



Amateur Trucks Take the Track at Harrisburg Harvest Festival



Heidi Young of Springfield stands beside the rat rod she drove during the amateur truck pull Saturday at the Harrisburg Harvest Festival. Built by her father, the truck combines a 1969 Chevrolet frame with the body of a 1938 GMC. Young made her first-ever pull Saturday afternoon.

PHOTOS: MARCY HERMENS

By Marcy Hermens, Tangent Correspondent and Staff Writer

HARRISBURG — Before the Saturday night professional pullers hit the dirt, the afternoon belonged to the

amateurs — and it showed exactly what local pulling events are really about.

The festival's truck and tractor pull traces its roots to 1982. After several on-and-off years, local farmer

and business owner Kurt Kayner revived the event in 2013. Today, the competition draws pulling enthusiasts and fans from across the Pacific Northwest to a field just north of town, where



Food vendors line the festival grounds during the Harrisburg Harvest Festival, offering everything from shaved ice to hot dogs and barbecue for spectators between truck and tractor pulls.



An American flag-themed pulling tractor stands ready at the Harrisburg Harvest Festival.

drivers test everything from vintage farm tractors to daily-driver pickups against a progressive competition sled.

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Community Mural Planned for Downtown Jefferson

By Mikayle Stole, Editor and Publisher

JEFFERSON — A 50-foot mural celebrating Jefferson's agricultural heritage and local history could soon transform the Union Street side of Santiam Market & Deli in downtown Jefferson.

The Jefferson Area Chamber of Commerce is coordinating the project, designed by Oregon artist Patricia Young. Planned for the market at 114 N. Second St., the mural will depict the area's agricultural history, from Native peoples to the present.

Young recently met with the Chamber's mural committee to present the original rendering and discuss project details. She said painting could begin as early as September, depending on circumstances, though work may instead begin next spring.

Young, who lives in Salem, studied fine art and graphic design at the University of Oregon and art education at Western Oregon University. She spent more than 17 years as a graphic artist for the State of Oregon and now focuses on painting and commissioned work, including murals.

Community members can view concept art at Jefferson City Hall, Jefferson Public Library, Jefferson Coffee Stop, the Greater Jefferson Community Center, and the Conser House Museum.



Artist Patricia Young's rendering at the Greater Jefferson Community Center shows the design for a proposed 50-foot community mural celebrating Jefferson's agricultural heritage and local history. The mural is planned for the Union Street side of Santiam Market & Deli in downtown Jefferson.

Residents can also become a permanent part of the project. Personalized 4-by-12-inch engraved plaques, handcrafted by local artisan Gary Kimball, are available for \$150.

Hand-painted "Memorial Frogs" are available for \$75 to honor or remember a family member, loved one, or other special person. Only 25 are available, and each will be permanently incorporated into the mural display.

Donations of any amount are also accepted. Purchase forms are available at Jefferson Coffee Stop and the Greater Jefferson Community Center. For more information, contact Kate at jeffersonareachamberofcommerce@gmail.com or call 541-974-4775.

Visit <https://www.jeffersonareacc.com> for more information about the Jefferson Area Chamber of Commerce. Young's artwork can be viewed at <https://www.patriciayoung-artist.com>.

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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

Marks of the Maker
Thursday, Aug. 20 • 6–9 p.m. • \$20–35
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.
<https://www.armuseum.com/events/2026/8/20/history-distilled-marks-of-the-maker-the-art-of-robert-ferguson>

Northwest Art & Air Festival
Friday-Sunday, Aug. 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 Saturday, 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 Aug. 19 & 26 • 5:30 p.m. • FREE
Pioneer Park Pavilion
Everyone is welcome for activities and a community dinner. Upcoming themes include; Barns, Boots, and Beyond (Aug. 19), and Last Blast of Summer (Aug. 26).
<https://www.connectlinncounty.net>

Hands on History
Saturday, Aug. 22 • 10 a.m.–4 p.m. • FREE
Library Park, Brownsville
Experience traditional pioneer and Native American skills, activities, and crafts for the whole family. Activities include old-time fiddlers, tinsmithing, Kalapuyan stories, wagon rides, gold panning, blacksmithing, cornhusk doll making, wool spinning and more. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Linn County Museum Friends.
<https://linnparks.com>

Shop in the Shadows at Runa Boutique
Friday, Aug. 28 • 4–8 p.m.
Runa Boutique, 439 N. Main St., Brownsville
An evening of shopping and to celebrate the lighting of Runa Boutique’s new business sign. Browse clothing, locally handmade jewelry, crystals, incense, and books. Phases with M. MacAuley will offer tarot readings, and treats will also be available.

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. End of season market: Aug. 28
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Death Cafe
Tuesday, Sept. 8 • 6:30-8 p.m. • FREE
Brownsville Community Library’s Kirk Room
Join an open and respectful conversation about death, dying, and the experiences that connect us all. Death Cafe is an international movement that brings people together over tea, coffee, and cake to discuss mortality in a judgment-free setting. The gathering is not a grief support group, a counseling session, or a religious event, and there is no set agenda. Hosted by retired registered nurse Nan VanSandt. Free and open to adults. Cake will be provided.

CORVALLIS

SAGE Concert Series
Thursday, 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 • FREE
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

Forestry Tools & Tree Science
Friday, Aug. 28 • 9:30–11 a.m. • FREE
Firefighter Memorial Shelter, Peavy Arboretum
8392 NW Peavy Arboretum Rd.
Explore the forest through free, hands-on activities with the OSU Research Forest. This Forest Fridays session focuses on forestry tools and tree science. Designed for ages 6 and older, but everyone is welcome.
kelsie.szeszulski@oregonstate.edu

JEFFERSON

Jefferson WyldLife Kickoff Luau
Wednesday, Aug. 26 • 5–6:30 p.m. • FREE
Jefferson Park Covered Area, 2078 Talbot Road SE
Local sixth- through eighth-graders are invited to a kickoff with free food, games and fun. The faith-based youth program also offers friendship, mentoring, camps and community involvement with adult supervision. Young Life serves students in grades nine through 12.
503-428-4166 • jeffersonwyldlife@gmail.com

LEBANON

Sustainable & Secondhand Summer Market

Jefferson Night Market
First Thursdays • 4–7 p.m. • 150 N. 2nd St., Jefferson
Browse local produce, handmade goods, crafts, food vendors. End of season market: Sept. 3

Scio Saturday Market
Saturdays • 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. End of Season market: Sept. 26
<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.

Saturday, Aug. 22 • 9 a.m.–3 p.m. • FREE
Swansorifinds, 455 S. Main St.
The second annual outdoor market features vintage and secondhand goods, upcycled items, handmade crafts and eco-friendly products from local vendors, plus a sidewalk sale at Swansorifinds. The free market has expanded to twice its original size.

Calapooia Cribbage Club Tournament
Saturday, Aug. 29 • Registration at 10 a.m.
James Gang Pizza
The Calapooia Cribbage Club will host a cribbage tournament with a nine-game regular tournament for \$15 per person and Canadian doubles for \$25 per person. Space is limited to 75 players. To RSVP or for more information, call Bob Simpson at 541-272-8035 or Richard Gardner at 541-401-2222.

TANGENT

National Night Out
Tuesday, Aug. 25 • 6–8 p.m. • FREE
Pioneer Park, 31981 Meadowlark Loop
Rescheduled from Aug. 4 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.

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Free Corvallis Festival Honors Indigenous Kalapuya Heritage

By Eva Wada, Assistant Editor

CORVALLIS — Community members are invited to gather for a free, four-day event honoring the cultural and ecological history of the Willamette Valley. The Tarweed Awakening Corvallis festival will take place Aug. 20–23, offering activities that celebrate a vital native plant, a historic Kalapuya elder, and a sacred local landmark.

Co-sponsored by 12 local and tribal organizations, the festival connects ecology and regional history. The native tarweed plant, or Sawal, served as a staple food for the Kalapuya people, who managed valley prairies using controlled burns. The event also honors Sawala, an esteemed Kalapuya leader known as the “Elder of Elders,” and Shawala Point Park, a historic site where the Marys and Willamette rivers join together.

The festivities begin Thursday, Aug. 20, with an Indigenous Craft Fair at the Corvallis Museum from 4 to 7 p.m. On Friday evening, the Greenbelt Land Trust will guide a prairie walk at Bald Hill Farm to discuss native botany and fire ecology.

Saturday’s main event runs from 1 to 4 p.m. across five downtown locations. Highlights include an opening talk on Kalapuya artwork at the Van Buren Street Bridge, interactive walking stations at Shawala Point Park, and free tarweed seed giveaways. Visitors can enjoy face painting and free blueberry tarts at Wild Yeast Bakery, view historic exhibits at the Corvallis Museum,



Luhui Whitebear speaks at the confluence of the Marys and Willamette rivers, a culturally significant site for the Kalapuya people and one of the locations highlighted during the Tarweed Awakening Corvallis festival. She is joined by a tribal member.

or hear guest speakers discuss seed harvesting at the Tarweed Folk School.

The celebration concludes Sunday morning with a guided botany hike through the Bald Hill Natural Area. Attendance is free, though advance registration is required for the guided hikes. For complete event details or to register, contact Dave Eckert at deckert@willamettewatershed.com.



Tarweed, or Sawal, was an important food source for the Kalapuya people and is at the heart of the Tarweed Awakening Corvallis festival celebrating Indigenous culture, history and the ecology of the Willamette Valley.

STUDENT VOICES

Harrisburg FFA Helps with the Harrisburg Harvest Festival

By Emma Snider, Junior Writer and Columnist

HARRISBURG — The Harrisburg Harvest Festival tractor and truck pull is one of Linn County’s biggest events, dating back to 1982. While the tradition has had some off years, it was reignited in 2013 by a local farmer and business owner, Kurt Kayner. This year, the community’s mission was to raise awareness as well as promote agriculture and farming in our region.

The Harrisburg Harvest Festival is also one of Harrisburg High School FFA’s biggest fundraisers. Money raised helps us attend the Oregon FFA State Convention, where FFA students from across the state come together, have fun, and compete.

The Harvest Festival is a great way for us to get to know our community and each other better. Working as a team is a big part of the experience. We all have different jobs and tasks, such as handing out water, selling raffle tickets, collecting donations in the parking lot, and cleaning up after the event. By working together, we hit our donation target and built stronger ties with each other and our community.

This was a very fun event that I will always remember. I got to hang out with my FFA family while also working to provide more opportunities for our future FFA members.



Harrisburg FFA member Sunny Cotten, left, and Chapter Vice President Diana Lopez tackle cleanup after the Harrisburg Harvest Festival. FFA members volunteered throughout the event, which serves as one of the chapter’s biggest fundraisers.

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HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL

Harrisburg Secures BNSF Railway Infrastructure Funds

By Eva Wada, Assistant Editor

HARRISBURG — The Harrisburg City Council addressed key municipal developments, infrastructure funding, and administrative business during its Aug. 11 meeting. Council members finalized a major rail and road agreement, reviewed end-of-year budget figures, and discussed ongoing community issues.

The council ratified Ordinance No. 1015, renewing its franchise agreement with Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway Company for facility placement along Fourth Street. Under the agreement, BNSF will fund the Fourth Street and Rail Improvement Project, except for any city-received grants. BNSF made an initial \$62,500 payment on Aug. 5, with an additional \$62,500 due by Aug. 1, 2027. The project includes reconstructing rails, streets, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, crossings, and storm drainage systems. BNSF will also convey BNSF Park to the city within two years.

A public meeting for Fourth Street property owners is scheduled for Sept. 17 at 6 p.m., followed by a citywide town hall Oct. 7.

In other business, the council reviewed the fourth-quarter expense report for fiscal year 2025–26. General fund intergovernmental revenue

fell below projections at 30.45 percent because expected grants were not awarded. Property tax revenue ended \$121,136 short, partly due to funds redirected to the Harrisburg Redevelopment Agency.

The council also authorized City Administrator Michele Eldridge to sign a contract addendum extending city engineering services with Branch Engineering Inc. through June 30, 2029.

Additionally, city officials discussed panhandling complaints near Territorial and Third streets. Oregon case law protects non-aggressive panhandling under free speech rights, provided individuals do not block sidewalks or private access.

With long-term engineering services secured and major public improvement projects moving forward, the council's decisions set the stage for significant infrastructure upgrades throughout the coming fiscal years.

Local residents are encouraged to attend the upcoming September and October public meetings to share feedback on the planned Fourth Street improvements. ☼

HALSEY PLANNING COMMISSION

Commission Approves Six Residential Lots Amid Drainage Concerns

By Mikayle Stole, Editor and Publisher

HALSEY — The Halsey Planning Commission unanimously approved two Miller Trust land partitions Aug. 12, creating six large residential lots on the east side of the city and raising questions about drainage, wetlands, and infrastructure needed before homes can be built.

Much of the discussion focused on water.

Neighbor Harlan Martin told commissioners that existing ditches have struggled to handle runoff around East Third, A, and B streets, at times leaving water deep enough to carry railroad ties into a neighboring yard. He expressed concern that future roads, driveways, or fill could redirect additional water toward existing homes.

City Planner Dave Kinney said that future development would need to demonstrate that it would not worsen drainage conditions. He also acknowledged that the city should maintain the major drainage channel through the area, though no maintenance timeline was provided.

Wetlands pose another challenge. The Oregon Department of State Lands reported that wetlands and streams cover most of the property and that the partitions could cause future development problems. Wetland delineations will be required before development, and state removal-fill permits may also be necessary.

When commissioners questioned whether the resulting lots would be buildable, Kinney indicated they could be, though the cost of meeting development requirements remains unknown.

The two applications divide separate Miller Trust properties into three parcels per property.

For the southern property near East G Street, potential driveway access from East Third Street was eliminated due to an existing drainage channel and wetlands. Access will instead be provided from East G Street. Development will require additional right-of-way, an extension of East G Street, water and sewer improvements, and a fire turnaround.

On the northern property, corridors must be preserved for possible future extensions of East A and B streets. Buildings cannot be placed within those areas, although the streets would not be extended as part of the current partition.

Commissioners also questioned whether Halsey's water system could accommodate additional development. No current capacity study or fire-flow results were presented. Officials said six additional homes should have little effect on the overall system, while acknowledging the city is currently operating with limited water-system redundancy.

Kinney said if the water system eventually cannot support additional connections, the City Council could consider a temporary development moratorium following an engineering review and public process.

Both partitions were approved 5–0.

Approval does not mean six homes will be built immediately. Property owners must still address applicable wetlands and drainage requirements, street and utility improvements, fire access, and other conditions before development can proceed. ☼

HALSEY CITY COUNCIL

Council Reviews Water Plant Issues, Street Vacation

By Mikayle Stole, Editor and Publisher

HALSEY — Water system problems, the unusual history of a proposed street vacation, and several major infrastructure projects were among the topics discussed by the Halsey City Council at its Aug. 11 meeting.

City officials reported that the water treatment plant faced several issues in recent weeks, including a July 25 voltage spike that temporarily interrupted water service. According to the city's public works report, the spike affected the distribution pump and the high-service pumps, and service was restored after the system was reset.

Additional pump and communication problems were discussed during the meeting. City Administrator Briana Parra-Olkowski said the city temporarily restored operations by repurposing a component from an unused piece of equipment to restore high-service pump No. 1. She described the system's current state as "precarious," noting that while federal funds are ready for plant upgrades, some critical control components take up to six months to obtain.

The city continues work on its Well 24 project, which includes federal funding for improvements. An environmental review is underway, and city officials are determining which work can proceed during the review.

Another lengthy discussion involved the proposed vacation of West A Street. While the council previously approved vacating West A Street and denied B Street, the process was paused when surprising historical evidence came to light.

During the Aug. 11 meeting, property owner Kelsey Pimm told councilors that Linn County records appear to show that A Street was already legally vacated on Aug. 1, 1978. She said her family has paid taxes on the property for about 40 years and that a land-use attorney also concluded that the street appears to have been vacated.

City officials will review historical records before proceeding. An executive session is scheduled for Aug. 26 to allow councilors to consult with legal counsel. No action was taken regarding the street vacation.

Several infrastructure projects are also progressing.

Final design work for the West H Street project is complete and includes substantial stormwater improvements, drainage, and culverts. The additional work increased the project's estimated cost, and city staff are reviewing portions of the project that could be reduced if bids exceed available funding.

The city also received approval from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for the bid documents for its sewer inflow and infiltration project. The project is expected to go out for bid next week through an intermediate competitive sealed bidding process. To allow DEQ adequate time to review the resulting contract award, the council announced that the September meeting has been rescheduled to Sept. 15.

Councilors also began discussing Halsey's priorities for the League of Oregon Cities' 2027–28 legislative agenda. Among the issues drawing interest were changes to prevailing wage requirements, administrative rule reform, public meetings law, land availability, and training for water and wastewater workers.

The League of Oregon Cities has asked member cities to identify their top five legislative priorities by Sept. 25.

On a lighter note, city staff reminded the council that volunteer sign-up sheets are available for the annual Citywide BBQ and Movie Night on Friday, Sept. 11. The event carries extra weight this year, as City Hall will close to the public at midday to prepare for a community celebration marking Halsey's 150-year anniversary. ☼

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That grassroots mix was on full display Saturday afternoon as drivers from Banks, Applegate and surrounding towns rolled in to see how far they could pull.

Among them was Heidi Young of Springfield, who hit the track for the first time as part of a father-daughter team. The rat rod she drove was built by her dad — a frame from a 1969 Chevy paired with the body of a 1938 GMC. With her dad by her side, Young eased carefully onto the track and turned in a solid pull down half the course, a strong showing for her first time behind the wheel.



Oversized tires, exposed suspension and twin exhaust stacks give this modified Chevrolet LUV a distinctive look among the trucks gathered for the Harrisburg Harvest Festival.

PHOTOS: MARCY HERMENS

While the Saturday night professional pullers — some hauling more than 1,500 horsepower — are the festival’s marquee draw, watching the amateurs work through their runs during the day is where the heart of the event really lives. It’s local drivers, homebuilt trucks, and a shared love of testing what a machine can do.

The Harrisburg Harvest Festival Association is a 501(c)3 nonprofit and proceeds from the event support local FFA chapters and agricultural education. 🌾



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Oregon Lawmakers Push for Microplastics Testing as Approved Method Stays Elusive

By Steven L. Haney, Guest Contributor

WASHINGTON — How much microplastic is in the water Americans drink? Right now, there is no standardized national testing method that can provide a reliable answer.

Sen. Jeff Merkley and Rep. Janelle Bynum of Oregon are among four lawmakers leading a bipartisan coalition of 57 members of Congress urging the Environmental Protection Agency to begin monitoring microplastics in drinking water. Four other Oregon lawmakers — Sen. Ron Wyden and Reps. Suzanne Bonamici, Andrea Salinas and Maxine Dexter — also signed the June 30 letter.



Oregon lawmakers are urging the EPA to begin monitoring microplastics in drinking water despite challenges in developing a standardized testing method.

The request raises a complex question: How can the EPA require water systems to monitor for a contaminant when there is no agreed-upon national standard for measuring it?

Why Should People Care?

Microplastics are tiny plastic particles that have become widespread in the environment and have been detected in the human body.

In a June 30 letter to EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin, lawmakers cited research indicating that concentrations of micro- and nanoplastics in human brain tissue rose nearly 50 percent between 2016 and 2024. Researchers found about 4,800 micrograms of plastic per gram of brain tissue in 2024 samples — a concentration that, when extrapolated across an adult brain, equals roughly a single plastic spoon.

Research has also associated microplastic exposure with lung disease, organ dysfunction, increased risk of heart attack and stroke, and

neurodegenerative conditions. Researchers continue to study the implications of exposure for human health.

Why Aren’t Water Systems Already Testing?

Scientists can detect microplastics, but there is not yet an approved, standardized method suitable for nationwide monitoring of drinking water.

Microplastics vary widely in size, shape, and chemical composition. Results from different laboratories and testing methods can be difficult to compare. The EPA says requiring nationwide testing without established standards for precision and quality control would yield data too inconsistent to use. That is why microplastics were excluded from the EPA’s proposed Sixth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 6), published on July 1.

What Do Oregon Lawmakers Want?

Merkley and Bynum, along with Sen. Cory Booker of New Jersey and Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi of Illinois, want the EPA to include microplastics in UCMR 6 despite the testing challenges. Wyden, Bonamici, Salinas, and Dexter were among the additional congressional signers.

The UCMR program collects national data on contaminants not currently regulated in drinking water and helps determine whether future federal standards are needed.

Microplastics are included on the EPA’s draft Contaminant Candidate List 6, prioritizing them for further research as standardized testing methods continue to be developed.

UCMR 6 sampling is scheduled for 2028 through 2030.

For Oregon residents, the debate boils down to a basic question: How quickly should the federal government begin monitoring a potential drinking water concern when scientists are still working to establish standard methods to measure it consistently? 🌱

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Death Café Tuesday, Sept. 8 • 6:30 p.m.
Estate Planning: Making a Trust
Thursday, Sept. 17 • 6 p.m.
World Cultures & Travel: Lebanon, Syria & Jordan Oct. 15 • 7 p.m.

GROUP GATHERINGS

Thread Wizards Stitchery Group
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HARRISBURG LIBRARY CALENDAR

Tiny Tots Story Time
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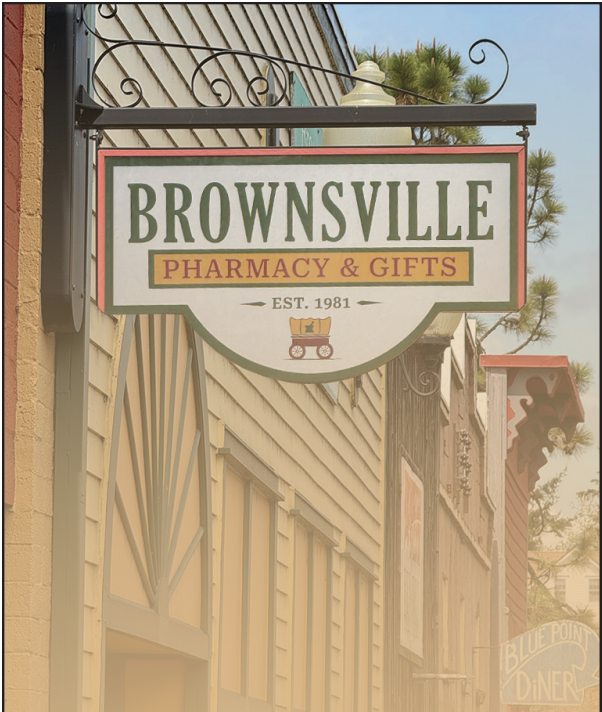
Friday Storytime & Activity
Fridays • 10 a.m. • Ages 4 and up
Early Literary Toys (Aug 14), Summer Storytime Chalk Art (Aug. 21), Popsicle Picture Frame (Aug. 28).

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: Tropical Fish (Aug. 21), Free Build (Aug. 28)

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Celebrating Young Readers

By Eva Wada, Assistant Editor

The 2026 Summer Reading Program in Harrisburg, OR wrapped up on Friday, August 7, with a joyful carnival at Burlington Northern (BN) Park across from the fire station. Beginning June 12, under the statewide theme "Plant a Seed, Read," the eight-week program brought families together to celebrate a summer filled with books and learning.

A total of 132 visitors attended the finale, filling the park with laughter and energy. Local high school volunteers helped make the morning a huge success by running game stations and keeping activities moving smoothly. Children tested their skills at the beanbag toss and ring toss, tried out a large bubble station, and cheered during the potato sack, three-legged, and egg-and-spoon races. Chelsea Waggoner of 541 Celebrations painted the faces of delighted children well past



Abigail, 7, supports her little sister, Andi, 3, while Chelsea Waggoner paints colorful facepaint designs at the Harrisburg Public Library Carnival.

clean-up time. To make the day even sweeter, everyone enjoyed treats of cookies and soft cotton candy.

Although the summer reading program has come to an end in Harrisburg, the fun at the local library continues every Friday at 3 p.m. with Lego Club. Kids can drop in for weekly build challenges — including a v tropical fish build on August 21, and a free build session on August 28 — plus the chance to earn Lego prizes.

Community members expressed deep gratitude for the library team’s effort. Local parent Danielle Iddings shared on Facebook, “We are lucky to have such a good library program in Harrisburg!

Thank you for all you guys do. Also, a huge thank you to the librarians, board members, and volunteers. There’s a lot of behind-the-scenes work that goes into making the summer program successful, and my family absolutely loves it!” 🌻

BROWNSVILLE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Guest Speakers and Volunteer Readers

By Sherri Lemhouse, Brownsville Librarian

The Brownsville Community Library has more to offer than books. Story Times are held each Friday beginning at 11 a.m. These fun interactive programs are followed by craft time for all ages.

Do you enjoy stitching, knitting, crocheting, hand-sewing, or other handiwork? The Stitchery Group meets each Wednesday at the Brownsville Library from 1–3 p.m. to chat while getting something done.

Our book club, The Page Turners, will meet on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Kirk Room at the Library. The monthly discussion is always interesting and fun!

Join us in the Kirk Room for our new program, Death Cafe, held in partnership with a local hospice nurse and a library supporter on Tuesdays, Sept. 8 and Oct. 13, at 6:30 p.m.

What is a Death Cafe? It’s a relaxed gathering where people drink tea, enjoy cake, and talk openly about death. The concept, started in 2011

by Jon Underwood in London, aims to increase awareness of mortality so people can make the most of their finite lives.

There are no set agendas, lectures, or sales pitches, and it is not a grief counseling session. Instead, it provides a respectful, confidential space to share thoughts, fears, or questions about dying. The program is free and open to everyone.

Get your affairs in order! Life is short — don’t be the reason your family fights over what’s left behind.

Local attorney Danielle M. Myers will host a free, informative session on creating a trust on Thursday, Sept. 17, at 6 p.m. in the Brownsville Community Library Kirk Room. Myers will explain essential trust documents, how they function after death, and answer general questions. The event is free and open to the public with no registration required. 🌻

Short Fiction Contest Open to Oregon Writers

EUGENE — Oregon writers have until Nov. 30 to submit their work to the second annual Cai Emmons Short Fiction Contest, hosted by Wordcrafters in Eugene.

The regional contest is open to residents of Oregon and Washington who submit original, unpublished short fiction between 1,000 and 3,000 words. Stories must engage with at least one theme found in the work of the late Eugene author and University of Oregon writing instructor Cai Emmons, including interconnectedness, grief and loss, family dynamics, environmental and climate concerns, magical realism, and women’s experiences and identities.

The grand prize is \$700, with \$200 category awards and \$100 honorable mentions in categories including magical realism, environmental and climate themes, female protagonists, family dynamics, experimental fiction, and the aftermath of loss.

All finalists will have their stories published in a paperback and e-book anthology by Wordcrafters Press in April 2027. Winners will also receive additional memberships from the contest sponsor, Chill Subs.

Final selections will be made by memoirist and essayist Debra Gwartney, author of “Live Through This” and “I Am a Stranger Here Myself.”

Writers, 18 years and older, may submit one story. The entry fee is \$7, or \$5 for Wordcrafters members. Fee waivers are available for BIPOC, QTGNC, and disabled writers upon request.

Emmons, who died of ALS in 2023, authored several books, including “Weather Woman,” “Unleashed,” “Vanishing,” “Sinking Islands,” and “His Mother’s Son.”

Submissions are open through Nov. 30. For complete guidelines and to submit an entry, visit <https://wordcrafters.org/cai-emmons-short-fiction-contest>. 🌻

Back-to-School Resources for Tangent Families

TANGENT — Tangent Elementary School families preparing for the new school year have several opportunities to get help with registration, school supplies, and other resources.

Registration assistance is available at Tangent Elementary School, with the school office open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. during August, according to Greater Albany Public Schools (GAPS) Communications Director Becca Mallery.

Families who speak a language other than English may also receive registration assistance through the GAPS Welcome Center, which provides enrollment and language support for district families.

Tangent Elementary will hold its school supply drop-off Wednesday, Sept. 2, from 5 to 6 p.m. Last year’s event also included an opportunity for families to meet teachers, tour the school, and

enjoy a popsicle on the playground. Details about additional activities planned for this year have not yet been announced.

Also on Sept. 2, Greater Albany Public Schools will hold a districtwide School Supply Giveaway from 3 to 6 p.m. at Memorial Middle School. The district’s Family and Community Together (FACT) program helps connect families from Albany, Tangent, Millersburg and surrounding rural Linn and Benton County communities with school supplies and other resources.

More information about FACT is available at <https://www.albany.k12.or.us/students-families/fact> Information about registration and language assistance is available through the GAPS Welcome Center at <https://www.albany.k12.or.us/departments/welcome-center>. ☎

HARRISBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Harrisburg Schools Prepare for New Year With Academic, Staffing Changes

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer and Columnist

The Harrisburg School Board met Aug. 12 to review preparations for the new school year, including academic priorities, staffing changes, student discipline, facility improvements, and enrollment projections.

At the elementary level, literacy and math will remain major priorities. Classified staff will participate in an eight-part literacy training series, and the master schedule has been adjusted to provide each grade level with 30 minutes of targeted math intervention. Approximately 55 kindergarten students are expected, with enrollment likely to increase before school begins. Most teachers and educational assistants are returning, providing strong staff continuity.

The middle school will introduce an AI-powered math learning tool designed to guide students through problems without simply giving them answers. All five math teachers plan to use the program. The school is also reviving a student newspaper, with the goal of producing four or five editions during the year.

In addition, Administrators discussed participation in a two-year Inclusive Skill Building Learning Alternative to Exclusionary Discipline program. The goal is to reduce suspensions through proactive classroom management, communication with students and families, and alternatives to exclusionary discipline. The high school is experimenting with replacing some traditional detention with Wednesday community service projects. The projects allow student to give something positive back to the school.

Harrisburg High School will welcome five new teachers in math, social studies, life skills, English language arts, and CTE manufacturing. The manufacturing program will focus on woodshop and welding rather than automotive instruction. The school also plans to enhance home football games with marching band uniforms and on-field performances of the national anthem, with halftime performances to follow. Eagle Mania

is scheduled for Sept. 11.

High school priorities include improving school climate and culture and developing a “portrait of a Harrisburg High School graduate,” with input from students, parents, staff, community members, and businesses. The district also plans to expand interventions for students struggling with attendance or grades and to transition toward a multi-tiered system of support. Officials reported the district was in good financial condition after the first month of the fiscal year, although year-end numbers have not yet been audited. Enrollment projections showed the district 11 students below budget projections and 23 below last year’s enrollment, though the figures remain preliminary.

Summer facility work included campus cleanup, baseball field improvements, locker-room work, and interior painting. The district plans to seek bids to fix or replace the aging heating and cooling system in the gym. Seismic improvements to several buildings are scheduled for next summer. Officials are also studying improvements to the high school’s food-service space to accommodate increased meal participation.

The board approved additions and modifications to district policies and deleted outdated or duplicate policies. Resolution No. 1 changed the June board meeting date and designated The Times of the Central Willamette Valley for meeting notices as it expands its Harrisburg coverage, replacing the Register-Guard. ☎

JEFFERSON LIBRARY CALENDAR

End of Summer Reading Program Prize Room Closing

Saturday, Aug. 22 • 3:15 p.m.

Early Childhood Literacy Activity Day

Saturday, Aug. 22 • 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

NeedleCraft Group

Second and Fourth Tuesdays • 3–5 p.m.

Bring your knitting, crochet, or other needlecraft project and enjoy crafting with others.

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

Read-to-a-Dog (Shasta)

Fourth Saturdays, Aug. 22 • 2–3 p.m.

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SCIO LIBRARY CALENDAR

Tiny Tots Story Time

Tuesdays • 9:30–10:30 a.m. • Ages 0–6

Scio Fire District Community Room, 38975 SW 6th Ave.

Stories, songs, finger-plays, crafts, and free play time.

Friends of the Scio Public Library meeting

First Mondays • 4–5:30 p.m.

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LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners Hear July Stats from Planning & Building

Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer

ALBANY — The Linn County Planning & Building Department issued 335 total permits in July, Director Steve Wills told the Board of Commissioners at their August 11 meeting.

There were 356 permits issued in July 2025.

There were 119 land use permits issued in total, compared to 91 in July 2025.

Wills noted there were 32 permits for new homes, including two single-family units, six manufactured dwellings, 20 additions/alterations, and four accessory buildings. In July 2025, Planning & Building issued permits for seven single-family units, eight manufactured homes, 16 additions or alterations, and three accessory buildings.

There were 40 total contract city building permits issued in July 2026 compared to 41 in July 2025.

There were 12 new code enforcement cases opened and 15 closed. A year ago, there were eight new cases opened and 14 closed.

Wills told the commissioners that if applications include complete information, permits are usually issued within two weeks. ☼

TABLE TALK

Breakfast at Odd Bird Cafe

By Jeff Brown, Staff Writer and Columnist

CORVALLIS , Mary and I recently made a trip for breakfast to Odd Bird Cafe at 101 NW Jackson Avenue in downtown Corvallis, and we were impressed.

Our server was Amanda, who had only been working there for a few weeks. You wouldn't have known it. She had a full section of tables yet stayed on top of everything. She was friendly, fun to talk with, and made sure everyone was taken care of.

Before ordering breakfast, we decided to try a couple of the cafe's baked specialties. I went with the house-made strawberry Pop-Tart with lemon icing. It was warm and flaky, with plenty of strawberry filling. The lemon icing was a nice touch, and I'd order it again.

Mary chose the cafe's signature blueberry cinnamon roll. It arrived covered in a sweet blueberry cream cheese topping and was every bit as good as it looked. Between the Pop-Tart and cinnamon roll, we joked that breakfast could have ended right there.

For my main breakfast, I had the half order of biscuits and gravy. It was a generous portion with fresh biscuits and flavorful gravy.

Mary went with the avocado toast, served on toasted Alpine Bakery multigrain bread and topped with tomato relish, a whole avocado, paprika, watermelon radish, and microgreens. She



A hearty avocado toast at Odd Bird Cafe is piled high with greens, avocado and other toppings.



Odd Bird Cafe's house-made strawberry Pop-Tart features strawberry filling and icing, making it a sweet start to breakfast.

really enjoyed it and said she'd order it again without hesitation.

With very good food, excellent service, and generous portions, we left full and glad we'd made the trip.

The Times Take: One of the pleasures of publishing a community newspaper is discovering great places across the valley. Odd Bird Cafe is one we're happy to share. ☼

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TAKING ROOT

The Mighty Bumblebee

By Donald Lyon, Staff Writer and Columnist

The bumblebee is a hustler, not a bumbler. She is out collecting pollen while your average honeybee is still asleep. She tolerates cooler weather and may even nap on a blueberry leaf overnight to get an early start on the job.

That name, “bumble,” is a misnomer, too. While it may appear that the bumblebee is acting the clown, tumbling about inside the flower like a kid in a bouncy house, she is really engaging in the sophisticated practice of “buzz pollination.” She holds on to a blossom while vibrating her flight muscles at just the right frequency to dislodge pollen that is tightly packed away, out of reach of honeybees and most other pollinators. Blueberries and tomatoes are two plants that benefit greatly from buzz pollination, which helps release their pollen.

Of the 250 known bumblebee species, at least 15 are found in western Oregon, with the yellow-faced bumblebee the most abundant. Like honeybees, bumblebees collect pollen on their legs, inadvertently transferring some to other flowers as they forage. They live in colonies of several hundred bees, often nesting in holes in the ground. Each colony consists of one egg-laying queen, female workers who collect pollen, and male drones who spend the day lounging, waiting to mate with a new batch of queens in the fall. All but the new queens die off over the winter.

Bees, including bumblebees, are incredibly important. The USDA estimates that 75 percent of the fruits, nuts, and vegetables grown in the U.S. are pollinated by bees. We all know that honeybees are declining, in part due to mites. Pesticide use is another threat to our pollinating insect friends. If you must use pesticides, learn to apply them judiciously.

Habitat loss is another big problem. If you have some unused ground, consider planting it with pollinator plants such as clover, buckwheat, lavender, and Oregon grape. Think in terms of early- and late-season bloomers. Search online for “Discovering Oregon’s Bumble Bees: Habitat, Types and Conservation” for more information.

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



BZZZZING TO WORK — A bumblebee gathers pollen from a raspberry blossom. Bumblebees are important pollinators that can forage in cooler temperatures than many other bees.

Drought Assistance Available for Linn County and Oregon Residents, Farmers and Businesses

OREGON — As drought conditions affect much of the state, federal and state agencies are highlighting multiple relief programs available to Oregon residents, agricultural producers, and small businesses.

Following a federal natural disaster declaration by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, qualifying farmers and ranchers in designated primary disaster counties — and eligible contiguous counties — can apply for emergency loans through the Farm Service Agency. Overall assistance across the state ranges from domestic well repairs to agricultural loss coverage and low-interest business loans.

Livestock producers facing grazing losses may qualify for the Livestock Forage Disaster Program, which triggers on a county-by-county basis depending on local drought severity. Another federal initiative, the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish program, is available statewide to help cover above-normal costs for hauling feed or water and transporting animals.

Additional USDA programs offer relief for crop, orchard, and farmland damage, along with funding for emergency water-conservation measures. Because eligibility varies by program and local declaration status, producers are encouraged to contact their local county Farm Service Agency office.

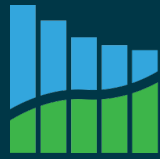
Help is also open to rural homeowners across the entire state. Oregon’s Well Abandonment, Repair, and Replacement Fund assists qualifying low- to moderate-income homeowners statewide whose domestic wells no longer provide enough water for essential household uses. The program can reimburse up to \$40,000 for eligible work performed by licensed professionals. Funding is limited and awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

Small businesses and private nonprofits located in counties covered by federal drought declarations can access support through the U.S. Small Business Administration. The SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans of up to \$2 million to help cover ongoing operating expenses. The application deadline for current declarations is March 1, 2027.

State officials encourage residents and business owners to check their county’s disaster status and apply early, as requirements and funding pools vary.

Resources

- USDA Linn County drought disaster designation:** <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/news-events/news/07-16-2026/usda-designates-ten-oregon-counties-natural-disaster-areas>
- USDA Livestock Forage Disaster Program:** <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/resources/disaster-recovery/livestock-forage-disaster-program-lfp>
- USDA Oregon Farm Service Agency:** <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/state-offices/oregon>
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OBITUARY

Donald William Andrews

July 16, 1938–August 5, 2026

Donald William “Don” Andrews, 88, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his close friends and family, in Brownsville, Oregon, on August 5, 2026. Born on July 16, 1938, in Manzanola, Colorado, Don lived a life defined by service, dedication, and an unwavering commitment to his community and family.



Don began his academic journey at Yakima Junior College before earning a doctorate from Willamette University. He went on to build an impactful career as an attorney.

Before embarking on his academic career, Don proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. After his service, Don dedicated himself to helping others through his professional work and extensive volunteer efforts.

Over the years, he touched countless lives through his work with the YMCA of Columbia-Willamette, Oregon YMCA Youth and Government, Sharing Hands, Makindu Children’s Program, the Brownsville Volunteer Fire Department, the city’s planning commission and budget committee, and many other organizations dedicated to helping others.

Family was central to Don’s life. He is survived by his children Michael Andrews, Susan Spengler, and Jennifer Garman; his beloved partner Cheryl Haworth; his sister Verlene Wilson; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and “bonus children.” He was predeceased by his parents, Velma and Frederick Andrews; his brother, Fritz Andrews; and his sister, Joyce Malakoff.

Don’s legacy is defined by kindness, service, and dedication to making the world a better place. His memory will be cherished by all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family has requested donations be made to Sharing Hands, Inc. and/or the Makindu Children’s Program. Visit <https://sharinghands.org> or <https://www.makindu.org> for more information. ☸

OBITUARY

Lucy Marie Thompson

April 20, 1942–July 18, 2026

Lucy Marie Thompson, 84, of Brownsville, died Saturday, July 18, 2026.

She was born April 20, 1942, in Curtis, Michigan, to Martha (Elsner) and Gustav Abram. She attended Curtis Grade School and graduated from Newberry High School before moving to Oregon in 1963. She later studied agriculture, soil, and trees at Linn-Benton Community College.

Thompson worked for the Linn County Extension Service, a local seed plant, the U.S. Department of Commerce, and as a mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service.

An avid outdoorswoman, she enjoyed gardening, working with Christmas trees, hunting and fishing, earning a reputation as a well-known fishing legend out of the Port of Newport.

Lucy is survived by her children, Niki, Kevin, and Chris, as well as several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel <https://sweethomefuneral.com> is handling arrangements. ☸

PAID OBITUARY

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. ☸

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AMERICAN LEGION POST 184

An Empty Chair in Brownsville

By an ordinary seaman

Summer in Brownsville moves with a slow, deliberate grace, like a tractor turning through a dusty field of grass seed. Between the citywide garage sales and the quiet rhythm of local hazelnut orchards, life here has a comfortable way of feeling complete. But down at Travis Moothart Post 184, there is a small table set for a meal that never quite begins, and next to it, an empty chair.

Most folks drifting in for movie night or a slice of pie might look right past it. Furniture, after all, is just wood and joinery until someone sits down to give it purpose. But the veterans notice.

At every official meeting, shortly after the opening gavel falls, our Sergeant at Arms, Carl Frank, steps forward. Carl is a Navy veteran who once plucked Apollo astronauts out of the vast Pacific Ocean. A man accustomed to pulling history out of the water. Now, with that same quiet, military dignity, Carl drapes the black-and-white POW/MIA flag over the back of that lonely chair.

In that fleeting moment, the room shifts. The flag catches the light, its stark silhouette facing us like a gentle rebuke to forgetting.

There's an old saying that no story is ever really over, that what we think is the end is merely an inning in a game called on account of darkness. For those missing service members who marched off to foreign lands and never found their way back home, the search continues. Dedicated recovery teams are still at work across the globe. In 2025 alone, 230 missing service members were identified and returned to their families. Just this July, word came that the remains of a World War II B-29 tail gunner had finally been accounted for eighty years after he was lost.

We aren't a somber bunch by habit down at Post 184. Carl spends his spare time taking disabled



The POW/MIA remembrance table at American Legion Travis Moothart Post 184 in Brownsville honors American service members who remain prisoners of war or missing in action. The empty chair and symbolic place setting serve as a reminder of those who have not returned home.

vets fishing, and Commander Norm Simms is just as likely to be calling local Bingo as managing fifteen district posts. But when that flag settles over the chair, we are reminded that a community isn't just defined by the folks gathered in the room, but by the quiet honor we reserve for the ones who are still finding their way home.

CENTRAL WILLAMETTE VALLEY HOME SALES REPORT

Home Sales Span Four Communities

Residential property transfers across the Central Willamette Valley included homes in Brownsville, Halsey, Harrisburg, and Tangent from late June through mid-July. Four transactions were recorded.

Homes ranged from 1,267 to 2,558 square

feet, with construction dates spanning from 1915 to 2022. Lot sizes ranged from 0.13 acres in Brownsville to .39 acres in Tangent. The highest recorded sale price was \$497,500 for a five-bedroom home in Brownsville built in 2022.

Date	Street Address	City	Sale Price	Sq. Ft.	Year Built	Beds	Baths	Acres
June 24	111 3rd St.	Halsey	\$389,900	1,288	1915	3	1	0.28
July 9	32900 Old Church Rd.	Tangent	\$490,000	1,267	1950	3	2	0.39
July 13	1053 Heckart Ln.	Harrisburg	\$470,000	1,780	2007	4	2.5	0.16
July 14	860 Maple St.	Brownsville	\$497,500	2,558	2022	5	2.5	0.13

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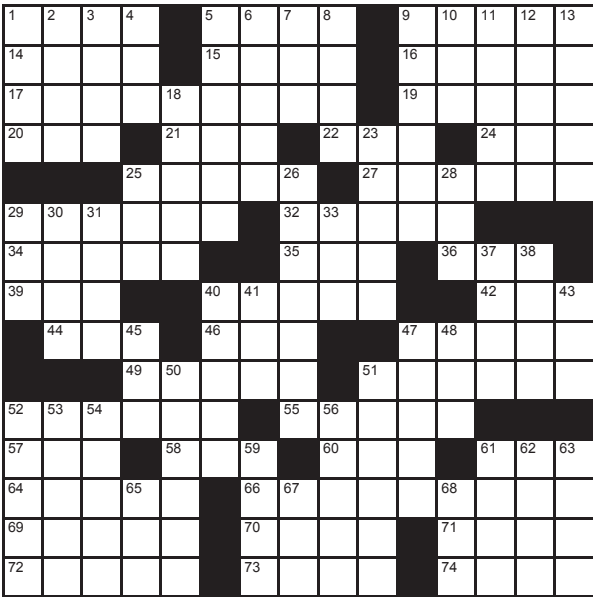
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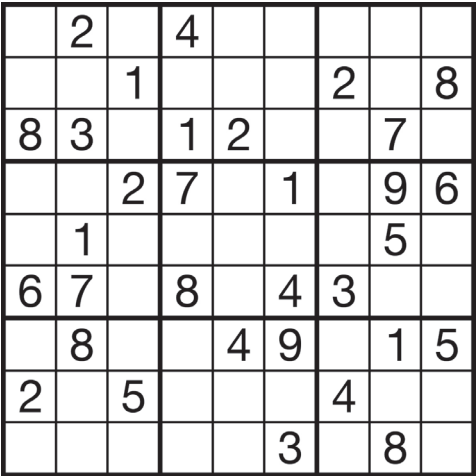
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Thursday, Aug. 27

First Contest: Cross Country and Cheer
Thursday, Aug. 27

First Contest: Football
Friday, Aug. 28

First Day of School
Tuesday, Sept. 8

HARRISBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Back-to-School Night
Thursday, Aug. 27 • 5–6:30 p.m.
(5–7 p.m. High School Open House)

Families can prepare for the new school year and connect with their schools. The Harrisburg High School Booster Club will also have a limited selection of Eagles apparel available for purchase.
<https://www.harrisburg.k12.or.us>

First Day of School
Monday, Aug 31

Kindergarten Back to School Night
Thursday, Sept. 3 • 3–5 p.m. • 642 Smith St.

No School – Labor Day Holiday
Monday, Sept. 7

Regular School Board Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 9 • 6:30–7:30 p.m.
Harrisburg High School Resource Center, 400 S 9th St.
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CENTRAL LINN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Names New Leadership, Reviews Summer School and Facility Needs

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer and Columnist

During its August meeting, the Central Linn School Board addressed leadership changes, summer school results, facility improvements, and school safety.

The board unanimously accepted Director Levi Farris’ resignation and thanked him for his service, including his work on the Policy Committee. Garrett Leabo was elected board chair, and Steve Irwin was selected as vice chair. Farris’ resignation creates a vacancy in Zone 3, which includes Halsey. The position will be advertised for 20 days before the board interviews applicants and selects a replacement. The student board representative appointment and Budget Committee vacancies remain unresolved.

Board members received a positive report on the district’s summer school program, supported by a \$190,045.44 allocation for a three-year effort. Eighty-two students registered, with an average daily attendance of 91.1 percent. The 10-day program provided 80 hours of instruction. Mornings focused on literacy, math, and academics, while afternoons featured STEM activities, social-emotional learning, and relationship building. Meals and transportation were provided. Extended School Year services served 12 special education students separately. Plans for next summer may include two separate one-week sessions and possible afternoon career and technical education activities.

The board also heard concerns about public access to meeting materials, including difficulties

viewing, downloading, and printing documents. District officials said they are addressing website permission issues and may consider adopting a board-book system.

The board unanimously approved an instructional-time justification. District calculations showed about 1,060 instructional hours, compared with the state minimum of 900 hours.

Facility and safety needs were also discussed. Approximately \$200,000 is budgeted for improvements. A proposed 30-foot entrance gate at the high school was quoted at \$32,356, and the district must obtain three quotes.

Board members also discussed improving emergency accountability for staff, students, and visitors through visitor logs, badge technology, and emergency roll-call procedures.

The board adopted the Local Wellness Programs policy and set the high school graduation for June 12, 2027 at 1 p.m. ☼

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Maude Had a Little Lamb

Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer and Columnist

Sometimes love finds a place to go, even after heartbreak.

My niece, Jessica, lives on a farm in Colorado, where she raises bulldogs and keeps a few sheep. Recently, one of her bulldogs, Maude, gave birth for the first time.

Maude gave birth to two puppies, but they were born too early, and neither survived.

The loss was hard on Maude. She had prepared to be a mother, and suddenly her puppies were gone. Jessica watched as the normally happy dog mourned her babies.

Then, a day or two later, something remarkable happened.

Jessica looked out the window and saw Maude in the field, carrying a baby lamb in her mouth.

Her first thought was frightening: Maude had attacked one of the lambs.

Jessica hurried outside, expecting the worst. But when she reached Maude, she found a very different scene.

Maude had not harmed the lamb at all.

Instead, she was cuddling it.

The grieving bulldog had gently carried the lamb away and was trying to nurse it as if it were one of her



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own puppies.

Somehow, Maude seemed to understand that the tiny lamb was a baby — yet Maude still desperately wanted to be a mother.

Maybe she did not know that lambs and bulldogs are supposed to be different. Maybe it did not matter to her.

She had lost her babies. Here was a baby in need of care.

So Maude did what came naturally. She loved it.

Maude had a little lamb — and for one grieving mother, that little lamb may have been exactly what she needed.

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I'm smart and energetic, and I love learning new things, especially when snacks are involved. I'm still in training, but with a little guidance — and maybe a backpack full of goodies — I'll be your loyal compañera in no time!



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I'm also a big fan of hugs and might greet you with a few enthusiastic jumps and face kisses. Because of my excitement and strength, I'd do best in a home with older kids. I can be a little shy around new men, so slow introductions — and treats! — are the way to win me over. Then we'll be best buds in no time.

Are you ready to say "¡Vámonos!" and start our next big adventure together?

It's also carnival time at SafeHaven. Throughout August, adopters can play one of SafeHaven's mini carnival games to see what discount they'll receive on their new pet's adoption fee. Everyone's a winner!

As part of SafeHaven Humane Society's "12 Months of Love" campaign, adoption fees are waived for all animals on the second Saturday of each month. The next fee-waived adoption day is Sept. 12.

To learn more about Dora or other animals awaiting homes, visit SafeHaven Humane Society in Tangent daily from noon to 5 p.m. View adoptable pets at <https://safehavenhumane.org> or call 541-928-2789.



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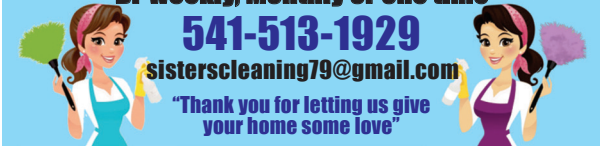
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BROWNSVILLE

Mon., Aug. 10, 11:58 a.m. — Deputy documented a caller's statements regarding an ongoing neighborhood dispute involving a shared driveway and speeding in the 35200 block of Oakview Dr.

Tue., Aug. 11, 4:26 p.m. — Caller reported criminal mischief in the 100 block of W Blakely Ave., near Washburn St. No public narrative. Report taken.

11:35 p.m. — Deputy responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of N Main St. Intoxicated individuals were provided rides to return to their residences. No report needed.

Wed., Aug. 12, 5:54 p.m. — Caller reported a vehicle performing burnouts on private property, throwing gravel onto a passing car and causing \$1,000 in damage in the 26700 block of Gap Rd., near Lake Creek Dr. The involved vehicle fled the area. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

Thu., Aug. 13, 8:53 a.m.

— Deputy investigated a reported trespass in the 36000 block of Hwy 228.

11:03 a.m. — Deputy located and identified a suspect in a separate case in the 600 block of Robe St., near E Kisling Ave.

Fri., Aug. 14, 5:52 p.m. — Deputy addressed questions about the civil eviction process in the 37300 block of Northern Dr.

Sat., Aug. 15, 10:23 a.m. — Deputy responded to a report of a dog bite in the 300 block of W Bishop Way. A female sustained a serious hand injury after her pit bull dogs began fighting each other. Medics responded, and she was transported to Linn County Health Services for treatment.

CRABTREE

Mon., Aug. 10, 7:32 p.m. — Dillon Smith, 20, of Scio, was cited for speeding 75 in a 55-mph zone in the 36600 block of Hwy 226 near Old Bridge Dr.

Thu., Aug. 13, 4:17 p.m. — Deputy conducted an identity theft investigation in the 36800 block of Gilkey Rd. Report taken.

Fri., Aug. 14, 9:32 a.m. — Dog owner, Kelly Rydz, of Crabtree, was cited for Dog as a Public Nuisance II in the 36900 block of Crabtree Dr. Report taken.

CRAWFORDSVILLE/HOLLEY

Tue., Aug. 11, 4:13 p.m. — Caller requested advice regarding identity theft issues in the 39000 block of Crawfordsville Dr. Deputy contacted the caller and advised on the proper steps to take to prevent further issues.

Wed., Aug. 12, 3:31 p.m. — Deputy investigated a report of a trespasser on Cascade Timber Consulting (CTC) property in the 39200 block of Crawfordsville Dr. Deputy and CTC staff are working to identify the suspect. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

4:09 p.m. — Citizen reported that the picnic table at the Crawfordsville Covered Bridge day-use area had been dragged down to

the Calapooia River. The table did not appear damaged, and Linn County Parks staff said they would reposition it.

Fri., Aug. 14, 12:51 p.m. — Deputy contacted individuals camping along the Upper Calapooia River in the 40000 block of Hwy 228.

HALSEY

Tue., Aug. 11, 12:49 p.m. — Caller reported a stolen cat in the 500 block of W 4th St. Matter is civil. Report taken.

Fri., Aug. 14, 8:09 a.m. — Caller reported that \$50 worth of grass seed was stolen from the 25300 block of Powerline Rd. Report taken.

9:48 a.m. — Caller reported finding a dog in the 100 block of W Halsey St. Deputy lodged the dog at Linn County Animal Control.

HARRISBURG

Mon., Aug. 10, 2:07 p.m. — Caller reported a violation of a release agreement in the 800 block of S 9th St. Report taken.

2:56 p.m. — Deputy responded to a call involving eggs being thrown in the 1000 block of Applegate Pl., with neighbors blaming each other.

5:15 p.m. — Deputies responded to a single-vehicle motorcycle crash in the 22000 block of N Coburg Rd. The operator was transported to a local hospital. Report taken.

7:15 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a physical domestic disturbance in the 800 block of Sommerville Loop. The suspect left before the deputies' arrival and was located later in the shift and arrested. James Thompson, 54, of Brownsville, was lodged at the Linn County Jail for strangulation and Assault IV. Report taken.

Tue., Aug. 11, 12:50 p.m. — Caller requested a welfare check on a friend who was being scammed in the 800 block of N 7th St. The friend was contacted and advised on how to proceed.

4:58 p.m. — Deputy responded to a report of a juvenile complaint in the 800 block of S 8th Pl. The parent was contacted and asked to

document the behavior.

6:47 p.m. — Deputy responded to a single-vehicle semi-truck rollover crash in the 31900 block of Diamond Hill Dr., near Weatherford Rd. The driver was uninjured. The crash was determined to be non-criminal. Report taken.

Wed., Aug. 12, 2:29 a.m. — Deputy responded to a parking complaint in the 500 block of 6th Pl. and issued a citation.

12:26 p.m. — Deputy took a report of stolen hay bales in a field in the 28700 block of Cartney Dr., near Nixon Dr. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

Sat., Aug. 15, 3:45 a.m. — Deputy located a dog that had been struck and killed by a vehicle in the 23500 block of Hwy 99E near Tandy Ln. The owner was located and notified.

8:32 p.m. — Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a juvenile riding an e-bike and issued a warning for a moving violation in the 500 block of Territorial St.

JEFFERSON

Mon., Aug. 10, 2:29 p.m. — Deputies checked the area near the 200 block of S Main St. and Old Pacific Highway for a hit-and-run suspect wanted by Marion County.

SCIO

Mon., Aug. 10, 10:17 a.m. — Deputy stopped a juvenile in the 38700 block of N Main St. and cited them for speeding 11-20 mph over the speed limit.

Tue., Aug. 11, 5:07 a.m. — Andrew Ferguson, 21, of Scio, was cited for speeding 75 in a 55-mph zone in the 37900 block of Hwy 226 near Freeman Rd.

2:25 p.m. — Deputy investigated a report of child abuse in the 40100 block of Rainbow Dr. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

4:24 p.m. — Deputy took a report of fraud in which \$75,000 was sent via checks, and it is believed that more was sent in cash in the 40600 block of Stayton Scio Rd. Report taken.

9:27 p.m. — Deputy extinguished a campfire on

BLM land in the 44700 block of Camp Morrison Dr. Unknown who started the fire.

Wed., Aug. 12, 5:45 a.m. — Ownen Rupert, 19, of Albany, was cited for speeding 79 in a 55-mph zone in the 40900 block of Hwy 226 near Shindler Bridge Dr.

Thu., Aug. 13, 11:47 a.m. — Julio Alejo-Vidal, 33, of Scio, was cited for speeding 76 in a 55-mph zone and no driver's license in the 40500 block of Stayton Scio Rd.

Fri., Aug. 14, 10:05 a.m. — Deputies contacted a disoriented elderly man in the 41100 block of Rodgers Mountain Loop and escorted him home. Adult Protective Services and family are now involved.

SHEDD

Tue., Aug. 11, 8:25 a.m. — K. Hoskins, 30, of Brownsville, was cited for failing to maintain a lane after deputies responded to a single-vehicle, non-injury crash in the 28400 block of Ogle Rd. Report taken.

TALLMAN

Tue., Aug. 11, 10:10 p.m. — Deputy responded to a report of a juvenile who made suicidal statements in the 35900 block of Gore Dr. The juvenile was interviewed and left in the care of their concerned parents. The family was provided with resources to pursue moving forward.

TANGENT

Mon., Aug. 10, 3:49 p.m. — Deputies responded to a three-vehicle injury collision in the 33500 block of Tangent Dr. near Seven Mile Ln. Two drivers declined medical attention, and one was transported to the hospital with minor injuries. Grace Lehwald, 24, of Lebanon, was cited for failing to obey a traffic control device. Report taken.

Sat., Aug. 15, 1:17 p.m. — A verbal domestic disturbance between a mother and her juvenile daughter over a cell phone was reported in the 31800 block of Dahlia Ln. ☀

Know Before They Go: Youth Curfews Vary by Community

Recent Linn County Sheriff's Office reports have included calls involving juveniles out after curfew. But what time is curfew? The answer may depend on where you are.

Oregon has a statewide juvenile curfew, but cit-

ies may establish stricter local hours. That means a teen who is within curfew in one community could be out past curfew in another.

With summer winding down and school approaching, The Times is checking curfew require-

ments throughout our coverage area.

Watch the Aug. 26 issue for our community-by-community guide to local youth curfew hours and what parents and teens should know. ☀

E-Bikes Are Everywhere — Know Oregon’s Rules

As electric-assisted bicycles become more common on local streets, riders and parents should know that Oregon law treats e-bikes differently from traditional bicycles in several key ways.

Understanding E-Bike Classes

Oregon recognizes three classes of electric-assisted bicycles:

- **Class 1:** Provides motor assistance only while the rider pedals, ending at 20 mph.
- **Class 2:** Provides motor assistance without pedaling, ending at 20 mph.
- **Class 3:** Provides pedal assistance ending at 28 mph and must have a speedometer.

Age and Helmet Requirements

Under current Oregon law, a person must be at least 16 to operate an electric-assisted bicycle. However, lawmakers changed that requirement during the 2026 legislative session, including lowering the minimum age for operating a Class 1 e-bike to 14. Those changes have not yet taken effect.

Oregon requires riders under 16 to wear approved protective headgear. Helmets are a good safety precaution for riders of any age.

Where Can You Ride?

E-bikes can generally be operated on public roadways and bicycle lanes but generally may not be operated on sidewalks.

Rules can also vary on bicycle paths, trails, and other public areas, so riders should pay attention to posted restrictions and local regulations.

Follow the Rules of the Road

E-bike riders have many of the same rights and responsibilities as traditional bicycle riders. Riders should obey traffic signs and signals, yield when required, and use proper lighting when riding after dark or when visibility is limited.

Not Every Electric Bike Is an E-Bike

Parents should pay particular attention to the type of electric bike their children ride. Some high-powered electric dirt bikes and other electric vehicles may resemble e-bikes but do not meet Oregon’s legal definition of an electric-assisted bicycle.

A vehicle’s appearance — or how it is advertised — does not necessarily make it a legal e-bike. Vehicles that fall outside Oregon’s e-bike definition may be subject to different licensing, registration, equipment, and operating requirements.

Because Oregon’s laws are changing, riders and parents should review current state and local regulations.

For more information, visit the Oregon Department of Transportation’s bicycle and pedestrian resources at https://www.oregon.gov/odot/dmv/pages/online_bicycle_manual/section_1.aspx.

FRAUD FIGHTERS: PROTECTING OUR SENIORS

Just Because It Says “Bank” Does Not Mean It’s Real

By Danielle Myers, Esq.

There are few institutions we rely on more than our banks. They hold our savings, protect our accounts, and provide a sense of financial stability that many of us have trusted for decades. Because that trust runs deep, scammers often try to exploit it. One of the fastest-growing threats today involves fake caller IDs, false logos, and emails that pretend to come from your bank but have nothing to do with it.

Many residents of our area have recently reported receiving calls that appear on caller ID with the name of a real bank. The number may even match the one printed on the back of your debit card. This can be alarming, and most people feel pressured to answer. What many do not realize is that scammers now use tools that allow them to disguise their phone numbers so they appear legitimate. This trick is called “spoofing.” It makes the call look real when it is anything but.

Once you answer, the person on the line may sound professional and confident. They may claim your account is locked, that suspicious activity has been detected, or that they need to confirm a recent transaction. These statements are meant to create urgency so you respond quickly. The scammer will then ask you to share personal information, such as your account or debit card numbers and security codes. No legitimate bank will ever ask for this information during an unexpected call.

Email scams work in much the same way. You may receive a message that uses a familiar bank logo, official-sounding language, and even a link that looks identical to your bank’s website. These emails often claim that you must verify your information, reset your password, or confirm a transaction. If you click the link, you may be directed to a fake website that captures everything you type. This can give scammers access to your account within minutes.

There is a simple rule that protects you every time. If you did not call your bank, you cannot be certain that the person contacting you is really from your bank. Caller ID can be faked. Email logos can be copied. Website addresses can be made to look almost identical to the real ones. The safest approach is to hang up and contact your bank directly using the number printed on your bank card or on your official statements. Your bank will tell you immediately whether the concern is genuine.

Many of us have relied on the same banks for years. That familiarity can make scams seem even more convincing. The best defense is a moment of caution. Take your time, ignore pressure to act quickly, and remember that your financial safety is worth protecting.

Until next time, stay alert, trust your instincts, and always contact your bank directly before sharing any sensitive information.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING August 31, 2026

Brownsville City Hall Council Chambers

The City of Brownsville will hold a public hearing before the Planning Commission on Monday, August 31, 2026, to consider an application for a Conditional Use Permit in the Old Town Commercial Zone (OTC).

The hearing will be held at 7 p.m. in Brownsville City Hall, 255 N. Main Street, Council Chambers, on the date above. The Staff Report will be available for review at City Hall by 4 p.m. August 24, 2026; a copy of the document may be obtained on that date.

NATURE OF PROPOSAL: Conditional Use Permit to allow a residence, secondary to the primary commercial use, at 439 N Main St, in the Old Town Commercial Zone.

LOCATION: 439 North Main Street
Brownsville, OR 97327

APPLICANT(S): Teresa Loukota
40849 Highway 228
Sweet Home, OR 97386

APPLICABLE CRITERIA: Brownsville Ordinances 15.125.010-050, 15.115.010-070 & 15.80.080

Issues which may provide the basis for an appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals must be raised either in writing, as described below, or in oral testimony at the public hearing. Issues shall be raised with specific enough detail to enable all parties to respond to the issue. Failure to do so preclude appeal of the City’s decision to the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) based on that issue.

Please submit written comments to the City of Brownsville, Attention: Elizabeth Coleman, PO Box 188, Brownsville, OR 97327, fax to (541) 466-5118, or deliver to City Hall at 255 N Main St. Comments must be received by 4pm, August 24, 2026. Copies of materials relied upon by the applicant are available for review and may be obtained for a fee. Please contact Elizabeth Coleman with any questions at (541) 466-5666.

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PUZZLE KEY

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PAST TIMES

A Remarkable Man from Brownsville

By Daniel R. Murphy, Staff Writer and Columnist

I was 15 years old when my family moved back to Brownsville after a four-year absence. It was late August 1969, and my parents were looking desperately for a house to rent or buy before school started.

We found ourselves in the small office of a local attorney and real estate agent. He walked us through a potential rental on Kirk Avenue, accurately detailing the first- and second-floor plans — from the kitchen door, through the dining room, and into the living room. He then mapped out the layouts of several other houses for sale in the area.

The demonstration was remarkable because the man, S. Ellis Scoville, was totally blind.

Scoville had been severely injured in a 1918 dynamite explosion as a teenager, leaving him without sight. He refused to let the disability stop him. He mastered Braille, earned his bachelor's degree, and graduated from the University of Oregon School of Law. After passing the Oregon State Bar exam, he opened his practice in the Main Street brick building currently occupied by attorney Danielle Meyers, Esq.

Scoville originally served as a Justice of the Peace in Waldport before moving to Brownsville in 1939, where he practiced for the rest of his life. His first wife, Harriet, died in 1951. He later mar-



A young S. Ellis Scoville handles a “yoke of oxen” pulling a sled in a photograph from his teenage years, republished in the June 16, 1977, Pioneer Picnic special section of The Times. Scoville lost his sight at age 18 and later became a longtime Brownsville attorney.

ried Thelma. Both wives served as his secretary, as Linda Day did in later years.

Scoville eventually moved his practice to his home on North Main Street, working as an attorney and Realtor from the 1940s until his death in 1981.

In a 1974 interview with the Albany Democrat-

DEATH CALLS 100-YEAR-OLD EX-RESIDENT

Mrs. Elnora "Grandma" Scoville, who celebrated her centennial (100th) birthday just last Feb. 16, passed away Aug. 22 at Toledo. Final rites were scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, at the Carroll Mortuary in Gresham.

Concluding services were at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Gresham. Bateman Funeral Chapel of Newport was in charge of arrangements.

The mother of S. Ellis Scoville, long-time Brownsville attorney and real estate broker, Elnora Scoville assisted her son in his office work here for years, especially in his income tax specialty which he also conducted a number of years.

Mrs. Scoville was born in Troutdale, Feb. 16, 1870, and was a life-long resident of Oregon.

During her recent 100th anniversary, which she celebrated as a "wheel chair resident" of the New Lincoln Hospital at Toledo, Grandma Scoville commented, "I've seen a lot of changes in 100 years."

She maintained her sense of humor and a lively memory virtually to the end . . . continuing such hobbies as crocheting yam rugs, and visiting with friends, enjoying life as a centenarian.

Mrs. Scoville was a graduate of Monmouth Normal (now Oregon College of Education) and taught a number of years.

It was through her encouragement and inspiration -- in addition to the practical help she gave her son . . . reading his lessons to him after he was blinded in a tragic accident at the age of 18.

He was the first blind student to receive his law degree from the University of Oregon.

Elnora Maxwell was married to Seymour Scoville, a merchant in Orient, Ore., in 1889. They moved to the Elk City area in 1907, remaining there until he passed away in 1940.

She had lived at the hospital in Toledo since she suffered a hip injury in May, 1965.

In addition to Ellis, Grandma Scoville is survived by seven children:

E. J. Scoville of Portland, B. H. Scoville of Toledo, V. D. Scoville or Reno, Nev., E. W. and F. M. Scoville of Coos Bay; and two daughters, Mrs. Mary Phinney of Beaverton and Mrs. Betty Brown of Tacoma, Wash.; as well as 17 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

An Aug. 27, 1970, Times article about the death of Scoville's mother, Elnora Scoville, recalled how she read his lessons to him after he lost his sight at age 18. The article reported that Scoville became the first blind student to receive a law degree from the University of Oregon.

Herald, Scoville shared his core philosophy: anyone can make their own way if they want to badly enough. In addition to his legal and real estate work, Scoville ran for Linn County judge and district attorney, carrying a spirit of public service throughout his long career. ☼

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