



Brownsville Knows How to Throw a Summer Party

By Eva Wada, Assistant Editor



Jerry and Bev Mix's 1941 Willys Coupe earned Best of Show at the Brownsville Antique Faire and Car Show. Jerry stands with the award-winning coupe, while the handcrafted trophy presented to the couple is displayed atop the car's polished engine.

BROWNSVILLE — Local food, cars, and vintage goods make for one hugely successful event in Brownsville. On Saturday, August 1, Brownsville's Pioneer Park hosted the annual Antique Faire and Car Show, drawing more than 3,500 visitors to town. The single-day event turned the 1898 park into a major attraction with 58 vendors, 14 food trucks, and over 112 specialty cars. The gathering also brought steady foot traffic to local shops in historic downtown Brownsville.

A team of 18 volunteers kept the day running smoothly by setting up booths, directing traffic, and helping visitors. Brownsville Community Chamber of Commerce President Aleaha Myers praised the help, highlighting a "wonderful volunteer turnout." Myers added, "Our success is a team effort. I want to thank our dedicated Chamber team and the civic group leaders who generously share their knowledge." The Brownsville Chamber took extra precautions to ensure safety: a volunteer nurse managed first aid, while City Hall provided an AED for trauma coverage, and volunteers, includ-

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John Lessar's eye-catching 1923 Ford T-bucket earned Best Hot Rod honors at the Brownsville Antique Faire and Car Show.

Don Andrews Remembered for a Lifetime of Service to Brownsville

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer and Columnist

Brownsville lost one of its most devoted community leaders Wednesday, Aug. 5, with the death of Don Andrews at age 88. Family members surrounded him with love in his final moments.

Andrews was born in 1938 and graduated from high school in 1956. He served four years in the U.S. Air Force before attending Willamette University College of Law. He practiced criminal defense in Portland for 18 years before selling his practice and moving first to Shedd and later to Brownsville, where he met his partner, Cheryl Haworth.

For decades, Andrews worked quietly and persistently to improve his neighbors' lives. He led Sharing Hands for about 28 years, helping it grow into an important community resource with a food bank, a thrift store, and other services for local families.

He also served the City of Brownsville through its Planning Commission and Budget Committee. Andrews joined the Planning Commission in 1992 and continued to serve well into his later years. Earlier this year, the city honored him for more than three decades of public service.

His community involvement extended far beyond city government. Andrews served as a volunteer firefighter and emergency medical technician for more than 30 years. He ran several YMCA programs, served on the board of KIDCO

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Sharon Banks and Don Andrews visit at the Brownsville Saloon following a board meeting for The Times on Jan. 8, 2026.

For more than 30 years, Don Andrews served Brownsville as a volunteer firefighter and emergency medical technician.



Right: Don Andrews' 1956 high school senior portrait. After graduation, he served four years in the U.S. Air Force before earning his law degree.

Left: Don as a young child, already wearing the warm smile that friends and neighbors would remember throughout his life.

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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.
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AUGUST EVENTS

ALBANY

River Rhythms Concert Series
Thursday, Aug. 13 • Food: 5:30 p.m. • Concerts: 7 p.m.
Monteith Riverpark, 489 NW Water Ave. • FREE
This end of series concert features **Eli Young Band**, an American country music band from Tomball, Texas. 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.
<https://albanyoregon.gov/parks/events/river-rhythms>

Romantastic Book Fair
Saturday, Aug. 15 • 11 a.m.–7 p.m. • \$6
Linn County Fair & Expo, 3700 Knox Butte Rd. E
Meet romance authors, get books signed, shop incredible bookish vendors, discover new reads, and connect with fellow readers who speak fluent trope and spice level. From morally gray men to small-town cowboys, fantasy romance to rom-coms, there’s something for every kind of romance reader.
Tickets: <https://booksandblush.ticketspice.com/romantastic-book-fair>

Marks of the Maker
Thursday, Aug. 20 • 6–9 p.m.
Albany Regional Museum, 136 Lyon St. SW, Albany
Guests 21 and older are invited to an after-hours event featuring signature cocktails, a coat-of-arms workshop, and access to the museum’s historic tool collection in partnership with Sinister Distilling.

Northwest Art & Air Festival
Friday-Sunday, August 28-30 • 6:15 a.m. • FREE
Timber Linn Memorial Park, 900 Price Rd., SE
Enjoy hot-air balloons, art, food vendors, a car show, concerts, a family zone with activities for the kids, and a beer and wine garden for the grown-ups. Arrive early to watch the balloons lift off. Set up begins at 6:15 a.m. daily. If you aren’t a morning person, come Friday evening for Night Glow and watch the colorful balloons tower over the crowd, lighting up the night sky. The festival ends Sunday morning after the balloon launch. Parking is \$10 daily. Balloons weather permitting.
<https://albanyoregon.gov/nwaaf>

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; Science Shenanigans (Aug. 12), Barns, Boots, and Beyond (Aug. 19), and Last Blast of Summer (Aug. 26).
<https://www.connectlinncounty.net>

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. Linn County Master Gardeners are on site with additional resources.
<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

Veterans Picnic in the Park
Saturday, Aug. 15 • 11 a.m. • Pioneer Park Pavilion
American Legion Post 184 invites veterans from all branches and their families to enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, lemonade and watermelon, along with fellowship and camaraderie.

CORVALLIS

SAGE Concert Series
Thursdays, Aug. 20 • 6–8:30 p.m.
Bruce Starker Arts Park, 4485 SW Country Club Dr.
The 2026 SAGE Concert Series finishes the season with **Pa’lante PDX**. Family-friendly concerts benefit the Corvallis Environmental Center’s Food for Families and Camp Scholarship programs. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Food and drinks will be available. Eco-friendly attendees may receive raffle tickets for weekly prizes. Tickets start at \$10.
<https://www.corvallisenvironmentalcenter.org/concerts>

Tarweed Awakening Corvallis
Sat., Aug. 22 • 1–4 p.m. • Downtown Corvallis
The 2nd annual Tarweed Awakening Corvallis, led by the OSU Indigenous Studies Program, will help us learn and experience a plant, a person, and a place — all related to Kalapuya culture. Open to the public. Starting at Shawala Point at the confluence of the Willamette and Marys Rivers, the event will feature five venues on a stroll through Downtown Corvallis. Sponsors: OSU Indigenous Studies Program, Corvallis Sustainability Coalition, and 9 additional local organizations
deckert@willamettewatershed.com

HALSEY

Central Linn Back-to-School Jamboree
Tuesday, Aug. 18 • 9 a.m.–6 p.m.
Central Linn Elementary School, 239 W 2nd St.
Get ready for the new school year with registration assistance, fall sports registration, free sports physicals (9 a.m.–3:30 p.m.), a mobile immunization van (10 a.m.–2 p.m.), Online Academy information, and resources from school staff and community organizations. Free and open to Central Linn families.

HARRISBURG

Harrisburg Citywide Garage Sale
Saturday, Aug. 15 • all day (daylight hours)
Join your neighbors, get rid of clutter, make a little money, and be sure to get in on the action by contacting Jamie at 541-995-6655 or jknnox@ci.harrisburg.or.us and getting your sale on the city’s webpage.
List of garage sales:
<https://www.ci.harrisburg.or.us/community/page/annual-citywide-garage-sale-2026-locations>

LEBANON

Boulder Falls Event Center 2026 Garden Tour
Friday, Aug 14 • 10–11 a.m.
Boulder Falls Event Center & Patio, 605 Mullins Dr.
Enjoy a one-hour guided tour of the Japanese Healing Gardens starting at the gazebo by the koi pond. Visitors

Jefferson Night Market
First Thursdays • 4–7 p.m. • 150 N. 2nd St., Jefferson
Browse local produce, handmade goods, crafts, food vendors. Upcoming markets Aug. 6 and Sept. 3

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.

will learn about the gardens’ history, design, and care while exploring two of the gardens. No registration required.

SCIO

City Wide Garage Sale
Fri.–Sat, Aug. 14, 15, and 16
Spend three days hunting for bargains at garage sales throughout Scio. Find antiques, furniture, tools, toys, clothing, collectibles, and more. Want to be included on the official sale map? Register by text only to 458-233-9892 with your name, sale address, dates, and hours. Hosted by the Scio Historical Society.

SWEET HOME

Sweet Home Elkettes Breakfast
Sat. Aug. 15 and Sun. Aug. 16 • 8–11 a.m. • \$9
Sweet Home Elks Lodge #1972, 440 Osage St.
The menu includes eggs, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, bacon, sausage, orange juice, tomato juice, and coffee.

Sweet Home Rodeo: Hell on Hooves Roughstock Rodeo
Saturday, Aug. 15 • Noon–10 p.m. (Rodeo at 6 p.m.)
4100 Long St.
Enjoy bull riding, saddle bronc and bareback riding, barrel racing, mutton busting, live music, food vendors, shopping, and family activities. Tickets: \$30 adults, \$10 youth ages 3–13, and free for children 2 and under.
<https://www.sweethomerodeo.com>

A&W’s 65th Anniversary Bash
Saturday, Aug. 15 • 3–8 p.m. • FREE
1010 Main St.
An afternoon and evening full of food, music, classic cars, prizes, and fun for the whole family! 65-cent hot dogs from 3–5 p.m. Live music by the Blue Wave Band from 5–8 p.m. Meet the famous Burger Family, snap a photo with Rooty the Great Root Bear, try your luck at A&W trivia, a Hula Hoop contest, free root beer samples, and door prizes.

TANGENT

National Night Out
Tuesday, Aug. 25 • 6–8 p.m.
Pioneer Park, 31981 Meadowlark Loop
Rescheduled due to poor air quality. Enjoy hot dogs and information from the Linn County Sheriff’s Department and the fire district at the 3rd annual Night Out. Stop by, grab a bite, and catch up with your neighbors.

STAY CONNECTED!

Discover upcoming events or add your own to our community calendar:

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

Calapooia Clay Launches Create-at-Home Pottery Kits

By Mikayle Stole, Editor & Publisher

ALBANY — Calapooia Clay is making it easier than ever to enjoy pottery at home with the introduction of its new Create-at-Home kits, offering a creative, beginner-friendly activity that supports local artists.

The first kit in the new series is the Flower Garden Stake Glazing Kit, featuring five handcrafted ceramic flowers created by Calapooia Clay member artist Sarah Dickens of Crafty Corgo Pottery. Each flower is individually made, giving every piece its own unique shape and character.

The \$60 kit includes everything needed to complete the project at home: five bisque-fired ceramic flowers, five glaze colors, two brushes, decorative flower centers and beads, metal flower stakes, printed instructions, and professional kiln firing. No previous pottery or glazing experience is required.

Participants purchase a kit online, pick it up from the studio, decorate the flowers at home, and return the glazed pottery for firing. Calapooia Clay will fire the pieces in its kiln and notify customers by email when the finished flowers are ready for pickup. The completed project creates a colorful, weather-resistant garden accent suitable for flower beds, planters, or patios.

The program offers a flexible option for those who want to explore pottery without committing to a class. It also supports local artists, as each Create-at-Home kit begins with handcrafted work by a Calapooia Clay member.

Calapooia Clay owner Michelle Knighton said the Flower Garden Stake Glazing Kit is just the beginning. Future Create-at-Home kits will feature handcrafted work by additional Calapooia Clay member artists, expanding the selection while continuing to support the local pottery community.

Create-at-Home kits are available for studio pickup only and must be returned to Calapooia Clay for firing. Firing typically takes one to two weeks. Most kits are suitable for ages 8 and older with adult supervision.

Calapooia Clay is located at 1533 S.E. 7th Ave. in Albany and is open Monday and Wednesday from noon to 8:45 p.m., Thursday from noon to 6 p.m., Friday from noon to 3 p.m., and Saturday from noon to 6 p.m.

For more information or to order a kit, visit <https://calapooiaclay.com/create-at-home> or call 541-497-1632.

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Hands on History Returns to Brownsville on August 22

By Mandy Cole, Linn County Historical Museum

BROWNSVILLE — The fifth “Hands on History” day will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 22, at Library Park in Brownsville.

It is a fun day in the park experiencing traditional pioneer and Native American skills, activities, and crafts.

It is free, entertaining, and a learning opportunity for the whole family.

Come listen to old-time fiddlers, marvel at the skills of the tin-smith, hear authentic Kalapuyan stories, enjoy wagon rides, or pan for gold. These are just a few of the traditional hands-on activities inviting children and grown-ups to join in.

Learn how obsidian projectile points are flaked, hear about challenges faced by Black pioneers, or try your hand at spinning wool. Participating in authentic activities by experiencing them first-hand makes history come alive.

Hands on History includes some of our favorite activities like cornhusk doll making, blacksmithing, and washing clothes in an old galvanized tub on a washboard, which is especially fun on a hot day.

The comment, “Can I try that?” is heard all over the park.

Don't forget to visit the Linn County Historical Museum right next door to the park, where kids and adults can try on pioneer-style clothes.

Hands on History is sponsored by the Linn County Museum Friends, a non-profit organization dedicated to sharing Linn County's history with the public.

The Linn County Historical Museum is at 101 Park Avenue in downtown Brownsville. Library Park is next door to the museum.

For more details, visit: <https://linnparks.com> or email: ichm@co.linn.or.us.



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Commissioners Support Merger of Stayton and Salem Hospitals

Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer

ALBANY — At their August 4 meeting, Linn County Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Sherrie Sprenger, and Will Tucker approved sending a letter to the Oregon Department of Justice supporting the merger of the 40-bed Santiam Hospital & Clinics and the 670-bed Salem Health Hospitals & Clinics.

Commissioner Tucker noted that if Santiam Hospital — which is in Stayton — closed, it would mean an ambulance ride from Gates to the Salem hospital could take 40 minutes. A similar ride transporting a patient from Scio to Samaritan Albany General Hospital, would take 30 minutes or more.

“Linn County recognizes the essential role Santiam Hospital & Clinics plays in serving rural communities by providing access to emergency, inpatient, and outpatient services for residents who might otherwise face significant barriers to timely care,” the letter notes.

The commissioners said Santiam Hospital & Clinics serves residents in Jefferson, Scio, and Mill City, which are north of the Santiam River area in Linn County.

The commissioners also pointed out that “Linn County is an active partner alongside Santiam Hospital & Clinics in the 2024–2028 Regional Community Health Improvement Plan for Linn, Benton and Lincoln counties, developed through the Partnership for Community Health.”

Its goal is to prioritize access to quality care,

a strong and sustainable healthcare workforce, and timely, coordinated local services that reduce barriers for rural and underserved populations.

The commissioners concluded, “From Linn County’s perspective, the proposed affiliation with Salem Health Hospitals & Clinics represents a responsible and forward-thinking approach to strengthening healthcare access, supporting existing community-based programs and improving long-term system resilience. It aligns with regional health improvement priorities and reinforces efforts to ensure stable, coordinated and accessible care for Linn County residents.”

On July 31, the Oregon Health Authority approved an exemption, allowing the proposed merger to skip a Health Care Market Oversight review. The proposed merger will not become final until a review is completed by the Department of Justice.

Commissioner Tucker said he planned to testify in favor of the merger at the Aug. 5 public hearing. The merger was approved at that meeting.

Under the merger, Salem Health will assume Santiam Hospital’s \$22 million in debt and invest \$35 million in capital improvements.

In addition to the hospital in Stayton, Santiam Hospital & Clinics operates 12 clinics in Marion and Linn counties.

Salem Health Hospital & Clinics operates hospitals in Salem and Dallas and numerous clinics throughout the mid-valley.

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Head Start in Lebanon, and helped establish the Makindu Children’s Program, which benefits children in Africa.

Andrews also played a role in the revival of The Times of the Central Willamette Valley, serving on the nonprofit newspaper’s board. After resigning from the board, he was named vice chair emeritus.

Board Chair Sharon Banks recalled sitting with Don and Cheryl at their dining room table while completing the newspaper’s application for federal nonprofit status.

“Don was a lawyer who knew just how to answer the complex questions,” Banks said. “Our application was approved in record time thanks to his expertise.”

I also treasure the quieter moments I shared with him. Over the past year, I so enjoyed taking him to the tavern after our board meetings while Cheryl was still in yoga class. We would visit with the locals and drink a Corona. He was a friend to people from all walks of life. Many pubgoers would come up, give him a hug and share memories of how he had helped their families when they were out of work. It was inspiring.

Those evenings reflected the Don many people knew and loved — accomplished and knowledgeable, yet always ready for conversation, laughter, and friendship.

Andrews and Haworth also built what was believed to be Linn County’s first straw-bale house, using about 325 bales of locally grown wheat straw. Andrews jokingly called the curious neighbors who stopped to watch “sidewalk supervisors,” a term that reflected his humor and welcoming nature.

Don and Cheryl were also instrumental in continuing Brownsville’s Baby Jesus Epiphany parties, a series of potluck dinners held in local homes. A small plastic figure of Baby Jesus was hidden in a dessert, and whoever found it hosted the next gathering.

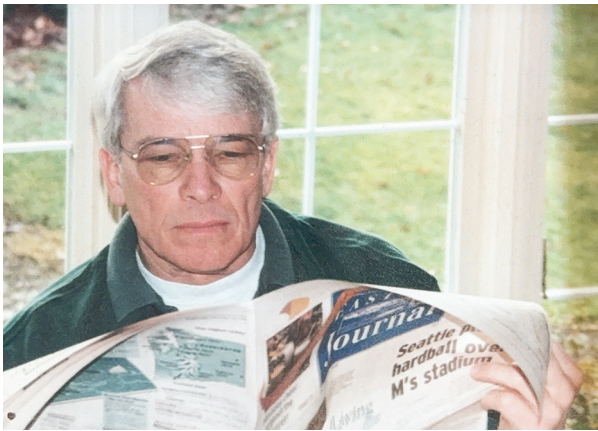
The tradition brought neighbors together for food, laughter, and fellowship, reflecting Don and Cheryl’s talent for building community.

Andrews’ legacy lives on in the organizations he strengthened, the decisions he helped guide, and the families he supported during difficult times. Brownsville is a stronger, more caring community because he chose to make it his home and devoted so much of his life to helping it thrive.

A celebration of life was held Sunday, Aug. 9. ☺



Don Andrews during his years as a criminal defense attorney in Portland before returning to the Mid-Valley and dedicating himself to community service.



An avid reader throughout his life, Don Andrews catches up on the day’s news. He remained curious about the world and well-informed on local, state, and national events.

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Flat Earth Herbs Finds New Home at Bramble House

By Mikayle Stole, Editor & Publisher

BROWNSVILLE — Flat Earth Herbs has relocated to the Bramble House, 209 Templeton St., giving owner Rege Rippee more room to expand her herbal products and wellness offerings.



Shelves at Flat Earth Herbs are stocked with dried herbs, teas, essential oils, aromatherapy products, and other natural wellness items available at the shop's new Bramble House location.

After nearly two years in the Tiny Store on the Randy's Main Street Café property, Rippee closed the shop's former location and welcomed guests to a soft opening Thursday, Aug. 6. The official open house will be held Aug. 13–15 from noon to 6 p.m. each day.

The larger space allows Rippee to organize the shop into several

distinct areas, including The Library, The Pantry, The Apothecary, The Perfumery/Aromatics, The Adornments, and a dedicated Biofield Tuning space.

Flat Earth Herbs offers what Rippee describes as “common sense herbal products for the body & soul,” along with books, aromatics, gifts, and other wellness-focused items.

Rippee has also been continuing her education in Biofield Tuning and plans to offer sessions outside regular store hours. The practice uses tuning forks as part of a wellness session that Rippee says is intended to support balance and calm.



Rege Rippee stands outside the new home of Flat Earth Herbs at the Bramble House, 209 Templeton St., ahead of the shop's Aug. 13–15 open house.

Reflecting on her former location, Rippee said, “I’m grateful to those who showed up over the past year and ten months to ask questions, learn something new, return with friends and family, share their stories and hugs.”

She also expressed appreciation for the opportunity to establish the business in the small Main Street location.

“I’m grateful to my landlord for the opportunity to introduce my dream of bringing good things to our community in this tiny building,” Rippee said.

The Aug. 13–15 open house will give visitors a chance to explore the new location, learn more about Biofield Tuning, and enter daily drawings. SWAG will also be available while supplies last.

Beginning Aug. 13, regular store hours will be Thursday through Saturday from noon to 6 p.m. ☼



Flat Earth Herbs' popular 911 Butter has become the shop's signature product.

City Hall Gets a Fresh New Look

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer and Columnist

BROWNSVILLE — Brownsville City Hall has a clean, updated appearance after a new exterior paint job completed by Sweet Home contractor Jonathan Elder of Great Paint and Renovate, LLC.

Elder and his crew completed the work, revitalizing the exterior while preserving Brownsville City Hall's familiar character.

Brownsville City Manager Scott McDowell praised Elder's work on the project.

“Jonathan was very conscientious and easy to work with,” McDowell said. “Everyone is pleased with his work.”

Elder lives in Sweet Home with his family. He and his wife recently welcomed their second daughter, who was born within a day of Elder being interviewed about the City Hall project. The couple also has a 2-year-old daughter.

Great Paint and Renovate LLC serves residential and commercial customers throughout the area. In addition to interior and exterior painting, the company offers siding installation, window replacement, and seamless gutter systems.

The Brownsville City Hall project gives the public building a refreshed exterior while helping protect its siding and other materials from Oregon's weather. ☼



COURTESY: JONATHN ELDER

Fresh finish: Jonathan Elder of Great Paint and Renovate LLC stands outside Brownsville City Hall after completing the building's new exterior paint job, giving the community landmark a refreshed appearance while helping protect it from the elements.

Family Businesses Open Shared Office in Sweet Home

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer and Columnist

SWEET HOME — July 31 marked an important milestone for Juan “Carlos” Jimenez and his daughter, Jerusalem, as they celebrated the opening of a new office in Sweet Home for their two family-owned businesses.

Jimenez owns JC Jimenez Quality Homes, a construction company he founded four years ago. Although the business is relatively new, Jimenez brings 21 years of experience in the building trades.

JC Jimenez Quality Homes offers affordable new-home construction as well as smaller remodeling and renovation projects. Jimenez currently employs a four-person construction crew and works closely with customers throughout the building process.



Carlos Jimenez, left, owner of JC Jimenez Quality Homes, and his daughter, Jerusalem, owner of J. Fusion Photography, celebrate the opening of their shared office in Sweet Home.

The new office is also home to J. Fusion, a photography business owned and operated by Jerusalem. The rear portion of the building has been converted into a photography studio where she meets with clients and takes portraits.

Sharing the location benefits both businesses. Jerusalem helps her father manage customer communications and scheduling, while the arrangement provides her with a professional studio to grow her photography business.

The opening marks an exciting new chapter for the father-and-daughter team as they continue to serve Sweet Home and surrounding communities through construction and photography. ☼



SHARON K. BANKS

Jerusalem Jimenez sits in the new studio space for J. Fusion in Sweet Home.

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

The Page Turners Book Club
Wednesday, August 19 • 7 p.m. • Kirk Room
The Page Turners Book Club will meet to discuss “The Seed Keeper” by Diane Wilson.

Library Hours: Closed Sun–Mon.
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Summer Reading Program ‘Plant a Seed, Read’
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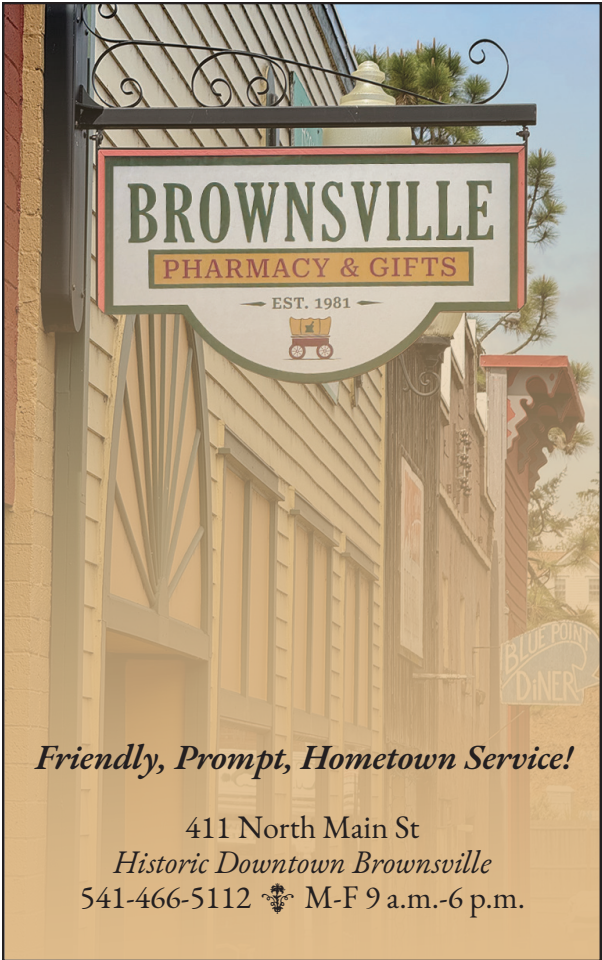
SCIO LIBRARY CALENDAR

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

Summer Reading Club ‘Plant a Seed, Read’
Thursday, August 13 • 12:30 p.m.
ZCBJ Hall, 38704 S. Main St., Scio
The Oregon Reptile Man: educational and interactive presentation for children and families.

Library Hours: Closed Sat–Sun.
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Kids’ Village Brings Free Family Fun to Tangent Harvest Festival

By Marcy Hermens, Tangent Correspondent

TANGENT — Parents looking for a low-stress, high-fun outing this fall have a new favorite stop: the Kids’ Village at the Tangent Harvest Festival.

The Kids’ Village runs Saturday, September 19, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Tangent Elementary School, as part of the full Tangent Harvest Festival.

There is no cost to enjoy the Kids’ Village. Families can wander in, let the kids learn and play, and even join in the Harvest Games with them.



Practice makes perfect. Two life-size wooden dairy cows await young farmers at the Tangent Harvest Festival Kids’ Village, where children can try their hand at “milking” a cow as part of the new Family Harvest Games. The free activity is one of several agriculture-themed experiences designed to teach kids where their food comes from while having fun.

PHOTO: MARCY HERMENS

The village lineup is built for young energy. Two bounce houses, one sized for toddlers, anchor the space. Face painting and craft stations round out the classics.

New this year, thanks to an Oregon 250 grant awarded to Tangent Together, Kids’ Village directors Anita Neal and Cheryl Hase have been building something bigger: Family Harvest Games designed to teach kids about agriculture.

“Everything starts with ag,” organizers say. The games make that idea hands-on. Kids can try their hand at “milking” a cow, sorting grain and seed, churning butter, stacking (small) hay bales, and creating scarecrow art. It’s a playful introduction to a lesson that sticks: food doesn’t start at the grocery store.

Community volunteers, including members of the Willamette Valley Jaguars, will be on hand running the harvest games.

The Kids’ Village has grown every year since it launched in 2023. Last year it drew more than 200 young children, part of the roughly 2,000 people who came through the Harvest Festival overall. Organizers expect even bigger numbers this year with the new games in place.

For Neal, running the Kids’ Village is a labor of love. It gives her a chance to create and play right alongside the kids she’s there to entertain.

“Kids are the heart of the Festival,” Neal said.

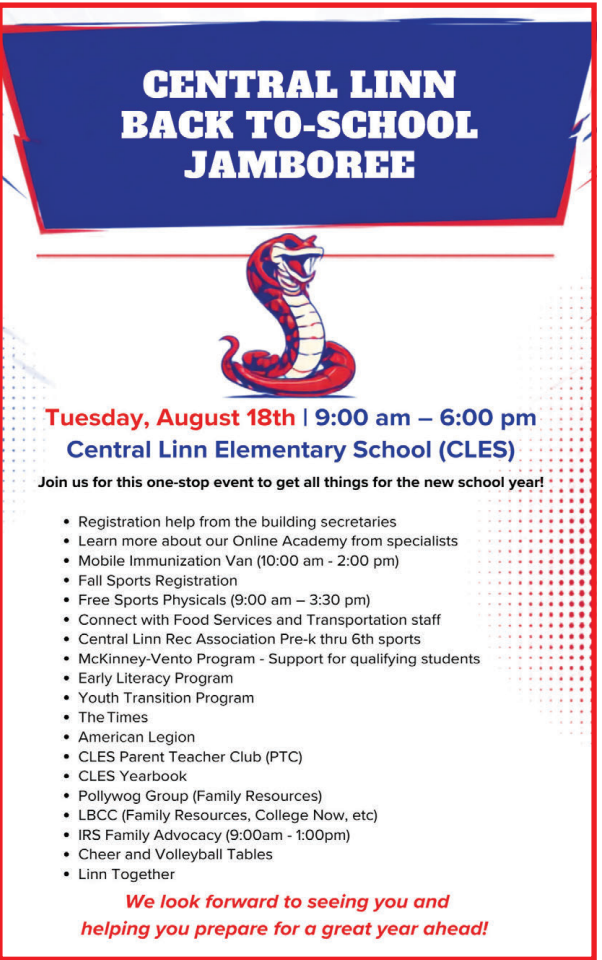
Bring the kids. Let them bounce, build, and learn. Then take in everything else the Harvest Festival has planned. 🌻



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- Early Literacy Program
- Youth Transition Program
- The Times
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- CLES Parent Teacher Club (PTC)
- CLES Yearbook
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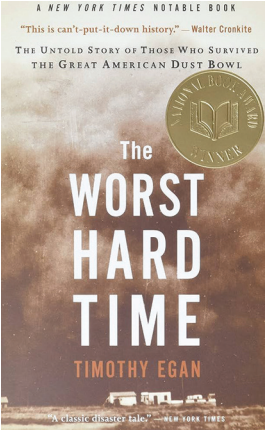
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BOOKS TO CONSIDER

True Grit

By Nancy Diltz, Staff Writer and Columnist

The best accounts of the struggle and resilience of people who survived the High Plains Dust Bowl catastrophe during the darkest years of the Great Depression are the firsthand memories from the people themselves.



Timothy Egan’s book, “The Worst Hard Time,” the untold story of those who survived the Great American Dust Bowl, is a reconstruction of one of the most difficult periods in American history. Egan captured the experiences and memories of six families who survived and lived to tell their stories.

Egan’s opening introduction to the book is so jaw-dropping in its depiction of the Dust Bowl’s events and devastation that it is hard to imagine there is more — much more — to come.

Compelling as the firsthand accounts in the book are, the real impact for me was a renewed awareness of the human experience. My greatest takeaway was an increased sense of inspiration and compassion for my fellow human beings.

Some editions of “The Worst Hard Time” include a quote from renowned broadcast journalist Walter Cronkite: “This is can’t-put-it-down history,” and I agree. Goodreads also highlights the stories of the six families’ survival, quoting the New York Times: “Timothy Egan tells of their desperate attempts to carry on through blinding black dust blizzards, crop failure, and the death of loved ones. Brilliantly capturing the terrifying drama of catastrophe, he does full justice to the human characters who become his heroes, the stoic, long-suffering men and women whose lives he opens up with urgency and respect.”

Egan brings us into the lives of real people who lived through one of the worst climatological disasters in modern history. Their resilience offers wisdom and inspiration that can help us navigate difficult times in our own lives.

“The Worst Hard Time” is available at the Brownsville Library. 🌳

Corvallis Violinist Shares Extraordinary Journey in New Memoir

By Mikayle Stole, Editor and Publisher

CORVALLIS — Internationally acclaimed violinist Anthea Kreston, who lives in Corvallis, is preparing to release her memoir, “Crescendo: Chronicles of an Adventurous Violinist,” in October.

Kreston, first violinist with the Delgani String Quartet (Oregon’s String Quartet), has performed at Carnegie Hall, the Berlin Philharmonic, the Library of Congress, and leading music festivals across Europe and North America. Now based in the mid-Willamette Valley, she continues to balance an international performing career with teaching and community engagement. She also founded an online music academy headquartered in Corvallis, where she mentors violinists from around the world.

In “Crescendo: Chronicles of an Adventurous Violinist,” Kreston reflects on her journey from a young musician in Chicago to concert stages around the world. The memoir explores artistic ambition, resilience, friendship, and the experiences that shaped both her career and personal life. “I love writing! I have found something that is as rewarding and satisfying as playing my violin,” Kreston said in a recent author Q&A.

Advance praise has come from musicians, authors, and educators, who describe the book as an intimate and engaging look at the realities of a life devoted to music. While written through the lens of classical performance, the memoir offers a story of perseverance and self-discovery that extends beyond the concert hall.

Kreston will perform throughout the fall, with “Crescendo” scheduled for release in October. For her upcoming performance schedule and more, visit <https://antheakreston.com>. 🌳



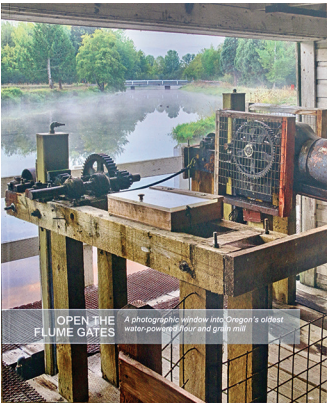
Book Opens a Window into Thompson’s Mills History

By Donald Lyon, Staff Writer and Columnist

SHEDD — “Open The Flume Gates” offers a photographic window into Oregon’s oldest and last water-powered flour and grain mill. This 56-page softcover book is chock-full of historic and current photographs documenting the Mill’s development. The Mill is now a State Heritage Site, located two miles east of Shedd, Oregon.

The book divides the Mill’s history into four distinct “lives”: Boston Mills — Boston Roller Mills (1858–1910); Thompson’s Flouring Mills (1910–1965); Thompson’s Mills — Boston Power Company (1965–2004); and Thompson’s Mills State Heritage Site (2004–present). Additional sections explain how grain moved through the Mill, how weights and measures were used, and how workers managed the constant threats of fire and flood.

Tom Adams, emeritus professor at Oregon State University, compiled the historic photographs and created the contemporary color



images. He collaborated with former park ranger Tom Parsons, who wrote the text.

Most visitors to the Mill are surprised to learn it dates to 1858, a year before Oregon became a state, a few years before Abraham Lincoln was elected president, and before the Civil War. The book’s afterword notes that, despite having witnessed so much of Oregon’s history, perhaps its best years are still ahead. The State Parks Department is ensuring its survival by developing the 20-acre property into a showcase of Native Kalapuyan life, pioneer tenacity, and the Mill’s adaptations to changing times. “Open The Flume Gates” is available at the Brownsville Library or can be purchased for \$20 plus shipping. Visit <https://tmpsonline.org/marketplace>. 🌳

JEFFERSON LIBRARY CALENDAR

S.T.E.A.M. Activity: Kaleidoscope

Thursday, Aug. 13 • 12:30 p.m.

Create a colorful kaleidoscope while learning about light and reflection.

End of Summer Reading Program Party

Saturday, Aug. 15 • 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Pre-Teen Book Club

Tuesday, Aug. 18 • 4–5 p.m.

Discussion of “Unseen Magic” by Emily Lloyd-Jones.

Storytime

Wednesdays • 11:30 a.m. • Ages 0–6

Stories, songs, and early literacy activities for young children and caregivers.

Robotics

First Saturdays • 10 a.m.–2 p.m. • Ages 10–18

Explore coding and robotics through hands-on projects.

All Ages Craft Day

Second Saturdays • 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons/ Game Day

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

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HARRISBURG LIBRARY CALENDAR

Tiny Tots Story Time

Wednesdays • 11 a.m. • Ages 0–3

Friday Storytime & Activity

Fridays • 10 a.m. • Ages 4 and up

Early Literary Toys (Aug 14), Summer Storytime Chalk Art (Aug. 21), Popsicle Picture Frame (Aug. 28).

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.

Lego Club

Fridays • 3 p.m. • Build, create, and explore with Lego activities. Earn Lego prizes. Challenges: Volcano (Aug 14), Tropical Fish (Aug. 21), Free Build (Aug. 28)

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CENTRAL LINN SCHOOL DISTRICT Back-to-School Jamboree Set for Aug. 18

HALSEY — Central Linn School District will host its annual Back-to-School Jamboree on Tuesday, Aug. 18, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Central Linn Elementary School, 239 W. Second St., Halsey. The event will feature a variety of activities and resources for students and families.

The one-stop event will help families prepare for the new school year by providing student registration assistance, information on the district's Online Academy, fall sports registration, and connections to Food Services and Transportation staff. Free sports physicals will be offered from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and a mobile immunization van will be available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Families can also learn about Central Linn Recreation Association sports, the McKinney-Vento Program, the Early Literacy Program, the Youth Transition Program, and school and family resources. Representatives from Linn-Benton Community College, the American Legion, Linn Together, Pollywog, the Central Linn Elementary Parent-Teacher Club, The Times of the Central Willamette Valley, and other organizations will be on hand throughout the day. ☼

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SamCare Mobile Medicine Brings Care Where It's Needed

By Marcy Hermens, Tangent Correspondent and Staff Writer

HALSEY — Students at Central Linn High School lined up outside a 40-foot medical bus Friday, Aug. 7, for sports physicals, but the visit represented something much larger. Bringing health care directly to communities and removing barriers to access is the mission of SamCare



Mobile Medicine brought its 40-foot mobile clinic to Central Linn High School on Aug. 7, giving students an opportunity to complete sports physicals close to home. The clinic travels throughout Linn, Benton, and Lincoln counties, expanding access to primary health care.

Mobile Medicine.

Operated by Samaritan Health Services, the program launched in 2018 with support from the Pastega Family Foundation. The mobile clinic includes two exam rooms, a check-in area, and a restroom, allowing providers to deliver care wherever it is needed.

The bus travels throughout Linn, Benton, and Lincoln counties, serving schools, shelters, festivals, and other community locations. Its stop at Central Linn High School helped students complete a common requirement for participating in school sports.

Staffing the clinic that day were Operations Manager Brandy Skelton, Medical Assistant Janelle, Outreach Coordinator Teresa, Nurse Bryan, and Nurse Practitioner Tashina.

"For many people, if the care doesn't come to them, they don't get the care they need," Janelle said. "We go to areas where they don't have access, they don't have transportation. We meet them where they are."

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The SamCare Mobile Medicine team pauses for a photo outside the mobile clinic at Central Linn High School. Pictured from left, Outreach Coordinator Teresa, Nurse Bryan, Operations Manager Brandy Skelton, Nurse Practitioner Tashina, and Medical Assistant Janelle. The team provides medical care at schools, shelters, community events, and other locations throughout the region.

The team regularly provides care for people experiencing homelessness and others with limited access to transportation or traditional medical services. Patients with insurance are billed through their coverage, while uninsured patients receive care at no charge.

The demand continues to grow, with the mobile clinic on the road nearly every day and often serving multiple locations in a single day.

Coming to the Tangent Harvest Festival

SamCare Mobile Medicine will return to Tangent for the Tangent Harvest Festival on Saturday, Sept. 19. The clinic will offer walk-in health care throughout the festival and provide first aid services if needed.

Services available on the mobile clinic include wellness exams, sports physicals, vaccinations, medication refills (excluding controlled substances), specialist referrals, treatment for minor illnesses and injuries, skin conditions, insect bites, burns, and other routine medical needs. X-ray and laboratory services are not available on the bus.

Festival visitors needing non-emergency medical care are encouraged to stop by during the event. ☼

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ing two local youth equestrian teams, who meticulously managed parking and the flow of traffic.

The Car Show showcased classic cars, hot rods, and project builds. At 2 p.m., popular community-voted awards were handed out. Jerry and Bev Mix won Best of Show with their 1941 Willys Coupe, while Dan Tocalino won Mayor's Choice with his 1934 Ford Coupe. Dan, a Top Flite Car Club member, stated, "The Brownsville Antique Show is one of my favorites."

Matt and Pam Lillich won Best Cruiser with their 1961 Chevy Impala. Matt also won Best Truck with a green 1966 Chevy C10 bought just six weeks earlier. He joked that he relies on Pam for "executive decision-making," adding, "Not really into it for the trophies, but to enjoy meeting and talking with the people." He noted that the awards in Brownsville mean the most because "it is voted on by the people."

When the engines quieted, and the park returned to its usual shade and silence, the real takeaway was simple: Brownsville knows how to throw a party, and it takes an entire town to pull it off. Mark your calendars for August 7 next summer, because this local favorite isn't going anywhere and vendors are ready to sign up. 🌀



A customized Corvette draws attention at the car show.



A shopper proudly shows off a framed painting discovered during the Brownsville Antique Faire. There were rare finds and nostalgic goods as far as the eye could see on Aug. 1.

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Matt and Pam Lillich's beautifully restored 1961 Chevrolet Impala earned Best Cruiser honors in the Brownsville Antique Faire and Car Show. Matt said the community-voted awards in Brownsville mean the most because they come from the people.



Matt Lillich poses with the Best Truck award for his green 1966 Chevrolet C-10 shown at right.



Owners of a vintage Volkswagen camper relax in the shade of their awning.



Excited shoppers show off a 1964 Parker Brothers Probe word game they discovered at Rich's Antiques booths. Treasure hunting among the 58 antique booths was a highlight for thousands of visitors.



Vaughn Combs' custom rat rod earned Best Rat Rod honors.



COURTESY: MATT LILlich



Dan Tocalino's 1934 Ford Coupe earned the Mayor's Choice award.



Brownsville friends Maddy and Olivia "Lulu" stop by neighbor Pam's booth. Home for the summer, both will soon return for their second year of college. Lulu is also a contributor to The Times.



While waiting for the car show awards, a couple shows off a newly purchased antique chocolate double boiler. Her colorful vintage dress perfectly matched the spirit of the Brownsville Antique Faire.

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OBITUARIES

Laura Irene Daniel

August 6, 1926 – July 24, 2026



Pleasant Home Care Home for many years after taking over the facility following her mother’s passing.

Irene was married to Harbert Daniel for nearly 50 years until his passing in 1992. She was a faithful member of the Lebanon Assembly of God and later of the Brownsville Assembly of God, where she worshipped for more than 65 years in total.

She is survived by her daughter, Sue Youngblood of Foster; five grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

A celebration-of-life memorial service will be held at Brownsville Assembly of God on Saturday, September 19, 2026, at 1 p.m.

Laura Irene Daniel, 99, of Lebanon, Oregon, passed away on July 24, 2026.

Born on August 6, 1926, in rural Pope County, Arkansas, Irene devoted her life to her family, her faith, and caring for others. She owned and operated

Norma Stepp

February 12, 1940 – August 2, 2026

Norma Stepp, 86, of Baker City (formerly of Brownsville, OR), passed away on August 2, 2026.

She was born February 12, 1940, in Lebanon, to Charlie and Beulah (Scott) Warden.

Growing up in the Brownsville area, she attended elementary school at the historic Courtney Creek School and later attended high school in Brownsville.

She married Guy “Sonny” Stepp in Brownsville on September 10, 1955. They resided on their Courtney Creek property throughout their 54-year marriage while raising two daughters.

Norma was a homemaker and enjoyed baking, music, and growing her rhododendrons. On August 6, 1979, Sonny became a paraplegic due to a timber-falling accident. At that time, she became his full-time caregiver until his death in 2010. She continued to live at home until she contracted COVID in the fall of 2022. Following that illness, she moved into assisted living and remained in that care until her death.

Surviving family are her two daughters, Debbie (Jerry) Banta of Baker City and Cathy Stepp of Brownsville; sister Carolyn (Hubert) Christensen; brother Gary Warden; grandchildren Amy, Darcie, and Colton; three great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; three nephews; and a niece.

Family members preceding her in death were her parents, husband, sister Thelma, and nephews Wade and Jim.

A graveside service was held on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at the Gilliland Cemetery in Sweet Home, Oregon.

The family requests no flowers or contributions. To leave online condolences for the family, please visit <https://www.grayswestco.com>.



CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE

Carol Anne Cannell

The Celebration of Life service for Carol Anne Cannell will be held on Saturday, August 22, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Halsey City Hall, 100 W Halsey St. All are welcome to stay for refreshments and to share stories and memories.

John Loshbaugh

The Celebration of Life service for John Loshbaugh will be held on Saturday, Aug. 29, from 1–3 p.m. at the Old Firehouse, 500 Smith St., Harrisburg. Family, friends, and community members are invited to honor Loshbaugh’s lifelong dedication to public service through the Harrisburg Fire Department, planning commission, city council, and later as a city employee. All are welcome.

WIDOWS’ BRIGADE

Why Join a Widows’ or Widowers’ Group?

By Mary Canady, Columnist

Groups can help us navigate the struggles that follow the loss of a spouse or loved one. Grief affects everyone differently, but connecting with others who have experienced a similar loss can provide comfort, understanding, and hope. Losing a spouse brings unique challenges that even well-meaning family and friends may not fully understand.

Finding a group that relates to your specific loss — such as one for widows and widowers — can make a meaningful difference. Grief support groups also help people understand the grieving process and begin healing.

Some people prefer gender-specific groups because members often share similar experiences and interests. Choose the setting where you feel most comfortable and supported.

Support groups offer many benefits

- 1. You realize you are not alone and can find hope in others’ experiences.
- 2. Support groups provide a safe place to share your story and feelings.
- 3. Members share wisdom, resources, and practical advice from their own journeys.
- 4. Encouraging someone else who is grieving can be healing for both of you.

Look for groups that meet your needs. I recommend starting with grief counseling or a grief support group. For GriefShare information, contact your local Baptist church.

Widowers may find support through the National Widowers Organization at <https://nationalwidowers.org>, which includes an Oregon men’s group. I also belong to an online Christian Widowers group. While we don’t currently have a local widowers’ group, I’d be happy to help someone start one.

Meetings include crafts, hobbies, friendship, laughter, and encouragement. We also enjoy a monthly bonus outing, such as lunch, dinner, or a day trip to support local events and businesses. Women from Linn, Benton, and Lane counties attend. While this isn’t a grief counseling group, it offers friendship and fellowship for widows.

Widows are invited to the Widows’ Brigade on the third Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at Central Valley Church in Halsey. The next meeting is Aug. 20, when we’ll be painting rocks. For more information, call or text me (Mary) at 541-401-4738.

Official sources for wildfire updates and emergency information

By Mikayle Stole, Editor & Publisher

As wildfires continue to burn across Oregon, reliable information can make all the difference. While social media often provides updates quickly, it can also spread outdated information or rumors as conditions change rapidly.

State and federal agencies encourage residents to rely on official sources for evacuation notices, wildfire updates, road closures, air quality reports, and fire restrictions. Those resources are updated throughout the day as conditions evolve.

If you live in or travel through wildfire-prone areas, now is the time to sign up for emergency alerts, prepare a go-bag, and familiarize yourself with evacuation routes before they are needed.

The Oregon Department of Human Services has also established a 24-hour wildfire assistance hotline for people affected by wildfires or smoke. The hotline connects callers with available resources and support but is not intended for emergency response. For immediate danger, call 911. For shelter information and other community resources, call 211.

For quick access to official wildfire information, see the Oregon Wildfire Resources guide at right.



Smoke from the East Evans Creek Road Fire fills the sky in Southern Oregon. State and federal agencies encourage Oregonians to rely on official sources for evacuation notices, wildfire updates, road closures, air quality information, and fire restrictions.

Be Prepared

Emergency officials encourage every household to be ready before a wildfire threatens.

Take time now to:

- Pack a go-bag with essential supplies you can grab quickly.
- Have more than one way to receive emergency alerts.
- Keep important documents together in an easy-to-carry location.
- Create a family communication and evacuation plan.
- Include pets and livestock in your evacuation planning.

Wildfire conditions can change rapidly. Preparing now — and relying on official sources for current information — can help you make safe decisions for yourself and your family.

Oregon Wildfire Resources

Evacuation Alerts:
<https://ORAlert.gov>

Current Fires:
<https://InciWeb.wildfire.gov>

Northwest Interagency Coordination Center:
<https://gacc.nifc.gov/nwcc>

Oregon Wildfire Dashboard:
<https://wildfire.oregon.gov>

Road Conditions:
<https://TripCheck.com>

Air Quality: <https://AirNow.gov> or <https://OregonSmoke.org>

Oregon State Fire Marshal – Wildfire Prevention:
<https://preventwildfires.oregon.gov>

Oregon Defensible Space:
<https://www.oregondefensiblespace.org>

Oregon Department of Forestry Fire Restrictions: <https://www.oregon.gov/odf/fire/pages/restrictions.asp>

Wildfire Assistance Hotline:
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(24 hours a day)

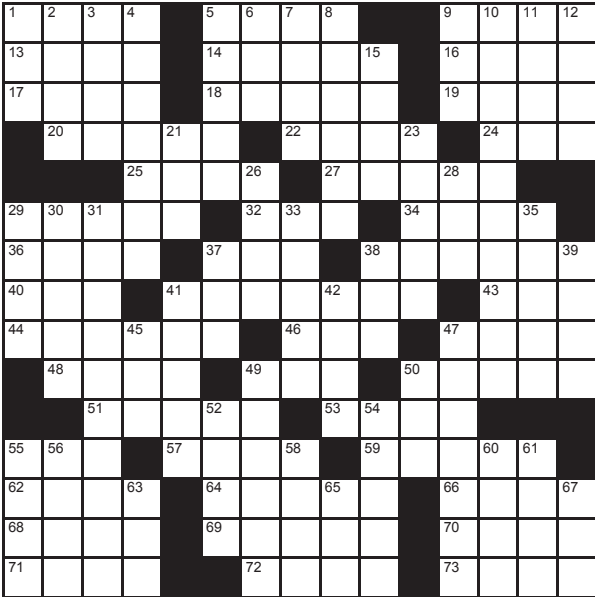
Community Resources: Call 211 or visit <https://211info.org>

Emergencies: Call 911



A smoke plume from a wildfire near Warm Springs rises above the Cascade Range as seen from Dee Wright Observatory on July 26.

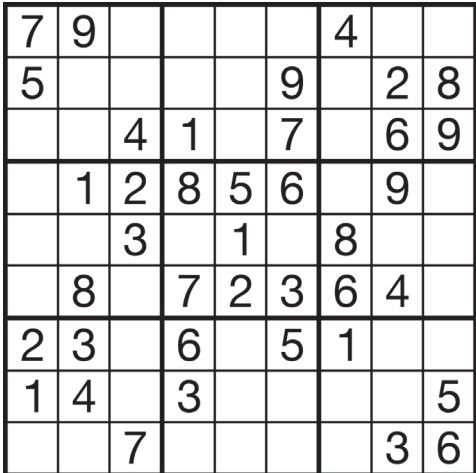
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August Heat Is No Joke: Looking Out for One Another

By Jeff Brown, Staff Writer and Columnist

Around here, we all know what August brings. The days are long, the grass turns brown, and by mid-afternoon, even the shade feels warm. Most of us have weathered many hot Oregon summers, but that does not mean we should take the heat lightly.

Hot weather can be especially hard on older adults. As we age, our bodies may not adjust to heat as quickly as they once did. Medications and health conditions can also affect how the body responds to high temperatures. Sometimes a person may not realize they are overheating until they are already in trouble.

That is where looking out for one another becomes important.

Think about the people around you. Is there a neighbor who lives alone? A friend without air conditioning? A family member who still insists on mowing the lawn in the middle of the afternoon? A simple phone call or knock on the door can make a difference.

We can help in practical ways, too. Offer a cold bottle of water. Invite someone into an air-conditioned home or take them somewhere cool for a few hours. Help with an outdoor chore so it can wait until morning or evening. And remember,

looking out for one another goes both ways. There is nothing wrong with accepting a little help when the temperature climbs.

Watch for signs that someone may be struggling with the heat. Dizziness, weakness, unusual tiredness, nausea, or a headache can be signs of heat exhaustion. Confusion, difficulty staying awake, or loss of consciousness can indicate heat stroke, a medical emergency.

August still has plenty of warm days ahead. We cannot control the temperature, but we can pay attention to the people around us. Check on the neighbor down the road. Call the friend you have not heard from in a while. Make sure someone living alone has a cool place to spend the afternoon.

In communities like ours, taking care of one another has always mattered. During the hottest days of summer, it can matter even more.

A Simple Reminder

Think of someone who might be alone during the heat and give them a call or stop by. Ask if they are comfortable, have plenty of water, and have a cool place to spend the hottest part of the day. A few minutes of your time could make a bigger difference than you realize.

Motorcyclist Killed in Highway 226 Crash East of Scio

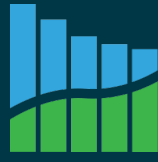
SCIO — A 29-year-old Gates man was killed Friday night on July 31 after his motorcycle collided with a pickup truck on Highway 226 near Richardson Gap Road, east of Scio.

According to Oregon State Police, the crash occurred at about 9:41 p.m. July 31 near milepost 11. Investigators said Arthur Vernon Roberts, 77, of Lebanon, was driving a Ford F-350 westbound and slowed to turn south onto Richardson Gap Road when he turned into the path of an east-bound Harley-Davidson motorcycle operated by Tanner Kolten Henderson, 29, of Gates.

The motorcycle struck the front of the pickup, and Henderson was pronounced dead at the scene.

Roberts was not injured, remained at the scene, and cooperated with the investigation.

Highway 226 was impacted for about two hours while investigators worked at the scene. The crash remains under investigation.



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Prepare Now for Possible Summer Power Outages

As wildfire season continues across Oregon, state emergency officials are urging residents to prepare now for potential power outages caused by wildfires, strong winds, or other severe weather.

Power interruptions can occur when electrical equipment is damaged or when utilities temporarily shut off power to reduce wildfire risk or to protect firefighters working in affected areas.

For many Central Willamette Valley residents, a power outage can mean more than sitting in the dark. Homes on well systems may lose running water, refrigerated medications may be at risk, and livestock owners may need backup plans to water their animals.

The Oregon Department of Emergency Management recommends that households keep enough food, water, medications, batteries, pet supplies, and other essentials to be self-sufficient for up to two weeks. Residents who rely on electrically powered medical equipment should contact their electric utility to register for available medical support programs before an emergency occurs.

Officials also recommend:

- Keep cell phones and backup battery packs fully charged.
- Know how you will keep medications cold if needed.
- Have a plan for livestock if well pumps lose power.
- Use generators outdoors only, well away from doors, windows, and garages, to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Never touch downed power lines or anything in contact with them.
- Check on elderly neighbors or anyone who may need extra assistance.
- Report outages directly to your electric utility rather than calling 911.

Residents should keep their contact information current with their electric utility to receive outage and emergency alerts.

Additional preparedness information, including Oregon's "Be 2 Weeks Ready" program, is available from the Oregon Department of Emergency Management at <https://www.oregon.gov/oem>. 🌀

Officer-Involved Shooting Near Riverbend Campground Under Investigation

LINN COUNTY — An officer-involved shooting near Riverbend Campground on Highway 20 remains under investigation following an incident last Monday evening involving an armed motorist.

According to the Albany Police Department, Linn County Sheriff's deputies and Oregon State Police responded at about 7:22 p.m. Aug. 3 to reports that a man was firing a handgun from his vehicle near the campground entrance. Witnesses reported the driver had crashed off the roadway, was acting erratically, and fired shots across Highway 20.

Riverbend Campground and nearby Camp Attitude, a camp serving youth with physical or cognitive disabilities, were placed on lockdown. Police said the suspect, identified as David Duncan, 69, of Oregon City, later drove his truck toward law enforcement officers, and Oregon State Police troopers fired their weapons.

Duncan sustained non-life-threatening injuries and was taken to a hospital. No law enforcement officers or bystanders were injured.

The Albany Police Department is conducting an independent investigation under Oregon's officer-involved deadly force protocols. Anyone who witnessed the incident is asked to contact Detective Sgt. Joe Clausen at 541-791-7680. 🌀

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SHERIFF'S REPORT AUGUST 1-9

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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

Sun., Aug 2, 6:03 p.m. — Deputies investigated a DHS 307 Referral regarding an injury to a child in the 35100 block of Oakview Dr. that did not appear to be criminal at this time. Investigation ongoing.

Mon., Aug 3, 12:11 a.m. — Deputy contacted a male camping at Pioneer Park and advised him to pay for a campsite in the future.

11:47 a.m. — Caller reported a male walking down the street in the 200 block of Putman St. who was acting oddly.

12:14 p.m. — Daniel Dillon, 19, of Brownsville, was arrested in the 400 block of Kay Ave. for violating his release agreement and transported to Linn County Jail. Report taken.

12:15 p.m. — Deputy assisted a motorist with a disabled vehicle in the 28300 block of Brownsville Rd.

5:48 p.m. — Deputies responded to a DHS 307 Referral in the 35100 block of Oakview Dr. regarding a child who sustained an injury. The incident is already under investigation.

Tue., Aug. 4, 3:02 p.m. — William Wilson, 58, of Sweet Home, was cited for failing to carry proof of insurance in the 200 block of E Bishop Way.

Wed., Aug. 5, 5:21 a.m. — Caller reported a suspicious

vehicle in the 700 block of Templeton St. Information documented.

9:13 a.m. — A small transient camp was found on the side of Hwy 228 near Courtney Creek Dr. on private property. The occupant was advised to clean up the camp and was sent on their way.

10:00 p.m. — Deputy responded to suspicious activity at a vacant residence in the 1000 block of Pine St. No persons were located.

Fri., Aug. 7, 5:28 a.m. — Brian Carnes, 61, of Brownsville, was cited for speeding in the 26000 block of Gap Rd. **Sat., Aug 8, 2:30 p.m.** — Cheryl Delay, 56, of Portland, was cited for speeding 40 in a 25-mph zone in the 27800 block of Brownsville Rd. near Oakview Dr.

2:49 p.m. — Adam Archer, 42, of Albany, was cited for speeding 41 in a 25-mph zone in the 100 block of Hausman Ave., near N Main St.

4:17 p.m. — Adonys Barrios-Munoz, 32, of Springfield, was cited for speeding in the 100 block of E Bishop Way.

Sun., Aug. 9, 4:11 p.m. — Deputy responded to a farm in the 24400 block of Gap Rd., where someone attempted to steal a water truck. The water truck crashed through three fences and into a tree. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

BRUSH CREEK

Sat., Aug. 1, 11:56 a.m. — Deputies responded to two separate motorcycle injury crashes in the 23600 block of Brush Creek Rd. Report taken.

Fri., Aug 7, 1:08 p.m. — Caller reported an assault in the 26000 block of Brush Creek Rd. near Hwy 228. No public narrative. Report taken.

CRABTREE

Wed., Aug. 5, 6:08 p.m. — Rodney Mathews, 55, of Bend, was cited for speeding 80 in a 55-mph zone in the 37200 block of Hwy 226 near Crabtree Dr.

9:18 p.m. — Deputies investigated a death in the 36000 block of Folsom Rd. Report taken.

DRAPERVILLE

Sat., Aug. 1, 5:46 p.m. — Cassina Benfield, 50, of Albany, was arrested and lodged at the Linn County Jail for unlawful use of a weapon and menacing in the

400 block of Scravel Hill Rd. Report taken.

11:47 p.m. — Caller requested a welfare check in the 400 block of Scravel Hill Rd. regarding a concerning text. Deputies had contacted the male earlier in the shift and addressed the issue. The male was okay and required no further assistance from law enforcement or the fire department.

Sun., Aug 2, 11:45 a.m. — Jaren Michael Kartchner, 37, of Jefferson, was cited for speeding 71 in a 55-mph zone in the 100 block of Scravel Hill Rd near Knox Butte Rd.

Tue. Aug. 4, 8:32 p.m. — A traffic hazard was reported at Linnwood Cemetery and Scravel Hill Rd. involving multiple teenagers and vehicles.

Thu. Aug. 6, 7:23 p.m. — Deputy investigated a report of a violation of a release agreement in the 400 block of Scravel Hill Rd. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

HALSEY

Sat., Aug. 1, 1:58 p.m. — Deputies responded to the 30700 block of Abraham Dr. regarding a report of fraud. The individual had an account opened at Verizon in their name. They had since placed a credit freeze and had not had their financial information stolen. They are working with Verizon to have the fraudulent account closed.

Thu. Aug. 6, 6:29 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an ongoing no-contact order violation in the 100 block of E C St. and conducted an investigation. Jayson East, 50, of Halsey, was arrested and lodged on two counts of violating a release agreement. Report taken.

HARRISBURG

Sat., Aug. 1, 2:56 p.m. — Deputy spoke with residents in the 300 block of N 7th Pl. about a civil dispute and the eviction process.

3:57 p.m. — Brian Wiebe, 68, of Harrisburg, was cited for speeding 75 in a 55-mph zone in the 31900 block of Diamond Hill Dr. near Weatherford Rd.

8:06 p.m. — Deputy conducted an additional patrol of Eagle Park and contacted four people fishing; all had valid fishing licenses.

9:14 p.m. — Hunter Nash, 29, of Curtin, was cited for failing to stop at a stop sign

in the 1100 block of S 6th St.

Sun., Aug 2, 5:49 p.m. — Deputy responded to a single-vehicle, non-injury motor vehicle crash into a building in the 300 block of N 3rd St. A crash report was taken due to damage to the building. No citations were issued.

Mon., Aug 3, 9:44 a.m. — Deputies contacted an individual who reported civil issues involving their spouse in the 32900 block of Diamond Hill Dr.

3:08 p.m. — Deputies responded to an injury-related motor vehicle crash in the 31500 block of Bowers Dr., near Powerline Rd. William Pittman, 66, of Junction City, was cited for an unlawful/unsigned turn. Report taken.

Tue., Aug. 4, 10:23 a.m. — Deputy lodged found property for safekeeping in the 3100 block of Wyatt Dr., near Coburg Rd. Report taken.

1:26 p.m. — Deputy took a report of a stolen bank card that was fraudulently used in the 500 block of S 3rd St. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

2:45 p.m. — Claudia Boon, 27, of Harrisburg, was cited for driving without privileges and for failing to install an ignition interlock device in the 300 block of S 3rd St., near Kelsing St.

3:25 p.m. — Jorge Campos, 23, of Lebanon, was cited for driving without privileges and for an equipment violation in the 300 block of Smith St.

7:27 p.m. — Deputies assisted Oregon State Police at a crash in the 31400 block of Carney Dr., near Hwy 99E.

7:54 p.m. — A tractor damaged a 250-foot-long section of road in the 31400 block of Priceboro Dr. The tractor's owner provided the Linn County Road Department with their insurance information.

Wed., Aug. 5, 1:40 a.m. — Deputy assisted Junction City Police in locating the parents of a juvenile in the 200 block of S. 9th St.

Thu., Aug. 6, 3:22 a.m. — Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a commercial semi in the 700 block of Smith St. and cited Ruben Alamilla Sandoval, 36, of Mexico, for no operator's license, driving uninsured, and violating a truck route.

Fri., Aug 7, 12:32 p.m. — Deputy conducted a welfare check in the 300 block of Smith St., and everything

was well.

4:31 p.m. — Deputy located a runaway in the 32900 block of Diamond Hill Dr. and reported her, returning her to her mother. Report taken.

Sat., Aug 8, 6:45 p.m. — Jose Martinez Millan, 25, of Harrisburg, was arrested for Assault IV and a domestic violence felony in the 32800 block of Mt. Tom Dr. He was lodged at the Linn County Jail. Report taken.

Sun., Aug. 9, 9:17 p.m. — Kimberly Cherry, 30, of Harrisburg, was arrested for DUII and reckless driving in the 800 block of Umpqua St. Report taken.

JEFFERSON

Sun., Aug 2, 10:24 a.m. — Scott Thayer, 43, of Lebanon, was cited for speeding 64 in a 45-mph zone in the 38200 block of Scravel Hill Rd., near Mountain View Pl.

Thu. Aug. 6, 4:34 p.m. — Joshua Wibbens, 26, of Albany, was cited for speeding 77 in a 55-mph zone in the 37500 block of Scravel Hill Rd., near Kamph Dr.

Sat., Aug 8, 5:47 a.m. — David Fields, 54, of Albany, was cited for driving uninsured and while suspended in the 37600 block of Scravel Hill Rd. Fields was also cited in lieu of custody for his outstanding Albany Municipal Court warrant.

PEORIA

Sat., Aug 8, 10:02 a.m. — Deputies responded to an injury motor vehicle crash reported in the 30300 block of Peoria Rd. Report taken.

SCIO

Sat., Aug. 1, 2:04 p.m. — Deputies assisted Scio Fire Department with a male experiencing an asthma attack in the river in the 37600 block of Shelburn Dr.

11:40 p.m. — Deputies contacted a male dumpster diver in the 38900 block of NW 1st Ave. Timothy Hayden, 48, of Scio, was arrested on a warrant. He was cited in lieu of custody and warned for trespassing. Report taken.

Mon., Aug 3, 1:19 p.m. — Karissa White, 32, of Scio, was cited for driving uninsured and for failing to renew her vehicle registration in the 38700 block of N Main St.

2:50 p.m. — Miles Howard, 38, of Jefferson, was cited in lieu of custody for driving while suspended in the 38900 block of Hwy 226. Report taken.

5:42 p.m. — Sarah Kosack,

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39, of Silverton, was cited for driving uninsured and while suspended in the 38700 block of Franklin Butte Rd. near Hwy 226.

8:24 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of an assault involving a juvenile and their parent in the 38700 block of West Scio Rd. Investigation ongoing. Report taken. DHS was notified.

Tue. Aug. 4, 8:51 a.m. — Deputies conducted a welfare check in the 40200 block of Ridge Dr. Upon arrival, they found a male lying face-down on the ground. Medics arrived shortly after and transported the male to the hospital for evaluation.

3:08 p.m. — Richard Brandon, 49, of Scio, was cited for driving uninsured in the 38400 block of Hwy 226.

Wed., Aug. 5, 10:14 a.m. — Deputies responded to a welfare check in the 40700 block of Fish Hatchery Dr. Iain Scott, 42, of Scio, was arrested on warrants and transported to the Linn County Jail without incident. Report taken.

9:26 p.m. — Taelynn Froman, 18, of Aumsville, was arrested for DUII, reckless driving, Assault IV, and reckless endangering following a crash into a home in the 39400 block of Kingston Jordan Rd. Report taken.

Thu. Aug. 6, 5:20 p.m. — Deputy responded to a fraud report in the 39800 block of Stayton Scio Rd. Report taken.

Sat., Aug 8, 1:45 p.m. — Carson Otto, 25, of Scio, was cited for speeding 89 in a 55-mph zone in the 40100 block of Rodgers Mountain Loop near Richardson Gap Rd.

Sun., Aug. 9, 6:34 p.m. — Matthew Nelson, 28, of Scio, was arrested on multiple outstanding warrants in the 38900 block of SW 3rd Ave. Nelson was transported to and lodged at the Linn County Jail.

SHEDD

Mon., Aug 3, 11:07 a.m. — Deputy assisted the Halsey Fire Department in gaining access to a property with an unattended fire spreading in the 31800 block of Pugh Dairy Dr., near Hwy 99 E.

TANGENT

Sun., Aug 2, 9:26 p.m. — Tangent parents called LCSO to report that their 17-year-old daughter had run away in the 33900 block of Hwy 99E. Deputy was unable to locate the juvenile and had no information regarding the juvenile's whereabouts. Information was entered into the Law Enforcement Data System. Report taken.

Tue., Aug. 4, 11:16 a.m. — Deputy received a report of a theft in the 34200 block of Looney Ln. Deputy discussed a civil matter with the individual. Report was taken.

Fri., Aug 7, 1:10 p.m. — Deputies responded to a non-injury two-vehicle crash in the 31500 block of N Lake Creek Dr. Report taken. ☼

Oregon National Guard Supports Wildfire Response

SALEM — Oregon National Guard aviation crews are among the resources supporting Oregon's response to a busy wildfire season.

In late July, the Guard activated additional service members and helicopters, including HH-60M Black Hawk and CH-47 Chinook helicopters equipped for aerial water drops. A separate Black Hawk crew was also assigned to provide search-and-rescue and emergency medical evacuation support for wildfire operations.

"We expect this to be a long and hard fire season, so we're preparing for the worst," Lt. Col. Nathan Edgecomb, Oregon Army National Guard state aviation officer, said when the additional crews were activated.

The deployment came as firefighters across Oregon faced hot, dry conditions and multiple large wildfires. National Guard crews work alongside state and federal firefighting agencies when additional resources are needed.

The Guard's helicopters can support suppression efforts with water drops, while medical evacuation crews remain available to assist firefighters and others in emergencies. ☼



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An Oregon Army National Guard HH-60M Black Hawk drops water on the Brattain Fire near Paisley in September 2020. Black Hawk helicopters are among the aircraft used by the Guard to support wildfire suppression efforts.

PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Brownsville Mayor & Councilor Positions

NOTICE IS HEREBY given, that four (4) positions will be up for election. The position of Mayor and three (3) Councilor positions on the Brownsville Council will be elected at the November 3, 2026 General Election.

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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Strengthening Local News at the Oregon Rural Journalism Conference

By Don Lyon, Staff Writer and Columnist and Eva Wada, Assistant Editor

When local news teams across Oregon gathered in Bend on July 29–30 for the 4th Annual Oregon Rural and Small-Town Journalism Conference, The Times of the Central Willamette Valley was right there at the table. Team members Sharon, Mikayle, Jeff, Don, and Eva attended the two-day event at Central Oregon Community College to learn new strategies and bring fresh ideas home to our readers.

Sponsored by The Roundhouse Foundation and organized by ForJournalism (FORJ), the free conference brought together journalists from small towns across the state. Attendees were treated to warm hospitality, campus dorm accommodations, and a wonderful spread of food — including build-your-own fajitas and delicious cookies at lunch — making for a welcoming environment to discuss the future of local news.

For The Times, the gathering offered a chance to look at how we might improve our coverage, reach more readers, and run our paper more efficiently without losing what makes us special. A big takeaway was how newsrooms can better serve different kinds of readers by adapting content for each platform. Quick facts and graphics on social media could serve readers who want fast updates on their phones, while in-depth print stories give readers a fuller picture.



Journalists from rural and small-town news organizations across Oregon gathered for the 4th Annual Oregon Rural and Small-Town Journalism Conference at Central Oregon Community College in Bend on July 29–30. The Times of the Central Willamette Valley was represented by Sharon Banks, Mikayle Stole, Jeff Brown, Don Lyon, and Eva Wada, who attended workshops and discussions focused on strengthening local journalism.

The conference also sparked fresh, local ideas for how The Times could become an even stronger hub for community information. Inspired by the presentations, our team began brainstorming potential improvements, such as expanding local event listings across surrounding towns and using simple online forms to help local coaches submit sports scores directly. Presenters also demonstrated how small newsrooms can use artificial intelligence to speed up research or organize newsletters — though they stressed that technology can never replace real human reporting and thoughtful community interviews.

The event featured broad perspectives from across the state and nation. A lunch roundtable brought together leaders from policy and philanthropy — including an Oregon state senator, an Associated Press representative, Press Forward, Wave 3 Advisors, and Rebuild Local News — to

discuss national support for community news. To wrap up the event, Mark Garber, past president of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association, offered closing remarks on “The Oregon Opportunity,” highlighting the path forward for rural news outlets.

While no official decisions have been made, these ideas give our team plenty to think about as we plan for the future. As The Times Board Member Donald Lyon noted, the conference was a great opportunity to hear from experienced journalists across Oregon. He pointed out that while many outlets are moving entirely online, The Times stands out for its quality writing, clear editing, and strong print edition. By exploring these new strategies, we hope to keep building our relationship with readers and ensuring trusted local journalism remains strong in the Central Willamette Valley. 🌟

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