



Rally on the River Celebrates 10 Years of Vintage Memories

By Mikayle Stole, Editor and Publisher

BROWNSVILLE — I pulled my 1963 Aloha trailer into Pioneer Park at 8 a.m. Wednesday, joining dozens of vintage trailer enthusiasts for Rally on the River's 10th anniversary. By the time I packed up Sunday morning, I had been reminded why this gathering has become one of my favorite weekends of the summer.

I attended Brownsville's first Rally on the River in 2016, while I was still living in Eugene. Although I missed a few years, I've returned every summer since 2020, either camping or stopping by to visit friends. What keeps bringing me back isn't just the beautifully restored trailers — it's the community that forms in the shade of the trees in Pioneer Park.

One of the most memorable moments this year came when 9-year-old Kate Wada joined me for a rock-painting class led by official Rally



MIKAYLE STOLE

Vintage trailers fill Pioneer Park during Rally on the River's 10th anniversary, creating a temporary neighborhood that returns to Brownsville each summer.

on the River artist Glenn Dow outside the Flower House. Inside, the historic building had been transformed into a gallery of Dow's colorful paintings featuring many

of the vintage trailers that return to Brownsville each year.

Afterward, Kate, her mom Eva, their dog Cooper, friends Oz and Ocean, and

I escaped the summer heat with a swim in the Calapooia River. Between splashes, the kids searched for tiny ag-

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Tim Foust Brings Friends, New Music to Annual Brownsville Getaway

BROWNSVILLE — Country music fans will once again gather outside Brownsville when Tim Foust hosts his sixth annual Oregon Getaway, Aug. 7–9, featuring concerts, camping, farm-to-table meals, and opportunities to spend time with the performers in a relaxed rural setting.

Tickets are on sale now for the annual event, which this year adds an optional Thursday check-in for campers and welcomes a lineup featuring 80 percent of the members of Home Free — Tim Foust, Rob Lundquist, Adam Chance, and Adam Bastien.

This year's getaway also introduces a unique creative element. Foust and his fellow musicians will spend the week leading up to the event writing new songs together, then debut the music during the weekend's concerts.

Friday night's concert features Rob Lundquist, Ernie Halter, Jeffrey East, and Chris Chatham. Saturday's performers include Adam Chance, The Hound + The Fox, Big Brev,

and The OneUp Duo.

"This is without a doubt my favorite event of the year in one of my favorite places in the world," Foust said. "I cherish the rare opportunity to spend actual, quality time getting to know my supporters, and this year, I'm particularly excited to premiere brand new music for them."

Single-day concert tickets, VIP packages, and camping options are available. Activities throughout the weekend include berry picking, riverside walks, farm-to-table breakfasts, catered dinners, and a farewell jam session Sunday morning. VIP campers will also enjoy exclusive access to a live podcast recording and the filming of a new music video with the artists.

For a limited time, ticket buyers can save 15 percent by using the promotional code TURKEY at checkout.

For tickets, package information, and the complete schedule, visit <https://www.timfoustmusic.com/shows-vip>. 🍷



COURTESY: TIM FOUST

Tim Foust, center, is joined by fellow Home Free members Adam Chance, Adam Bastien, and Rob Lundquist during a recent performance. Four members of the award-winning vocal group will reunite in Brownsville for Tim Foust's sixth annual Oregon Getaway, Aug. 7–9.

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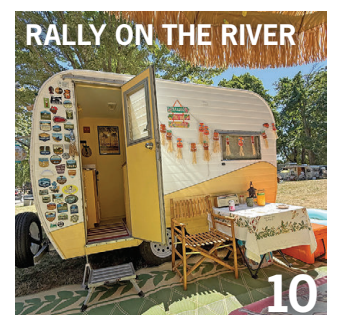
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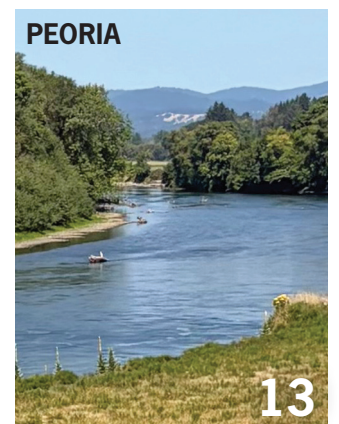
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ONGOING EVENTS

Weekly Block Party Quilting Gathering

Tuesdays • 10:30 a.m.–5 p.m.
Yankee Dutch Quilting, 140 Spaulding Ave., Brownsville
Bring your quilting project and enjoy a day of quilting, conversation, and community. All skill levels are welcome to drop in for fellowship, inspiration, and fun.
<https://www.yankeedutchquilts.com> • 541- 466-3662

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AUGUST EVENTS

ALBANY

River Rhythms Concert Series

Thursdays, July 30 & Aug. 6 • FREE
Food vendors: 5:30 p.m. • Concerts: 7 p.m.
Monteith Riverpark, 489 NW Water Ave.
Albany’s River Rhythms summer concert series continues with **Boy Band Review** on July 30, featuring the biggest pop hits of the 1990s and 2000s, followed by **Iam Tongi**, winner of Season 21 of American Idol, on August 6 with his blend of Hawaiian-influenced folk, pop, and contemporary music. 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>

Carving a Legacy Opening

Friday, Aug. 7 • 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
Albany Regional Museum, 136 Lyon St. SW
Meet local woodcarver Robert Ferguson, explore a new exhibit showcasing his intricate handcrafted works, and enjoy free admission during this special evening.

History Bites: Calapooia Watershed Council

Wednesday, Aug. 12 • Noon
Albany Regional Museum, 136 Lyon St. SW
Bring your lunch and enjoy a presentation exploring the ecology and work of the Calapooia Watershed Council as part of the museum’s History Bites lecture series.
<https://www.armuseum.com/events>

BROWNSVILLE

Junk Art Show: ‘Signs of the Times’

Through 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.
<https://brownsvilleart.org>

CONNECT Linn County Community Dinners

Wednesdays through Aug. 26 • 5:30 p.m. • FREE
Pioneer Park Pavilion
Enjoy a free evening of food, activities, and community at CONNECT Linn County’s weekly community dinners, held every Wednesday through Aug. 26. Everyone is welcome. Upcoming themes include Native American Cultural Encampment (July 29), Create-A-Palooza (Aug. 5), Science Shenanigans (Aug. 12), Barns, Boots and Beyond (Aug. 19), and Last Blast of Summer (Aug. 26).
<https://www.connectlinncounty.net>

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>

Tim Foust’s Oregon Getaway

Friday–Sunday, Aug. 7–9 (optional Thursday check-in available for campers) • Near Brownsville
Spend a weekend of music, camping, great food, and

Free Coffee, Donuts, & Fellowship

Wednesdays • 9:30 a.m.
Central Valley Church, 657 W. American Dr., Halsey (not a church-sponsored event)
Brownsville Thursday Market
Thursdays • 3–6 p.m., 185 S Main St., Brownsville
Across from Dari Market — shop local vendors and learn more about the community market initiative through the Calapooia Food Alliance.
<https://www.calapooiafoodalliance.org>

Community Connection Market

Fridays • 4–8 p.m. • 311 E Blakely Ave. Brownsville
Featuring local vendors, food and food trucks, live music, community resources and organizations, kids’ crafts, and a playground nearby • 541-214-1098

outdoor fun at Tim Foust’s sixth annual Oregon Getaway. Hosted by Home Free’s Tim Foust, this year’s event features Tim Foust, Rob Lundquist, Adam Chance, Adam Bastien, Ernie Halter, Jeffrey East, Chris Chatham, The Hound + The Fox, Big Brev, The OneUp Duo, and more. Guests will enjoy live concerts, farm-to-table meals, berry picking, riverside activities, and the debut of brand-new songs written during a weeklong songwriting retreat. Single-day concert tickets, VIP packages, and camping options are available. Save 15 percent with promo code TURKEY.
<https://www.timfoustmusic.com/shows-vip>

CORVALLIS

SAGE Concert Series

Thursdays, Aug. 6 & 20 • 6–8:30 p.m.
Bruce Starker Arts Park, 4485 SW Country Club Dr.
The 2026 SAGE Concert Series continues with **Big Fir** and **Inner Limits** on Aug. 6, followed by **Pa’lante PDX** on Aug. 20. The family-friendly concerts benefit the Corvallis Environmental Center’s Food for Families Program and Camp Scholarship Program. Bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Guests are encouraged to reduce waste by bringing their own dishes or using reusable dishes available on-site. Concertgoers who bike, walk, carpool, or participate in other eco-friendly activities may receive free raffle tickets for weekly prize drawings. Tickets start at \$10.
<https://www.corvallisenvironmentalcenter.org/concerts>

HALSEY

Spirit of the Valley UMC Ice Cream Social

Saturday, Aug. 1 • 3–6 p.m. • FREE
Spirit of the Valley United Methodist Church
611 W. Third St.
Cool off with homemade, hand-cranked ice cream. Guests can enjoy ice cream, homemade pies, brownies, cowboy stew, hot dogs, and other treats, and may even have the chance to help crank a fresh batch of ice cream. Admission is free, and donations are welcome to support the church’s operating expenses and community outreach programs.
<https://www.facebook.com/SpiritOfTheValleyUMC>

HARRISBURG

Summer Sounds Concert Series

Thursdays, July 30 & Aug. 6 • 5:30–8:30 p.m. • FREE
Riverfront Park Gazebo, First and Smith streets
The Summer Sounds Concert Series continues with **Marcus Brown & Ghost Town** on July 30 and **Candy Apple Bleu** on Aug. 6. Food trucks begin serving at 5:30 p.m., followed by live music at 6:30 p.m. Bring lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy a free evening of music along the Willamette River.
<https://www.tri-countychamber.com>
<https://www.ci.harrisburg.or.us>

National Night Out

Tuesday, Aug. 4 • 5:30–8 p.m. • FREE
Riverfront Park Gazebo
Meet local law enforcement, firefighters, schools, the library, veterans, and community organizations. Enjoy

Jefferson Night Market

First Thursdays • 4–7 p.m. • 150 N. 2nd St., Jefferson
Browse local produce, handmade goods, crafts, food vendors, held monthly through September.
Scio Saturday Market
Saturdays through Sept. 26 • 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
Linn County Lamb & Wool Fairgrounds, 38999 NE 1st Ave.
Local produce, baked goods, crafts, food vendors, live music, and family-friendly entertainment.
<https://www.sciosaturdaymarket.com>

American Legion Bingo Night

Saturdays • 6 p.m.
American Legion Post 184, 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.

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>

LEBANON

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, Aug. 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

TANGENT

Tangent Farmers Market

Saturday, Aug. 8 • 9 a.m.–2 p.m. • FREE
Baxter’s Brew/Riverland Rentals, 33977 OR-99E
Celebrate the last market of the season with dozens of local vendors offering baked goods, flowers, farm products, honey, meats, woodworking, handcrafted goods, home décor, food vendors, and more. Enjoy live music by Nina Zuniga while shopping from local growers, makers, and artisans.
<https://www.facebook.com/tangentfarmersmarket>

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.
541-220-2291

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

Harrisburg Harvest Festival Returns with Two Days of Pulling Action

By Mikayle Stole, Editor and Publisher

HARRISBURG — Powerful tractors, roaring trucks, family activities, and a celebration of agriculture will return to Harrisburg Friday and Saturday, Aug. 7-8, as the Harrisburg Harvest Festival welcomes competitors and spectators from across the Pacific Northwest.



COURTESY: HARRISBURG HARVEST FESTIVAL

Held at 23914 Peoria Road, just north of Harrisburg, the annual event combines truck and tractor pulling with food vendors, a beer garden, a kids' zone, games, live music, and opportunities to meet the drivers. The nonprofit festival also serves a larger purpose by raising awareness of agriculture and supporting local FFA programs and agricultural education through scholarships and equipment funding.

Originally launched in 1982, the event was revived in 2013 by local farmer and business owner Kurt Kayner and has continued to grow. Today, competitors range from local drivers bringing their everyday pickups to professional pulling teams with machines producing more than 1,500 horsepower. Spectators may see everything from vintage tractors to highly modified competition vehicles battling the progressive pulling sled.

Pullers can weigh in from 4-6 p.m. Friday and 1-3 p.m. Saturday. Amateur pulling begins Saturday afternoon, with the featured truck and tractor pulling events taking place at 7 p.m. both evenings.

Friday, Aug. 7

- 4-6 p.m. — Puller weigh in
- 5 p.m. — Gates, beer garden, and vendors open
- 5-7 p.m. — Kids Zone
- 6:30 p.m. — Games on the track
- 7 p.m. — Main truck and tractor pulling events
- 9 p.m. — Meet and greet with pullers
- 11 p.m. — Event closes

Saturday, Aug. 8

- 1-3 p.m. — Puller weigh in
- 3:30 p.m. — Gates, beer garden, vendors, FREE Kids' Zone, and amateur pulling begin
- 5:30 p.m. — Games on the track
- 7 p.m. — Main truck and tractor pulling events
- 9 p.m. — Meet and greet with pullers
- 9 p.m. — Live music by Request
- 11 p.m. — Event closes

The Harrisburg Harvest Festival is organized by a volunteer board and more than two dozen community volunteers. Proceeds help fund scholarships for graduating seniors from Harrisburg, Halsey, Junction City, and Monroe who plan to pursue agriculture or vocational education.

Admission is \$18 for adults, \$13 for seniors and veterans, and \$10 for children ages 4 to 10. Children ages three and younger are admitted free. Admission includes access to food and merchandise vendors, the beer garden, family activities, and two evenings of pulling competition.

For more information, complete schedules, and puller registration visit <https://www.harrisburgharvestfestival.org> or follow them on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/harrisburgharvestfestival>.

ALBANY REGIONAL MUSEUM

Carving a Legacy: The Art of Robert Ferguson

ALBANY — The Albany Regional Museum will celebrate the craftsmanship of local woodcarver Robert Ferguson during its First Friday event on Friday, Aug. 7, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The free evening will introduce "Carving a Legacy: The Art of Robert Ferguson," a new exhibit highlighting Ferguson's intricate woodcarvings and the skill, patience, and artistry behind his work. Visitors will have an opportunity to meet the artist, explore the exhibit, and learn about the techniques that have shaped his decades-long passion for carving.

The exhibit showcases Ferguson's ability to transform ordinary pieces of wood into detailed works of art, preserving both traditional craftsmanship and the stories that inspire his creations. His work reflects the enduring appeal of hand-carved art in an era increasingly dominated by mass production.

First Friday events at the museum offer free admission during the evening and provide an opportunity for the community to experience local art, history, and culture in a relaxed setting. Guests are encouraged to browse the museum's exhibits while celebrating the opening of Ferguson's featured collection.

The Albany Regional Museum is located at 136 Lyon St. SW in downtown Albany. For more information about the exhibit and other upcoming programs, visit <https://www.armuseum.com/events>.



COURTESY: ALBANY REGIONAL MUSEUM

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AUGUST CIVIC CALENDAR

BROWNSVILLE

Library Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, Aug. 13 • 4:30–5:30 p.m.
Brownsville Library, 146 Spaulding Ave., Kirk Room

City Council Meeting – August Recess
The public is welcome to attend. Opportunities for public input are provided at each meeting. Copies of meeting materials and agendas are available at City Hall and online.
<https://www.ci.brownsville.or.us> • 541-466-5880

HALSEY

Planning Commission
Thursday, July 30, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

City Council Meeting
Tuesday, Aug. 11 • 7–9 p.m.

All Meetings: Halsey City Hall, 100 W Halsey St.
Public comment is welcome. Remote attendance via Zoom is available. Agendas and packets are posted at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Please confirm with the city before attending.
<https://halseyor.gov/government> • 541-369-2522

HARRISBURG

City Council Meeting
Tuesday, Aug. 11 • 6:30 p.m.

Planning Commission
Tuesday, August 18 • 7 p.m.

All Meetings: Harrisburg Municipal Center, 354 Smith St.
<https://www.ci.harrisburg.or.us> • 541-995-2200

JEFFERSON

City Council Meeting Work Session
Thursday, Aug. 13 • 6:30 p.m.

City Council Meeting Regular Session
Thursday, August 27 • 6:30 p.m.

Planning Commission
First and Third Thursday as business comes available
All meetings: Jefferson City Hall, 150 N 2nd St
You can view the complete agenda, meeting packet, and Zoom links on the City of Jefferson website.
<https://jeffersonoregon.org/city-council> • 541-327-2768

TANGENT

Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, Aug. 10 • 7 p.m.

Planning Commission
Thursday, Aug. 13 • 7 p.m.

All meetings: Tangent City Hall, 32166 Old Oak Dr.
To attend virtually, email jsamaniego@tangentor.gov before 4 p.m. on the meeting day.
<https://www.tangentor.gov>

Tangent Together Meeting
Thursday, Aug. 20 • 6:30–7:30 p.m.
Tangent Rural Fire District, 32053 Birdfoot Dr.
Tangent Together is a nonprofit organization run by volunteers that organizes citywide events for the public. Anyone is welcome to attend and contribute.
<https://tangenttogether.org>

CENTRAL LINN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, Aug. 10 • 6:30 p.m.

Central Linn Elementary School Conference Room
239 W 2nd St., Halsey
<https://www.centrallinn.k12.or.us> • 541-762-6149

HARRISBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

District 7 Regular School Board Meeting
Wednesday, Aug. 12 • 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Harrisburg High School (Student Resource Center)
400 S 9th St., Harrisburg
Video Call: <https://meet.google.com/ipd-dkfs-kay>
<https://www.harrisburg.k12.or.us> • 541-995-6626

HALSEY CITY COUNCIL

Council Advances Infrastructure Projects, Supports Restaurant Cali License

By Mikayle Stole, Editor and Publisher

HALSEY — The Halsey City Council received updates on several infrastructure projects advancing toward construction at its July 21 meeting, recommended approval of Restaurant Cali’s Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission license application, and approved the city’s 2026–27 administrative wage scale after an executive session.

City Administrator Briana Parra reported that the Department of Environmental Quality completed its initial review of the bid documents for the city’s Inflow and Infiltration project and requested minor revisions. The city submitted the changes and was awaiting final approval. The project is expected to go out for bid during the first week of August.

The H Street improvement project is also nearing completion of the design phase after engineers incorporated additional driveway approaches, stormwater improvements, and repairs to an existing drainage line while the roadway is under construction.

Parra also reported that improvements at the city park are nearly complete. After the city submitted its final report for an Oregon Parks and Recreation Department grant, the state requested a walkway linking the existing park path to the new playground. Remaining grant funds are expected to cover the work, based on quotes ranging from \$4,000 to \$5,000.

Following a June town hall, the council received an update on the city’s Local Wetlands Inventory. Parra said residents expressed concerns about how wetlands regulations could affect property owners and future development. The draft inventory is available on the city’s website, and additional public hearings will be held as the city considers whether amendments are needed to its

comprehensive plan and development regulations. She estimated the process will take another six to nine months.

The city also expects to launch its Safe Routes to School planning effort with the Central Linn School District in August. Consultants will assess traffic patterns and pedestrian safety around local schools and then develop recommendations to guide future transportation improvements.

Council also received its first monthly Planning and Permits report, which outlines current development activity, including the Miller Trust partition, residential construction, and other ongoing permit applications.

During citizen comments, Zane Goodwin submitted a written statement on planning and historic preservation. Because the comment exceeded the city’s speaking limit, staff read an approved summary into the record and included the full statement in the online meeting materials.

As new business, the council unanimously recommended approval of Restaurant Cali’s OLCC license application, allowing the restaurant to continue the state licensing process to offer bottled beer for on-site consumption.

After an executive session to conduct the city administrator’s annual performance evaluation, the council returned to open session and unanimously approved the city’s 2026–27 administrative wage scale. The approved scale increases the city administrator’s salary from \$82,000 to \$86,500, effective retroactively to July 1. The increase reflects the minimum step increase outlined in the administrator’s contract and a 1.4 percent cost-of-living adjustment, or half of the adjustment approved for non-executive employees. ☀

JEFFERSON PLANNING COMMISSION

Commission Reviews State-Mandated Housing Code Changes

By Mikayle Stole, Editor and Publisher

JEFFERSON — The Jefferson Planning Commission continued reviewing state-mandated housing code updates during a July 16 work session, examining proposed changes that would bring the city’s development code into compliance with Oregon law while making local regulations clearer and easier to administer.

Liam Bean, contract planner with the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments (MWVCOG), presented revisions being developed through a 2025–27 Department of Land Conservation and Development Housing Assistance Grant. The proposed updates include new state-required definitions, clearer development tables, and changes to subdivision review procedures. Under the proposal, subdivisions would no longer require Planning Commission approval, although the commission would continue hearing subdivision appeals.

Bean said state law now allows triplexes and quadplexes by right in every zone. Commissioners also reviewed proposed reductions to rear-yard setbacks to five feet and side-yard setbacks to eight or 15 feet, depending on the space needed for Public Utility Easements. Lot dimensions would remain unchanged, while building height would no longer be based on the number of

stories.

Bean and MWVCOG’s Curt Fisher noted that many of the state’s housing requirements were designed for larger metropolitan areas and may not always fit a community the size of Jefferson. Fisher also discussed state affordability requirements that may apply to certain middle housing developments. Both emphasized that the city is working to comply with state law while adapting the code to Jefferson’s needs and reducing ambiguity in the regulations.

Commission members asked questions about affordable housing definitions and other proposed changes before Bean encouraged them to review the draft materials ahead of their next discussion and eventual City Council consideration. Future revisions will include updates to the city’s Public Works Design Standards.

The commission unanimously approved its June 4 meeting minutes. Bean also informed commissioners he will be away for most of August for his wedding. A public hearing on a previously approved permit with requested modifications is scheduled for Aug. 20 upon his return, while another planner will be available to assist the city during his absence earlier in the month. ☀

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners Approve Armory Lease Extension

Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer

ALBANY — The Oregon Military Department will not develop 34 acres of land owned by Linn County on Seven Mile Lane into a regional training facility. Instead, it will renovate its current armory near the Fair & Expo Center, the Linn County Board of Commissioners learned Tuesday morning.

The commissioners approved a Memorandum of Agreement presented by County Administrative Officer Darrin Lane.

Lane said the Military Department's long-term plans have changed, due in part to the cost of developing the site.

The 34 acres are part of a 173-acre tract that the county acquired several years ago, and a portion of which may eventually be developed into a county park.

The first National Guard Armory outside of Portland was built in Linn County in 1910.

The commissioners also signed an Intergovernmental Ground Lease Agreement with the Military Department that extends the \$1 per year lease on the current National Guard facility, which is about five acres at 3800 Knox Butte Road East, for another 40 years.

In other business the commissioners:

- Were told by Linn County Health Officer Dr. Adam Brady that there were 65 births (36 boys and 29 girls) and 115 deaths in June. The deaths included a 103-year-old female and a 104-year-old male. There was one suicide. There were 49 total animal bites.
- Approved collecting the Construction Excise Tax for Greater Albany Public Schools. The tax rate will increase from \$1.67 per square foot to \$1.70 per square foot for residential structures and from 84 cents per square foot for non-residential buildings to 85 cents per square foot.
- Were informed that the Health Department staff completed 32 food service inspections in June and have completed 571 inspections year-to-date compared to 617 inspections the previous year-to-date.
- Approved a First-Time Youth Wage Grant with Dairy Queen of Albany. ☼

Solar Powered Farmhouse with EV Charger

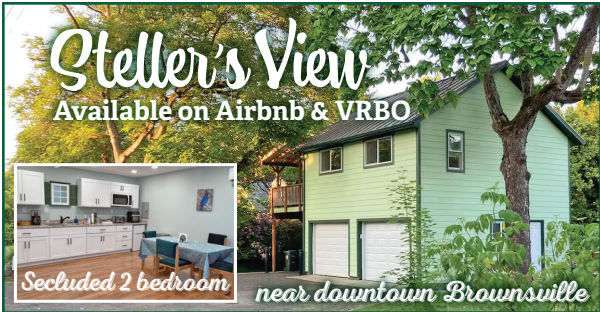
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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Growing Stronger Together

By Mikayle Stole, Publisher & Editor

When we relaunched The Times of the Central Willamette Valley last year, our goal was simple: to provide reliable, community-focused journalism that reflects the people and places we call home.

Since then, we've grown far beyond what we imagined. Under the newly restored name, The Times has expanded our coverage area, welcomed hundreds of new subscribers, added writers and volunteers, regained our ability to publish legal notices, and earned recognition for excellence in newspaper design. None of that would have been possible without you — our readers, advertisers, donors, volunteers, and community partners.

Today, we're excited to share another milestone.

The Times has been selected to participate in the GNI 2026 State News Sustainability Accelerators, an eight-month leadership program funded by the Google News Initiative (GNI) and administered by Blue Engine. The program brings together 60 local news organizations from California, Florida, New York, Oregon, and Virginia to learn from industry leaders and strengthen the future of community news.

If you're wondering how this affects your daily paper, the short answer is: only for the better. Everything you've come to expect from The Times stays the same — your local coverage isn't going anywhere. But behind the scenes, we are investing in the skills, technology, and strategies to build a stronger, more resilient newsroom.

The program focuses on four key areas: understanding our audience, building financial sustainability, improving technology and products, and strengthening our organization. Those efforts may not sound exciting, but they're the foundation of a healthy local newspaper. Strong organizations can better serve their communities, weather challenges, and continue reporting local news.

One of the most rewarding parts of the program has already been connecting with other Oregon news organizations. We're working closely with McKenzie River Reflections, the Tillamook County Pioneer, Willamette Week, Eugene Weekly, Columbia INSIGHT, Oregon Coast TODAY!, KBOO Community Radio, and Jefferson Public Radio, sharing ideas about what's working, discussing common challenges, and learning from one another's experiences. While each newsroom serves a different community, we're united by the same mission: providing trustworthy local journalism.

What excites me most is that this isn't about changing who we are. It's about becoming even better at telling the stories that connect neighbors, celebrate our communities, and preserve the history we're creating every day.

Every new idea we bring home, every improved workflow we create, and every lesson we learn has one purpose: helping us tell your stories even better. Because that's what local journalism is about. It's about making sure the people, places, and moments that shape our communities are remembered — not just today, but for generations to come.

Thank you for believing in The Times of the Central Willamette Valley. Whether you subscribe, advertise, volunteer, donate, send us story ideas, or simply pick up the paper each week, you're helping ensure that community journalism continues to thrive here. This opportunity belongs as much to you as it does to us, and we're excited to continue growing together. ☼

J.FUSION Studio, JC Jimenez Quality Homes to Celebrate Grand Opening

SWEET HOME — Two growing local businesses will celebrate a new chapter with a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday, July 31, at their shared location in downtown Sweet Home.

The Sweet Home Chamber of Commerce will host the celebration at 3:30 p.m. at 401 Main St., Suite C. The public is invited to attend, tour the new space, meet the owners, and learn more about the businesses and the services they provide.

J.FUSION Studio, owned by photographer and creative entrepreneur Jerusalem Jimenez, is expanding from its work as J.FUSION Media into a dedicated portrait studio. The new studio offers personal branding photography, professional headshots, family and couples portraits, graduation and birthday sessions, and creative portrait photography.

Sharing the new location is JC Jimenez Quality Homes, a family-owned construction company that has served Sweet Home, Brownsville, and surrounding communities for the past four years. Backed by more than 20 years of industry experience, the company specializes in framing, foundations, decks, remodels, and residential and commercial construction projects.

The shared office represents a milestone for both businesses. For J.FUSION Studio, it provides a dedicated professional photography space designed to help clients tell their stories through meaningful images. For JC Jimenez Quality Homes, the office creates a welcoming place to meet with clients while supporting the company's continued growth.

The Times has been proud to count JC Jimenez Quality Homes among its advertisers since the newspaper's relaunch, and plans to return after the ribbon cutting for a follow-up story highlighting the event and the business's newest milestone.

The grand opening begins at 3:30 p.m. Friday, July 31, at 401 Main St., Suite C, in Sweet Home. The event is free and open to the public. ☼

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Hard Work, Hard Goodbyes, Strong Community

Linn County Fair livestock auction rewards months of dedication from local 4-H and FFA youth

By Marcy Hermens, Staff Writer and Tangent Correspondent

ALBANY — The Linn County Fair 4-H/FFA Livestock Auction on July 18, 2026, closed out a year of early mornings, late-night feedings, and countless hours in the barn for local youth — and once again, the community showed up to prove that hard work doesn't go unnoticed.

A total of 381 animals were listed for sale this year, representing lambs, chickens, beef, turkeys, hogs, rabbits, and goats that met the qualifications required for the sale ring. Not every animal exhibited at the fair makes the cut for auction — some don't meet sale qualifications, though they're still eligible to show in other classes. For the 381 animals that did qualify, Saturday marked the final step in a project that started many, many months ago.

Talk to enough of these young exhibitors, and a common thread emerges: saying goodbye is hard, but the experience is worth it.

Peyton Gaskey, who shows sheep for JR Farms 4-H, is in her ninth year in the program. This year her sheep carried the "bred and owned" designation — a special recognition given when an exhibitor's animal is born and raised from their own breeding stock, rather than purchased, meaning Peyton had a hand in her project from before the lamb even hit the ground.

"I'm proud to show my own sheep," Peyton said. "It's hard to sell, but I've learned a lot over the years. I have lots of fun going to fair with my 4-H friends."

Elle Glaser, of Greenback 4-H, has been showing livestock for more than a decade, starting with sheep before moving into beef at age 8. For Elle, the program has shaped far more than her project record.

"Participating in 4-H is character building as it prepares you for real-life experiences," Elle said. "You learn humility and understanding that everything has its place in life. It's hard to sell because we get attached to our animals, but it is worth it."

That mix of pride, hard lessons, and heartfelt goodbyes plays out in the sale ring every single year — and every year, the buyers show up right alongside them.

Local businesses have made it a tradition to bid well above market value, a deliberate show of belief in these young people and the programs that guide them. During just a small segment of Saturday's auction, "SOLD" rang out again and again for buyers including Riverland Rental, Farmland Tractor Supply, JTI Supply, Coastal Farm, Ram Trucking, Les Schwab, and Pimm Farms, among many others.

It's a partnership that repeats year after year: young people who pour themselves into raising an animal with integrity, and a community that turns out to make sure that effort is rewarded. Our community has much to be proud of — in both our local youth and the local businesses that back them. ☺



MARCY HERMENS

Peyton Gaskey of JR Farms 4-H poses with her bred-and-owned market lamb before it entered the sale ring at the Linn County Fair Livestock Auction.



MARCY HERMENS

Khaidyn Patterson-Ramsey of Central Linn High School FFA presents a market lamb during the Linn County Youth Livestock Auction on July 18 at the Linn County Fair.



JOHNNA NEAL

Jayne Neal poses with her market lamb during the 2026 Linn County Fair Livestock Show before the Linn County Youth Livestock Auction.



MARCY HERMENS

Elle Glaser of Greenback 4-H stands with her market steer during the 2026 Linn County Fair. Glaser has participated in 4-H for more than a decade and says the program teaches responsibility, humility, and perseverance.

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From Slavery to Main Street: Minor Jackson's Brownsville Legacy

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer and Columnist

When Minor Jackson arrived in Brownsville in 1877, he brought with him a life story shaped by slavery, freedom, and determination.

Jackson was born in Alabama around 1851 and spent his early years enslaved. He was still a child when the Civil War began, and in 1864, at the age of 13, he enlisted in the Union Army. He was just 14 years old when slavery ended in the United States. In his mid-20s, he traveled west to Oregon. He spent his last 50 cents on train fare from Halsey to Brownsville, where he began building a new life.

His move required courage. Although Oregon entered the Union as a free state, its original constitution included exclusionary laws intended to prevent Black people from living in the state. Despite those barriers, Jackson opened and operated a barbershop for many years. In those days, a barbershop was more than a place for a haircut or shave. It was a gathering place where residents shared news, discussed local events, and visited with neighbors. Jackson's shop also had the only bathtub in Brownsville where you could get a bath for 25 cents.

He is remembered for a funny story. According to the tale, a neighbor kept chickens beside Jackson's barbershop. Jackson attached a baited hook and fishing line to a pole and lowered it over the fence. When the chicken took the bait, he pulled it over, killed and cleaned it, then placed it in a pot to cook while he went out. The neighbor found out, removed the chicken from the pot, and replaced it with a pair of old, dirty socks. Jackson returned home expecting a chicken dinner and instead found the socks cooking on the stove.

Jackson married Lillian Burton and raised a family. Their daughter, Wilma, was born in Brownsville in 1891. Census records continued to list Jackson as a barber for many years.

His barbershop and home were located together in Brownsville near where the library stands today. In July 1919, a major fire swept through several blocks of town,



Minor Jackson's first barbershop on Spaulding Ave. served as both a gathering place and the town's only public bathhouse, where residents could get a bath for 25 cents.

destroying businesses and homes. Jackson's property was among those lost. He had reportedly allowed his insurance policy to expire shortly before the fire.

Jackson later moved with family members to Los Angeles, where he died Sept. 27, 1925.

Today, his checkerboard and checkers are preserved at the Linn County Historical Museum. The objects provide a personal connection to a man who rose from slavery, crossed the country with almost nothing and became a respected Brownsville businessman.



Minor Jackson stands outside his new barbershop, which operated for decades as a place for haircuts, shaves, conversation, and the town's only public baths.



Minor Jackson built a new life in Brownsville after arriving in 1877 with just 50 cents. Born into slavery in Alabama, he became a longtime barber and respected businessman whose legacy remains part of the town's history.



Minor Jackson, seated at lower left, poses with friends in Brownsville. Standing are George Rice, Jim Wilson, and Herbert Lerwill. Seated are Minor Jackson, Columbus Rice, and Clarence Lerwill.



Minor Jackson's original checkerboard and checkers are preserved by the Linn County Historical Museum, offering a personal connection to one of Brownsville's earliest Black business owners.



Minor Jackson's son, Harry Jackson, poses with his 1903 Rambler, which he later used as a taxi in Brownsville.



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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 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.

The Page Turners Book Club
Wednesday, August 19 • 7 p.m. • Kirk Room

Library Hours: Closed Sun–Mon.
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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
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- July 31 — Storytime and make-and-take seed bombs
- Aug. 7 — Carnival

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

Library Hours: Tue 1–5 p.m.; Wed 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
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Levi Hill joined Brownsville Library volunteer Carol Humphries for a pollinating game to learn more about the life of bees.

BOOKS TO CONSIDER

Finding a Friend in Letters

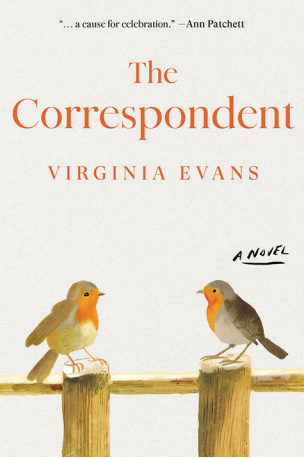
By Nancy Diltz, Staff Writer and Columnist

Mark Twain wrote books consisting solely of diary entries (“Adam’s Diary” and subsequently “Eve’s Diary”) as well as a book based largely on personal letters that serves as a travelogue, “The Innocents Abroad.” Many authors have used this epistolary format (written as a series of documents) to write both fiction and nonfiction works, such as “The Diary of Anne Frank,” Bram Stoker’s “Dracula,” and even “Bridget Jones’s Diary” by Helen Fielding.

Using only diary and journal entries, letters, and newspaper articles, without third-person narration, allows the reader a unique personal involvement and immersion in the life of each character.

I recently read an epistolary project published in 2025 by Virginia Evans titled “The Correspondent.” Criticism and praise for this book are roughly balanced in the media. I think the format (all letter writing) and the main character (a 73-year-old woman, Sybil Van Antwerp) may not seem appealing to some readers at first glance. Letter-writing is quickly becoming obsolete, or at least ‘old-fashioned.’ (Though, to be fair, Sybil does occasionally email as well.)

The reader is required to follow along, reading Sybil’s private letters to family members, friends, and businesses, even to authors such as Larry



McMurtry, the author of “Lonesome Dove.” Through Sybil’s letters and the replies she receives, her life and personality are revealed in this book.

One criticism of the book is that a reader felt Sybil was a cantankerous, uninteresting old woman. I personally found her quite different: a woman bravely facing old age; a complex and engaging woman who is formidable, keenly intelligent, and broken by guilt she only begins to come to terms with toward the end of her life.

Sybil is a character I doubt I will ever forget. I admired her more and more as I read this book, and I appreciated her complexity, revealed slowly, letter by letter, throughout the story.

Toward the end of “The Correspondent,” I found myself absolutely unwilling for it to end. Sybil had become a friend, and I was sad to have to walk away from her many revelations and her unique insight into life.

This is a book I highly recommend, though media reviews remain quite mixed. You can see for yourself how you feel about Sybil and her life. I encourage you to give it a try! It now has a place on my top 10 favorite books list.

Available at The Brownsville Library. 🌻

BROWNSVILLE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Summer Reading Program is Buzzing!

By Sherri Lemhouose, Brownsville Librarian

On July 30, we will be going to seed! Mrs. Chandra is our guest reader, starting at 4 p.m. Afterward, we will decorate small garden pots to plant seeds in. Bring your stuffed animals and register them for the 3rd Annual Stuffed Animal Sleepover in the Library (stuffed animals only — no children will stay overnight).

Friday, July 31, at 11 a.m., Story Time is a great time to pick up your stuffer, followed by a free craft. If you can’t make Story Time, feel free to pick them up by 5 p.m. on July 31!

We will draw two names for prize baskets on July 30 and again during Story Time on July 31. Keep reading and bringing in your reading logs! Congratulations to our prize winners so far: Felicity Unruh, Owen Leach, Eunice Henshaw, Harvey Glenn, Kate Wada, and Georgia Glenn.

On July 23, we caught the buzz as we zoomed into the wonderful world of Oregon bees! Student volunteers from the University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History joined us at the Brownsville Library to lead an exciting session filled with discussions, crafts, and games. Did you know our state has more than 500 species? We discovered mason, cuckoo, mining, longhorn, and honeybees through hands-on science fun and buzz-worthy activities. What mighty mini-beasts bees are! Bee amazed!

This program was sponsored by the Brownsville Women’s Study Club. The library appreciates the club’s dedication to our programs and local children. 🌻

Student volunteers from the University of Oregon demonstrated the worker bee’s daily tasks with Linn County youth on July 23.



By making a bug eye craft, Owen Leach can see through many lenses like a bee.



Sherri Lemhouose

‘Stand By Oregon’ Trailer Debuts Online

A trailer for “Stand By Oregon,” a documentary celebrating Brownsville’s enduring connection to the 1986 film “Stand By Me,” is now available online.



Produced by Eli Pyke of Alpenglow Films, the documentary features Brownsville residents Allen Buzzard and Michael Worthing, along with local boys Ezra DeVylde of Tangent as Gordy Lachance and Jeremiah Schones of Shedd as Chris Chambers, as they recreate memorable scenes from the classic coming-of-age film. The documentary premiered during Brownsville’s 40th annual Stand By Me Day celebration on July 25 with screenings throughout the day in Pioneer Park. The trailer offers a preview of the documentary while audiences await the full film’s release. Watch the trailer online at <https://vimeo.com/1212213211>.

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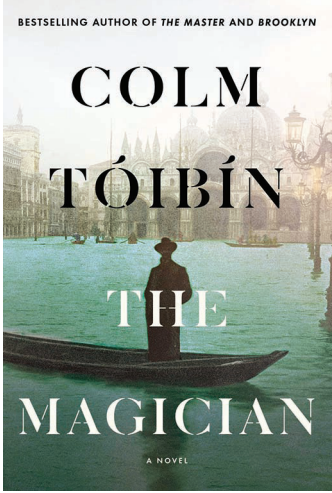
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THE TURNING PAGES BOOK CLUB Embedded But Apart: Thomas Mann As Observer of Life

By Holly Arrow, Book Club member

The Turning Pages Book Club met on July 15 at the Brownsville Library to discuss “The Magician” by Colm Tóibín, which recounts the life of German writer Thomas Mann (1875-1955). Five attended.

Mann’s life spanned a hugely eventful period covering both World War I and II. His large family also provided no shortage of drama, from the political and artistic activities of his siblings and six children to the dangers posed by the Jewish heritage of his wife’s wealthy Protestant family when Hitler took power. This seemed like promising material for a highly engaging book.

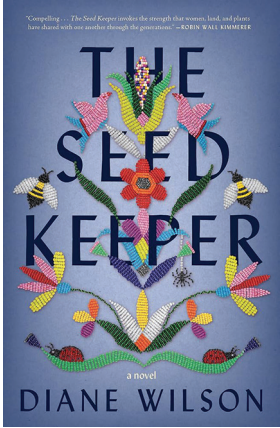


Yet that was not our experience as readers. The writing is very understated, and the machinery of fiction normally used to connect readers emotionally with the protagonist is missing. Why? One theory is that Tóibín cared more about portraying Mann accurately than casting him in a sympathetic light, and one of Mann’s notable traits was his stance as an observer, someone who noticed and recorded how people behaved rather than judging or reacting. This made it difficult to get immersed in the story, and several book club readers sputtered out and quit before historical events had a chance to draw them in.

Fortunately, finishing the book was not an obstacle to a lively conversation, primarily about historical events, including things we knew and didn’t know (lots of the latter) about the history of Germany/Prussia/Bavaria before the period covered in the book. The marked cultural divide between the Northern Protestant and Southern Catholic parts of what had become Germany by Mann’s time was something we hadn’t known about. The character of Mann’s marriage was also intriguing, given that Mann was a closeted homosexual, something his wife was aware of before they married and produced six children.

After a break for treats, members shared other books we had recently read. These included “Death Comes for the Archbishop” by Willa Cather, Nell Giddin’s series of mysteries featuring an American who settles in a French village, and two books about logging and sasquatch relations by local Brownsville writer David Mackey.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 19, in the Brownsville Library’s Kirk Room (entrance around the side), starting at 7 p.m. We will discuss “The Seed Keeper” by Diane Wilson, which follows a Dakota family’s struggle to preserve their way of life. Copies are available to check out at the library, and everyone is welcome to join.



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Tiny Tots Story Time

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Summer Reading Club ‘Plant a Seed, Read’

Thursdays, July 9 to August 13 • 12:30 p.m.
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Weekly educational and interactive presentations for children and families.

- Aug. 6 — Museum of Natural and Cultural History presents “Bee Amazed!”
- Aug. 13 — The Oregon Reptile Man

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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.

- August 1 – Museum of Natural and Cultural History
- August 8 – Ice Cream Party!

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RALLY *continued from cover*



Vintage trailers glow beneath the trees during one of Rally on the River's most popular evening traditions.

ates along the riverbank — the kind of simple adventure that seems to happen naturally during Rally week.

As darkness fell over Pioneer Park, campers switched on strings of colorful lights for Night Glow, transforming the campground into a sparkling display of chrome, neon, and nostalgia.

Among the weekend's biggest surprises was Mingo, a music bingo game that had campers testing their musical memories instead. Familiar 1960s hits had the pavilion singing, laughing, and cheering as players raced to complete their cards.

Of course, Rally on the River is just as much about the characters as about the campers.



Kate Wada proudly displays two of the rocks she painted during a Wednesday morning art activity led by Rally on the River's official artist, Glenn Dow.



Oz and Ocean enjoy Friday's pancake breakfast, one of many activities offered during the week.

One campsite featured two goats, Georgia and her young son, along with a pair of rabbits. After Wednesday night's downpour, campers joked that the goats had everyone worried with their loud complaints about the rain.

Children spent the week exactly as children should — riding bicycles through camp, coloring T-shirts, bowling, swimming in the Calapooia, racing homemade potato cars, roasting s'mores, and making new friends.

Saturday brought even more activity as Rally coincided with Brownsville's Citywide Garage Sale. Some campers held sales outside their trailers, while others spent the morning exploring yard sales throughout town in search of vintage treasures to decorate their campers.

The public open house later that morning welcomed visitors inside dozens of beautifully restored trailers, including one of only 200 special-edition 1962 Seattle World's Fair Aloha trailers ever built.



After spending five days surrounded by vintage trailers, campfires, music, and old and new friends, it became clear once again that Rally on the River isn't really about trailers.

It's about the people who return year after year, bringing a little nostalgia — and a lot of community — to Brownsville. 🌻

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One of only 200 Seattle World's Fair Aloha trailers built in 1962 was on display during the public open house.

CENTRAL LINN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Central Linn has received bids for CTE building interior construction

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer and Columnist

HALSEY — The Central Linn School District sought qualified contractors to complete interior construction of its new Career and Technical Education (CTE) building at Central Linn High School.

The project, identified as Invitation to Bid No. 26-02, called for a comprehensive build-out of the building's downstairs area at 32433 Highway 228 in Halsey. The planned work includes construction of interior walls, restrooms, plumbing, office and classroom spaces, electrical infrastructure and heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems designed to handle heavy shop use. It also calls for general ventilation, a dedicated welding exhaust system, and a dust collection system for the woodshop. The selected contractor will be responsible for filing and paying applicable planning and building permit fees.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting and walk-through was held July 20 at Central Linn High School. Questions regarding the invitation to bid were due July 21. Completed bids were due by 2 p.m. Monday, July 27. Late or faxed bids were not accepted.

The district anticipates issuing a notice of award on or around Aug. 3. Construction is expected to begin Aug. 11, with substantial completion required by Dec. 31.

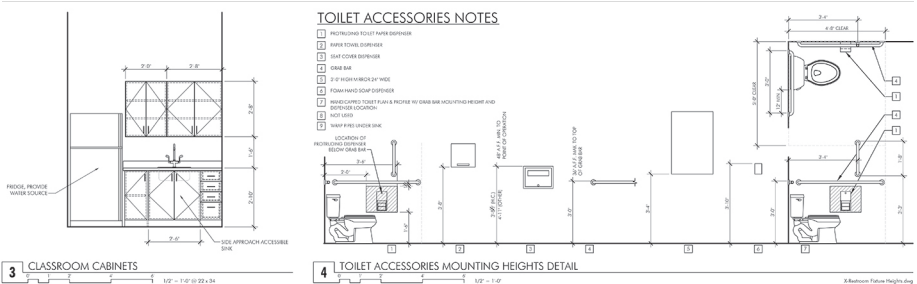
Bids are being evaluated based on overall cost, which accounted for 50 percent of the score. Experience with similar construction projects accounted for 25 percent, and experience working with small, rural school districts accounted for the remaining 25 percent.

The project is subject to Oregon prevailing wage requirements. The successful contractor and subcontractors must file public works bonds before beginning work. Contractors must also meet district insurance requirements and ensure that employees and subcontractors working at the school pass required background checks. 🌀



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The new Career and Technical Education building at Central Linn High School is moving into its next phase as the school district seeks a contractor to complete the interior build-out.



Architectural elevations illustrate the planned kitchen cabinetry and restroom fixtures included in the interior build-out of Central Linn High School's new Career and Technical Education building.



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CENTRAL LINN RECREATION ASSOCIATION

CLRA Cobra Girls Slay on the Diamond

BROWNSVILLE — The Central Linn Recreation Association (CLRA) softball season proved that when a community steps up, magic happens on the diamond — turning new players into rockstar teammates and every game into a celebration of heart and hustle.

This season featured two third- and fourth-grade squads representing CLRA Sports: the Red Team, coached by CLRA Softball Director Ashley Johnson and Assistant Coach Eva Wada, and the Blue Team, led by Coach Ryan Geider. Parent initiative was key to launching the division. When early numbers were uncertain, Assistant Coach Eva Wada rallied to recruit players. “24 hours later, CLRA President Ashley Moore sent me a message: ‘Whoa Mama Bear! You can stop now. We have enough for two teams!’” Wada recalled. “I agreed to step up as an Assistant Coach to ensure my daughter had a team, and it turned out to be the best decision I made all year. The girls were so kind and encouraging, and now my daughter has a huge group of friends that are like sisters.”

The teams spent nearly a month practicing across Halsey Park, Pioneer Park, and Central Linn Junior High School. Early practices brought both laughter and learning curves — like players hitting the ball and forgetting where to run — making basic skills and teamwork Director Ashley Johnson’s top priority.

Once games began in late May, family members routinely drove an hour or more to cheer on standout plays. For the Red Team, third grader Ingrid Walton from Holly Elementary School caught a fly ball and instinctively tossed it to sec-

ond base to complete their first double play. The team’s hard work paid off in a major way on June 24 against Sweet Home, when Harper Massey caught a game-ending fly ball to seal a thrilling victory — their most satisfying, and only, win of the season.

The Blue Team — affectionately dubbed “The Pickles” — finished with a strong 6–4 record. “Maya Geider (AKA Magoo) was our rockstar catcher and made our only double play,” noted Coach Geider. “Charlotte Carrier (AKA Char) was our strong-arm pitcher with several strikeouts. Our players made huge improvements this year.”

In the upper division, the fifth- and sixth-grade CLRA Cobras showed impressive dedication. “The entire team grew in their athletic abilities, basic softball skills, and learned how to be good teammates,” said Head Coach Russell Utley. “We wish our graduating sixth graders — Lydia, Ali, Reagan and McKenna — good luck in Middle School ball!”

With softball wrapped up, registration is open for fall volleyball, football, soccer and cheer. Fall volleyball closes Aug. 21 as CLRA joins the Boys & Girls Club of Lebanon and Sweet Home league. Scholarships are available, and volunteer coaches are needed for all sports. Inquiries can be directed to president@clrasports.org.

RIGHT: Sutton Conley pitching for the 2026 5/6 grade CLRA softball team.



Left to Right: Macy, Katherine, Lainey, Hayden, and Meredith played T-Ball together this spring.

BELOW: Left to right: Sloan, Ingrid, Kate, Alexys, Reya, Avery, and Harper prepare for their first 3/4 Red Team home game in the CLJH Cobra dugout.



ABOVE: #1 Vivian Miller, #14 Henley McCord, and #11 Avery Morrow smile big in the Cobra dugout while waiting to bat.

Maci Gaskey (left) and Sawyer Hilpert (right) played on the CLRA 3/4grade Blue team under Coach Ryan Geider.



CENTRAL LINN HIGH SCHOOL

Free Sports Physicals and Early Registration Set for Aug. 7

Central Linn High School will host free sports physicals for student-athletes on Friday, Aug. 7, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Physicals will be available from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Central Linn High School, 32433 Hwy 228, Halsey. The event also offers families the opportunity to complete early sports registration for the upcoming school year.

Students unable to attend on Aug. 7 will have another opportunity to register for sports at the Back-to-School Jamboree on Aug. 18.

The free physicals and registration are intended to help student-athletes prepare for the fall sports season before practices start.

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PAST TIMES

From Brownsville to Albany: The Story of Linn County's Courthouses

By Daniel R. Murphy, Staff Writer and Columnist

The governmental heart of Linn County has been housed in four courthouses since the county was established in 1847. The first was a school building in Brownsville, the county's original seat. After the county seat moved to Albany in 1853, a wooden courthouse was built there, but it was destroyed by a massive flood.

The third courthouse, built by the Monteith brothers in 1865, stood at the northeast corner of the current courthouse grounds at Fourth and Ferry streets. It was expanded and remodeled in 1890 and again in 1900, giving it its distinctive Romanesque Revival and Victorian appearance before it was replaced.

Construction of Linn County's fourth — and current — courthouse began in 1939, when the cornerstone was laid and Broadalbin Street was vacated between Fourth and Fifth streets. The building was completed the following year.

The current courthouse, completed in 1940, reflects the Neoclassical Revival style, with its symmetrical design and formal appearance characteristic of many government buildings of the era. With the exception of the west wing added in 1965–66, the exterior remains much as it did when it opened.

Originally, the ground floor housed county offices, including the clerk's and sheriff's offices. The second floor housed additional county offices, such as the commissioners' and county treasurer's offices.

The third floor housed the circuit court (now Courtroom 1) at the far east end, the district court (now Courtroom 5), and the district attorney's office on the building's north side. Court records were stored in other areas of the third floor.

When first built, the courthouse had no public-access elevator, only a freight elevator used to move prisoners brought in from the jail. A new full-service elevator was added during the 1965 addition.

When the courthouse was completed in 1940, the jail was a small brick building located immediately southwest of the south entrance to the courthouse. Not long after the courthouse was

completed, the jail was added to the top floor. Those rooms are now used for county and state storage.

County and court needs soon outgrew the building's capacity. Additional judges were approved, and county offices expanded. In 1965–66, an addition was built at the building's west end. It housed county offices, including environmental health and the surveyor, on the north side. On the south side was the court records office: Room 108.

When the 1965 addition was completed, a small restaurant was built in the basement. That shop operated on and off throughout the years. For many years, it was operated by Kitty and her sister, Lucy.

In the 1980s, the third floor underwent considerable remodeling. Additional changes followed in the 1990s. The sheriff's office was relocated to the "new" jail on Jackson Street. The district attorney moved downstairs and took over the space vacated by the sheriff's office.

The law library was moved from the third floor to the Hurd building, two blocks north of the courthouse at 3rd and Broadalbin Streets. New courtrooms — Courtrooms 2 and 3 — were added, and Courtroom 4 was remodeled. The space freed by the District Attorney's departure became Courtroom 6, along with its chambers and jury room. The sheriff retained space on the third floor to create the civil sheriff's office and a small holding cell. A jury room was also carved out of that space, Jury Room 6.

The building has significant historical value because every criminal and civil trial held in Linn County was held at this location, with one exception: a trial held at the county fairgrounds during COVID. Additionally, generations of county commissioners have made countless important decisions for the people of Linn County from offices in this building.

For more than a decade, county officials have discussed expanding or replacing the courthouse. Regardless of its future, the building remains a significant historical landmark. Courtroom 1, especially, has been the site of swearing-in ceremonies for dozens of county and state officials.



The third Linn County Courthouse, completed in 1865, served as the county seat for 75 years before being replaced in 1940. This 1905 photograph by Florence I. Haynes shows its distinctive clock tower and Victorian architecture.

From its beginnings in a Brownsville schoolhouse to the stately courthouse that stands in Albany today, Linn County's courthouses reflect the county's growth and changing needs. Though discussions about future expansion continue, the current courthouse remains one of the county's most enduring landmarks and a reminder of the generations who have passed through its doors.

Editor's Note: Daniel R. Murphy served as a Linn County deputy district attorney from 1988 to 1995 and as a Linn County Circuit Court judge from 1995 to 2019. He has continued to serve as a senior judge since 2019. His decades in the Linn County Courthouse provide a firsthand perspective on the building's history and evolution.

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The current and fourth Linn County Courthouse, completed in 1940, replaced Albany's ornate 1865 courthouse, which had served the county for 75 years. Designed in the Neo-Classical Revival style, the courthouse remains the center of Linn County government and still stands on the same downtown Albany site.



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Peoria: From River Port to Quiet Community

By Allen L. Buzzard, Guest Contributor



The Willamette River flows past Peoria, where sternwheelers once carried grain, livestock, and other agricultural products to market. River commerce helped the community prosper before the arrival of the railroad shifted trade elsewhere.

PEORIA — Peoria is a small, unincorporated community on the east bank of the Willamette River in Linn County, along Peoria Road between Harrisburg and Corvallis. Though quiet today, it was once a thriving river community.

Settlers arrived around 1851, and a post office soon opened under the name Burlington. In 1857, early settlers renamed the town Peoria after Peoria, Illinois, reflecting the common pioneer practice of bringing familiar place names west.

By 1875, Peoria was flourishing. Four grain warehouses served area farmers, and the local school enrolled about 60 students. Much of the town's prosperity stemmed from river commerce, with sternwheelers carrying grain, livestock, and

other agricultural products along the Willamette River.

Peoria's fortunes changed, however, when the Oregon and California Railroad rerouted transportation and commerce to communities along the rail line, including Shedd and Halsey. As trade shifted away from the river, Peoria gradually declined. The post office closed in 1900, marking the end of the town's most prosperous era.

Today, Peoria remains a quiet reminder of Oregon's riverboat days. A public boat launch and picnic area at Peoria Park, a handful of homes, and the historic church at 29369 Abraham Drive — now Riverside Christian Fellowship and formerly known as Peoria Bible Church — are among the community's remaining landmarks. ☼

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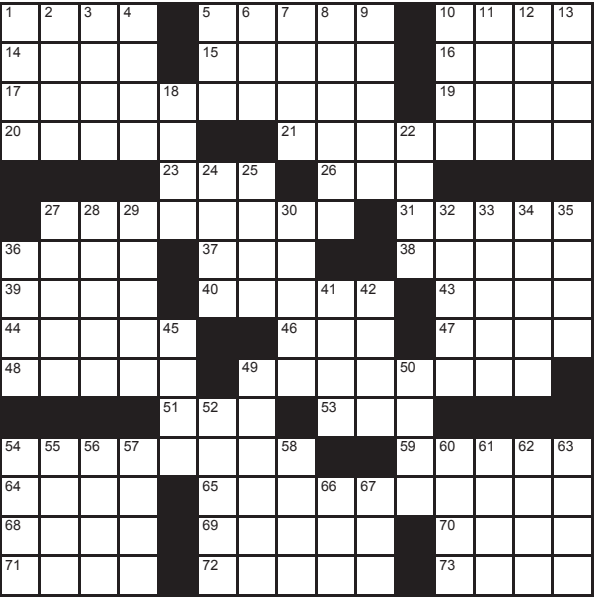


Riverside Christian Fellowship, formerly known as Peoria Bible Church, is one of the few historic landmarks remaining in Peoria. The church, located at 29369 Abraham Drive, reflects the community's long history along the Willamette River.



A sign marks the entrance to Peoria Park, a Linn County park that offers river access, a picnic area, and a boat launch. The park is one of the few public reminders of Peoria's once-thriving riverfront community.

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Halsey Church Invites Community to Annual Ice Cream Social

Nothing says summer quite like homemade, hand-cranked ice cream.

Spirit of the Valley United Methodist Church will host its annual Ice Cream Social on Saturday, Aug. 1, from 3 to 6 p.m. at the church, 611 W. Third St. in Halsey.



Young volunteers help churn homemade ice cream in preparation for Spirit of the Valley United Methodist Church’s annual Ice Cream Social. The community is invited to enjoy homemade ice cream and other treats from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, at the church in Halsey. Photo courtesy of Spirit of the Valley United Methodist Church.

The free community event features homemade ice cream churned the old-fashioned way, along with pies, brownies, cowboy stew, hot dogs, and other treats. Visitors are even invited to take a turn cranking the ice cream maker, giving children and adults alike a chance to experience a traditional summertime activity.

While admission is free, donations are appreciated. Proceeds help support the church’s operating expenses and community outreach programs.

The annual social has long been a summer tradition for many local families, offering an afternoon of homemade food, fellowship, and a chance to connect with neighbors.

For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/SpiritOfTheValleyUMC>.



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Available Positions: One (1) Mayor, and three (3) Council Seats. All positions serve four-year terms beginning January 1, 2027 and expiring December 31, 2030.

Candidates must be an elector and must have resided within the City of Brownsville during twelve (12) months prior to being elected. Election paperwork and information for those interested in running for office may be obtained during regular business hours at City Hall, 255 N. Main Street, Brownsville, OR. Petitions must be filed with the City on or before 4:30 p.m. PST, Friday, August 14, 2026.

S. Scott McDowell, Administrator

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Workers Can Use Paid Leave Oregon to Care for Loved Ones with Alzheimer's

SALEM — Oregon workers who need time off to care for a family member with Alzheimer's disease may qualify for benefits under Paid Leave Oregon, according to the Oregon Employment Department.

Paid Leave Oregon allows eligible workers to take paid time off to care for a family member with a serious health condition, including Alzheimer's disease. Leave may be taken in full weeks or in one-day increments, depending on the family's needs.

"Paid Leave Oregon recognizes that caregiving is not one-size-fits-all," said Juan Serratos, director of Paid Leave Oregon. "For some families, care may mean taking full weeks away from work. For others, it may mean taking a day at a time for appointments, safety needs, or changes in care. As the disease progresses, care needs change. Paid Leave is designed to help eligible workers take the time they need when a serious health condition affects someone they love."

According to the state, about 79,000 Oregonians age 65 and older are living with Alzheimer's disease, while an estimated 188,000 family caregivers provide about 291 million hours of unpaid care each year.

Covered caregiving may include helping with activities of daily living, providing transportation to medical appointments, assisting with safety or nutritional needs, offering comfort and reassurance, completing administrative tasks, or arranging changes in care.

Eligible family members include spouses, domestic partners, children, parents, siblings, grandparents, grandchildren, and others who have a family-like relationship to the worker.

Workers who believe they may qualify should notify their employer, obtain documentation from a health care provider, and apply via Frances Online, the Oregon Employment Department's online benefits portal. For more information, visit <https://paidleave.oregon.gov> or call 833-854-0166 Monday–Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. ☼

BE THE ONE

Looking Beyond Veterans – Part 3

By Jeff Brown, Staff Writer and Columnist

Over the past two weeks, I've been learning about veteran suicide and the American Legion's "Be the One" campaign. Like many of our readers, I realized I didn't have all the answers. I simply wanted to better understand an issue that affects far too many families.

But during this journey, another thought kept returning to me.

Why should this conversation end with veterans?

The truth is that suicide affects people from every walk of life. It touches our young people and our seniors, our friends and neighbors, and even our own family members. It can affect people who seem to have everything together and those who are clearly struggling. Sometimes there are signs. Sometimes there are not.

As I have learned more, I have also learned that many warning signs are remarkably similar whether someone served in the military or not. People who are struggling may become withdrawn or isolated. They may lose interest in activities they once enjoyed, experience noticeable changes in mood, or talk about feeling hopeless, trapped, or like a burden to others. Some may begin giving away possessions or saying things that suggest they no longer see a future for themselves.

Perhaps the biggest lesson I've learned is that most of us are not expected to be counselors or mental health professionals. We are simply called to care enough to pay attention.

Sometimes being the one means noticing when someone doesn't seem like themselves. Sometimes it means making a phone call, sending a text, or sitting down for a cup of coffee. It means being willing to ask, "Are you okay?" and truly listening to the answer.

I also learned something that bears repeating. Asking someone whether they are thinking about hurting themselves does not plant the idea in their head. Instead, it can open the door to a conversation they may have desperately needed.

We don't need perfect words. We don't need to fix every problem. But we can remind another person that they matter and that they are not alone.

I started this series to learn what it means to "Be the One." I think I finally understand.

Being the one isn't just about veterans. It's about being the one person who notices, reaches out, and refuses to let another human being suffer in silence.

Maybe each of us knows someone who could use a phone call today. Maybe being the one simply means caring enough to make it. ☼

AMERICAN LEGION POST 184

Mid-Summer Dreaming

By an ordinary seaman



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"I know a bank where the wild thyme blows, Where oxlips and the nodding violet grows..."

Yes, the calendar says summer started in June, but "midsummer" depends entirely on who you ask. Baseball fans point to the All-Star game. As an ordinary seaman, I mark it by the exact moment five multi-ton Manning Farm combines, six balers, and four massive seed trucks invade our west field. By September, 125,000 tons of seed will leave Linn County, and a couple hundred million dollars will roll in. It is loud, dusty, and beautiful.

But our "Townies," the good folks with non-agricultural day jobs, teachers, shop owners, retirees, and those who care for the infirm, have been equally busy making Brownsville a community. We've already survived the Easter Egg Hunt, a moving Memorial Day service, and the Pioneer Picnic parade (shoutout to the Legion color guards). The Central Linn graduation is behind us, and we were proud to recognize two outstanding Legion scholarship recipients.

And just like that, the Citywide Garage Sale and the mother of them all, Stand By Me Day, are in the books. Travis Moothart Post 184 met the thundering herds with 100 of our classic blueberry pies. Now we turn our attention to the Brownsville Antique Faire and Car Show, where another busy day awaits.

Naturally, this madness requires an absolute army of volunteers. We have immediate openings for cashiers, pancake flippers, coffee brewers, egg crackers, deep-sink divers, batter boys, antique car parkers, and information booth talkers. You must work well with others, maintain customer satisfaction when the line is a mile long, and occasionally sing and/or dance. Experience is appreciated, but a willing spine is all we really ask.

Every year around August, the volunteers and even the combine pilots start to murmur the same familiar, exhausted refrain: "This is my last year. I'm too old, too tired. Let someone else wash the dishes."

We all believe it. It's a beautiful lie. Because sometime around Christmas, when it's been raining for thirty straight days, and the Oregon gray settles into our bones, we will be snuggled up in our easy chairs dreaming of the wild adventures of the Summer of '26. We will smile, incredibly pleased with ourselves, and start planning the next batch of pies. ☼

Chilly's Custom Auto Works 2nd Anniversary Car Show

By Marcy Hermens, Tangent Correspondent

TANGENT — Chilly's Custom Auto Works in Tangent is celebrating its second anniversary in style — with a car show open to the community.

The event is set for Saturday, Aug. 8, from noon to 4 p.m. at 32841 Highway 99E in Tangent. The car show overlaps with the final Tangent Farmers Market of the season, held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. just down the road, making it easy to enjoy both community events in one trip. Whether you want to show off your ride or just come out to admire some great vehicles, all are welcome.

Entry for car show participants is a school supply donation, which will be collected and given to the Albany Public Schools Foundation. Spectators get in free, though school supply donations are happily accepted.

No pre-registration is required — just show up and enjoy the afternoon.

For more information, call 541-220-2291. Or, visit their Facebook event at <https://www.facebook.com/events/2456259268517767>. ☼



Effort Targets Invasive Plant Threatening Willamette Habitat

By Allen L. Buzzard, Guest Contributor

PEORIA — Visitors to Peoria Park on July 15 may have noticed a small work boat launching into a backwater slough of the Willamette River. The crew, from Philomath-based Integrated Resource Management (IRM), was there to treat patches of yellow floating heart, an invasive aquatic plant that has spread into parts of the river.



A crew from Integrated Resource Management launches a canoe at Peoria Park on July 15 to treat yellow floating heart, an invasive aquatic plant spreading through portions of the Willamette River

Known scientifically as *Nymphoides peltata*, yellow floating heart forms dense mats across the water's surface. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, those mats block sunlight from reaching native underwater plants, reducing habitat and food sources for fish and other wildlife.

The plant can also affect water quality. As large patches die and decompose, they consume oxygen in the water, creating conditions that can stress fish and other aquatic life. Dense growth may also alter shoreline habitat and interfere with the natural function of connected wetlands.

IRM Director of Habitat Restoration Matt Mellenthin said the company serves as a subcontractor to Willamette Riverkeeper on invasive species projects for the Benton Soil and Water Conservation District and the Linn Soil and Water Conservation District throughout the Central Willamette Valley.

Mellenthin, who also serves on the Calapooia Watershed Council board, said yellow floating heart is found primarily in portions of the Willamette River, sections of the Umpqua River, and several isolated lakes in Oregon.

The treatment is part of an ongoing regional effort to control yellow floating heart and protect native aquatic habitat in the Willamette River watershed. 🌿

SAFEHAVEN HUMANE SOCIETY

Upcoming Events, Adoption Opportunities, and Kitten Needs

By Mikayle Stole, Editor and Publisher

TANGENT — SafeHaven Humane Society invites the community to support homeless animals through several upcoming events and is also asking for help as kitten season continues to fill the shelter and foster homes.

SafeHaven continues its monthly “12 Months of Love” adoption campaign, made possible by an ASPCA grant. On the second Saturday of each month, adoption fees are waived for all available animals, making it easier for families to welcome a new pet. Since the program began, nearly 250 animals have found permanent homes at the monthly adoption events. The next adoption event is Saturday, August 8.

Staff recommend that prospective adopters browse available pets online or visit the shelter before adoption day to meet animals and discuss the best match for their family. Dog adopters should complete meet-and-greets in advance when possible, and cat adopters are encouraged to bring a carrier. Dogs must leave the shelter with a collar and leash.

Another way to support the shelter is the “Fill the Van with Cans” fundraiser on Saturday, Aug. 15, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lebanon Gift & Thrift. Community members can donate redeemable bottles and cans, with proceeds benefiting the shelter and helping keep recyclable containers out of landfills.

The shelter is also asking for community support as kitten season continues. More than 60 cats and kittens are available for adoption, and more than 150 additional kittens are being cared for in foster homes, with new arrivals almost daily.

SafeHaven is especially in need of cat carriers and pâté-style wet cat food to care for the growing number of kittens. Donations may be dropped off at the shelter at 32220 Old Highway 34 in Tangent or shipped directly to the facility.

The shelter’s largest annual fundraiser, “Rescue Roundup,” returns Saturday, Sept. 26, from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Knife River Training Center. The western-themed evening will feature a barbecue dinner, live and silent auctions with hundreds of donated items, and entertainment. Proceeds support the care of homeless animals throughout Linn and Benton counties. Tickets are now available through SafeHaven.

For more information on adoptions, upcoming events, or Rescue Roundup tickets, call 541-928-2789 or visit <https://www.safehavenhumane.org>. 🐾



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Brush Fire, Unrelated Body Recovery Reported Near West Brush Creek

By Mikayle Stole, Editor and Publisher

BRUSH CREEK — Firefighters responded to a small brush fire near Brush Creek and West Brush Creek roads on Monday, July 13, while emergency crews also handled an unrelated incident involving the recovery of a deceased individual nearby.

According to Sweet Home Fire and Ambulance District, firefighters assisted the Oregon Department of Forestry in responding to the Bickmore Fire, which burned approximately one-quarter acre in the West Brush Creek area. The fire was one of several emergencies that kept local responders busy that day.

In a separate incident, emergency crews recovered a deceased individual in the Horse Rock area during the early morning hours of July 14. Sweet Home Fire officials told The Times the body recovery was unrelated to the brush fire. A Life Flight helicopter also responded to the scene.

As of press time, the Linn County Sheriff's Office had not released the identity of the deceased or additional information about the circumstances surrounding the death. The Times has requested an update from the Sheriff's Office. 🌀

OHA Urges Safety This Hot Summer

by Eva Wada, Assistant Editor

Oregon is entering its hottest month, and the Oregon Health Authority says now is the time to prepare. Officials urge everyone to learn the signs of heat sickness and protect their communities before the next heatwave hits.

To stay safe, spend time in air-conditioned buildings. Stay inside during the hottest hours, usually 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., or schedule outdoor activities for early morning or evening. You can beat the heat by taking refreshing showers, using damp cloths, and wearing loose, light-colored clothes.

Drink water all day long, especially if you are active. Avoid sugary, caffeinated, or alcoholic drinks, which cause dehydration. Never leave children, older adults, or pets alone in a parked car.

Know the warning signs: heat exhaustion causes heavy sweating, dizziness, weakness, and headaches. Heat stroke is a medical emergency that can cause a fever over 103 degrees, confusion, or passing out. Call 911 right away if you see signs of heat stroke.

Finally, check on neighbors and friends. If someone you know lacks cooling at home, suggest beating the heat by visiting welcoming local spaces like the library, city hall, senior centers, or history museums. Call 211 or visit the state's website to find cooling centers. 🌀

Ready, Set, Go: Is Your Go Bag Ready?

By Jeff Brown, Staff Writer and Columnist

We touched on this topic last year, but as another wildfire season gets underway, it's information worth repeating. Emergencies don't wait for us to be ready, and when an evacuation order comes, there is rarely time to think through everything you might need.

Whether the emergency is a wildfire, flood, or another unexpected event, having a "go bag" packed and ready can make a difficult situation a little less stressful.

Emergency preparedness experts recommend thinking in terms of categories rather than trying to create the perfect packing list. Start with important documents. Identification, insurance information, medical information, and copies of other essential papers are often the items people wish they had gathered before leaving home. Keeping copies together in a folder or on a flash drive can save time and frustration later.



Medications and health items are another priority. Many evacuees later say they wished they had packed prescription medications, spare eyeglasses, and a few basic hygiene items ahead of time. Replacing these items while away from home can be difficult, especially during a widespread emergency.

Clothing and comfort items are also important. A change of clothes, comfortable shoes, a jacket, and a blanket can make a big difference. People often leave home expecting to return in a few hours, only to discover they may be gone for several days.

Communication and practical items are frequently overlooked. Cell phone chargers, battery packs, flashlights, extra batteries, and a small amount of cash can prove invaluable when power is out or electronic payment systems are unavailable.

Taking a little time now to prepare a go bag is a simple step that can provide peace of mind. You may never need it, and hopefully you won't. But if an evacuation order does come, you'll be able to focus on getting yourself and your loved ones to safety instead of scrambling to figure out what to take. 🌀

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SHERIFF'S REPORT JULY 17-24

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

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

The following is a list of abbreviations that may appear in our log reports: LCSO (Linn County Sheriff's Office); OSP (Oregon State Police); APS (Adult Protective Services); DHS (Department of Human Services); LCCC (Linn County Circuit Court); LCJ (Linn County Jail); LCJC (Linn County Justice Court); LCJD (Linn County Juvenile Department) AMC (Albany Municipal Court); 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

Fri., July 17, 7:38 a.m. — While a deputy was investigating a report of a suspicious person on Cascade Timber Consulting property in the 36200 block of Courtney Creek Dr., near Timber Rd., Robert Oar, 49, of Sweet Home, was contacted and arrested on an outstanding warrant. Report taken.

Sat., July 18, 10:25 a.m. — Deputy handled a follow-up regarding a vehicle that was secured in the 36100 block of Courtney Creek Dr. from a prior arrest.

12:46 p.m. — Deputy responded to a report that a person was struggling to afford dog food and requested options for forfeiting their dogs in the 1000 block of Pine St. Food was provided to the owner as a short-term solution. Long-term solutions, such as rehoming, were discussed. A welfare check was performed on the dogs, and all appeared happy and healthy.

1:31 p.m. — Deputy responded to a report of a neighborhood dispute regarding a speeding vehicle being sprayed by a garden hose in the 300 block of Fisher St. Parties were contacted, and the dispute was resolved.

9:24 p.m. — Deputies responded to a residence in the 700 block of Templeton St. to

investigate allegations of a sex offense. Investigation is ongoing. Report taken.

Sun., July 19, 1:09 a.m. — Deputies responded to a DHS 307 referral in the 700 block of Templeton St. The incident is under investigation.

11:41 a.m. — Stacey George, 67, of Coos Bay, was cited for lacking a motorcycle endorsement in the 100 block of N Main St.

4:22 p.m. — Deputy responded to a report of illegal camping after a person parked a truck and trailer in the 37800 block of Mountain Home Dr. The operator advised they would be moving along.

Mon., July 20, 12:05 a.m. — Deputy responded to a single-vehicle, non-injury crash in the 34300 block of Ranch Dr. No damage was observed, and the vehicle did not need to be towed.

11:35 a.m. — Caller reported a parking complaint in the 400 block of Kirk Ave. The disabled vehicle was later removed by its owner.

12:50 p.m. — William Blatchley, 63, of Sweet Home, was arrested for trespassing on private timber property in the 37800 block of Northern Dr., which was closed due to extreme fire danger. He was cited in lieu of custody for Criminal Trespass II. Report taken.

Tue., July 21, 12:32 a.m. — Citizen reported their adult child missing in the 400 block of Kay Ave. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

4:31 p.m. — A citizen reported that a tree had fallen and damaged his vehicle in the 100 block of N Main St. The citizen requested that the incident be documented for insurance purposes. Information logged.

Wed., July 22, 9:32 a.m. — Deputy responded to a male experiencing mental health issues at Pioneer Park. No crimes were reported, and he had already calmed down by the time the deputy arrived.

8:23 p.m. — Deputy investigated a civil dispute between family members in the 700 block of Calapooia Ave. Non-criminal.

10:17 p.m. — Deputies responded to a mental health call in the 1200 block of Linn Way and conducted a welfare check on the subject. Non-criminal.

Thu., July 23, 12:35 p.m. — Colton Barley, 22, of Lebanon, was cited for careless driving in the 37300

block of Hwy 228. Colton was observed passing vehicles unlawfully at an excessive speed.

2:45 p.m. — Caller had questions about removing a friend who has lived with him in the 600 block of Kirk Ave. for the past three years.

3:44 p.m. — Deputy assisted a caller by providing information on where to report a crime occurring and steps to take to obtain a stalking order in the 800 block of Northpoint Loop.

5:58 p.m. — Deputies responded to a domestic dispute in a moving vehicle in the 300 block of N Main St. The occupants were located and interviewed. The driver performed DUII tests, and no intoxication was detected. The domestic disturbance was determined to be verbal and non-criminal. Parties were counseled.

Fri., July 24, 8:40 a.m. — Deputy responded to a female causing a disturbance at Pioneer Park. She left prior to the deputy's arrival. No crimes were reported.

9:38 a.m. — Deputy responded to an offensive odor complaint in the 1000 block of Pine St. Odor was likely coming from several dogs on the property. Information logged.

1:24 p.m. — Deputy responded to a complaint of two juveniles on dirt bikes at reportedly unsafe speeds in the 35500 block of Oakview Dr. The juveniles had left the area prior to the deputy's arrival.

2:22 p.m. — Caller reported a theft of a motor and a transmission in the 100 block of School Ave. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

2:52 p.m. — Deputy responded to a DHS 307 referral in the 200 block of North Ave. DHS is involved with the family. The children are currently living with their father and not in the care of the alleged offender of this historical incident.

BRUSH CREEK

Mon., July 20, 6:40 p.m. — Caller reported a traffic complaint involving a vehicle unable to maintain its lane in the 23100 block of Brush Creek Rd. The call was transferred to OSP.

CRAWFORDSVILLE/HOLLEY

Fri., July 17, 10:37 p.m. — Deputies responded to a trespass call in the 38300 block of Glass St. The person

left the location at the deputies' request.

Sun., July 19, 4:25 pm. — Deputy took a report of a scam involving the solicitation of intimate images with the threat of dissemination if money was not paid in the 40300 block of Crawfordsville Dr.

6:33 p.m. — Caller reported a disturbance at McKercher Park. The involved party left before deputies arrived.

Tue., July 21, 2:16 p.m. — Deputy conducted a welfare check on four dogs in the 40800 block of Hwy 228. The dog owner was warned regarding violations and care issues.

Fri., July 24, 10:37 p.m. — Caller reported a firework complaint in the 40100 block of Crawfordsville Dr. Fireworks had stopped prior to deputy's arrival.

HALSEY

Sat., July 18, 3:38 a.m. — Jonah Land, 27, of Salem, was cited for driving while suspended and warned for failing to obey a traffic control device in the 27900 block of Hwy 99E.

Sun., July 19, 11:31 a.m. — Deputy responded to a criminal mischief case in which an unknown suspect broke a vehicle window in the 100 block of WE St. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

11:07 p.m. — Deputy assisted the Fire Department in the 25900 block of Powerline Rd. The fire was not suspicious.

Mon., July 20, 12:53 a.m. — Deputy responded to a possible domestic disturbance at Pioneer Villa Truck Stop. The vehicle left before the deputies arrived. No further description was provided.

Wed., July 22, 8:04 a.m. — Deputy assisted with traffic control due to a stalled hay truck on the roadway in the 31300 block of American Dr.

Thu., July 23, 8:48 a.m. — Citizen reported a found dog at Halsey City Hall. The deputy assisted in returning the dog to its owners.

Fri., July 24, 12:03 a.m. — Deputy contacted a 17-year-old male juvenile from Eugene who was parked in a vehicle in the 100 block of NW 2nd St. The deputy contacted his parent, advised him to go home, and warned him for being out after curfew.

4:27 p.m. — Deputy conducted a welfare check on a mother and baby after an earlier disturbance between other household members

in the 800 block of W 5th St. No concerns were found. Information was logged.

HARRISBURG

Fri., July 17, 5:59 p.m. — Deputies responded to a missing-child report in the 300 block of S 4th St. The child was found hiding in the house before the deputies' arrival.

Sun., July 19, 4:57 p.m. — Deputy responded to a fire at Eagle Park that was started by a vehicle parked on the grass. Adolf Heinrich, 45, of Monroe, was arrested for reckless burning. Report taken.

8:13 p.m. — Caller reported a dog at large that was barking at people in the 900 block of S 6th St.

9:14 p.m. — Deputies responded to assist OSP in a crash in the 31400 block of Carney Dr. Vehicles had left the scene before deputies arrived. OSP later located a vehicle.

Mon., July 20, 10:30 a.m. — A citizen flagged down a deputy to request an ambulance in the 100 block of N 2nd St. Medics responded. Non-criminal.

2:56 p.m. — Deputy spoke with a citizen receiving threatening phone messages in the 33500 block of Mt. Tom Dr. Information logged.

4:39 p.m. — Citizen advised the deputy that they had trespassed an ex-spouse from their property in the 100 block of Territorial St. Information logged.

Tue., July 21, 8:38 a.m. — Caller reported that her boyfriend grabbed her, leaving bruises in the 800 block of Sommerville Loop. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

10:53 p.m. — Deputy observed a parked school bus with its headlights on in the 200 block of S 6th St. Deputy turned off the lights.

11:44 p.m. — Two juvenile females were arrested for a probation violation related to curfew in the 900 block of LaSalle St. One juvenile male was referred to the LCJD for a curfew violation. Report taken.

Wed., July 22, 8:41 a.m. — Timothy Maccatty, 51, of Portland, was cited in lieu of custody for disorderly conduct in the 31400 block of Diamond Hill Dr. Report taken.

10:28 a.m. — Deputies spoke to citizens regarding a social media post about a pet in hot weather and neighborly conduct in the

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700 block of S 2nd St.

6:22 p.m. — Deputy responded to a restraining order violation in progress in the 700 block of Diamond Hill Dr. Jack Lund, 56, of Harrisburg, was arrested. Report taken.

9:25 p.m. — Deputies responded to assist the Harrisburg Fire Department regarding stranded swimmers on rafts in the 30400 block of Tosta Rd. They were not needed, as the fire department had already rescued the swimmers.

Thu., July 23, 10:59 a.m. — Caller reported finding a plastic gun in the 800 block of N 8th St. Deputy observed it was a plastic gun and secured it as evidence. Report taken.

10:38 p.m. — Deputy contacted a 16-year-old female and a 17-year-old male who were out after curfew in the 400 block of S 2nd St. The male was advised to drive back home to Oakridge. Deputy provided transport for the female to her residence in Harrisburg, where she was left in her mother's care. The parents of both juveniles were notified of the contact.

Fri., July 24, 1:20 p.m. — Timothy Baldwin, 24, of Harrisburg, was arrested for an outstanding Lane County and Linn County warrants and possession of methamphetamine. He was subsequently lodged at the Lane County Jail.

8:39 p.m. — Deputies responded to a suicidal subject in the 700 block of Crimson Way. The subject willingly wanted to go to a nearby hospital. Report taken.

PEORIA

Sun., July 19, 9:37 p.m. — Deputies responded to a deer that was hit and killed by a vehicle in the 33200 block of Peoria Rd. A deputy moved the deer out of the lane of travel.

Wed., July 22, 10:51 a.m. — Deputies responded to a warehouse theft in the 27200 block of Peoria Rd. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

SCIO

Fri., July 17, 3:26 p.m. — Deputy provided information to a Scio resident in the 39000 block of NE 1st Ave. about a civil dispute.

Sat., July 18, 2:31 a.m. — Caller reported seeing a male she believed may have had a firearm, riding a scooter in the 38900 block of NE 1st Ave. Deputies checked the area but did not locate anyone.

11:37 a.m. — Citizen requested that a deputy document a person who may be threatening him in the 39000 block of Shelburn Dr.

5:42 p.m. — Charles Beard, 42, of Lebanon, was cited for speeding 74 in a 55-mph zone in the 38100 block of Richardson Gap Rd.

Sun., July 19, 10:25 a.m. — Stori Taylor, 18, of Salem, was cited for speeding 77 in a 55-mph zone in the 40600 block of Hwy 226.

Mon., July 20, 7:16 p.m. — A 58-year-old female from Scio was given a courtesy ride to a local hospital for a mental health evaluation in the 43100 block of Hwy 226.

7:44 p.m. — Steven Eskledson, 57, of Scio, was arrested on a parole-violation warrant in the 37400 block of Robinson Dr. He was transported and lodged at the LCJ without incident. Report taken.

Tue., July 21, 10:35 a.m. — A dog owner received a quarantine order following a dog bite in the 37900 block of Robinson Dr. Report taken.

11:34 a.m. — Deputies responded to a mental health call in the 43100 block of Hwy 226.

1:17 p.m. — Deputy responded to a livestock-at-large case in the 38600 block of Hungry Hill Dr. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

4:08 p.m. — Alysha Bramhall Bellah, 31, of Stayton, was cited for driving uninsured and while suspended in the 43200 block of Thomas Creek Dr.

7:11 p.m. — Caller reported a sexual offense in the 38900 block of NW 2nd Ave. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

11:29 p.m. — Deputy responded to a report of threats made by an ex-partner in the 40400 block of Oupor Dr. Information was documented.

Wed., July 22, 6:28 a.m. — Deputy responded to a suicidal subject in the 43100 block of Hwy 226. Medics had transported the female to Salem Hospital before his arrival.

Thu., July 23, 6:23 p.m. — Deputy responded to a suicidal subject with ongoing mental health issues in the 43100 block of Hwy 226. The subject was transported to a local hospital for a mental health hold by a police officer.

Fri., July 24, 2:54 p.m. — Caller reported trespassers who jumped their fence in the 39300 block of Jordan Rd to swim in the creek. Information documented.

8:58 p.m. — Deputy responded to a report of a suicidal subject in the 38600 block of Gilkey Rd. Deputy was able to contact the parent who was already with the juvenile. Information documented.

SHEDD

Mon., July 20, 1:28 p.m. — A DHS 307 referral was reported in the 30100 block of Seven Mile Ln. No public narrative was provided.

TALLMAN

Wed., July 22, 1:15 p.m. — John Patrick Shaver, 71, of Sweet Home, was cited for careless driving following a non-injury motor vehicle crash in the 33800 block of Goltra Rd. Report taken.

Thu., July 23, 3:37 p.m. — Deputy responded to a car parked in a hay field in the 35100 block of Hwy 34 near Red Bridge Rd. The driver reported needing a break from driving and didn't realize it was private property. The driver left without incident.

TANGENT

Fri., July 17, 10:19 a.m. — Stephanie Hilpert, 37, of Albany, was cited for failing to obey a traffic control device and for careless driving. She was warned for her other offenses in the 31900 block of Seven Mile Ln.

6:24 p.m. — An animal complaint was reported in the 33800 block of McFarland Rd. No public narrative was available.

Mon., July 18, 11:47 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a sex offense in the 32000 block of McLagan Rd. Investigation involving juveniles. Report taken.

Mon., July 20, 8:58 a.m. — Nathan Sours, 32, of Lebanon, was cited for speeding 81 in a 55-mph zone in the 32600 block of Seven Mile Ln.

4:54 p.m. — Caller reported a dog tied up in the sun in the 31900 block of N Lake Creek Dr. It was determined not to be a criminal matter. Information documented.

8:14 p.m. — A 16-year-old female was reported missing in the 32000 block of Birdfoot Dr. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

Wed., July 22, 7:31 p.m. — Deputies investigated an abandoned tent and garbage near the Calapooia River in the 32700 block of McLagan Rd. No suspects were identified.

8:41 p.m. — Deputy transported a found dog from the 33000 block of Blackberry Ln. to animal control. 🐾

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