



Thousands Return to 'Castle Rock' for 40th 'Stand By Me' Celebration

By Allen L. Buzzard, Guest Contributor

BROWNSVILLE — Thousands of fans returned to “Castle Rock” July 25 as Brownsville celebrated the 40th anniversary of “Stand By Me,” welcoming globetrotting fans and visitors making

the pilgrimage to a small town where the classic coming-of-age film was shot.

“So many people around the world come to this place where the movie was filmed,” said Jane Ridley of the Oregon



ALLEN L. BUZZARD



RICK DUNAVEN (EL WHEELBURRO)

Stand-in actors portraying Teddy (Kolton Lewis), Vern (Liam Gibbons), Chris (Will Classen), and Gordie (Peter Bagge) take part in the potato sack races during Stand By Me Day festivities at Pioneer Park on Saturday, July 25.

Film Trail, who hosted an interactive booth. “There’s something about walking onto a living film set. That’s where the magic comes to life.” Ridley’s comments echoed feelings shared by many who returned to Brownsville to mingle with fellow fans and see filming locations.

Oregon cinematographer Eli S. Pyke captured the sense of connection that draws visitors to Brownsville through candid interviews featured in his documentary short, “Stand By Oregon,” which premiered in Brownsville’s Pioneer Park Dance Pavilion.

Fans traveled from at least four continents. A large world map at the information booth displayed markers from Canada, China, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, and New Zealand.

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Look Up: The Perseid Meteor Shower Returns

By Jim Isenburg, Columnist

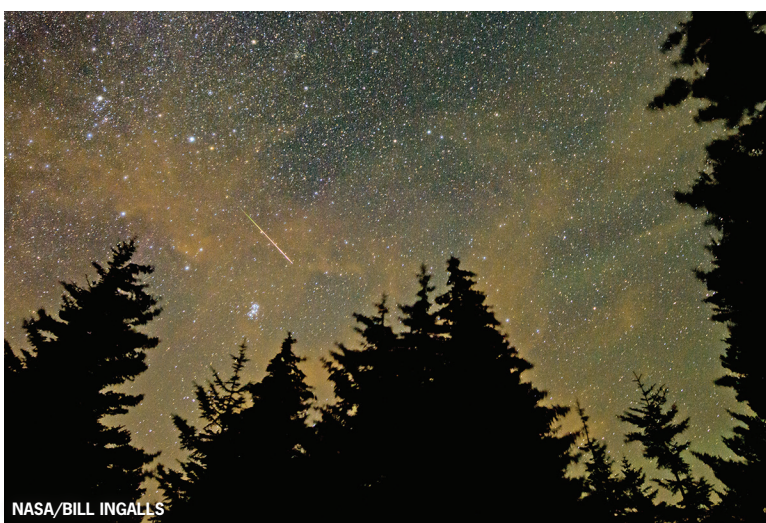
I remember quite vividly staring up at the sky in August, out in the pastures of my farm in the Northeast corner of Brownsville. Once I switched off the farmhouse lights, the darkness was complete, making the night sky brilliant. While the stars were spectacular year-round, August was peak season for “falling stars” — meteors entering the Earth’s atmosphere. At its mid-August peak, I could easily count almost 100 meteors an hour.

Meteor showers — streaks of light across the night sky — occur when rocky or icy debris burns up in Earth’s atmosphere. As our planet passes through these concentrations of cosmic material, gravity pulls the fragments downward at speeds approaching 40 miles per second. Atmospheric friction causes them to ignite, creating a brief flash. Occasionally, a chunk is large

enough to survive the fiery descent and strike the ground becoming a meteorite. Meteors streak toward the Earth all the time.

So, what’s special about August? A particularly large amount of debris has been scattered in a relatively small region of Earth’s orbit around the Sun because of the Comet 109P/Swift-Tuttle. Every August, when the Earth passes through this small region, lots of these remnants fall into the Earth’s atmosphere, and consequently there is an especially large number of meteors visible in the night sky. When Earth passes

through this region, and we look up at that shower, the constellation “Perseus” is especially visible. This is why this August meteor shower is called the “Perseid Shower.”



NASA/BILL INGALLS

In this 30 second exposure, a meteor streaks across the sky during the annual Perseid meteor shower, Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2021, in Spruce Knob, West Virginia.

Thanks to a cosmic alignment of Earth’s tilted axis and orbital path, Oregon holds front-row seats to the Perseids. And this year, nature is putting on an unmissable show. With a dark, moonless sky set for August 12, midnight in the Central Willamette Valley will offer a front-row view of the summer’s most dazzling celestial display.

Knowing the mechanics of a meteor shower is satisfying, but staring up into the deep dark of an August night is pure wonder. I encourage everyone in the valley to step away from the lights, find a quiet spot, and linger for a while. You’ll get front-row seats to a magnificent show — and if you’re lucky, a brilliant view of the Milky Way. ☾

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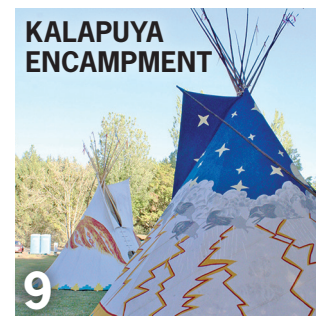


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ONGOING EVENTS

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

StrongPeople™ Classes
Tuesdays & Thursdays • 9–10 a.m. • FREE
OSU Extension Linn County
33630 McFarland Rd., Tangent
An evidence-based fitness program designed primarily for adults to improve strength, balance, mobility, and flexibility with progressive resistance training and balance exercises that use ankle weights, dumbbells, and bodyweight movements.
541-730-3541 • Tina.Dodge@oregonstate.edu

AUGUST EVENTS

ALBANY

River Rhythms Concert Series
Thursday, Aug. 6 • FREE
Food vendors: 5:30 p.m. • Concerts: 7 p.m.
Monteith Riverpark, 489 NW Water Ave.
This end of series concert features **Iam Tongi**, winner of Season 21 of American Idol, with his blend of Hawaiian-influenced folk, pop, and contemporary music. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. A \$1 donation is encouraged. Outside beer, wine, cider, and hard seltzer are permitted after 5:30 p.m.; no hard alcohol. Service dogs only.
<https://albanyoregon.gov/parks/events/river-rhythms>

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

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

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>

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; Create-A-Palooza (Aug. 5), Science Shenanigans (Aug. 12), Barns, Boots and Beyond (Aug. 19), and Last Blast of Summer (Aug. 26).
<https://www.connectlinncounty.net>

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

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

Tim Foust’s Oregon Getaway
Friday–Sunday, Aug. 7–9 (optional Thursday check-in available for campers) • Near Brownsville
Enjoy a weekend of music, camping, farm-to-table meals, and riverside fun. Performers include Tim Foust, Rob Lundquist, Adam Chance, Adam Bastien, Ernie Halter, Jeffrey East, Chris Chatham, The Hound + The Fox, Big Brev, The OneUp Duo, and more. Day passes, VIP packages, and camping available. Save 15 percent with promo code TURKEY.
<https://www.timfoustmusic.com/shows-vip>

Death Cafe
Tuesday, August 11 • 6:30-8 p.m.
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
Thursdays, Aug. 6 & 20 • 6–8:30 p.m.
Bruce Starker Arts Park, 4485 SW Country Club Dr.
The 2026 SAGE Concert Series continues with **Big Fir** and **Inner Limits** on Aug. 6, followed by **Pa’lante PDX** on Aug. 20. 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>

HARRISBURG

Summer Sounds Concert Series
Thursday, Aug. 6 • 5:30–8:30 p.m. • FREE
Riverfront Park Gazebo, First and Smith streets
The Summer Sounds Concert Series wraps up with **Candy Apple Bleu**. Kento’s, Strada Italian Inspired Street Food, Swirl of Sweden, and Paradise Shaved Ice food trucks begin serving at 5:30 p.m., followed by live music at 6:30 p.m. Bring lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy a free evening of music along the Willamette River. The nonprofit spotlight is Soroptimist International.
<https://www.tri-countychamber.com>
<https://www.ci.harrisburg.or.us>

Rusty & Primitive Treasures 12th Annual Vintage Market
Friday, Aug. 7 • 2–3 p.m. \$10, 3–8 p.m. \$8
Saturday, Aug. 8 • 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. \$5
Hayworth Riverbottom, 20774 Coburg Rd.
Come out and enjoy some Junkin’, live music, food trucks, and beer & wine while you shop for those one-of-a-kind treasures from Pacific Northwest vendors. Kids under 12 are free.
rustyandprimitivetreasures@gmail.com

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.

Harrisburg Harvest Festival
Friday, Aug. 7 • 5–11 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 8 • 3:30–11 p.m.
23914 Peoria Rd.
Watch powerful trucks and tractors compete beginning at 7 p.m. both nights. The event also features food vendors, a beer garden, games, and a free Kids’ Zone. Admission charged. Proceeds support the Harrisburg Harvest Festival Association and local FFA programs.
<https://www.harrisburgharvestfestival.org>

Summer Art Celebration
Saturday, Aug. 8 • 11 a.m.–4 p.m.
the gallery, 294 Smith St.
Celebrate summer with local artist Shelley Roenspie during a special open house featuring art, friendship, and community. Browse original artwork at affordable prices while enjoying refreshments
Jim or Shelley: 541-543-5920.

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 jknox@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>

SWEET HOME

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

TANGENT

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

Chilly’s Custom Autoworks 2nd Anniversary Car Show
Saturday, Aug. 8 • Noon–4 p.m.
Chilly’s Custom Autoworks, 32841 Highway 99E
Bring your vehicle to display or stop by to admire a variety of cars. Car show entry is a school supply donation benefiting the Albany Public Schools Foundation. Spectators are admitted free, and additional school supply donations are welcome. Pre-registration not required. 541-220-2291

Harrisburg Harvest Festival Roars into Town this Weekend

By Mikayle Stole, Editor and Publisher



PHOTOS COURTESY: HARRISBURG HARVEST FESTIVAL

HARRISBURG — The roar of high-horsepower engines will once again echo across the fields north of Harrisburg as the Harrisburg Harvest Festival returns Friday and Saturday, Aug. 7–8, with two evenings of truck and tractor pulling, family activities, live music, food, and agricultural fun.

Held at 23914 Peoria Road, the nonprofit festival draws competitors and spectators from across the Pacific Northwest. Visitors can watch everything from street-legal pickup trucks and antique tractors to professionally built pulling machines producing more than 1,500 horsepower as they battle the progressive pulling sled.

Beyond the action on the track, the festival features food vendors, a beer garden, a kids' zone, games, live entertainment, and opportunities to meet the drivers after each evening's competition.

Founded in 1982 and revived in 2013 by local farmer and business owner Kurt Kayner, the Harvest Festival celebrates the region's agricultural heritage while raising money for local FFA programs, scholarships, and agricultural education.

Friday, Aug. 7

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

Saturday, Aug. 8

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

The event is organized by a volunteer board and more than two dozen community volunteers. Festival proceeds help fund scholarships for graduating seniors from Harrisburg, Halsey, Junction City, and Monroe who are pursuing agriculture or vocational education.

Admission is \$18 for adults, \$13 for seniors and veterans, and \$10 for children ages 4–10. Children age three and younger are admitted free.

For complete schedules and puller registration, visit <https://www.harrisburgharvestfestival.org> or follow updates on the Harrisburg Harvest Festival on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/harrisburgharvestfestival>.



A Bittersweet Sendoff in Brownsville

Brownsville's senior paralegal heads to law school

By Danielle Myers, Esq. Attorney at Law, LLC

One of the greatest privileges of practicing law in a small town is getting to know the people who make our community so special.

Today, we have some bittersweet news to share with you, friends.

In just one week, our beloved Senior Paralegal, Sam Heathcote, will be leaving Danielle M. Myers Law Office to begin an exciting new chapter at Willamette University College of Law. While it is difficult to imagine our office without her, we could not be more proud of this incredible milestone.

Many of you know Sam from her work here in the office, where she has guided clients with patience, kindness, and professionalism. Whether she was answering questions, guiding families through the estate planning process with grace, or assisting clients during difficult legal matters, she treated every person who walked through our doors with compassion and respect.

What many people may not realize is that Sam's commitment to serving others extends far beyond our office.

For years, she has quietly dedicated countless hours to making

Brownsville a better place. She has volunteered with Sharing Hands, supported SafeHaven Humane Society, introduced "Scams With Sam" to help protect our seniors, advocated for children through CASA, helped create memorable Trick-or-Treat Street events for local families with the Brownsville Community Chamber of Commerce. As well as opened both her home and her heart to countless rescued foster cats and other animals. Last fall, Sam even saved a mama vulture after she found her perched on our fence looking ill.

Those who know Sam know that if someone needed help, whether it had two legs or four, she rarely hesitated to step in.

Her generosity, humility, and servant's heart have touched more lives than she will probably ever know.

If Sam has made a difference in your life, we invite you to leave a note in the message box outside our office at 333 N Main St., Brownsville, or email info@dmmymyerslaw.com.

We would love to send her to law school with a collection of encouraging messages from the hearts she has touched. ☺

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STUDENT VOICES

Harrisburg FFA Members Learn, Lead, and Give Back

By Emma M. Snider, Junior Writer and Columnist

HARRISBURG — Community service, leadership, and hands-on learning keep members of Harrisburg High School's FFA chapter busy throughout the year. From volunteering in the community to preparing animals for the Linn County Fair, members are building skills that extend far beyond the classroom.

This year, I was honored to be elected Harrisburg FFA's reporter. In that role, I manage our Facebook and Instagram pages, sharing photos and updates about chapter activities, accomplishments, and the fun moments we experience together. I enjoy helping others see what makes our chapter special.

No two days in FFA are exactly alike. Whether we're preparing for career development events, working on projects, or participating in community service, there's always something new to learn and someone willing to lend a hand. Our members encourage one another, stay connected with alumni, and aren't afraid to step outside their comfort zones.

Serving our community is an important part of who we are. Near the end of the school year, Harrisburg FFA members helped with field day at Harrisburg Middle School by running activities and spending time with students. It was a rewarding opportunity to give back while helping make the day memorable.

Our chapter has stayed active this summer as well. Two officers traveled to Washington, D.C., while other members volunteered by reading to children at the community library and planting flowers in the shape of an American flag for the Fourth of July. Several members also prepared chickens and a rooster for exhibition at the Linn County Fair, showcasing the dedication and hard work they had invested throughout the year.

Being part of Harrisburg FFA has helped me grow as a leader, serve my community, and build lasting friendships. Whether we're volunteering, competing, or learning together, our chapter continues to provide opportunities that prepare us for the future while making a positive difference in our community. ☀

Emma M. Snider is a sophomore at Harrisburg High School and serves as reporter for the Harrisburg FFA chapter. She will be a regular Student Voices contributor for The Times, writing about student life, FFA, school activities and community events from a student's perspective.

HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL

Council Appoints New Member, Approves Ordinance and Commission Appointment

By Mikayle Stole, Editor and Publisher

HARRISBURG — The Harrisburg City Council appointed Jeremy Moritz to the vacant council seat Tuesday, July 28, filling the position previously held by Charlotte Thomas.

The appointment marks a full-circle moment for Moritz, who originally joined the Harrisburg Planning Commission in 2018 after Thomas was appointed to the City Council. Moritz will serve through the remainder of the term and will appear on the November ballot, as the position expires at the end of December.

The council reviewed the Coburg Police Department's monthly report in the absence of representatives from the Linn County Sheriff's

CITY OF HARRISBURG

Harrisburg Prepares for Busy August

By Michele Eldridge, City Administrator

Harrisburg is gearing up for a busy end of summer with construction improvements, community events, and volunteer opportunities.

Harvest Festival — August 7-8

The annual Truck & Tractor Pull returns to raise funds for agricultural education, scholarships, and FFA programs. Community members are encouraged to attend and support local youth and agricultural education.

Local Art Celebration — Aug. 8

Visit the Gallery at 294 Smith Street for an afternoon celebrating art, friendship, and community, with refreshments and affordable local artwork.

Community Garage Sale – Aug. 15

Harrisburg's annual Community Garage Sale returns Saturday, Aug. 15, with many participants also expected to hold sales throughout the weekend. A map of participating locations is available on the city's website at <https://www.ci.harrisburg.or.us/community/page/annual-citywide-garage-sale-2026-locations>. Those interested in being included on the map can contact Jamie Knox or Caleb Smith at 541-995-6655.

Fire Safety Reminder

Following a recent brush fire at Eagle Park and several other local fires, residents are encouraged to remain vigilant, maintain defensible space, and use extra caution during hot, windy conditions. Thanks were extended to Harrisburg Fire/Rescue and local volunteers for their quick response.

E-Bike & Scooter Safety

Residents are encouraged to review Oregon laws regarding e-bikes, scooters, and similar devices through the city's online safety guide at: <https://bit.ly/4w4MMnI>

Water Bond Project

Work continues on Harrisburg's Water Bond Project, with most remaining construction taking

place inside the water treatment buildings and storage tanks as contractors install electrical, mechanical, and filtration equipment. Once construction is complete, the system will undergo testing and curing before being placed into service. The project remains on schedule for completion in late 2026 or early 2027.

Sister City Program

Harrisburg continues to seek volunteers interested in corresponding with residents of Bréal-sous-Montfort, France to strengthen cultural and community connections.

Eagle Park Updates

The park remains open, with vehicle access available through Labor Day (except below the ponds). Trail development continues, and volunteers will be needed later in August to help expand the trail system. Residents are encouraged to view the City's long-term park improvement plans online.

Small Municipality Advocacy Coalition

The City of Harrisburg continues to meet with other city members of the Small Municipality Advocacy Coalition, as we negotiate with a new Lobbyist to represent us during the 2027 Legislative season.

City projects continue to focus on transportation safety, park improvements, and community engagement as Harrisburg heads into a busy August.

Summer Construction Notice

Construction on the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) at Smith and Third streets began Monday, July 27, and will continue through August. Expect delays during construction. The completed project will add a new crosswalk and flashing beacon to improve pedestrian safety across Highway 99.

Feel free to call me at 541-995-2200 or email me at meldridge@ci.harrisburg.or.us. ☀

HARRISBURG PLANNING COMMISSION

Commission Approves IOOF Hall Rooftop Addition

By Mikayle Stole, Editor and Publisher

HARRISBURG — At their Tuesday, July 21, meeting, the Harrisburg Planning Commission approved a Historic Resource Alteration permit for property owner Patrick Freeman, allowing the addition of a small rooftop accessory structure to the historic IOOF (Independent Order of Odd Fellows) Hall building at 190 Smith St.

The 96-square-foot structure will provide safer roof access for maintenance and help address

ongoing water intrusion issues while remaining compatible with the building's historic character. The Planning Commission determined that the proposal meets the city's historic resource criteria. Approval requires the project to comply with the submitted plans and obtain the necessary structural building permits before construction begins. ☀

The meeting also included a presentation from Ryan Vogt, executive director of the Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments and the Community Services Consortium, who highlighted services provided throughout the region.

According to Vogt, 34 Harrisburg residents received case management and long-term care support during the past year, while Adult Protective Services responded to 48 calls involving Harrisburg residents. The Cascades West Ride Line provided 588 non-emergency medical transportation trips for Harrisburg residents, and Meals on Wheels served or delivered 3,310 meals throughout Linn, Benton, and Lincoln counties. ☀

HALSEY MAYOR’S CORNER

Welcome to August!

By Jerry Lachenbruch, Mayor of Halsey

HALSEY — As we move into August, we often face some of the hottest and driest days of the year. Summer is a wonderful time to enjoy Halsey’s parks, neighborhoods, and community events, but it’s also a time when we can all do our part to keep our community safe and conserve our valuable resources.

We have been hearing a lot about potential water shortages this summer. Water is one of our most important resources, especially in the summer months. Even small changes can make a meaningful difference. Water your lawn in the early morning or late evening to reduce evaporation, repair leaking faucets or irrigation systems, and run sprinklers only when they are truly needed. Conserving water today helps ensure a reliable supply for everyone and reduces unnecessary strain on our water system.

Protect Yourself from the Heat

High temperatures can quickly become dangerous. Remember to drink plenty of water throughout the day, wear lightweight clothing, and take frequent breaks if you’re working outdoors. Check on elderly neighbors, friends, and family members who may be more vulnerable to heat-related illness. Never leave children or pets unattended in a parked vehicle — even for a few minutes.

Recognizing the signs of heat exhaustion and heat stroke can save a life. If someone becomes confused, stops sweating, or loses consciousness, call 911 immediately.

Traffic Safety

Please remember to drive safely through our community. As more residents walk and bike during the summer, drivers should remain especially alert. Please slow down in residential areas, watch carefully for pedestrians and cyclists, and always give them the space they need to travel safely.

I also want to remind everyone to come to a complete stop at every stop sign. Rolling through intersections may seem harmless, but it significantly increases the risk of collisions. Taking a few extra seconds to stop completely helps protect your family, your neighbors, and everyone sharing our streets.

We have had reports from community members — and I have witnessed it myself several times — that drivers are blowing past stop signs.

Enjoy the Rest of Summer!

August is a great time to spend time outdoors, support local businesses, visit our parks, and enjoy all that makes Halsey such a special place to call home. The strength of our community comes from neighbors looking out for one another and working together.

On behalf of the city council and city staff, thank you for helping conserve water, staying safe during the summer heat, and making our streets safer for everyone. I hope you have a safe, healthy, and enjoyable August.

As always, I remain your mayor. The city council and I work for you to make Halsey better, and we look forward to hearing from you. You can contact me at Mayor@halseyor.gov.



Jerry Lachenbruch

BROWNSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

City Council Approves Water Treatment Project

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer and Columnist

BROWNSVILLE — The Brownsville City Council approved several resolutions and reviewed city projects during its July 28 meeting.

City Administrator S. Scott McDowell began with updates on cybersecurity, the city’s website, and council goals. He said cybercrime and increasingly sophisticated artificial intelligence scams remain concerns. City staff may develop a stronger policy for verifying electronic invoices and payments.

Public Works Director Karl Frink reported that flow meters had been replaced at the city’s water and wastewater treatment plants. Recent testing for PFAS chemicals in the city’s water produced a third consecutive “non-detect” result. One additional test is scheduled for September.

Frink also reported that a June inspection of the wastewater facilities by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality found only minor issues.

Both sewage pumps at Pioneer Park failed shortly before the vintage trailer rally. Public Works employees installed a temporary replacement pump, allowing the park facilities to remain operational while the city seeks prices for new pumps. Dust-control treatment was also recently completed on Brownsville’s gravel streets.

The council unanimously approved Resolution

2026–15, authorizing a slow-sand filter project at the water treatment plant. The work is expected to cost approximately \$148,000. Staff had hoped to complete more of the filters this year, but the remaining work will likely need to be funded in a future budget.

Council members also approved Resolution 2026–16 to correct a roughly \$5,000 discrepancy involving a bond payment to U.S. Bank. The accounting adjustment was approved to prevent the discrepancy from becoming an issue during the city’s next audit.

Lisa Jager was appointed to the Library Advisory Board. The city did not receive any applications for the Planning Commission vacancy and plans to re-advertise the opening.

The council selected five legislative priorities for the League of Oregon Cities, including protecting local control of public rights-of-way, reforming administrative procedures, clarifying public-meetings laws, changing prevailing-wage requirements, and increasing infrastructure funding.

McDowell also warned that Oregon’s Recycling Modernization Act could eventually increase garbage and recycling rates if state funding declines and additional costs are passed along to customers.

Halsey City Council Candidate Filing Open

HALSEY — The City of Halsey is accepting candidate filings for four City Council positions in the Nov. 3, 2026, General Election.

The nonpartisan, volunteer positions begin Jan. 1, 2027. The mayor serves a two-year term, while councilors serve four-year terms.

Candidates must be registered voters living within Halsey city limits and must have resided in the city continuously for at least 12 months before the election.

Candidate packets are available at Halsey City Hall and on the city’s website at https://

www.halseyor.gov/government/mayor__city_council/elections.php.

Filing deadlines:

- By declaration: Submit Form SEL 201 and a \$10 filing fee by 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25.
- By petition: Submit approved signature forms with at least 10 valid signatures by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, to allow time for Linn County verification.

Residents interested in serving the community are encouraged to learn more and consider running for office.

Halsey Event Spaces Available for Community Gatherings

By Larissa Gangle, Halsey Correspondent

HALSEY — Looking for a place to host your next celebration or meeting? The City of Halsey offers two affordable facilities for rent for private events.

Whether you’re planning a birthday party, family reunion, baby shower, graduation celebration, meeting, or another special occasion, the Halsey Community Center and the Halsey Memorial Park Pavilion offer convenient spaces for gatherings. Residents within the Halsey city limits receive discounted rental rates.

Community Center and Kitchen

Located on the first floor of City Hall, the Community Center features a spacious gathering room with tables, chairs, and a small sink. Renters



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also have access to an adjoining commercial-style kitchen with multiple ovens, a large three-compartment sink, a freezer, and a large refrigerator, making it well suited for events requiring food preparation or serving.

Park Pavilion

For outdoor celebrations, the pavilion at Halsey Memorial Park provides a covered picnic area with tables, electrical service, and easy access to the playground, making it an ideal venue for family gatherings

and community celebrations.

To reserve either facility or check availability, call Halsey City Hall at 541-369-2522. For additional information, rental rates, and availability inquiries, visit https://www.halseyor.gov/services/parks__facilities/reservat.php.

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners Oppose Muddy Creek Energy Park Project

Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer

ALBANY — On a 2-1 vote at their July 28 meeting, the Linn County Board of Commissioners approved sending a letter to the Oregon Department of Energy opposing the Muddy Creek Energy Park project.

Commissioners Roger Nyquist and Sherrie Sprenger approved the letter, and Commissioner Will Tucker opposed it.

The one-page document states that the Board of Commissioners oppose the Muddy Creek Energy Park — planned about 10 miles east of Harrisburg and eight miles south of Brownsville — based in part on a five-page correspondence previously submitted by Planning Manager Alyssa Boles of the Planning & Building Department. Boles highlighted the county's concerns about the project, based on current county codes.

The facility would use an array of solar panels and batteries to produce and store electricity.

The commissioners' letter notes, "In addition to Ms. Boles' correspondence on the technical merits of the application, we have broad concerns about the precedent and policy of an approval by the Department of Energy of such a project placed on Willamette Valley high-value farmland."

Commissioner Tucker opposed the letter, saying he has concerns and questions and is worried about property owners' rights and the ability to maintain a stable power grid.

After the meeting, he noted that in general, he is in support of the project, but he has concerns, and he has been working with the state on those issues.

Commissioner Sprenger's letter's main point was that an agrivoltaic facility of this magnitude — more than 1,500 acres — does not fit onto an area of Willamette Valley farmland.

A group called Friends of Gap Road opposes the project and has provided the commissioners with several updates over the last two years. The group has asked the commissioners to amend the county code to ban all solar projects on farmland in Linn County. So far, the commissioners have not done that.

In other business the commissioners

- Were told by Accounting Officer Bill Palmer that the county finished the 2025–2026 fiscal year with strong ending fund balances. This was due partly to considerable beginning fund balances in addition to conservative spending by department heads and elected officials during the year. He said that actual spending compared to budget for all funds was only 59.3 percent; 85.8 percent for personal services; 70.8 percent for materials and services, and 40.6 percent for capital outlay.
- Approved Pay Plans for FY 2026–2027 for the SEIU Union, Management, Bargaining Unit exempt; Teamsters Local 670; Elected Officials; Deputy Sheriff's Association; Sheriff's Office Management, Bargaining Unit Exempt and the Juvenile Detention Association.
- Approved a transfer of \$41,000 from the General Fund for General Services, from Temporary Help to other contracted services.
- Approved changing appropriations within the Law Enforcement Levy for Beginning

Fund and Contingency Balances for the Sheriff's Office, increase of \$813,523; Juvenile Department, decrease of \$157,381; and District Attorney's Office, decrease of \$4,446 to adjust the 2026–2027 budget to align with the actual balances after the 2025–2026 year-end actual.

- Approved a Supplemental Project Agreement between the Linn County Road Department and the Oregon Department of Transportation for improvements on Upper Calapooia Drive south of Sweet Home. Improvements will include the design of five new two-lane bridges to replace single-lane bridges. The agreement is for \$950,612 in Federal Lands Access Program funding for the design phase of the project.
- Approved a Memorandum of Understanding with Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments and the City of Tangent. This is for the design portion of Tangent Drive improvements, which will include widening the road, adding bike lanes, curbing, gutter and sidewalks. The MOU will provide \$175,000 of COVID funds from the Albany Area Metropolitan Planning Organization to Linn County for staff time dedicated toward the project's design.
- Were informed that 39 youth were detained in the Juvenile Detention Center in June. They were held for 307 total days, and 201 youth are being supervised by the Probation Unit. 118 youth are being served through Community Programs, and 129 youth are being served by the Intervention Specialist. Community Service/Work Crews completed about 784 hours in June.
- Were provided with an update on activities by the Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments and Community Services Consortium by Executive Director Ryan Vogt.
- Were told by University of Oregon student Anwesha Guha that she is doing graduate work and would like to help the county if research projects are needed, especially on issues involving children and families. Guha is a student in the school's Quantitative Research Methods in Education program.
- Announced that a public hearing for a Level 3A Outdoor Assembly Permit scheduled for Tuesday morning was canceled because the application was withdrawn. The organizer of the event, Brooke Knutzen, representing the Pacific Northwest Pirate Nation, plans to cap attendance at fewer than 500 people, negating the need for the permit. ☼

FROM THE PUBLISHER

Why Good News Takes Time

By Mikayle Stole, Editor and Publisher

One question we occasionally hear is, "Why wasn't this in the paper sooner?"

It's a fair question. By the time our weekly edition arrives, you may have already seen the first reports on social media, watched television coverage, or heard about an event from a neighbor.

The answer is simple: we're not trying to be first.

We aim for depth.

Breaking news serves an important purpose. It tells us that something happened. Community journalism has the luxury of asking what happened next, why it happened, and what it means for the people who live here.

That extra time allows us to talk with more people, review public records, attend meetings, verify facts, and provide the background often omitted from the first reports. Sometimes the most important details don't emerge until a day or two later.



We measure value by local impact. We tailor our coverage to the lives of the people who call the Central Willamette Valley home. We cover city councils and school boards because their decisions affect your taxes, water rates, roads, and children.

We celebrate local students, businesses, volunteers, farmers, artists, and neighbors because their stories are part of what makes our communities unique.

We don't just report on regional news — we bring it home. While larger outlets cover the big picture, we translate those decisions into real local impact, giving you the perspective other newsrooms miss.

We're proud to be a weekly newspaper. That schedule gives us the opportunity to slow down, do the research, add context, present a fuller picture, and bring clarity to complex local issues.

Thank you for supporting local journalism. Every subscription, every advertiser, every legal notice, every story tip, and every encouraging word helps us continue telling the stories that matter most to our rural communities.

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TABLE TALK

Roots & Brew Café Brings Heart to Main Street in Jefferson

By Jeff Brown, Staff Writer and Columnist

JEFFERSON — A recent early-morning trip to Jefferson called for a cozy breakfast spot. While the intended stop at Tommy’s Welcome Inn is a great pick for later in the day, the time of my visit led me two doors down to Roots & Brew at 188 S. Main Street — turning a simple pivot into a wonderful discovery.

Roots & Brew opened on December 20 of last year. It is owned by Jazmyn and Keilee, and from the moment you walk through the door, it’s easy to see the vision they had in mind. On the Roots & Brew website, they describe themselves as “more than just a coffee shop — it’s a community space built on heart, culture, and connection.” I believe them when they say, “Everything we do is rooted in kindness, creativity, and making everyone feel at home.” The staff greeted customers with genuine smiles and friendly conversation, making newcomers feel like regulars.



A breakfast burrito and a vanilla latte is a great way to start the day at Roots & Brew Café.

The café offers just about every coffee creation you can imagine, from flavored lattes and cappuccinos to traditional drip coffee. A vanilla latte was ordered to start, and it was smooth, hot, and exactly what a good morning coffee should be.

Roots & Brew is bright, clean, and uncluttered, making it a comfortable place to enjoy a meal or relax with friends. Breakfast features freshly made breakfast sandwiches and burritos, all prepared to order rather than sitting under a heat lamp. The food arrived hot, fresh, and flavorful, proving that simple food done well is often the most satisfying.

Lunch expands the menu with a wider selection of sandwiches, burritos, and other hot items, giving customers plenty of choices whether they’re stopping in for a quick bite or a leisurely meal.

What stood out most wasn’t just the food or the coffee — it was the atmosphere. Roots & Brew feels like the kind of small-town café every community hopes to have: welcoming, comfortable, and run by people who clearly care about their customers.

PHOTOS: JEFF BROWN



A butterfly mural and Wave petunias create a colorful invitation to the cafe.



Initials and a photo of the cafe owners Keilee and Jazmyn.



Jazmyn making a fresh vanilla latte.

Sometimes the best discoveries happen when plans change. Roots & Brew is open Monday–Thursday, 7 a.m.–3 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 7:30 a.m.–4 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. ☼

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Parents & Pals Story Time
Wednesdays • 10–10:15 a.m.
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Thread Wizards Stitchery Group
Wednesdays • 1–3 p.m. • History Room
Bring your project, have some fun — get things done!

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

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

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

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HALSEY LIBRARY CALENDAR

Summer Reading Program ‘Plant a Seed, Read’
Saturday, August 8 – Ice Cream Party!

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

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SCIO LIBRARY CALENDAR

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

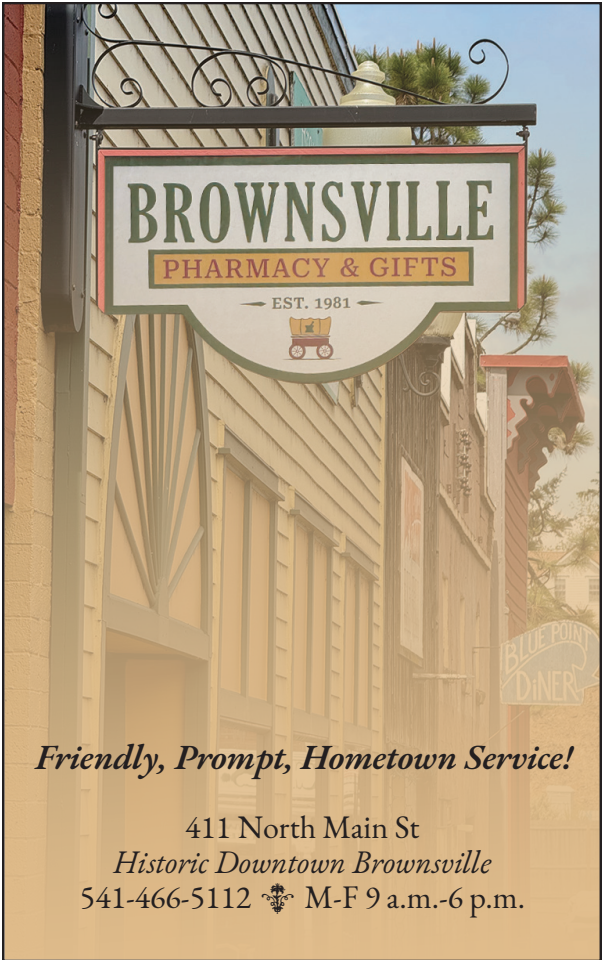
Summer Reading Club ‘Plant a Seed, Read’
Thursdays, July 9 to August 13 • 12:30 p.m.
ZCBJ Hall, 38704 S. Main St., Scio

Weekly educational and interactive presentations for children and families.

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

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BROWNSVILLE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Summer Reading Program Ends on a High Note

By Sherri Lemhouose, Brownsville Librarian

The Brownsville Community Library wrapped up its “Plant a Seed, Read” Summer Reading Program with a “Going to Seed” theme at its final event. Mrs. Chandra Evans read three books before Summer Reading Program coordinators Sarah Glenn and Carol Humphreys led children outside to decorate biodegradable plant pots. Each budding gardener took home a goodie bag with potting soil, seeds, and gardening gloves. Thanks to the OSU Extension Service for donating the bee-themed books, gloves, and seeds.

A total of 36 children also brought their favorite stuffed animals to the library’s third annual Stuffed Animal Sleepover. The furry guests enjoyed an evening filled with pizza and Italian sodas, making fairy wands, a garden-themed story time with Librarian Sherri, hide-and-seek, karaoke into the wee hours and, finally, a big sleepover pile with all their new friends. The next morning, they enjoyed donuts and herbal tea before being reunited with their owners. Families can view photos from the Stuffed Animal Sleepover by scanning the accompanying QR code.



Families and 32 children returned Friday morning for Story Time and to pick up their stuffed animals. Librarian Sherri read superhero-themed books, and each child created a Captain America-style shield as a reminder to practice kindness. It was fun to see each child’s unique design.



Young readers proudly display the Captain America-inspired shields they created during Story Time at the Brownsville Community Library. Each shield was designed as a reminder to practice kindness.

PHOTOS: SHERRI LEMHOUSE

HARRISBURG LIBRARY

Carnival Offers Summer Fun for Families

Families are invited to celebrate the end of summer at the Harrisburg Library Carnival on Friday, Aug. 7, from 10 a.m. to noon at BN Park, across from the fire station on Smith Street.

Hosted by the Harrisburg Library, the free community event will feature classic carnival activities including face painting, a ring toss, a three-legged race, prizes, and plenty of cotton candy. Organizers say additional games and activities will be available while supplies last.

The carnival offers children and families a chance to enjoy a morning of outdoor fun and to connect with the library and the community before the school year begins.

The event is free and open to the public.



One adventurous stuffed animal found the perfect hiding place among the children’s books during the Brownsville Community Library’s third annual Stuffed Animal Sleepover.

Over the course of six Summer Reading Program events, the library welcomed 229 participants. Staff distributed 215 reading logs, and 61 completed logs were returned during the six-week program.

Congratulations to this year’s prize basket winners: Felicity Unruh, Owen Leach, Eunice Henshaw, Harvey Glenn, Kate Wada, Georgia Glenn, Jewel Headings, Daphne Abel, Althea Murphy, and Talia Wood.

The Summer Reading Program is made possible through the financial support of the City of Brownsville, the Oregon State Library, the Brownsville Women’s Study Club and the Friends of the Brownsville Community Library. The library also extends its heartfelt thanks to the many local volunteers who helped make this year’s program a success. These wonderful summer events would not be possible without the community’s support.



The stuffed animals gathered around the craft table to make fairy wands during the Brownsville Community Library’s third annual Stuffed Animal Sleepover.

HARRISBURG LIBRARY CALENDAR

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

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

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

Summer Reading Program ‘Plant a Seed, Read’ Carnival Wrap up party
Friday, Aug. 7 — Carnival • 10 a.m. • FREE
Family-friendly activities, storytimes, crafts, and educational presentations. Supplies for some activities are limited.

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

Library Hours: Tue 1–5 p.m.; Wed 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
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Kalapuya Encampment Brings Culture, History to Pioneer Park

By Allen L. Buzzard, Guest Contributor

CALAPOOIA (BROWNSVILLE) — Native American Elder Deitz Peters (Kalaypuya, Rogue River, Umpqua) and his wife, Kathy Keating-Peters (Blackfoot, Norwegian, Scots-Irish), began their morning ritual with a smoldering sage stick and traditional prayers.

With careful, respectful, slow hand movements, wafting sage smoke over the sole of one foot, then the other, and with a final stroke over the whole body for purification, they asked The Creator for a blessing on the day’s forthcoming events, guests, and visitors to start the one-day cultural encampment held in Brownsville, Oregon’s Pioneer Park on Wednesday, July 29.

Appealing to the spirits of the sky, earth, trees, and even the waters of the Calapooia River, Peters then made a prayer request to the spirits in the Four Directions — first East toward the sunrise, then South, West, and North. He asked for their approval, requesting that a calm presence be upon the park and the cloud spirits keep the encampment cool and comfortable. Peters made a heartfelt request to the participants to open their hearts and minds to Kalapuya culture and mutual friendship.

“Native American cultural encampments include most of the activities found at powwows; however, they are more educational in nature,” said Deitz Peters. The most striking and visible features at Pioneer Park were the four teepees erected on the prairie, three of which were open



From left, Tishana “Tika” Harrison, Mercedes “Sadey” White-Rodriguez, Deitz “Sky Dance” Peters, Kathy Keating-Peters, and Jodi White pose in front of one of four teepees erected for the Kalapuya Cultural Encampment at Pioneer Park before CONNECT Linn County’s free community dinner on July 29.



During the Kalapuya Cultural Encampment at Pioneer Park, a meal featuring Indian tacos, fry bread, and watermelon drew the largest crowd of the summer series for CONNECT Linn County volunteers.



A traditional bustle made with golden eagle feathers is displayed as part of the regalia worn during the Kalapuya Cultural Encampment at Brownsville’s Pioneer Park.

to the public and one reserved for the Peters’ private use.

Ethan Truebe, age 13, visiting from Eugene/Springfield, observed, “The teepees are cool!” His mom, Courtney Truebe, who regularly brings her kids to Pioneer Park to play, explore the museum, and then dip in the Calapooia River, added, “The fact that the teepees were set up and there was a cultural encampment was a bonus.”

After reading a feature recounting a recent powwow in the June 10, 2026, edition of The Times of the Central Willamette Valley (Vol. 138, No. 24), Evelyn Truebe — an extremely shy yet avid 10-year-old reader — said, “It was all very interesting, especially learning about powwows and what ‘commod bod’ means.”

The encampment concluded with a free dinner from CONNECT Linn County, followed by soothing flute music. 🎵



Deitz Peters demonstrates a handcrafted Native American flute to a young visitor before presenting it to her as a gift during the Kalapuya Cultural Encampment.

JEFFERSON LIBRARY CALENDAR

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

Thursday, Aug. 6 • 12:30 p.m.

Build and test a simple catapult while exploring basic engineering concepts.

Walking Balloon Pet Craft

Saturday, Aug. 8 • 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Create a fun balloon pet to take home.

Frisbee Painting

Tuesday, Aug. 11 • 12:30 p.m.

Turn an ordinary frisbee into a colorful work of art.

NeedleCraft Group

Tuesday, Aug. 11 • 3–5 p.m.

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

DIY Zines

Wednesday, Aug. 12 • 12:30 p.m.

Learn how to create a zine — a small, self-made booklet filled with your own stories, comics, artwork or collages — and take home your finished creation.

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

Thursday, Aug. 13 • 12:30 p.m.

Create a colorful kaleidoscope while learning about light and reflection.

Storytime

Wednesdays • 11:30 a.m. • Ages 0–6

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Robotics

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traveled from France. Schupak, a filmmaker, said the journey fulfills his personal obsession with the film. His producer, Audrey Smadja Iritz, greenlit his budget to hire a director of photography and sound engineer for three days of filming during the festival. Dressed as Gordie Lachance, Schupak said Gordie's story mirrors that of late director Rob Reiner's and his own as he searches to better understand his relationship with his father.

Nick Short, of England, returned for his second Stand By Me Day. When asked what the film means to him, he replied, "...very nostalgic about America in the 1950s...[but] it has a deeper and deeper meaning. ... it's about friendship. It's about loss. It's about being what you can be."

Fans collected autographs, posed at filming spots, competed in the blueberry pie-eating contest, joined guided walking tours, and dressed as characters as if Stand By Me Day were a cosplay event. Reenactments of memorable scenes, including the gun reveal behind the Brownsville Pharmacy building (a.k.a. the Blue Point Diner) and "The Great Tri-County Bakeoff & Pie Eat," entertained visitors throughout the day.

Making her third visit, Theresa Jennetti of Eureka, California, got actor Kent Luttrell to autograph the manuscript clutched tightly in hand containing her critical analysis of the film. Rebecca Tam shared how she prodded her husband Mike Tam, who had procrastinated making their first trip, by urging him, "Just pack up and let's go!" This was the Tam family's third visit.

Seated on the Prairie at Brownsville's Pioneer Park, Oregon Governor Tina Kotek and her spouse, Aimee Kotek Wilson, were spotted enjoying the fan forum. Steam locomotive enthusiast Martin Hansen — a fireman on the train in the movie — answered questions, and Kent Luttrell, who portrayed Ray Brower, the dead body the boys searched for in the film, was interviewed by Schupak, KEZI 9 News, and Santiam Sound. Local children reprised roles of Chris, Gordie, Teddy, and Vern. Sloan Leach and additional local youth volunteered as "Pez Girls."



STEPHEN A. BRENNER

Top: Sigrid Swarzendruber sock hops with a friend. Right: Mike and Rebecca Tam with their daughter (center). Far Right: Jeff Brown as Professor Bunson. Bottom: a one-of-a-kind Ray Brower action figure.

CONNECT Linn County fed a biscuits-and-gravy and blueberry pancake breakfast to early-bird fans plus coordinated five food vendors.

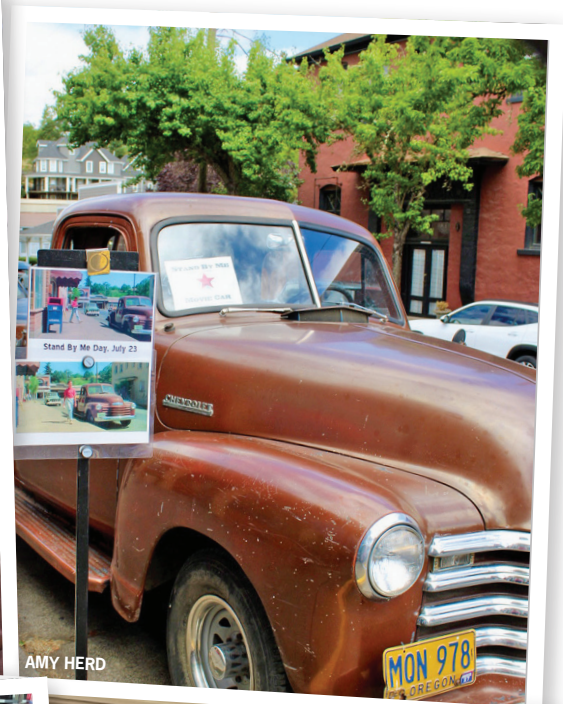
Guided walking tours were led by Tim Stoll, and volunteers from The Central Linn Lions Club and the Linn County Historical Museum staffed pop-up information booths.

The American Legion Post 184 and Auxiliary sold out of ice cream and nearly 100 blueberry pies. Said Post 184 Commander Norm Simms, "I thought it went great! Would love to do it again."

A classic car show, live music from Brown Town Sound, and an a cappella choir, the Stand By Me Singers, sang a medley of 1950s hits.

Linda McCormick, who organized Brownsville's first Stand By Me Day in 2007, credited the many volunteers who helped make the event a success.

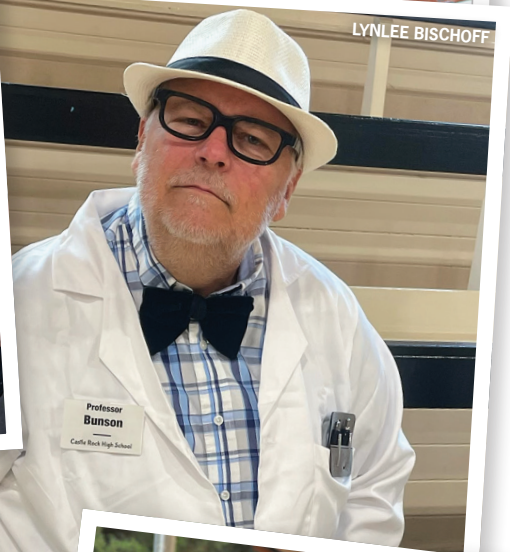
"We came to feel that summer again," one visitor summarized, "where friends stick together." ☺



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Clockwise from top left: Sloan Leach as a Pez Girl, Miss Tri-County, the classic car show, and Stand By Me cookies from Mema's Country Kitchen.



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CLINT FROM SANTIAM SOUND

Stand By Me Day pie-eating contest winners: Thomas McMillan, first; Ava Rivers, second; Sydney Pendleton, third.

French filmmaking group at the original Coca-Cola mural.

CENTRAL LINN HIGH SCHOOL

Free Sports
Physicals and
Early Registration
Set for Aug. 7

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

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

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

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

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CENTRAL LINN HIGH SCHOOL AUGUST STUDENT ATHLETE

Jacob Helms

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer and Columnist

Central Linn High School's Jacob Helms has been selected as Athlete of the Month for August.

Helms, who will be a senior this fall, is a dedicated three-sport athlete competing in football, wrestling, and baseball. His participation in these demanding sports reflects his athletic ability, determination, and commitment to representing Central Linn High School throughout the school year.

Ranked among the top state performers in Division 2A / Special District 3 among strikeout leaders, Helms is also a versatile infielder and outfielder. He finished the season with 80 strikeouts in just 36 innings, ranking No. 15 among all Oregon high school pitchers from Class 6A through Class 1A. He also teamed with Cameron Offutt to throw a combined no-hitter in Central Linn's 7-6 victory over East Linn Christian

Academy. At the plate, Helms finished the season with a .375 batting average.

Helms has earned all-league honors in both baseball and football each of the past two years and was named captain of both the baseball and football teams. On the football field, wearing #11 for the Varsity Cobras, he plays quarterback and linebacker. Jacob Helms stood out as one of the team's key offensive producers, with 158 rushing yards, and tied for second on his team for rushing touchdowns at CLHS in 2025. He also had a successful wrestling season, finishing with a 27-5 record. Helms qualified for the OSAA state wrestling championships and competed in the 190-pound weight class.

When he is not practicing or competing, Helms enjoys fishing and playing guitar. He lives with his family in Brownsville.



Baseball will remain an important part of Helms' future. After graduating from the Class of 2027, he plans to continue playing baseball in college while studying criminal law.

With another year of high school ahead of him, Helms looks forward to continuing to grow as an athlete, student, and teammate while helping lead the Central Linn Cobras. 🌞

Central Linn's Jacob Helms winds up on the mound during the 2026 baseball season. Helms, a three-sport athlete and captain of both the Cobras baseball and football teams, has been selected as Central Linn High School's August Student Athlete.

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Lebanon Native Trina Marvin Headed to LBCC Athletics Hall of Fame

LEBANON — Former Lebanon High School standout Trina Marvin, whose athletic career led from Lebanon to Linn-Benton Community College and eventually to record-setting success at Oregon State University, will be inducted into the Linn-Benton Athletics Hall of Fame as part of the Class of 2026.

Marvin was a multi-sport athlete at Lebanon High School, competing in volleyball, basketball, and track and field. She continued her collegiate career at Linn-Benton from 1978 to 1980, where she starred in basketball and track and field.



A successful career
Trina Marvin, above, capped a successful four year track career at Lebanon High by being named the outstanding girls athlete for 1977. Although she didn't place as high as she expected at the state track tournament, she had a very successful dual meet season.

At LBCC, Marvin earned All-America honors in both the javelin and discus and finished fourth in the javelin at the National Junior College Athletic Association National Championships in both 1979 and 1980, the highest national finish ever recorded by a female Roadrunner at the time.

She was also a starter and leading scorer for an LBCC women's basketball team that posted a 13-3 record and finished second in the Oregon Community College Athletic Association.

After leaving Linn-Benton, Marvin transferred to Oregon State University, where she took up collegiate softball

and became one of the most successful pitchers in program history. More than four decades later, she still holds Oregon State records for single-season and career-earned run average and pitched one of the program's earliest no-hitters.

Marvin will be honored during Linn-Benton Community College's Hall of Fame Weekend, Sept. 18-19, in Albany.

A collection of newspaper clippings and awards chronicles Trina Marvin's remarkable athletic career, from her days as a multi-sport standout at Lebanon High School through All-America honors at Linn-Benton Community College and record-setting success at Oregon State University. Clippings courtesy Trina Marvin.

Girl basketballers fall; Marvin shines

It was a tough opener for the Lebanon girls basketball team. Tuesday night they hosted South Salem, rated as one of the top clubs in the state, and were dealt an 81-42 defeat. "Experience was the difference," noted Lebanon coach Mike Coury. "They have been playing as a team longer than we have. Our girls were excited and it caused them to shoot too hard. We just need a couple of games to settle down."

Despite the lopsided score Coury saw some encouraging things and one was the performance of Trina Marvin who tallied half of her team's points with 21.

"She had an excellent game," praised Coury. "She got her points inside on layups and was effective outside."

She also connected on eight of 13 free throws.

Coury was also pleased with the effort put forth by the Lebanon girls.

"The girls hustled and were aggressive," he said. "The South Salem coach told me we were the most aggressive team they have played. We just couldn't have started with a rougher opener."

Besides Marvin the Lebanon coach had praise for Tracy Knight who came off the bench to score six points.

In the junior varsity game Lebanon dropped a 47-17 decision. Patty Wyatt, who played only the second half, tallied 10 points.

Tonight the girls travel to South Albany.

VARSITY SCORING: Marvin 21, Knight 6, Womack 5, Sweet 4, Carder 4, Looney 1, Prince 1.

JUNIOR VARSITY SCORING: Burian 4, Wyatt 10, Haller 2, Hauck 1.

The franchise

Trina Marvin is all-everything for OSU softball



By Connie Whitaker
Express staff writer

Considering all that Trina Marvin means to the Oregon State women's softball team, she should have a balloon-sized head.

She should be strutting around, reciting her statistics and records and honors.

For example:

- Her 18.7 record last year is the best any OSU softball hurler has posted. She also had the most shutouts (10) and saves (2) of any OSU pitcher in one season.
- Her 0.65 earned run average ranks second best in school history. The 24 runs she scored ranks third best.
- She was named the Beavers' most valuable player last season.

But instead of getting big-headed, Marvin is rather like her pitching motion — relaxed, low-key, steady.

She couldn't tell you her batting average on a bet. She doesn't know all the records she set. She doesn't keep track of such things.

"Records are important," she'll admit, "but my emphasis isn't that. I think more of the attitude."

She's the kind who pats other players on the back, who doesn't mind spending a few minutes giving them pointers. She doesn't throw tantrums when someone drops a ball or makes a mistake.

"I'm totally a team player," Marvin says. "I've been there. I understand when someone misjudges a ball in the outfield or when you hit your leg when you're going back to make a tag."

Says her coach, Ellen Margolis: "Trina really is the foundation of the team. She gives us a lot of maturity, experience, stability. She gives a lot of encouragement to the younger players. She really holds the team together, on and off the field."

On first glance, her accomplishments appear awesome, considering last year was her first as a college softball player. But Marvin, a 1977 Lebanon graduate, is not inexperienced.

Ever since junior high, when she started playing on the Lebanon Merchants summer team, softball has been her game. She later played several years with the John Deere team from Eugene, one of the toughest in the Northwest.

She would have played in high school, only Lebanon didn't field a team then. Instead she competed in track and was a star there, too. She still holds school records in the javelin and

Three LBCC athletes 4th in national track finals

EUGENE — Linn-Benton American awards last week in the National Junior College Athletic Association track meet at Hayward Field, but it was what might have been that stood out.

LBCC sophomore pole vaulter Rick Anicker tied for fourth at 15-feet in that event, although many had expected him to win. What's more, he tied teammate Tim Bright, a freshman from Phoenix, Ore., for fourth.

"I think Rick's nerves got in the way, but you never know," LBCC track coach Dave Bakley said. "He opened at 15 feet and made it, but after that his concentration didn't appear to be the way it should."



CRITTER CHRONICLES

The 100-Pound Tasmanian Devil

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer and Columnist

My brother and his wife recently adopted a young bulldog from the dog pound. We met him during a recent visit to see them, and it did not take long to understand why this dog is appropriately named Taz.

At just 17 months old, Taz is a 100-pound bundle of muscle, mischief, and nonstop energy. He is still very much a puppy, even though his size suggests otherwise. He seems to have no idea how strong he is, which makes every greeting, every game and every attempt at affection feel like a full-contact sport.

Taz needs a lot of love, and fortunately, he seems to have landed in the right place. Before my brother and his wife adopted him, he had been adopted four times and returned each time because he was simply too much for his previous owners to handle.

He is always getting into trouble, but not out of meanness. He is cu-



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rious, enthusiastic, and determined to be part of whatever is going on. My brother and his wife hope that, with patience, training, and time, Taz will eventually settle down.

He also has what some might call "a face only a mother could love." In this case, it appears to be a face only my brother could love, too. Beneath all the muscle, chaos, and bulldog stubbornness, Taz is clearly a dog looking for his people.

After four failed attempts, he may have finally found them. ☺



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Jefferson Mourns Loss of Longtime Community Leader Edna Buker Campau

JEFFERSON — The Jefferson community is mourning the loss of longtime volunteer, former city council member, and community advocate Edna Buker Campau, whose decades of service left a lasting mark on the city and its organizations.



COURTESY: CITY OF JEFFERSON

In a tribute shared on social media, the City of Jefferson remembered Campau for her years of dedication through “quiet acts of service, volunteerism, unwavering dedication, and genuine kindness with just the appropriate amount of sarcasm.”

City officials noted that while Campau contributed to countless projects and accomplishments over the years, her greatest legacy was found in the friendships she built, the people she encouraged, and the example she set through a lifetime of community service.

“Jefferson is better because Edna was here,” the city’s statement read. “May we honor her memory by continuing the same spirit and commitment to the community that she loved.”

The Jefferson Historical Society and Museum also paid tribute to Campau, describing her as “an extraordinary woman” who devoted her time to the historical society and many other nonprofit organizations throughout the community. The organization noted that she served on the Jefferson City Council for many years and expressed gratitude for the opportunity to work alongside her.

“We are so thankful for the opportunities we had with her and glad to have called her a friend,” the historical society wrote.

Campau is remembered by many for her commitment to preserving Jefferson’s history, strengthening local organizations, and making the community a better place for future generations. ☼

Fire Chief Gets His Pie After Emergency Call

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer and Columnist

Brownsville Fire Chief Kevin Rogers was waiting in line for a slice of the American Legion’s famous blueberry pie at the Stand By Me anniversary celebration at Pioneer Park when duty called.



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Rogers was called away to respond to a local emergency. By the time he returned to the pavilion, every slice of pie had been sold.

American Legion volunteers sold 744 slices of homemade blueberry pie topped with Lochmead Dairy vanilla ice cream in just 4½ hours. The fundraiser raised more than \$4,500 for the SGT Travis Moothart Scholarship Fund.

Not wanting the fire chief to miss out, American Legion members baked Rogers a blueberry pie and delivered it to the firehouse July 29.

Rogers did not promise to share, but his crew was probably hoping he would. ☼

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AMERICAN LEGION POST 184

Memories, Blue Dresses, and a Five-Cent Grudge

By an ordinary seaman

At the Travis Moothart Post 184 monthly meeting in Brownsville, we have a tradition. Near the end of business, someone gets tapped to spin a quick yarn about their military days. As one sharp-witted member recently put it: “The older I get, the more vividly I remember things that probably never happened.”

Last meeting, it was Dan’s turn from the crowd. Back in the late 1960s, Dan was just another eighteen-year-old kid stationed at a sweltering firebase in the Vietnamese jungle. It was hot, humid, and, let’s be honest, terrifying. Suddenly, a Huey helicopter whipped up the dirt, landed, and out stepped two young American women in crisp, light-blue dresses.

Dan and his buddies were dumbfounded. It was like pulling up to the drive-thru window at the Linn County dump and having Sharon Banks hand you a blueberry pie.



A Red Cross “Donut Dolly” steps from a Huey helicopter after returning from a visit with troops at a forward area in Vietnam in June 1967. The women of the American Red Cross Supplemental Recreational Activities Overseas (SRAO) program traveled by helicopter to remote firebases, bringing games, conversation, and a welcome reminder of home to U.S. service members.

These were the “Donut Dollies”, officially the Red Cross Supplemental Recreational Activities Overseas (SRAO) program. To get accepted, you needed a college degree, a bubbly personality, and a physical evaluation that made boot camp



An American Red Cross volunteer visits with soldiers at Firebase Bunker Hill in South Vietnam in May 1972. Through games, conversation, and a friendly presence, the Donut Dollies provided a brief escape from the hardships of war for service members stationed in the field.

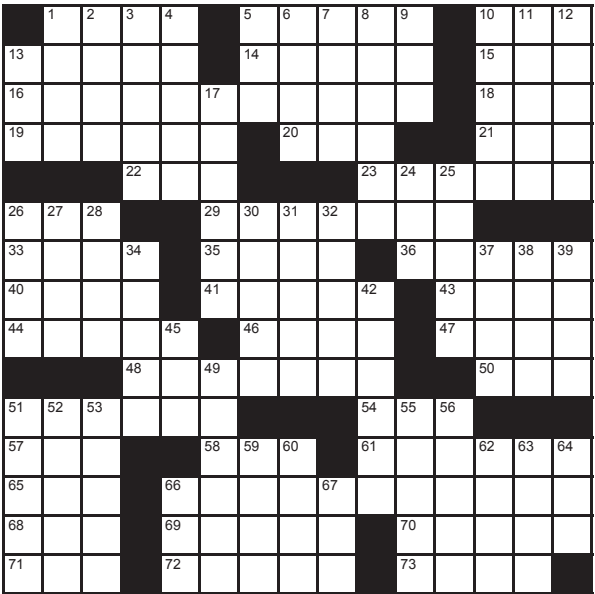
look like a stroll through Pioneer Park. Despite the nickname, Vietnam-era Dollies rarely saw actual donuts. The name was a hold-over from WWII, when the Army General Staff ordered the Red Cross to charge GIs a nickel per pastry so troops wouldn’t be pampered. A tiny fee that sparked a decades-long grudge. (One former WWII Dolly actually carried a roll of nickels in her purse late in life, handing them to disgruntled veterans while whispering, “Let me pay you back.”)

In Vietnam, Dollies traveled over two million miles via Hueys and jeeps to remote outposts, bringing card games, giant crossword puzzles, and a gentle reminder of home. They used dry shampoo, secretly mislabeled by supply officers as “essential military equipment” to survive the jungle mugginess. Soldiers treated them with fierce protection; drop a swear word near a Dolly, and five guys would demand an apology.

For two hours, those girls played cards and chatted with the boys before vanishing back into the clouds. Fifty years later, Dan still remembers it with awe. When he finished, Jack chimed in from across the room: “Well, Dan, you got visited by the Dollies... I got visited by Jayne Mansfield.”

Naturally, the room cracked up. Memory is a funny thing, and at Post 184, the stories only get better with age. ☺

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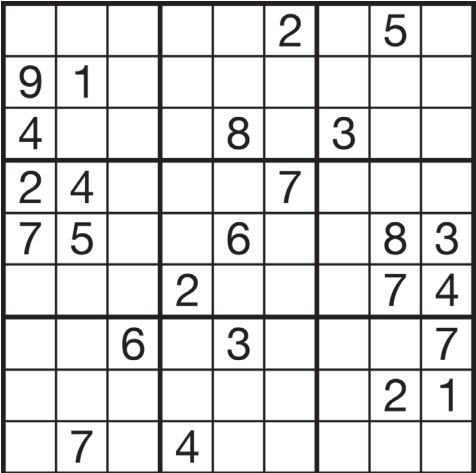
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A Brief Geologic History of the Central Willamette Valley

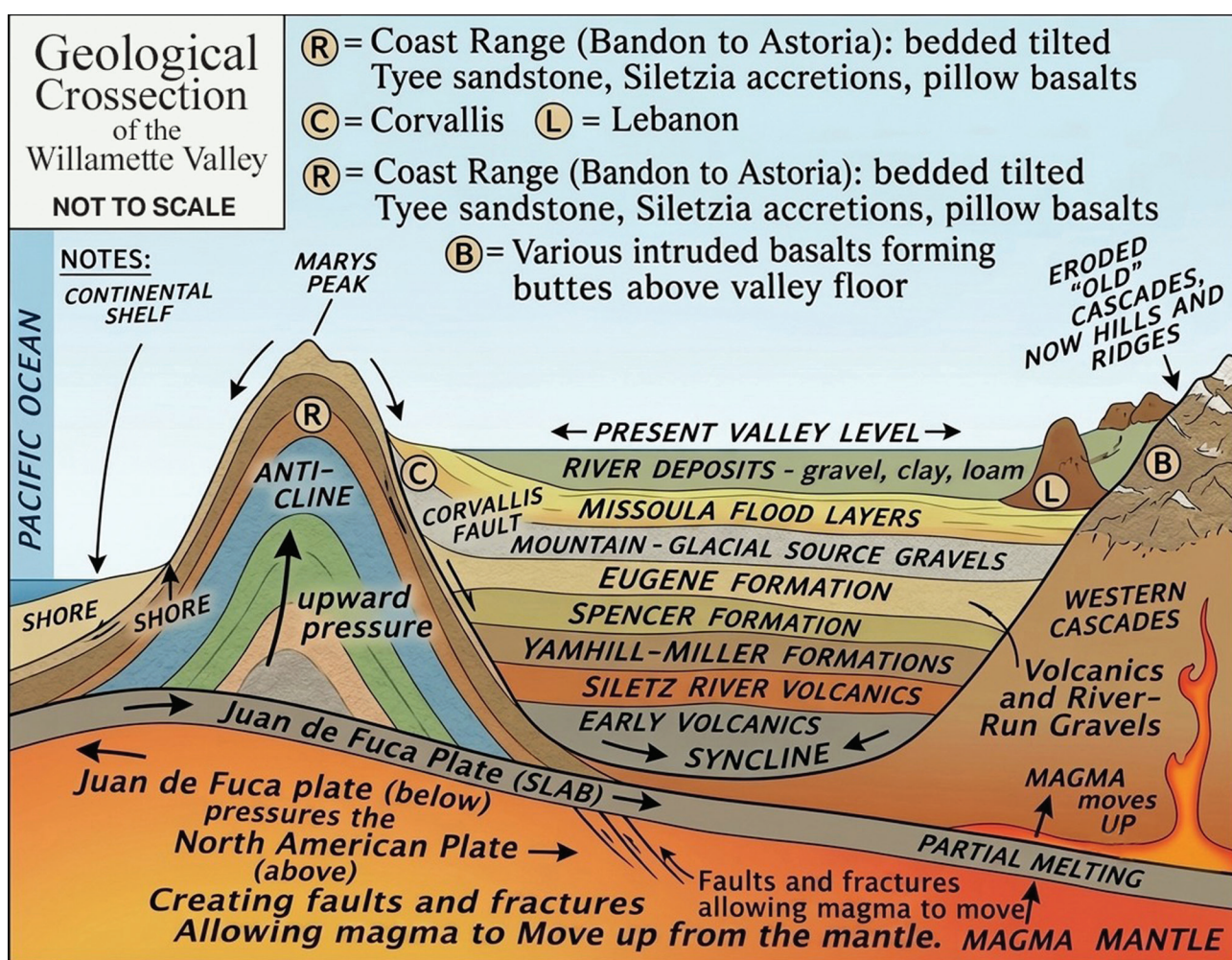
By Craig E. McKern, Staff Writer

Ever wonder what lies beneath your feet? This fertile valley — stretching from the Salem Hills down to the Calapooia and Santiam river basins — has a deep, fascinating geologic history.

The accompanying schematic shows thick layers of volcanic rock, sandstone, siltstone, and gravel left behind over millions of years. Geologists describe our valley as a “fore-arc basin.” It formed as the offshore Juan de Fuca Plate slowly ground its way beneath the North American Plate, creating a deep pocket in the Earth’s crust.

About 400 million years ago, the Pacific Ocean, as we know it to be called today, extended much further east, reaching all the way to present-day Idaho. Over the next several hundred million years of the Mesozoic Era, moving tectonic plates carried offshore landmasses — called terranes — and slammed them against the continent, essentially “beaching” them to form the Blue and Klamath Mountains.

As the Juan de Fuca Plate kept pushing, it uplifted the Coast Range and deepened the basin behind it. Starting about 33 million years ago, magma broke through cracks in the crust, triggering volcanic eruptions that flooded the area with ash and lava. Much of Oregon was still underwater at the time, but as new land rose, the ocean gradually drained away around 24 million years ago.



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Much more recently, during the Ice Age, the catastrophic Missoula Floods swept through, dumping rich sediments and massive ice-rafted boulders as far south as Coburg. Over millions of years, erosion from both the Cascades and the Coast Range carved out our rivers and ridges, creating the rich farmland and landmarks that define the Central Willamette Valley today.

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TAKING ROOT

Hot Times in the Garden

By Donald Lyon, Staff Writer and Columnist

When midsummer temperatures soar, your garden enters a quiet struggle for survival. Most plants do best in temperatures between 59 and 86 degrees. When temperatures climb into the 90s and stay there, many plants will survive, but growth may be affected, and you will begin to see signs of stress. Here is how your garden signals it needs help — and what those symptoms mean.

Leaf rolling and cupping: corn and tomatoes do this to minimize leaf surface area and reduce moisture loss. Wilting is a clear sign that plants need water. They will likely recover as temperatures drop in the evening, but they still need more water. Don't wait for evening relief — if your plants are wilting in the heat, they need water immediately. Large-leafed plants, such as squash, may respond to heat stress by developing dry, brown leaf edges.

Peppers, squash, and cucumbers commonly drop their blossoms and fruit under heat stress. They should return to normal production once the heat wave ends. Bolting is the premature flowering of plants before the normal harvest time. Cool-weather crops, such as lettuce and broccoli, typically signal they are done for the season by sending up flower spikes. It is generally best to harvest these crops before the heat sets in and they become bitter.

Many fruits are susceptible to sunscald. It typically appears as a whitish spot on the side of the fruit facing the sun, though the appearance varies by fruit type. Apples, tomatoes, melons, cucumbers, and even raspberries can develop sunscald. A common problem with tomatoes is blossom-end rot. Consistent, even watering should minimize this problem.

High heat and plant stress invite insect pests. When striped cucumber beetles are seen, remove them immediately. They are a problem in both larval and adult stages.

Avoid stress in the first place by watering in the morning. Soaking the roots, rather than just wetting the topsoil, will have a better impact. Water wilted plants as soon as you see signs of stress. Shallow-rooted plants, particularly young ones, will dry out sooner than plants with taproots, like carrots. Add mulch to keep the soil from drying out. By taking these simple preventive steps, you can help your plants weather even the toughest heatwaves.

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



Pumpkin showing signs of heat stress. PHOTO: DONALD LYON

CORRECTION:
No Body Recovered Near
West Brush Creek

By Mikayle Stole, Editor and Publisher

BRUSH CREEK — The Times is correcting information published in last week's article, "Brush Fire, Unrelated Body Recovery Reported Near West Brush Creek."

After publication, Sweet Home Fire and Ambulance District clarified that no deceased individual was recovered in the area.

According to Josh Starha of the Sweet Home Fire and Ambulance District, a couple camping approximately one mile from the Bickmore Fire called 911 after the husband experienced a medical emergency in the Courtney Creek area. Emergency responders located the patient, who was transported by Life Flight helicopter to PeaceHealth RiverBend Medical Center in Springfield.

The district did not provide an update on the patient's condition.

The medical emergency was unrelated to the Bickmore Fire, which burned approximately one-quarter acre near West Brush Creek Road on July 13.

The Times regrets the error and appreciates Sweet Home Fire and Ambulance District for providing the corrected information. ☎

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SHERIFF'S REPORT JULY 25-31

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

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

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

BROWNSVILLE

Sat., July 25, 11:20 a.m. — Geoffrey Stillman, 43, of Springfield, was cited for driving while suspended during a traffic stop in the 37800 block of Northern Dr. and Hwy 228.

12:36 p.m. — Joseph Ellison, 34, of Halsey, was cited for an equipment violation and for no insurance in the 200 block of Washburn St., near W Bishop Way.

12:44 p.m. — Deputy spoke with multiple vehicle owners regarding parking violations in the 100 block of N Main St. and Kirk Ave. during the Stand By Me Day event.

10:02 p.m. — Deputy contacted an intoxicated male and confirmed his welfare in the 100 block of Spaulding Ave. near N Main St.

Sun., July 26, 2:47 p.m. — Deputy assisted in preventing a person from driving under the influence in the 400 block of N Main St.

7:39 p.m. — Deputy responded to a report of a suicidal person in the 400 block of Kay Ave. The person was not suicidal, and the situation was a misunderstanding.

Mon., July 27, 2:00 a.m. — Elderly male with mental health struggles called in and reported hearing noises again in the 500 block of Fisher St. Information documented.

7:23 a.m. — Deputy responded to a disturbance in the 400 block of Moyer St. The disturbance was verbal only.

10:22 a.m. — The caller's vehicle was struck while parked two weeks ago in the 700 block of Pebble St., near Depot Ave. The driver and the victim reached an agreement on damages. At the scene, they did not exchange insurance information. The victim now wanted to file an insurance claim, but the other driver cannot be located. The victim lives in Portland, and the at-fault driver likely lives in Klamath Falls.

4:23 p.m. — Erasmo Carrillo Garcia, 46, of Aurora, was cited for speeding 51 in a 35-mph zone in the 500 block of E Bishop Way near Hume St.

4:39 p.m. — Caller reported an armed disturbance in the 400 block of Kirk Ave. near Putman St. Deputies arrived and determined the report was third-party. The disturbance was verbal only.

7:28 p.m. — Deputy responded to a report of an unknown suspect who backed a trailer full of garbage into the victim's yard in the 800 block of Oak St., striking the home and leaving the trailer. The hit-and-run is under investigation. Report taken.

8:57 p.m. — Deputy responded to a welfare check request in the 400 block of Kay Ave. The deputy contacted a male who reported that he did not need any assistance from law enforcement.

Tue., July 28, 5:37 p.m. — Deputy took a report from a citizen who was scammed by an unknown suspect on "X" in the 800 block of Stonebrook St. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

9:26 p.m. — Daniel David Dillon, 19, of Brownsville, was arrested and lodged at the Linn County Jail for menacing after deputies were dispatched to a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of Kay Ave. Report taken.

9:30 p.m. — Caller reported a deer struck in the 25800 block of Gap Rd., near Ranch Dr. The deer was deceased upon deputies' arrival.

Wed., July 29, 2:32 a.m. — Deputy responded to assist fire personnel regarding a dementia patient in the 400 block of Moyer St. The patient was transported.

8:36 a.m. — Deputy investigated a complaint of unauthorized entry into a vehicle in the 36100 block of Hwy 228.

Thu., July 30, 11:07 a.m. — Caller reported being harassed by his ex-wife in the 500 block of Kay Ave.

1:51 p.m. — Deputies investigated an abandoned vehicle near the Cascade Timber Consulting 100 gate at 36200 Courtney Creek Dr. Deputies attempted to contact the last owners but could not determine how or why the vehicle was there. It was posted for a private-party tow.

Fri., July 31, 6:52 p.m. — Deputy responded to a parking complaint in the 300 block of Kirk Ave. and directed the vehicle owner to move their vehicle.

8:49 p.m. — Caller reported that someone was yelling profanities at them in the 300 block of W Bishop Way. Deputy spoke to both parties and determined the case to be non-criminal at this time.

BRUSH CREEK

Sat., July 25, 3:49 p.m. — Deputy performed a personal assist after a few people had their ATVs become stuck in the woods in the 23200 block of Brush Creek Rd. Deputy gave them a ride to their vehicle at the staging area.

CRAWFORDSVILLE/
HOLLEY

Mon., July 27, 10:04 a.m. — A caller reported that a neighbor's surveillance was intrusive in the 38300 block of Hwy 228. The caller was advised of their options.

Tue., July 28, 1:09 a.m. — Deputy contacted occupants of two parked vehicles at Holley Market and advised them to move along.

Thu., July 30, 10:46 a.m. — Deputy assisted a disturbed individual in the 40200 block of Hwy 228.

DRAPERVILLE

Sun., July 26, 9:19 p.m. — Michael Robb, 54, of Albany, was cited for driving while suspended and for speeding 21-30 mph over the speed limit in the 37500 block of Scravel Hill Rd.

Tue., July 28, 9:03 p.m. — Lorie Hamm, 50, was arrested for menacing (domestic violence) and unlawful use of a weapon in the 400 block of Scravel Hill Rd. Report taken.

HARRISBURG

Sun., July 26, 12:35 a.m. — Male in the 32900 block of Diamond Hill Dr. made vague threats to a family member who lives in California. Info documented.

2:59 a.m. — Caller reported that her husband, who is bipolar, was experiencing a manic episode in the 100 block of Territorial St. The husband agreed to take his medication and go to sleep. Non-criminal.

4:53 p.m. — Deputy responded to a report of a possible child abuse incident in the 32900 block of Diamond Hill Dr. After an investigation, it was determined that no crimes had occurred and that the matter involved child custody issues.

Mon., July 27, 12:43 p.m. — Caller in the 33600 block of Mt. Tom Dr. reported approximately \$6,000 in fraudulent transactions in the Willamette Valley. Report taken.

4:45 p.m. — Deputies responded to a disturbance at Diamond Hill RV Park, where one subject was reportedly intentionally struck by a slow-moving vehicle. No injuries were reported. Bradley Hunter, 78, of Harrisburg, was arrested for harassment, reckless driving, and menacing. Report taken.

5:43 p.m. — Deputy spoke with parties in an ongoing civil dispute in the 33200 block of Priceboro Dr. Non-criminal.

Tue., July 28, 5:05 a.m. — Deputy responded to a report of a male sleeping in a vehicle in the 900 block of Diamond Hill Dr. The male was contacted and advised to move along.

12:33 p.m. — Caller reported that a driver struck her parked vehicle in front of the residence in the 600 block of Territorial St. as it drove past and did not stop. Report taken for hit-and-run.

Wed., July 29, 8:49 a.m. — Jesse Huston, 47, and Esther Huston, 43, both of Grants Pass, were cited in lieu of arrest for Theft III at the Dollar General. Report taken.

10:38 a.m. — Caller reported a business was burglarized in the 100 block of S 2nd St. in the early morning hours. Property was stolen and damaged. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

9:14 p.m. — Deputies responded to a DHS 307 Referral in the 300 block of Kesling St. Non-criminal information regarding a child was documented.

Thu., July 30, 12:42 a.m. — Deputies responded to a DHS 307 Referral in the 20900 block of Curtis Rd. Non-criminal information

regarding a parent who was in a minor vehicle crash with children in the vehicle was documented.

4:03 p.m. — Deputy investigated theft and elder abuse in the 800 block of Sommerville Loop. Report taken.

4:17 p.m. — Deputy responded to a traffic hazard in the 700 block of S 2nd St. and found it had already been resolved by a citizen.

5:38 p.m. — Deputy responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of Sommerville Ave. and requested agency assistance for the investigation.

7:42 p.m. — Deputies responded to a DHS 307 Referral in the 800 block of S 9th St. Historical information regarding a child was documented. No criminal activity was reported.

Fri., July 31, 2:24 p.m. — Caller reported a civil matter involving a tenant unloading tires at a rental property in the 33200 block of Priceboro Dr.

7:18 p.m. — Deputy responded to a report of phone harassment in the 900 block of S 9th St. Determined to be non-criminal.

JEFFERSON

Sun., July 26, 1:29 p.m. — LCSO assisted Jefferson Fire on a call for service in the 39300 block of Hwy 99E.

3:58 p.m. — Caller reported vehicle damage at an unknown time and location in the 38700 block of Shady Oak Rd. Report taken.

9:38 p.m. — Deputy responded to a report of phone harassment between two ex-partners in the 38300 block of Kelly Rd. Deputy learned that both parties were still communicating and probable cause was not established. Report taken.

Fri., July 31, 11:48 a.m. — Mark William Lindley, 63, of Salem, was cited for speeding 68 in a 45-mph zone in the 38000 block of Scravel Hill Rd SE.

12:18 p.m. — Amy Renee Wallace, 51, of Jefferson, was cited for speeding 70 in a 45-mph zone in the 38200 block of Scravel Hill Rd. near Mountain View Pl.

SAND RIDGE

Sat., July 25, 4:52 p.m. — Deputies responded to a motor vehicle crash with minor injuries in the 31400 block of Sand Ridge Rd. Report taken.

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Sun., July 26, 9:55 a.m. — Caller reported a single-vehicle, non-injury motor vehicle crash on Sand Ridge Rd. near the intersection with Steckley Rd. Report taken.

SCIO

Mon., July 27, 5:26 p.m. — Deputy responded to a non-injury crash in the 37300 block of Jefferson Scio Dr., near Shelburn Dr. after a vehicle struck a deer. Report taken.

Tue., July 28, 4:12 a.m. — Kanen Graves, 18, of Lebanon, was cited for speeding 78 in a 55-mph zone in the 37700 block of Jefferson Scio Dr.

4:12 p.m. — Christopher Straight, 39, of Scio, was arrested for reckless endangerment of another person in the 44600 block of Camp Morrison Dr. Report taken.

6:52 p.m. — Deputies assisted an adult male experiencing a mental health episode in the 38500 block of Hwy 226. The male agreed to be transported to the hospital by medics.

Wed., July 29, 12:08 p.m. — Caller received an unwanted and unsolicited adult magazine in the 41000 block of Shimanek Bridge Dr. Information documented.

4:02 p.m. — Deputies provided traffic control for AA Towing as they pulled a semi out of a ditch in the 39100 block of Richardson Gap Rd. No property damage was observed. Non-criminal.

7:00 p.m. — Ronald Rambo, 57, of Scio, was arrested for menacing domestic violence, unlawful use of a weapon, four counts of felon in possession of a firearm, and possession of methamphetamine (a felony). Report taken.

Thu., July 30, 10:44 a.m. — Deputy attempted to contact an individual with a warrant in the 39200 block of Myers Pl. The individual was not home.

11:05 a.m. — Tina Large, 52, of Lebanon, was cited for driving uninsured in the 38700 block of NE Ash St.

7:49 p.m. — Chrizma Hosler, 38, of Albany, was arrested following an armed disturbance for unlawful entry into a motor vehicle, Theft III from a vehicle, and tampering with evidence. Tyler Lafferty, 36, of Albany, was arrested for Assault II in

the 41900 block of Larwood Dr. Lafferty and Hosler were transported to Linn County Jail without incident. Report taken.

Fri., July 31, 11:03 a.m. — Deputy responded to a civil dispute at the Scio Hardware store, where the caller reported a female taking equipment that had not been paid for. After investigation, the female was not taking the equipment, only personal items.

8:06 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report that a citizen received a phone call from a scammer claiming to check the citizen's roof for damage in the 43600 block of East Bilyeu Creek Dr.

9:33 p.m. — Deputies responded to a motor vehicle crash in the 38700 block of Richardson Gap Rd., near Hwy 226. They assisted OSP by securing the scene and supporting medics until OSP arrived and took over the crash investigation.

SHEDD

Sat., July 25, 11:52 a.m. — Deputies provided traffic control for a fire in the 30500 block of Boston Mill Dr.

Sun., July 26, 11:46 a.m. — An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 29900 block of Hwy 99E. No public narrative was provided.

Mon., July 27, 10:05 a.m. — Caller requested a welfare check in the 34100 block of Powell Hills Loop after the client didn't answer the door. Deputy knocked on the door, and a male answered.

Tue., July 28, 7:26 a.m. — Deputy observed a person lying beside the road in the 30200 block of Hwy 99E. Deputy attempted to make contact, but the person did not need assistance.

TALLMAN

Tue., July 28, 11:52 a.m. — Nickalee Baker, 48, of Albany, was cited for speeding 75 in a 55-mph zone in the 33500 block of Goltra Rd.

Fri., July 31, 11:09 a.m. — Deputies responded to a brush fire near the intersection of Goltra and Spicer Roads.

TANGENT

Sat., July 25, 11:48 a.m. — A suspicious situation was reported in the 31800 block of Wisteria Ln. A toddler was crying after hearing an elephant-like noise

and saying they "don't like elephants."

Sun., July 26, 2:14 p.m. — Deputy assisted the Albany Police Department with a hit-and-run driver in the 31700 block of Hwy 34 near Looney Ln.

Mon., July 27, 5:01 p.m. — A non-citizen requested a welfare check on children staying with their ex-husband in the 32000 block of McLagan Rd. Deputy did not conduct a welfare check because there was no report of new abuse and the reporter was stating facts that had already been investigated.

Tue., July 28, 12:02 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 31000 block of Tangent Dr. near McLagan Rd. The deputy checked the vehicle and learned that the individual was feeding stray cats in the area.

10:32 a.m. — A 16-year-old male, of Albany, was cited for driving 86 in a 55-mph zone in the 31200 block of Seven Mile Ln.

12:26 p.m. — Danna Geil, 55, of Brownsville, was cited for speeding in the 32500 block of Seven Mile Ln.

7:57 p.m. — Linda Meyers, 65, of Albany, was cited for speeding in the 33100 block of Seven Mile Ln.

Fri., July 31, 2:26 p.m. — Caller reported seeing a female wearing no pants picking berries in the 31800 block of N Lake Creek Dr. near McFarland Rd. Deputy checked the area but was unable to locate any pantless individual.

4:58 p.m. — Deputies conducted a welfare check after someone made suicidal remarks in the 34000 block of McFarland Rd. The individual was found unharmed. 🍎



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