,500 Travis Moothart scholarships to exceptional Central Linn students. No pressure, bakers.

Now, I am not saying the American Legion invented the blueberry, but history does suggest a loose, beautiful conspiracy between veterans and fruit. During the Civil War, seafood canneries packed wild Maine blueberries into iron cans to feed Union troops. When vets returned home, their demand for the fruit sparked a massive postwar canning boom. So, veterans are the reason America fell in love with blueberries, making them the perfect choice for our fundraiser. The catch? Dedicated can openers weren’t widely distributed yet, meaning soldiers routinely opened their rations using bayonets, pocketknives, or hammers.

Thankfully, at Pioneer Park on Saturday, July 25, you won’t need a bayonet.

Our blueberries are freshly picked from local farms, the crusts are hand-rolled from heritage home recipes, and we will happily supply the forks. Every slice sold goes directly toward launching our local students into lives of contribution.

So come on down to Pioneer Park. Dance with your neighbors, tour the famous film sites, and watch the movie under the stars. Above all, come enjoy a slice of blueberry pie à la mode. It’s vastly easier than opening a Civil War tin can, and it supports a wonderful cause. Have fun! ☼

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CENTRAL LINN RECREATION ASSOCIATION

The Evolving
Landscape of CLRA
Youth Baseball

By Eva Wada, Assistant Editor

The Central Linn Recreation Association (CLRA) baseball program just wrapped up the 2026 season with the Junior Baseball Organization (JBO). Under the guidance of Coach JP Williams and assistant coaches Tag Morris and Eric Lemerande, this squad of 5th- and 6th-grade athletes navigated a demanding competitive field by focusing heavily on player development, humility, and cohesive teamwork.

Their dedication on the diamond set the tone for the entire association, proving that our local athletes can thrive even as the competitive landscape shifts around them. Major structural mandates from JBO officially bumped the program up to the more rigorous, competitive American division. Katie Morris, parent and Little Hitters Director, commented, “They had a trying year this year with the bump up in skill level, but I feel like they learned SO much this season!”

To protect its charter and prepare players for this higher skill bracket, the CLRA board had to shift its operational process, transitioning to official team tryouts and enforcing strict roster size limits when necessary. Historically, CLRA fielded teams at the National tier, using balanced player evaluations so all local kids could play together. But after dominant back-to-back runs — including an undefeated State Championship by the Minor and Junior Nationals in 2024 and consecutive high-level finishes through 2025 — the JBO Valley District determined our players had outgrown that tier.

This transition has been further complicated by recent changes to our local sports landscape. A separate nonprofit entity, the Haymakers, recently established its own probationary charter through JBO.

CLRA Board President and Baseball Director Ashley Moore clarified the severe operational strain of having two programs compete for the same small turf. “It is highly unusual for there to be two associations that feed the same high school,” Moore explained. She noted that strict geographic boundaries complicate the situation further: “We have a very limited pool of kids, and JBO restrictions on bringing in kids from other communities makes it incredibly difficult to form one team, at times, let alone two full programs. It is uncertain at this time which charter will be granted for 2027.”

The success of the 2026 season wasn’t measured on wins and losses but on how much they grew as a team. Despite the Junior Baseball Organization-enforced changes, the JBO Coach and Assistants taught the boys “about integrity, respect, and hard work while also strengthening the boys’ self-esteem. They pushed them to get better, while also playing right alongside them at practice,” Kate Morris added. Proving no matter how much the administration framework changes, the grit and talent of CLRA athletes remain undeniable. ☼



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CLRA 5th/6th grade Cobra Junior American baseball team.

Baseball Highlights

By Eva Wada, Assistant Editor

As another fantastic spring sports season comes to a close, the Central Linn Recreation Association is celebrating the growth of our local baseball athletes. From T-ball beginners to competitive players, this year was defined by deep community dedication. Little Hitters Director Katie Morris praised this culture, noting that “the families with multiple kids enrolled in sports practically lived at the park between practices and games, and overall, their attitudes were really positive.”

That energy carried across every division. On the preschool and kindergarten Bison T-ball team, Coach Shaun Garey-Wilder watched his players progress from staring aimlessly at hits to confidently securing multiple outs by their final games. Meanwhile, Coach Joel James’s dominant 1st- and 2nd-grade coach-pitch squad went completely undefeated. James recalled, “My team, although we weren’t supposed to keep score, went 8 and 0 this season.”

The athletic leap intensified as players transitioned to live kid-pitch divisions. In the 1st and 2nd grade extended-season division, Coach Ashley Reese’s team successfully navigated the mid-season shift from pitching machines to live arms in the Mid Valley League. Reese recalled a memorable victory in a nonstop downpour where she and her assistants “got to watch these kids really push themselves and focus on staying positive even though it was cold, wet, and challenging.”

Coach Sara Falk’s 3rd- and 4th-grade Little League team also excelled despite a roster of newcomers. Older players Samuel Falk and Eddie Cunningham stepped up to mentor the younger boys. Coach Falk shared how proud she was of their hard work, noting that “Elliot Rose — he went from barely being able to catch the ball because he was afraid it would hurt — to playing shortstop and stopping balls with his body.”

CLRA Coaches are proud to announce that Carter Bays, Alex Glaser, and Eddie Cunningham were chosen to play on the Mid-Valley All-Star Team. Also worth noting, Justin Shaum was selected for the 8U Futures Team for youth 8 and under. The Central Linn Recreation Association board noted that from the first pitch to the final out, the athletes played with absolute heart, led by community volunteers who believed in them every step of the way. ☼



SARA FALK
Eddie Cunningham and Samuel Falk made lasting memories Little League CLRA Baseball team for 3rd/4th graders.

BROWNSVILLE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

Fourth of July Breakfast — Best Yet!

By Kathleen Swayze, Breakfast Organizer

The 2026 Fourth of July Breakfast kicked off with perfect weather and another successful morning in Pioneer Park. Jeremiah Schones and his crew kept the longtime wake-up tradition alive, while birthday celebrant Christie Locke greeted guests with her trademark smile.



A dedicated team of volunteers kept breakfast running smoothly. Roy Houtz flipped pancakes while Jason Curtis caught them, Kevin Hinton handled the sausage, Brian Wyant kept the batter flowing, and Lawrence Stutsman led the egg crew with help from Wendy Parker, Linda Spear, Barbara Andersen, Karmel Curtis, and Mary Brown.

Behind the scenes, Tricia Thompson managed the juice, Christine Hooper kept the syrup warm, Don Lyon kept the coffee flowing, and Wendy Toshitsune, Carol Humphreys, Don Ware, Stephen Schoonover, Jasmin Headrick, Sigrid Swarzendruber, Michael Moshofsky, Randy Schoonover, and Dee Swayze tackled cleanup and dishwashing. Their hard work made the event possible.

More than 420 breakfasts were served, raising a record \$3,800 for the Brownsville Fourth of July fireworks fund.

A heartfelt thank you goes to everyone who volunteered, attended, or supported the celebration. Thanks also to the fireworks crew, CONNECT Linn County for organizing activities in the park, Randy Ginn for the afternoon beer garden, barbecue, and music at Randy's Main Street Coffee and everyone who helped make the day memorable.

Once again, Brownsville proved that when neighbors work together, great things happen. We look forward to seeing everyone again next Fourth of July! 🌞

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Jenna Stutsman Homes Launches Quarterly Art Night

By Allen L. Buzzard, Guest Contributor

BROWNSVILLE — Jenna Stutsman Homes – Hybrid Real Estate hosted an Art Night open house Gallery July 10 at its office, 128 Spaulding Ave., in Brownsville's Old Town District.

Owner Jenna Stutsman, joined by her husband, Lawrence, and their 5-month-old son, Grayson, welcomed guests to an evening featuring appetizers, refreshments, and artwork by local artists.

Approximately 60 attendees viewed works by three featured artists and spent time with them throughout the evening.



Guests browse artwork at the inaugural Art Night at Jenna Stutsman Homes in Brownsville on July 10. PHOTOS: ALLEN L. BUZZARD

Stutsman said she plans to host Art Gallery Night once a quarter, featuring multiple artists. The goal is to support local artists and highlight Brownsville's growing arts community throughout the Central Willamette Valley.

Featured artists included:

- Lynlee Bischoff, photography and acrylic paintings on canvas
- Lori Garcy, metalsmith works and jewelry
- Rhoda Fleischman, oil paintings, oil-in-wax works, acrylics, and paintings inspired by watercolor studies completed on location.

Bischoff's 8-by-8-inch canvas paintings proved especially popular, with two pieces selling early on in the event, which ran from 5 to 8 p.m.

One notable work was Fleischman's painting of the Bond Butte Barn, completed on location in about 2 ½ hours with



Lori Garcy's necklace, "China Travels," was among the handcrafted jewelry showcased during Art Night.

oil-in-wax.

Garcy also displayed a necklace titled "China Travels," made from materials she collected during her travels in China, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Thailand. 🌏



Paintings by Rhoda Fleischman were among the featured works shown during Art Night.



Photography by Lynlee Bischoff was featured at Art Night at Jenna Stutsman Homes in Brownsville.

CENTRAL LINN COUNTY HOME SALES REPORT

Brownsville, Harrisburg, and Tangent Highlight Late Spring Sales

Residential real estate activity remained steady across Central Linn County in late May and June 2026, with 10 recorded home sales in Brownsville, Harrisburg and Tangent. Sale prices ranged from \$300,000 to \$600,000, reflecting a mix of historic homes, established neighborhoods, and rural properties.

Homes ranged from 1,008 to 1,989 square feet, with construction dates spanning 1860 to 2004. Most properties offered three or four bedrooms, while one historic Tangent property offered five. Lot sizes ranged from 0.17 acres to 10 acres, reflecting continued interest in both in-town homes and small-acreage rural properties. 🌞

Date	Street Address	City	Sale Price	Sq Ft	Year Built	Beds	Baths	Acres
May 26	31981 Meadowlark Loop	Tangent	\$470,000	1,606	1996	3	2	0.23
May 29	178 Washburn St.	Brownsville	\$465,000	1,936	1961	2	1	0.51
June 3	36535 Kirk Dr.	Brownsville	\$596,000	1,427	1860	—	1	10.00
June 8	617 Kay Ave.	Brownsville	\$325,000	1,008	1975	3	1	0.21
June 9	32571 Highway 99E	Tangent	\$300,000	1,704	1860	5	3	6.65
June 10	760 Gaileen Way	Harrisburg	\$384,500	1,300	1978	3	1	0.18
June 10	33057 Sequoia St.	Tangent	\$600,000	1,696	2004	3	2	0.33
June 15	32021 Griffith Dr.	Tangent	\$485,000	1,989	1956	3	2	0.27
June 16	895 Burton St.	Harrisburg	\$479,000	1,694	1950	4	2	0.40
June 17	375 Park Ln.	Harrisburg	\$369,900	1,144	1972	3	1	0.17

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BROWNSVILLE ART ASSOCIATION

Artists Find Beauty in the Discarded at Brownsville Junk Art Show

By Mikayle Stole, Editor

Visitors to the Brownsville Art Association’s annual Junk Art Show will discover that almost anything can become art with enough imagination.

The exhibit, on display through Aug. 29 at the Brownsville Art Center, features works created from reclaimed, recycled, and found materials. Metal scraps, driftwood, bottle caps, rusted hardware, feathers, discarded plastic, old CDs, and even beverage cans have been transformed into sculptures, furniture, jewelry, and mixed-media artwork.

The variety is part of the fun.

One display features a butterfly assembled from paper, plastic, and metal. Nearby, a tabletop made from shattered CDs catches the light with shimmering colors. A whimsical bird sculpture combines feathers, wire, wood, and bottle caps, while colorful flowers fashioned from reclaimed wood brighten another corner of the gallery.

Several artists also created thought-provoking sculptures from salvaged metal and wood.



Stephen Brenner’s “Ares Pyrrhic Victory” is one of several thought-provoking sculptures featured in the Brownsville Art Association’s Junk Art Show.

Brownsville artist and Times contributor Stephen Brenner entered multiple works, including “Ares Pyrrhic Victory,” “Preying Mantis,” and “Alien View of Pandora’s Jar,” each encouraging viewers to consider both the materials and the ideas behind the finished pieces.

Times board member Jeff Brown contributed a cheerful collection of handcrafted wooden flowers, demonstrating that reclaimed materials can

be playful as well as artistic.

The exhibit includes works ranging from practical furniture and decorative tables to jewelry and abstract sculptures. Prices vary, making it possible for visitors to browse or purchase one-of-a-kind creations while supporting local artists.

The Brownsville Art Association regularly hosts themed exhibitions that encourage artists to experiment with diverse media and techniques. This year’s Junk Art Show continues that tradition by challenging artists to find creative potential in objects that might otherwise end up in the trash.

The Junk Art Show is open during regular Brownsville Art Center hours and will remain on display through Aug. 29.

MURAL continued from cover

building housing Kim’s Kafé. Cafe owner Kim Ellington helped shape the design, suggesting cows, a combine, and a sheep — imagery rooted in local farming. Once the design felt true to the community, the project moved forward.



Nationally known muralist Skye Walker pauses beside his mobile paint studio while working on Tangent’s new mural at Kim’s Kafé. Walker, who has painted more than 400 murals nationwide, completed the large-scale tribute to Tangent’s agricultural heritage in just two days with a specialized spray-painting technique.

Painting on a historic building presents challenges, including uneven wood texture, which Walker addressed using a spray-paint method. Once prep work was done, the mural took two days to paint.

Nature drives much of Walker’s work. His mission, he says, is creating art that reflects his reverence for Mother Earth — murals bring art into public spaces and spark conversation about community, environment, and connection. He hopes his work instills pride and inspires others to pursue their own creative passions.



“I felt a lot of love from the community as I worked,” Walker shared.

The mural is already catching the eye of passing motorists and visitors at Kim’s Kafé.

For more information about Walker and his work, visit <https://www.skyewalkerart.com>.

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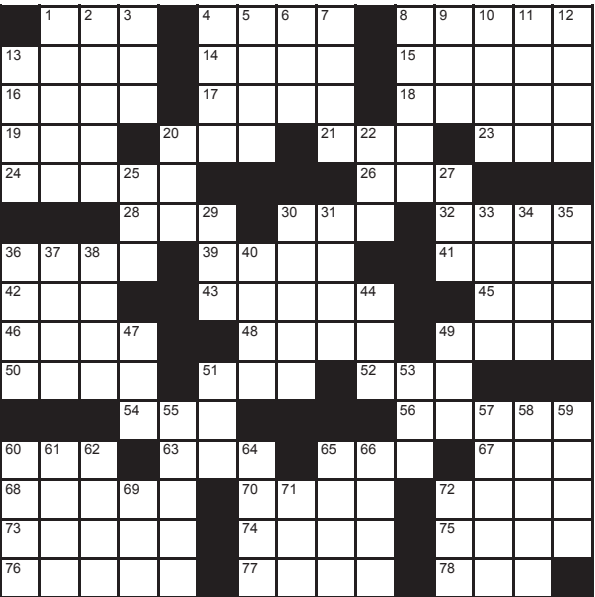
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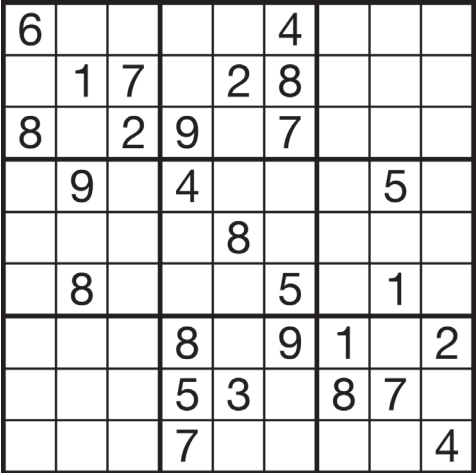
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MOUNTAINTOP REFLECTIONS

From Conflict to Reconciliation

By Jacquie Hoekstra, Staff Writer and Columnist

“If your brother sins against you, go, show him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained back your brother.” (Matthew 18:15 WEB) The word for “sin” can also be translated as “offend” (Strong’s Hebrew and Greek Dictionaries, E-Sword). The passage speaks of sin or offense between two people. It is for when the sin/offense is against you, not your friend or a group of people. It is offering a process of reconciliation between two people. This is just the first step of a three-step process.

In this age of social media, where we so quickly deal with our problems on a public stage, God calls us to go to them in private. Just a few verses later, in Matthew’s gospel, Peter asks how many times one should forgive a brother who sins against him. Peter suggests up to seven times, even though the customary number is three. He seems to be working the teacher’s-pet vibe. Jesus answered, “Seventy times seven,” a number suggesting infinite forgiveness. (Matthew 18:21-22)

The best first step after being offended is to take a breath. Sometimes, when we are offended, it is our issue, not a sin against us. Taking a moment with Jesus to discern our own heart in a matter could save us grief and embarrassment later. If it is our issue, we might discover a wound to heal or a lie to dispel, and Jesus is there to help set us free.

Another reason to meet with Jesus first is to discern and forgive the other person’s sin. Yes, we forgive them before we confront them. We do not confront them to demand an apology or to seek justice/vengeance. This meeting is not for getting even or venting our feelings. This meeting’s purpose is restoration, motivated by love.

Peter later wrote, “Let him turn away from evil, and do good. Let him seek peace and pursue it” (1 Peter 3:11 WEB). His contemporary, Paul, wrote regarding doing good, “Therefore, if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head” (Romans 12:20 NKJV). Our immediate response to this is to wonder how heaping fiery coals qualifies as doing good. This concept is best seen in Isaiah 6:1-7, where an angel took a live coal from the altar, touched it to his lips, and said, “Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged” (Isaiah 6:7 NKJV). Purge can also be translated as “make reconciliation.” Reconciliation means “to bring back to a former state of harmony” (Strong’s, E-Sword).

Godly confrontation seeks to restore harmony (reconciliation). “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old things have passed away. Behold, all things have become new. But all things are of God, who reconciled us to himself through Jesus Christ, and gave to us the ministry of reconciliation” (2Corinthians 5:17-18 WEB). ☸

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Advance Directive Workshop Helps Residents Plan Ahead

LEBANON — Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital will host a free Advance Directive Workshop from 2–3:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, in Conference Room B at 525 N. Santiam Hwy.

Led by Chaplain Wes Sedlacek, the workshop explains how advance directives allow individuals to document their health care wishes and designate someone to make medical decisions if they are unable to speak for themselves. Participants will also learn about quality-of-life

OBITUARY

James ‘Jim’ Nelson
January 10, 1933 – July 6, 2026



James “Jim” Nelson, 93, passed away on July 6, 2026, in Florence, Oregon. Born January 10, 1933, to James and Lula Nelson, Jim moved with his family to an 80-acre farm in Brownsville in 1942.

Jim married Donna Townsend in 1952 and raised six children. He worked in sawmills and later owned and operated a dismantling business. In 1985, they returned to the farm, where they grew berries and nuts and ran a fruit stand. They also sold at several farmers markets. In 2006, they divorced. In 2009, Jim married EmmaLene Perry. They continued to be vendors at farmers markets in Coos Bay and Florence.

Jim is survived by his wife, EmmaLene; children, Jimmy (Emma), Cathy Clark (Jim), Carrie Jones, and Linda Parker; stepchildren, Eve Mason and Eric Perry; 10 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, Timothy (2012); daughter, Cindi (2020); sister, Shirley Zachary; and brother, Gene Nelson.

A joint Celebration of Life for Jim and his daughter, Cindi (whose service was canceled during COVID), is at 1 pm on Friday, August 7, at Cathy and Jim Clark’s home in Lebanon. Contact CC12chef@gmail.com for details. ☸

DEATH NOTICES

Madeline Joyce ‘Kandie’ Barnes
Dec. 5, 1943 – July 4, 2026

Madeline “Kandie” Barnes, 82, of Brownsville, passed away July 4, 2026. She is survived by her children, David Allegar, Dale Allegar, Angela Creech, Kevin Barnes, and Bradley Barnes; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Barnes, in 2025. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. <https://www.sweethomefuneral.com>. ☸

Gary Dean ‘Dean’ Bevier Jr.
Sept. 5, 1982 – July 6, 2026

Gary Dean Bevier Jr., 43, of Sweet Home, passed away July 6, 2026. He is survived by his mother, Karen Green of Brownsville; brother Matthew Bevier of Sweet Home; and stepsister Roberta Rogers of Brownsville. He was preceded in death by his father, Gary Dean Bevier Sr. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. <https://www.sweethomefuneral.com>. ☸

considerations and the Portable Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST) form.

Those who attend will have the opportunity to complete an advance directive during the session. The workshop is open to anyone with questions about advance care planning. Registration is required by calling 541-451-7129 or online at <https://samhealth.org/event/advance-directive-workshop-lebanon/2026-08-06>. ☸

WIDOWS' BRIGADE

Life After Losing a Spouse

By Mary Canaday, Columnist

The loss of a spouse is one of the hardest experiences we face in life. After losing a husband or wife, we are dealing not only with our grief but also with the reality that our entire life has changed.

Our lives take a dramatic turn from what we expected. Family and friends often wonder what life will look like going forward. Because they care, they may offer suggestions or solutions they believe are best. Here are a few things family members and friends may not understand about the grieving process.

Your life eventually returns to a routine, but for a widow or widower, there is no return to the old normal. Instead, they must create a new normal. As they navigate this stage of grief, friends and family may not understand why they seem different. Please remember that those who are grieving often don't recognize themselves either. Many are not only managing their own grief but also helping their children cope with theirs.

Some things you may notice as your friend or family member adjusts to a new normal include:

- Withdrawing from group activities.
- Turning down invitations they would have gladly accepted before.
- Avoiding gatherings because attending alone feels overwhelming.
- Pulling away from church, school functions, family gatherings, weddings, birthdays, and other events.

Many widows and widowers struggle to ask for help with tasks their spouse once handled. If you notice the lawn needs mowing, the house needs

repairs, or the car needs attention, don't criticize or ask why it has been neglected. Instead, offer to help or ask whether they would like to work alongside you. Sometimes they simply need someone to show them how to do something they have never done before.

Please never tell someone they should be "over it," ask how long they plan to grieve, or tell them to stop moping. Avoid saying, "Life goes on" or "The pain will go away." Don't avoid mentioning their loved one's name. Instead, share your memories.

Grief has no timeline. The pain comes and goes. Be sensitive to the fact that certain dates, anniversaries, holidays, and events can trigger intense grief. Remember, those trigger days have no expiration date.

Walk alongside those who are grieving. Encourage them to explore new interests or return to old ones when they are ready. Offer to attend family gatherings with them, sit beside them at church, or simply include them in your plans.

Most importantly, don't be afraid to say their spouse's name and share your memories. As widows, we treasure hearing your stories. They remind us that we are not the only ones who remember and continue to miss the people we love.

If you are feeling lonely, left out, or needing friendship join us at the Widows' Brigade on the third Thursday of the month at the Central Valley Church, 657 American Dr., Halsey. Contact Mary at 541-401-4738. ☺

BE THE ONE

Learning How We Can Help – Part 2

By Jeff Brown, Staff Writer and Columnist

Last week, I wrote that I didn't fully understand the American Legion's "Be the One" campaign. I only knew that veteran suicide is a serious issue and that, like many families, I have a veteran in my life whom I sometimes worry about.

Since then, I've learned something important. Being the one doesn't mean having all the answers. It means caring enough to act.

One of the biggest warning signs is isolation. A veteran may withdraw from family and friends, stop participating in activities they once enjoyed, or seem disconnected from the world around them. Other signs may include noticeable changes in mood, increased anger, feelings of hopelessness, giving away possessions, talking about being a burden, or making statements that suggest others would be better off without them.

I also learned something surprising. Mental health experts say that asking someone directly whether they are thinking about suicide does not plant the idea in their head. In fact, asking can open the door to an honest conversation. It can be as simple as saying, "You don't seem like yourself lately. Are you okay?" or "I'm worried about you.

Are you thinking about hurting yourself?"

Those may be some of the hardest words we ever say, but they may also be among the most important.

We don't need to solve someone else's problems or have perfect advice. Sometimes the most powerful thing we can do is stay present, listen without judgment, and remind someone they are not alone. If someone is in crisis, help is available. Veterans can call or text 988 and press 1 to reach the Veterans Crisis Line. Family members and friends can also call if they are concerned about a veteran they care about.

Perhaps that is the lesson I needed to learn. "Be the One" isn't about special training or saying the exact right words. It's about refusing to let someone suffer in silence. It's about making the call, sending the text, inviting someone for coffee, checking in again tomorrow, and reminding another human being that they still matter.

Maybe each of us knows someone we should call today. Maybe being the one starts with simply reaching out. ☺

Death Cafe Opens Conversation About Life's Final Chapter

By Jacquie Hoekstra, Staff Writer and Columnist

Brownsville's next Death Cafe will be held Tuesday, Aug. 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the Brownsville Community Library's Kirk Room after a successful first gathering.

Death Cafe offers an open agenda and judgment-free space for conversations about death. People may participate as much or as little as they choose.

Don Lyon attended the meeting and said, "We sat in a circle and were encouraged to share why we were interested in this subject that so many people seem to avoid. Most of us had passed our 'best by' date of three score years and ten and had either dealt with a partner's demise, felt that we did not want to leave unnecessary complications for our children to deal with, or had other feelings and experiences to share."

Nan VanSandt, the facilitator of the cafe, said everyone expressed interest in meeting again, so monthly gatherings will continue in Brownsville, at least for a while.

VanSandt's experience as a registered nurse in intensive care, oncology, and hospice, along with her work as a death doula, makes her a natural facilitator. She brings the gentle, peaceful presence of someone who has walked through a few end-of-life experiences with others.

Her message is simple: live life to the fullest. Be present in every moment, whether gardening or playing with children; be focused, be intentional, be present. Living in each moment can make time feel like it is expanding rather than slipping away.

I asked VanSandt about her work as a death doula.

"A huge misconception about hospice is that someone will be there 24/7 to take care of you," she said.

She explained that the work of an end-of-life doula complements hospice care but does not replace medical professionals. The doula's role is emotional, practical, and spiritual.

Death doulas provide time, presence, education, emotional support, personalized rituals, and legacy work. They help families understand death and dying, and how to support loved ones before and after death. They can perform ceremonies for families or individuals, including bedside vigils and comfort rituals.

Although herbal medicine is not generally part of a death doula's work, VanSandt's training includes the use of herbs that may help with pharmaceutical side effects, headaches, and other symptoms. She has also performed end-of-life anointing and massage rituals using essential oils.

This brings us back to the value of the Death Cafe movement. As people finish their cake and reach for their keys, they leave having talked about death yet somehow feeling more connected to life and more intentional about every moment. For a list of resources and books, contact Nan at moonandstarsfarm@proton.me. ☺

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COMMUNITY VOICES

More Than Cameras: Reflections on Junction City's Flock Camera Discussion

By Zane Goodwin, Guest Contributor

The discussion of proposed Flock Safety automated license plate reader (ALPR) cameras at the July 14 Junction City City Council meeting lasted approximately an hour and 35 minutes and was, by far, the evening's most extensive topic. The conversation centered on balancing potential public safety benefits against privacy concerns and questions about long-term governmental authority and surveillance.

Police Chief Mark Waddell strongly supported the proposal, calling the technology another tool to help protect residents. He explained that Junction City often has only one officer on duty and said the cameras could help law enforcement locate missing children, dementia patients, domestic violence suspects, stolen vehicles, and violent offenders when time is critical.

Throughout his presentation, Waddell emphasized that the system does not use facial recognition technology and captures only vehicles and license plates visible from public roadways. He also noted that Oregon Senate Bill 1516 establishes safeguards for the technology, that searches require justification and are subject to auditing, and that the proposal called for a 90-day trial period with no obligation to continue.

Council members and members of the public raised questions about data ownership, who may access the information, the system's future expansion, data retention, information sharing with other agencies, and the potential for government overreach. Much of the discussion reflected concerns not only about how the technology would be used today but also about how it might be used by future administrations.

Representatives from Flock Safety participated remotely and answered questions on search procedures, audit logs, transparency, and agency access controls. They stated that Junction City would own its data, that sharing with other agencies would require approval, that searches require documented reasons and case numbers, and that all search activity is permanently auditable.

No vote was taken at the meeting. Mayor Kenneth Wells announced that contract negotiations were not yet complete, so the council postponed action on the proposal.

As I listened to the discussion, what stood out was that it extended beyond the cameras themselves. It became apparent that the discussion extended beyond the cameras themselves, it became a conversation about personal privacy and trust. Citizens expressed the need for safeguards that govern emerging technologies. Regardless of where people stood on the issue, it was evident that many residents gave thoughtful consideration to both the potential benefits and the potential risks before reaching their conclusions. ☀

Summer Fun Starts with Water Safety

By Jeff Brown, Staff Writer and Columnist

As temperatures climb this summer, many local families head to rivers, lakes, swimming holes, pools, or out on the water in boats, kayaks, and paddle boards. Spending time on the water is one of summer's greatest pleasures, but it only takes a moment for a fun day to turn into an emergency.

Whether swimming in a backyard pool, a public pool, or one of our beautiful local lakes and rivers, adults should always keep a close eye on children. Drowning is often silent and can happen much faster than many people realize. Young children should always have an adult within arm's reach when they are in or near the water.

Natural waterways deserve extra respect. Rivers can have strong currents, hidden rocks, slippery banks, and unexpectedly cold water, even on the hottest days. Lakes may look calm, but drop-offs, underwater hazards, and changing weather can quickly create dangerous conditions. Never dive into water unless you know its depth.

Life jackets save lives. Children should wear them, and they are a smart choice for adults, especially when boating, kayaking, canoeing, rafting, or paddleboarding. A properly fitted life jacket is far more effective than relying on swimming ability alone.

Boaters should make safety their top priority. Check the weather before heading out, avoid alcohol while operating a boat, ensure all required safety equipment is on board, and let someone know where you're going and when you expect to return.

Simple precautions make a big difference. Swim with a buddy, avoid rough play near the water, keep emergency equipment nearby when possible, and don't overestimate your swimming ability.

Our lakes, rivers, and pools offer wonderful opportunities to cool off and create lasting summer memories. By taking a few extra safety steps, everyone can help ensure those memories are happy ones.

Have fun, stay alert, and make water safety a part of every summer adventure.

Water Safety Quick Tips

- Wear a life jacket when boating or paddling.
- Never swim alone.
- Keep children within arm's reach.
- Know the weather before heading out.
- Avoid diving into unfamiliar water.
- Stay hydrated and protect yourself from the sun.
- If someone is in trouble, call 911 and use a reaching or throwing aid if possible — avoid putting yourself in danger. ☀

Harrisburg Man Dies in Willamette River Drowning

By Mikayle Stole, Editor

HARRISBURG — A 26-year-old Harrisburg man died last Tuesday after a water rescue on the Willamette River near Harrisburg, according to the Lane County Sheriff's Office.

At approximately 4:40 p.m. July 14, Lane County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol deputies were dispatched after reports of a missing person in the river. Investigators said a group was floating on the Willamette River when they encountered a snag in the water. Most of the group reached the riverbank safely, but one person did not.

Eugene Springfield Fire and Rescue personnel located the missing man face down in the water and transported him to a local hospital. Despite life-saving efforts, he died later.

The victim was identified as Ervan Dominick Lucia, 26, from Harrisburg.

According to the sheriff's office, the investigation determined that Lucia was operating a paddleboard without a life jacket and was tethered to the board.

The Lane County Sheriff's Office reminds anyone recreating on local waterways to wear a properly fitted life jacket at all times. Officials also caution against tethering yourself to watercraft or equipment unless the tether is designed to release quickly in an emergency.

As warm summer temperatures draw more people to Oregon's rivers, authorities encourage boaters, paddlers, and floaters to use appropriate safety equipment and stay aware of changing river conditions. ☀

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ODF Uses Technology to Detect and Fight Wildfires Faster

As wildfire season intensifies across Oregon, the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) is relying on an expanding suite of technologies to detect fires earlier, improve firefighter safety, and coordinate emergency response more effectively.

One of the agency's most valuable tools is its statewide network of wildfire-detection cameras. ODF now operates 96 camera sites that continuously monitor thousands of acres of forestland. Using artificial intelligence, the cameras detect smoke and alert operators, who verify the sighting and pinpoint the fire's location with digital mapping. Dispatchers can then immediately send firefighters to the scene, helping prevent small fires from becoming major incidents.

ODF has also expanded its Multi-Mission Aircraft program, which has become an important resource for wildfire detection, aerial mapping, disaster response, and supply delivery. Since the program began in 2020, the aircraft have detected 149 fires and completed numerous mapping and operational support missions. The agency's new Twin Otter aircraft is equipped with forward-looking infrared cameras, night vision, augmented reality, and AI-assisted mapping technology to improve operations both day and night.



An Oregon Department of Forestry pilot operates a drone to map active wildfires, locate hot spots, and provide firefighters with real-time information, keeping crews out of hazardous areas.

Drones, officially known as Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), are another growing part of ODF's firefighting toolbox. They provide real-time aerial views of active fires, map hazardous terrain, identify hidden hot spots, and give firefighters critical situational awareness without putting personnel at unnecessary risk.

The department has also modernized its internal operations by adopting FireWeb, a web-based incident management system that replaces a



An Oregon Department of Forestry wildfire detection camera monitors thousands of acres of forestland, using artificial intelligence and mapping technology to detect smoke and help dispatch firefighters quickly.

20-year-old platform. FireWeb improves dispatching, resource tracking, mapping, and data sharing with federal agencies, enabling firefighters to respond more efficiently.

For the public, ODF encourages residents to use the free Before You Burn website (<https://beforeyouburn.net>) and mobile app. By entering an address, users can quickly determine whether outdoor burning is allowed in their area and learn about any required permits or local restrictions.

Together, these technologies help Oregon detect wildfires more quickly, improve coordination among emergency responders, and provide firefighters with the information they need to protect lives, property, and natural resources during an increasingly challenging fire season. 🌲

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Thinning Tree Fruits & Summer Pruning

By Donald Lyon, Staff Writer and Columnist

How are your apples, pears, peaches, and plums doing? If your fruit trees did not experience the "June drop" of excess fruit, now is the time to help Mother Nature along by thinning some of that fruit for healthier, larger fruit and to reduce broken limbs. Those clusters of apples need particular attention, as wherever two apples are touching, you are creating an entry point for codling moths. With each cluster, remove all but the largest apple. Do the same for pears — no two touching. Thin peaches and nectarines to one fruit every five to six inches. Leave four to six inches between plums. Thin Asian pears to one fruit per spur.



Apples needing thinning.

This is also a good time for summer pruning to open the center of the tree canopy, improving air circulation and increasing sunlight penetration. With clean, sharp pruners, start by removing water sprouts, inward-growing branches, and diseased or broken limbs. Limbs overloaded with fruit may need to be cut back a bit, too. When mature fruit begins to fall, it is time to harvest.

Grapes will benefit from summer pruning, too. Prune grape vines back to the joint just beyond a cluster of grapes. This directs the vine's energy into the grapes, exposes the fruit to sunlight, and improves air circulation to reduce disease.

Last August, I was alarmed by how many of my baby persimmons were dropping. Excessive or late fruit drop may be due to disease or inadequate watering. Water trees with a soaker hose looped around the drip line.

While we are talking about summer pruning, air circulation, and sunlight reaching the fruit, the same holds for tomatoes. Prune away branch tips that aren't forming blossoms. If you want to speed up ripening of your tomatoes, try cutting back on watering. Also, at the first sign of tomatoes turning red, pick some and let them ripen in a paper bag. That's close enough to vine-ripened for me.

Got a gardening question? Ask a Master Gardener at phototraveler02@gmail.com. 🌻

PUZZLE KEY

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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); LMC (Lebanon Municipal Court). A Roman numeral listed after a charge means that the charge is of that numbered degree: Theft I (first-degree theft).

BROWNSVILLE

Sun., July 12, 7:59 a.m. — Deputy trespassed a camper from Pioneer Park per the host's request.

11:35 p.m. — Katelyn Horn, 37, of Sweet Home, was arrested on a Failure to Appear warrant from AMC and cited for driving while suspended in the 300 block of W Bishop Way. Report taken.

Mon., July 13, 3:09 p.m. — Calvin Foster, 61, of Brownsville, was cited and released for being out of compliance with his sex offender registration at Pioneer Park. Report taken.

3:44 p.m. — Deputy responded to a mental health call in the 1100 block of Oak St. There was no probable cause for a mental health hold. Linn County Mental Health Crisis Team was notified and will respond to conduct an evaluation.

11:00 p.m. — Anna House, 42, of Brownsville, was arrested and lodged at LCJ. Anna was charged with Domestic Harassment, Disorderly Conduct II, and Trespass II in the 1000 block of Pine St. Report taken.

Wed., July 15, 12:26 p.m. — Caller reported finding a ring at Pioneer Park. The ring was seized for safekeeping. Report taken.

Thu., July 16, 10:18 a.m. — Everett Chase, 54, of Brownsville, was arrested for failing to register as a sex of-

fender in the 37600 block of Mountain Home Dr. during a civil lockout process. Report taken.

BLUE POOL

Wed., July 15, 7:12 p.m. — Two out-of-state females got lost while hiking around Blue Pool in the 59900 block of Hwy 126. Deputy was able to help them back to the trail.

CRABTREE

Wed., July 15, 11:12 a.m. — Kelly Rydz of Crabtree was cited for dogs as a public nuisance and for trespassing on private property in the 36900 block of Crabtree Dr.

CRAWFORDSVILLE/HOLLEY

Sun., July 12, 9:05 p.m. — Deputies responded to a trespassing in the 38300 block of Hwy 228.

Mon., July 13, 7:36 p.m. — Deputies assisted Sweet Home Fire Department in the 39100 block of Hwy 228.

Tue., July 14, 5:08 p.m. — Deputies assisted patrons at McKercher Park with unruly behavior. No report needed.

Wed., July 15, 11:38 a.m. — Caller reported harassment in the 39600 block of Hwy 228. No public narrative.

9:32 p.m. — A DHS 307 referral was cross-reported in the 39000 block of Crawfordsville Dr.

HALSEY

Mon., July 13, 11:29 a.m. — Deputy was flagged down regarding a traffic hazard of broken concrete at the railroad crossing in the 1500 block of W 2nd St. The agency responsible for repair was requested to respond.

7:44 p.m. — Deputies assisted reporting person with how to go about dealing with her alcoholic husband in the 600 block of W G St. The couple has been separated since February and live separately. Information was given and no report was needed.

Tue., July 14, 10:23 p.m. — Caller reported losing her driver's license at the Shell gas station in the 32900 block of Hwy 228. Deputy entered into the Law Enforcement Data System as a lost article.

Wed., July 15, 9:15 p.m. — Deputy responded to a report of a male trespassing in a shop and a field in the 28900 block of Hwy 99E. The male told the deputy he was looking for a place to rest. The property owner reported that no other crimes were committed and requested that the male be warned

for trespassing, which was done. Non-criminal.

HARRISBURG

Sun., July 12, 9:38 a.m. — Deputies received a report of a suicidal subject in the 32000 block of Carney Dr. experiencing an altered state from new medication. LCSO was disregarded by medics prior to arrival.

12:07 p.m. — Brett Blair, 27, of Harrisburg, was arrested for an outstanding warrant in the 100 block of N 7th St. Report taken.

4:02 p.m. — Deputy observed juveniles riding illegal e-bikes in the Church of God Seventh Day parking lot. Deputy told juveniles they need to obtain permission from the church to ride them in the parking lot.

5:03 p.m. — Deputy responded to a disturbance in the 700 block of LaSalle St. A citizen struggling with their mental health was provided resources by the deputy.

7:20 p.m. — Martina Lopez Maya, 37, of Harrisburg, was cited for driving while suspended in the 500 block of LaSalle St.

8:24 p.m. — Brehk Veitenheimer, 34, of Junction City, was cited for driving while suspended and failing to carry proof of insurance in the 700 block of S 6th St.

9:07 p.m. — Christopher Stengrim, 68, of Sweet Home, was cited for failing to carry proof of insurance in the 600 block of N 9th St.

10:44 p.m. — Joshua Sneberger, 43, of Stayton, was cited for driving while suspended and uninsured in the 100 block of S 3rd St.

Mon., July 13, 2:56 a.m. — Alysha Postle, 32, of Harrisburg, was cited for driving while suspended in the 600 block of Territorial St.

9:23 a.m. — Monica Sproat, 58, of Monroe, was cited for failing to stop at a stop sign in the 1000 block of S 6th St.

Tue., July 14, 10:14 a.m. — Thomas Kokkeler, 42, of Junction City, was cited for failing to stop at a stop sign in the 800 block of S 6th St.

11:25 a.m. — Deputy spoke with a resident about safe target shooting practices in the 30500 block of Diamond Hill Rd. after someone reported hearing shots.

3:49 p.m. — Deputy contacted a citizen who landed his paraglider in the 33900 block of Diamond Hill Dr. He reported he did not need assistance.

Wed., July 15, 10:11 a.m.

— Deputy responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 500 block of Smith St. and found a large amount of garbage dumped in the area.

2:00 p.m. — Frank Rios, 37, of Junction City, was arrested for an outstanding warrant in the 400 block of Peoria Rd. Frank was also cited for driving while suspended, failing to renew vehicle registration, and driving uninsured. His vehicle was towed, and he was lodged at LCJ. Report taken.

7:11 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of theft in the 200 block of N 3rd St. Prior to deputies' arrival, the business owner had recovered their property and just wanted the offender to trespass. Deputy trespassed the offender. No further action.

SCIO

Sun., July 12, 10:32 a.m. — Deputies received a report that a pistol valued at \$400-500 and \$150 in cash were stolen from a vehicle in the 38900 block of SW 4th Ave.

6:27 p.m. — Deputy spoke with a driver whose vehicle caught fire in the 39300 block of Richardson Gap Rd. The driver had a plan for removing the vehicle from the road. Deputy stood by until the vehicle was removed.

Mon., July 13, 9:20 p.m. — Deputies located a male on private property in the 38900 block of NE 1st Ave. The male was cooperative and given a ride home.

Tue., July 14, 11:59 a.m. — Deputy has an open investigation for livestock at large in the 38700 block of Hungry Hill Dr. Report taken.

2:52 p.m. — David Axmaker, 57, of Scio, was cited for driving without insurance, uninsured, and failure to use an ignition interlock device in the 38700 block of N Main St.

8:35 p.m. — Deputy took a report of an injury motor-vehicle crash where the operator and juvenile passenger received minor injuries in the 36800 block of Richardson Gap Rd.

11:29 p.m. — Deputies investigated a burglary of a shed near a residential building in the 37400 block of Jefferson Scio Dr.

Thu., July 16, 3:43 a.m. — Deputy responded to a non-injury motor vehicle crash in which a driver crashed into the ditch in the 40200 block of Fish Hatchery Dr. and was pulled out with the help of a friend. Non-reportable. Information

documented.

4:51 a.m. — Caller reported a female with a baby ringing their doorbell in the 40700 block of Rodgers Mountain Loop. Deputy arrived and provided the female and her infant a ride. Information documented.

8:21 a.m. — An 83-year-old Lebanon male was reported missing in the 42800 block of Hwy 226. A deputy located the vehicle the man was driving on Hwy 226. The deputy contacted the operator and confirmed it was the missing person. The man and his vehicle were taken to a nearby family member.

10:03 a.m. — A 53-year-old female from Scio was taken to a local area hospital on a Police Officer hold for a mental health evaluation in the 43100 block of Hwy 226. Report taken. Linn County Mental Health Department was notified.

SHEDD

Wed., July 15, 2:20 p.m. — Deputy received a lost license plate the caller had found in the road in the 33800 block of Linn West Dr. Deputy returned it to the DMV. Report taken.

Thu., July 16, 8:16 p.m. — Deputy responded to a single-vehicle, non-injury crash in the 30100 block of Fayetteville Dr. Report taken.

TANGENT

Mon., July 13, 2:19 p.m. — Deputies responded to a DHS 307 referral cross report in the 33100 block of Geranium Ln. Investigation ongoing.

Tue., July 14, 4:32 p.m. — A 17-year-old was cited for speeding in the 31600 block of Seven Mile Ln.

Wed., July 15, 9:24 a.m. — Caller reported a female sleeping outside his trailer in the 31900 block of Rolland Dr. The deputy gave her a courtesy ride to Second Hand and lodged a lost key she had found.

12:38 p.m. — Deputies responded to a misuse of a 911 call in the 32200 block of Tangent Dr. The caller was verbally warned.

3:15 p.m. — Deputies responded to a potential sex offense committed in the 33100 block of Geranium Ln. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

Thu., July 16, 3:21 p.m. — Caller reported a semi ran over a stop sign at Tangent Dr. and Seven Mile Ln. Report taken. Road department fixed the sign. ☀

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Community Connection Market Debuts in Brownsville

The inaugural Community Connection Market drew a steady crowd to Pioneer Christian Academy in Brownsville on Friday, July 10, from 4-8 p.m., offering an evening of shopping, food, and fellow-

ship. Created to bring neighbors together while supporting local businesses, the new weekly market featured vendors selling everything from fresh flowers, baked goods, and handcrafted products to artisan teas and candles. Community organizations also participated, connecting visitors with local resources and services as families enjoyed food trucks and a relaxed summer atmosphere. ☀



Innerland Curiosities and Oddities is an authorized seller of popular 3D models from well-known creators. Children and adults were delighted by the articulated animals and mythical creatures on display in a variety of sizes.



Jodee Eickmann and her children came up with the idea for giant cups of freshly squeezed lemonade mixed with tasty ingredients for their family-owned business, Cowboy Squeeze, because they often participate in rodeo events and saw a need during the hot summer events.



Brooke Mendez understands that while many people love to paint, not everyone can create the image they envisioned. At Pink Krafty Bug, you can find cute characters printed on makeup pouches, fabric paint, or large canvas projects, each with a rainbow of small acrylic tubs.



Virgine "Gigi" Madistin shared her passion for inspiring self-love, empowerment, and intentional living, and for brewing artisan tea at her Confident TEA vendor table.



Jamie Ray creates health-conscious, hand-poured soy candles and wax melts with unique scents for Heavenly Delights Candle Co. Her table was filled with great gift ideas. Find out more at <https://tinyurl.com/Heavenlydelights-Candleco>.



Marcella is a wealth of knowledge and, with her husband's help, grows all her flowers and vegetables from certified organic seed. The most surprising bouquet on her table on Friday, July 10, was Incheilium red garlic and lavender blooms.



Located right here in Brownsville, Forks Up Farms showcased handcrafted products, including natural soaps, beard oils, car fresheners, and more!

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