



Tangent Harvest Festival Celebrates Agriculture, Community Traditions

By Sharon K. Banks,
Staff Writer and Columnist

TANGENT — Tractors, hot air balloons, music, family activities, and a demolition derby filled Tangent on Saturday, Sept. 19, as an estimated 2,350 people gathered for the annual Tangent Harvest Festival — roughly twice the city's population.

Organized by Tangent Together, the festival brought activities to Tangent Elementary School, Bass Estate Park and Glaser Field, continuing a community tradition organizers say dates back more than 85 years.

This year's theme, "Red, White, Blue & Rural," was reflected throughout the parade and festival.

The day began with a pancake breakfast at the Tangent Fire Hall, followed by the annual Harvest Festival Parade at 10 a.m. Cars, tractors, floats, and community groups made their way through town before the main festival opened at 11 a.m.

Throughout the day, families visited the Kids' Village, participated in harvest games, and browsed an artisan market

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Harvest Festival Highlights: Grant Wahl, 16, celebrates his Combine Demolition Derby win, a hot air balloon rises over the festival, three-year-old Colt Snyder enjoys breakfast, and Gus Dennis takes in the action from a four-wheeler.

Good Food, Good Friends at CFA Garden Party

By Donald Lyon, Staff Writer and Columnist

BROWNSVILLE — Welcoming old friends and meeting new ones was the theme of the Calapooia Food Alliance (CFA) Garden Party on Friday, Sept. 18. Open to all, more than 30 people accepted the invitation and enjoyed the evening with tasty dishes made from the garden's bounty. Apple cider with the tang of autumn was on offer.

Mo Robeson sang a heartfelt "Blue Bayou," backed by Michael Purkerson on guitar. "Where the folks are fine and the world is mine on Blue Bayou." Just like Brownsville. Peggy and Mike Purkerson offered the first live performance of their song, "Back Roads," written by Peggy and arranged by Mike. "Holding on to friends to help me make it through. Holding on to family, holding on to you." People sat on straw bales and folding chairs, enjoying the food, music, and each other as summer slipped into fall.

The new mural of eternal summer, painted by Calapooia Food Alliance Program Manager Melissa Selby, was on display, with beans and squash twining up corn stalks and sunflowers reflecting the setting sun. Everyone was invited to take a closer look and count the honeybees at work.

"Give me something to hold on to, an anchor in a storm, or just a bit of music to sing me on home." That was the CFA Garden Party for 2026. 🍷



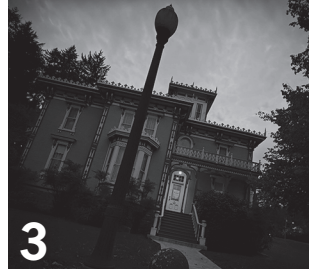
More than 30 people gathered for food, music, and conversation at the Calapooia Food Alliance Garden Party Sept. 18 in Brownsville.



Guests visit in front of the community garden mural painted by CFA Program Manager Melissa Selby.

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ONGOING EVENTS

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

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33630 McFarland Rd., Tangent
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541-730-3541 • Tina.Dodge@oregonstate.edu

Free Coffee, Donuts, & Fellowship
Wednesdays • 9:30 a.m.
Central Valley Church, 657 W. American Dr., Halsey (not a church-sponsored event)

OCTOBER EVENTS

ALBANY

Monteith House Halloween Events
Fridays and Saturdays, Oct. 2–31
Monteith House, 518 2nd Ave. SW, Albany
Get into the Halloween spirit with a series of spooky events benefiting the Monteith House Museum. “The Carriage of Shadows” will be offered Oct. 2–3 and 9–10 at 6, 7, 8, and 9 p.m., followed by the “Trolley of Terror” Oct. 16–17 and 23–24 at the same times. The season concludes with the “Ghost Walk” Oct. 30–31.
<https://monteithhouse.ticketleap.com> • 541-220-0421

Oregon Mennonite Relief Sale
Saturday, Oct. 10 • 8 a.m. • FREE
Linn County Expo Center, 3700 Knox Butte Rd., Albany
This annual sale combines a fall festival with fundraising for disaster relief and development work worldwide. Featuring breakfast, fresh cider, baked goods, lunch, handcrafted items, fair-trade products, books, fabric and notions, children’s activities, and a live auction starting at 10 a.m. Admission and parking are free.
<https://www.oregonmccsale.org>
<https://www.facebook.com/OregonMCCSale>

BROWNSVILLE

Brownsville Gallery Nights
Friday, Oct. 2 • 5–8 p.m. • FREE
Jenna Stutsman Homes, 128 Spaulding Ave.
Jenna hosts her second quarterly gallery night, featuring work by local artists Donna Lee, Pam O’Brien Doan, and Adam Wagner. Artwork includes watercolors, scratchboard art, printmaking, oil and acrylic paintings, sculptures, and drawings. Stop by to browse or purchase artwork and meet the artists. Complimentary drinks and snacks will be provided. Free and open to the public.

Needful Things — A Stephen King-Inspired Group Show at Janky Bird
Friday, Oct. 2 • 5–8 p.m.
Janky Bird, 134 Spaulding Ave.
Opening night of a collection of dark art, strange objects, unsettling nostalgia, and suspicious little treasures inspired by Castle Rock, “The Shining,” “IT,” and beyond. Artwork will be available for purchase. The show remains on display through Nov. 28.

Death Cafe
Tuesday, Oct. 13 • 6:30-8 p.m. • FREE
Brownsville Library, Kirk Room, 146 Spaulding Ave.
Join a respectful conversation about death, dying, and the experiences that connect us. 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, counseling session, or religious event, and there is no set agenda. Hosted by retired nurse Nan VanSandt. Free and open to adults. Cake will be provided.

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

Zumba With Cheryl
Wednesday & Friday, through Nov. 20 • 7 p.m.
Jefferson Community Center, 107 N. Main St.
Beginner-friendly Zumba classes offer a judgment-free way to get moving, boost your mood and build strength. Fall term includes 18 classes, with no class Oct. 30. Drop in for \$7 per class.

Open Mic Night
Wednesdays • 6–8 p.m.
Dixie Creek Saloon, 32994 Hwy 99E, Tangent
Got a guitar? Got a voice? Got jokes? Got poetry? Bring it ALL to the stage every Wednesday night.

Brownsville Thursday Market
Thursdays through Oct. 15 • 3–6 p.m.
85 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>

World Cultures & Travel: Lebanon, Syria & Jordan
Thursday, Oct. 15 • 7–8 p.m. • FREE
Brownsville Library, Kirk Room, 146 Spaulding Ave.
Travel through Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan with retired photo tour guide Don Lyon, who will share photographs and stories from his June 2000 journey through the three countries. Lyon, a graduate student at the American University of Beirut in 1970, will offer insights into the region’s history, culture, traditional life, and people.
The free program is part of the Brownsville Community Library’s World Cultures & Travel series. For information, call 541-466-5454.
<https://www.brownsvillecommunitylibrary.org/news-events/lib-cal/world-cultures-travel-30>

Flat Earth Herbs Two-Year Celebration & Chamber Mixer
Friday, Oct. 23 • 4–6 p.m. • 209 Templeton St.
Flat Earth Herbs will celebrate its second anniversary with a special event in partnership with the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce. The celebration will also serve as a Chamber mixer, giving local business owners, Chamber members, and community members an opportunity to connect while supporting a local business. Finger foods and light beverages will be available, along with a prize drawing and activities. RSVP via Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1847186319663182>.

CORVALLIS

Fall Family Fun Fest
Saturday, Oct. 3 • 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
Bald Hill Farm, 6780 NW Oak Creek Dr.
Greenbelt Land Trust hosts a free day of outdoor activities for families, geared toward children through sixth grade. Activities include nature arts and crafts, apple cider pressing, pumpkin bowling, birding for kids, aquatic exploration, native wildflower seed balls, pollinator activities, and a stream table. Walks to a beaver dam will be offered at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 12:30 p.m. Families may also sign up for Greenbelt’s Mighty Acorns Kids Club.
<https://greenbeltlandtrust.org/event/fall-family-fun-fest-2026/>

EUGENE

‘Stand By Oregon’ Film Screening
Tuesday, Oct. 6 • 6:45 p.m. • \$12
Art House Cinemas, 492 E. 13th Ave., Eugene
“Stand By Oregon,” a documentary highlighting “Stand By Me,” Brownsville, and Oregon’s film industry, will screen during the Oregon Independent Film Festival. Directed by Eli Pyke, the film features Brownsville locations, local talent, and an interview with “Stand By Me” cinematographer Thomas Del Ruth. The film was named Best Documentary Historical at the festival.
<https://www.oregonindependentfilmfest.com/pg2026/OCT06.php#StandByOregon>

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.

Karaoke with Mandy
Saturdays • 8 p.m.
Brownsville Saloon, 419 N Main St., Brownsville
Oct 3 features Adult Prom/Karaoke. Ages 21 and older.

Modern Square Dance and Cha Cha Lessons
Sundays • Cha Cha 4–5:15 p.m.
Square Dance 5:30–7:30 p.m.
First lesson free, then \$6 per person, \$15 per family
Lebanon Senior Center, 80 Tangent St., Lebanon
The Lebanon Square Circles have started a new square dance class and Cha Cha class with instructor/caller Shaun McKamey. You don’t need a partner or experience. Kids are welcome.
<http://www.lebanonsquarecirclers.com> • 541-401-9780

JEFFERSON

PumpkinFest
Saturday, October 17 • 2–7 p.m.
Jefferson Fire District, 189 N Main St.
A spooky night filled with candy and pumpkins! This Halloween festival features several vendors, food carts, a costume contest, and a party.
Truck or Treat from 6:30–7 p.m.
jeffersonpumpkinfest@gmail.com • 503-602-2591

LEBANON

Downtown Fall Market & Festival
Saturday, Oct. 3 • 10 a.m.–6 p.m. • Downtown Lebanon
The largest event of the year! Over 100 businesses, vendors, and activities joining together for a day of community love; you won’t want to miss it! Vintage & upcycled vendors, locally made treasures, fresh-baked breads & treats, farm-fresh goods, fall & holiday, HP, Hot Topic & Halloween, themed booths and activities
<https://www.facebook.com/events/2020060915531895>
A Century of Service: American Legion Post 51
Tuesday, Oct. 13 • 3 p.m.
American Legion Santiam Post 51, 480 S. Main St.
Nona Miller, the club manager for American Legion Post 51, will share the post’s history. Chartered in 1926, the post has served veterans, active military members, and the community for a century. The free program is cosponsored by the Lebanon Museum. Meals will be available for purchase.

SHEDD

Thompson’s Mills Cider Pressing
Saturdays, Oct. 10 & 24 • 11 a.m.–apples run out ~2 p.m.
Thompson’s Mills State Heritage Site, 32655 Boston Mill Dr.
Press your own cider! Come early or stay late — the park is open dawn to dusk. Pack a picnic, explore the grounds, and take a guided tour of Oregon’s last remaining water-powered mill, built in 1858. Then, roll up your sleeves to help press fresh apples and sample the cider you helped make! Half-gallon jugs of cider are available for \$5. T-shirts, totes, dishtowels, mugs, and books are available for sale, cash or card.
<https://tmpsonline.org> • 541-654-2052

SWEET HOME

Sweet Home Harvest Festival & Pie Bake-Off
Saturday, Oct. 3 • 11 a.m.–4 p.m.
Sankey Park, 847 14th Ave.
Celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Sweet Home Harvest Festival with food vendors, local artisans, children’s games, live music, and the annual Pie Bake-Off. The bake-off features youth, ages 17 and younger, and adult divisions. Pies must be nonperishable and require no refrigeration, and contestants may enter up to two pies. Bake-off information: aclegg@sweethomeor.gov.
<https://www.sweethomeor.gov> • 541-818-8029

Oregon Mennonite Relief Sale Turns Local Fun Into Global Aid

By Dorcas Smucker, Staff Writer and Harrisburg Correspondent

As both a fall festival and a fundraiser for disaster relief, the annual Oregon Mennonite Relief Sale at the Albany Expo Center, 3700 Knox Butte Rd., on Saturday, Oct. 10, provides an enjoyable activity for local families while assisting families around the world.

“It can be a fun low-cost event for families,” says Cynthia Hockman-Chupp, promoter for the event. “Parking and entry are free. You can come look at the quilts and buy a handful of books for a quarter, if you like.”

Staffed by volunteers and supplied by donations, the sale provides funds to the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). “MCC has been on the front lines of global relief, development, and peacebuilding for over a century,” says Hockman-Chupp. “Your donations and purchases translate directly into aid. For example, we feed families displaced by violent conflict and provide clean water to communities facing severe drought. We also support sustainable farming so communities can feed themselves. And we just sent generators to the flooded areas of Nepal.”

She adds, “Tragedy and poverty can make us feel helpless, but this sale is your chance for you and your family to do something local that has a global impact.”

Opening at 8 a.m. on Oct. 10, this year’s sale begins with breakfast and offers fresh cider, baked goods, lunch, handcrafted items at the Menno Marketplace, and fair-trade products all day. In addition, hundreds of books will be available on a donation basis. Kids can participate in a kids-only auction and other activities.

Local sewers, mourning the loss of brick-and-mortar fabric stores, will appreciate not only the quilts on display but the tables filled with fabric and notions to examine and purchase at reasonable prices.

An online auction featuring quilts, wood and leather crafts, a hot-air balloon ride, a grilled salmon dinner, and many other items will begin Oct. 3 and close Oct. 7 at: <https://event.auctria.com/3a161455-1f0d-4006-bf8f-8fa1ba5e979e> . The live in-person auction opens at 10 a.m. on Oct. 10 and continues until early afternoon, offering goods and experiences such as a vintage camper, a Traeger grill, furniture, a two-night stay in Lincoln City, a Medieval dinner, and the intricate hand-crafted quilts for which the sale is best known.

“Every dollar you spend directly changes a life across the globe,” MCC says. “Come for the incredible community atmosphere, leave knowing you helped heal a broken world. We cannot do this without you.”



This vintage camper is among the items up for bid during the live auction at the Oregon Mennonite Relief Sale Oct. 10 at the Linn County Expo Center.



“Amish Bricks,” a 70-by-76-inch quilt by Kathy Shenk, is among the handcrafted quilts featured in the live auction at the Oregon Mennonite Relief Sale. Proceeds from quilts and other donated items support Mennonite Central Committee relief and development work around the world.



A colorful zippered pouch featuring appliquéd fabric pieces inspired by sea glass is among the handmade items donated to the Oregon Mennonite Relief Sale.



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Discover events or add your own to our community calendar:
<https://thetimescwv.org/community-calendar>

Help Choose This Year’s Halloween Coloring Contest Haunted House

It’s almost time for The Times’ annual Halloween Coloring Contest, and we need your help choosing this year’s featured location!

Know a Victorian home, old barn, historic building, or local landmark that would make a great Halloween scene? Maybe there’s a house in your community that has always looked a little “haunted.”

Send us the name or location, a photo if you have one, and tell us why you think it should be featured.

Last year’s coloring page transformed Brownsville’s historic Moyer House into a spooky scene

filled with ghosts, pumpkins, bats, and cobwebs.

Send your suggestion by Oct. 1 to editor@thetimescwv.org.

Watch for the finished coloring page and 2026 contest details.



Gala Will Celebrate the Community That Brought The Times Back

When The Times returned to print, it happened because people across the Central Willamette Valley believed local news was worth saving.

On Sunday, Nov. 15, we’re bringing those people together for Building It Together — Nothing’s Gonna Stop Us Now, a celebration of the donors, volunteers, writers, advertisers, subscribers, businesses, and communities that made the return of The Times possible.

The evening will include a catered dinner, recognition of some of the people who have helped along the way, and a look at how far The Times has come — and where we are headed next.

Community leaders from throughout the region are also being invited, including mayors, Linn County commissioners, school superintendents, and others who serve the communities covered by The Times.

Businesses, advertisers, and community organizations are especially encouraged to purchase a table of eight and bring employees, board members, customers, or guests. It’s an opportunity to enjoy an evening together while connecting with people from communities throughout the Central Willamette Valley.

Tickets are \$40 per person, or \$320 for a table of eight. The ticket price barely covers the cost of the catered meal; this evening is intended first and foremost as a celebration and a thank-you to the people who have helped make The Times possible.

The gala, held at Pioneer Christian Academy, will also kick off our annual donation campaign, giving those who wish to do more an opportunity to help carry local journalism into another year.

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TICKETS: [TheTimesCWV.org](https://thetimescwv.org)

OCTOBER CIVIC CALENDAR

BROWNSVILLE

City Council Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 27 • 7 p.m.
Brownsville City Hall, 255 N. Main St., Fisher Hall

The public is welcome to attend. Opportunities for public input are offered at each meeting. Copies of meeting materials and agendas are available at City Hall and online.

<https://www.ci.brownsville.or.us> • 541-466-5880

Library Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, Oct. 8 • 4:30 p.m.
Brownsville Community Library, 146 Spaulding Ave., Kirk Room

HALSEY

City Council Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 13 • 7 p.m.
Halsey City Hall, 100 W. Halsey St.

Public comment is welcome. Remote attendance via Zoom is available. Agendas and packets are posted at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Please confirm with the city before attending.

<https://halseyor.gov/government> • 541-369-2522

HARRISBURG

4th St/Rail Improvement Project Town Hall
Wednesday, Oct. 7 • 6 p.m.

City Council Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 13 • 6:30 p.m.

Planning Commission
Tuesday, Oct. 20 • 7 p.m.

City Council Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 27 • 6:30 p.m.

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

JEFFERSON

City Council Worksession
Thursday, Oct. 8 • 6:30 p.m.

City Council Meeting
Thursday, Oct. 22 • 6:30 p.m.

All meetings: Jefferson City Hall, 150 N. Second St.
<https://jeffersonoregon.org> • 541-327-2768

SCIO

Planning Commission
Thursday, Oct. 8 • 7 p.m.

City Council Meeting
Monday, Oct. 26 • 6 p.m.

Scio City Hall, 38957 NW First Ave.
<https://www.sciooregon.gov> • 503-394-3342

TANGENT

Fiscal Year 2028 Budget Open House
Monday, Oct. 5 • 6 p.m.

Planning Commission
Thursday, Oct. 8 • 7 p.m.

City Council Meeting
Monday, Oct. 12 • 7 p.m.

Downtown Development Meeting
Monday, Oct. 19 • 11 a.m.

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

Tangent Together
Thursday, Oct. 15 • 6:30 p.m.
Tangent Rural Fire District, 32053 Birdfoot Dr, Tangent

Tangent Together is a volunteer-run nonprofit organization that organizes citywide events for the public. Anyone is welcome to attend and contribute their time to the success of the group and its events.
<https://tangenttogether.org>

HARRISBURG CITY COUNCIL

Council Weighs Future of Community Cleanup Day

By Mikayle Stole, Editor and Publisher

HARRISBURG — The future of Harrisburg’s annual Community Cleanup Day was among the topics discussed by the Harrisburg City Council at its Sept. 8 meeting, along with concerns about noise from a local gym and the city’s legislative priorities.

The cleanup event could look different in 2027 after Republic Services informed the city it will no longer provide the same level of staffing and operational support due to safety, liability, and staffing concerns.

About 150 residents participated in this year’s June 27 cleanup, filling four 40-yard containers with trash and collecting containers for yard debris, scrap metal, and electronic waste. Four major appliances were also collected.

For future events, Republic Services has offered to continue providing containers and hauling services, but the city would need to provide workers or volunteers to supervise unloading, monitor materials, and help operate the event.

City staff estimated the cost of operating a similar cleanup at approximately \$4,700 to \$6,200, including staffing, equipment, and a donation to volunteer firefighters who could assist.

Councilors discussed several options, including limiting the types of materials accepted, shortening event hours, using insured volunteers, or temporarily suspending bulky trash collection while continuing recycling and yard debris services.

Republic Services has also proposed a separate Recycling Roundup on April 17, 2027.

Staff will continue exploring options, including coordinating with Junction City and researching volunteer insurance requirements.

Councilors also heard from Will Harvell of Chaos Strength and Conditioning about repeated noise complaints regarding the gym.

Harvell told the council that the business has taken several steps to reduce noise, including lowering the music volume, installing sound panels, insulating a roll-up door, keeping the door closed during classes, and modifying workouts to reduce barbell noise.

The discussion focused on the city’s current noise ordinance, which prohibits “unreasonable noise” but does not set specific decibel limits or clearly define where or when noise should be measured.

A citation related to the gym is scheduled for municipal court on Oct. 28. Councilors indicated the city could revisit the ordinance after the court case is resolved.

The council also began reviewing the League of Oregon Cities’ legislative priorities for the upcoming session. Councilors were asked to identify their top five priorities and indicate whether they support, oppose, or are neutral on each issue.

Responses were due to city staff Sept. 21 and were to be consolidated before the city submits its priorities to the League.

Staff also updated the council on the 4th Street Rail/Street Improvement Project. A meeting with affected property owners was scheduled for Sept. 17, with a community town hall set for Oct. 7 as engineering plans for the project move forward

The council also approved its consent agenda and heard staff updates on upcoming community events, including the Pacific Northwest Marathon, an Eagle Park work party, and a BNSF public meeting. ☼

BROWNSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Council Reviews Stand By Me Day, Public Works and Community Issues

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer and Columnist

The Brownsville City Council met Sept. 22, hearing reports on the 40th-anniversary Stand By Me Day celebration, law enforcement activity, public works projects, and community issues. Mayor Craven was excused, and the council approved the July 28 meeting minutes.

Linda McCormick reported that an estimated 3,000 to 4,000 people attended the 40th-anniversary Stand By Me Day celebration. Visitors came from across Oregon, the United States, and several countries, including Canada, Mexico, England, Ireland, China, Scotland, Japan, and Hungary. Gov. Tina Kotek also attended.

McCormick said about 216 people participated in guided walking tours. Other attractions included the pie-eating contest, a fan forum featuring people connected to the filming of “Stand By Me,” classic cars from 1959 or earlier, a sock hop, and an outdoor showing of the movie. A filmmaking team from France recorded interviews for a short film about the movie’s continuing impact. McCormick said next year’s event will return to a smaller format, centered primarily in downtown Brownsville.

The Linn County Sheriff’s Office reported 29 traffic stops, three arrests, and approximately 116 calls for service in August. Deputies also noted increased activity in local parks over the summer, including Pioneer Park. Councilors discussed late-night traffic and noise along Main Street and ongoing nuisance complaints.

Public Works reported that Brownsville was preparing to collect its final required PFAS water sample after a year of testing, with prior samples returning clean. Crews also trimmed trees, replaced 28 stop signs, and repaired or straightened other signs. The city was notified that the Oregon Department of Transportation planned a two-inch paving overlay from Halsey to Brownsville city limits.

At Pioneer Park, broken sewer pumps have been replaced and are operating properly. Public Works assumed park duties after seasonal caretakers finished Sept. 14.

City Administrator Scott McDowell reported that work is planned on the upper window glazing and masonry near the community event sign. The recreation center also experienced issues with a recently installed unit after its motherboard failed. The city filed an insurance claim for earlier damage to the unit.

McDowell said two longstanding nuisance cases at 1045 Pine St. and 930 Filbert Court have been resolved. The city is also preparing for its annual audit and a periodic property appraisal by Citycounty Insurance Services.

Brownsville will again serve as an official election ballot drop site starting Oct. 12. McDowell also reported that 12 Hometown Heroes banners are being produced for installation before Veterans Day.

During citizen comments, Troy Jones of Friends of Gap Road updated the council on the group’s continued opposition to the proposed Muddy Creek Energy Park. Jones said the project remains in the state review process and that a future public information meeting and public comment period are expected. He urged Brownsville officials and residents to participate when those opportunities arise.

The council also added an action item regarding street closures required for the upcoming Christmas parade. ☼

Harrison Launches Write-In Campaign for Tangent Mayor

TANGENT — Leslie Harrison has announced a grassroots write-in campaign for mayor of Tangent. Harrison said her campaign will focus on resident and business representation, billing transparency, community safety, and the completion of city projects.

Harrison said she recognizes the challenges facing Tangent and plans to address them with a community-focused mindset.

For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/WriteInLeslieHarrisonForMayorOfTangent> on Facebook or email LeslieForTangent24@gmail.com.



Leslie Harrison attends the League of Oregon Cities' City Day at the Capitol in Salem.

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners Hear Juvenile Department's Report

By Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer

ALBANY — There were 32 admissions at the Linn Benton Juvenile Detention Center in August, Juvenile Department Deputy Director Rob Perkins told the Linn County Board of Commissioners at their Sept. 22 meeting.

Perkins said 25 of the young people came from Linn County, five from Benton County, and two from Lincoln County.

Perkins said the average daily population was about 13 youth and the average length of stay was about 13 days.

There are 198 youth in the supervised Probation Unit, and 111 young people are being served through community programs.

The Community Service Work Crew completed 635.5 hours of service.

The Victim Advocate made 105 contacts in August.

In other business the commissioners:

- Received an update from Ryan Vogt, Cascades West Council of Governments and Community Services Consortium Executive Director. Vogt has held the new dual position since October 2024, previously heading up only the Council of Governments operation, before the two programs merged. Vogt said he has been focused

on improving the Community Services Consortium's slim cash flow margin and billing/receipts operations. He has also focused on stabilizing what had been significant turnover of staffing, especially in the Chief Financial Officer position and finance departments. The commissioners were encouraged to attend the October Board of Directors meeting to learn more.

- Approved a student affiliation agreement between Linn County Health Services and Portland State University. Linn County will help train students in PSU's Master of Social Work program.
- Approved an agreement with AB Staffing Solutions to provide Linn County Health Services with temporary nurses and Mental Health Therapists while the county is advertising for full-time staff members. The fee for Registered Nurses with behavioral health experiences will be \$85 to \$95 per hour, and the fee for Licensed Mental Health Therapists will be \$100 to \$110 per hour.

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150 Years of Halsey — The Story of Our Library

By Larissa Gangle, Halsey Correspondent

Halsey's library has a long history rooted in community service, civic involvement, and the dedication of local women who believed that education and access to books could strengthen their community.

In 1907, a group of Halsey women organized a book club known as the "Gleaners." The purpose was "diffusing knowledge among the members, to become familiar with the best authors of the day, and the promotion of sociability."



The Halsey library, at left, as it appeared in an earlier era along West First Street.

The following year, the Gleaners became the Halsey Study Club, adopting the motto, "No nation can rise higher than its women." In addition to studying and reviewing books, the Study Club took an active role in community betterment, including helping promote the establishment of electrical power in Halsey in 1911.

By 1925, the Study Club recognized that Halsey needed a permanent library building. The women organized bake sales, plays, socials, and other fundraisers. Clyde Koontz donated land north of the M.V. Koontz store, and Albany architect Cleo Jenkins volunteered his services to design the building. The library was completed in 1929 at 773 W. First St.

For nearly 50 years, the building served as Halsey's library. Following the Columbus Day Storm of 1962, which destroyed Halsey's City Hall, the library eventually took on a new civic role. Library activities ceased several years later, and the former library became Halsey City Hall sometime in the late 1970s. It continued in that role until 2012, when the current City Hall opened.



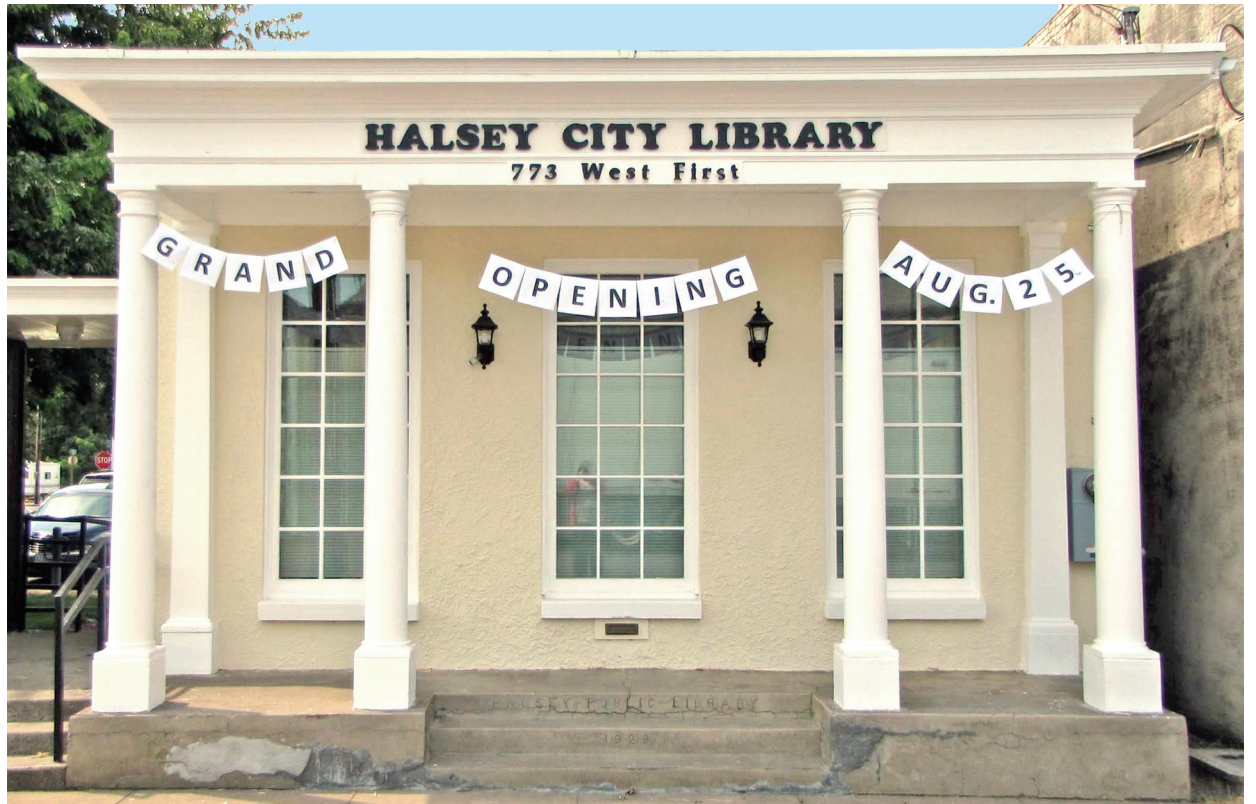
Halsey Study Club members gather at the library, circa 1950s.

The community then began working to return the historic building to its original purpose. Countless individuals and organizations contributed money, materials, books, and volunteer hours.

Physical work began in summer 2014, relying almost entirely on volunteers. In August, a community "painting party" brought volunteers together to paint the exterior. On Aug. 25, 2015, the Halsey Public Library celebrated its grand reopening.

Today, the library continues the legacy begun by the Gleaners more than a century ago. Through books, activities, programs, and opportunities for community connection, it remains a place where knowledge is shared, friendships are formed, and Halsey's community spirit continues to grow.

As Halsey celebrates 150 years, its library reminds us that some of the community's most lasting contributions begin with people coming together around a simple idea — and believing it is worth building for the future. ☺



The Halsey Public Library celebrated its grand reopening Aug. 25, 2015, returning the historic 1929 building to its original purpose.



The original Halsey library building served as City Hall for several decades before the city moved to its current location in 2012.



TJ Gillson works on painting the exterior of the historic library during the community-led restoration project.



The restored interior of the Halsey Public Library following renovations completed largely through volunteer labor.



Books, shelves, and furnishings are moved into the restored Halsey Public Library in preparation for reopening.



Marjean Cline cuts the ribbon during the Halsey Public Library's grand reopening celebration Aug. 25, 2015.

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BROWNSVILLE BOOK CLUB

Caring for Ducks:
James Rebanks' Capstone
Project in Humility

By Holly Arrow, Book Club member

The Turning Pages Book Club met on September 16 at the Brownsville Library to discuss “The Place of Tides” by James Rebanks. This nonfiction memoir chronicles the ten weeks Rebanks spent assisting an aging Norwegian “duck woman” on a remote island group near the Arctic Circle. Six people attended.

The book was widely popular. Some shared supplementary materials: maps of the Norwegian coast and a later article by Rebanks that confirmed the author’s transition from farming patriarch to a more humble version of himself.

Although Rebanks’ transformation is a consistent theme, the book’s primary focus is on Anna, the “duck woman,” who follows an ancient tradition of caring for eiderducks by building nests in shelters that protect them from predators while they brood. When the ducklings hatch and return to the sea, Anna and her assistants collect the eiderdown left behind for use in duvets (down comforters). Rebanks shares Anna’s life story, as she recounts it to him, from girlhood days spent listening to her grandmother tell stories of the old ways to her quest as an older adult to persuade the ducks to return to her family’s islands.

Along with the human stories, Rebanks offers a rich, carefully observed portrait of this remote, beautiful, and dangerous (inhabitants historically died by drowning) island world.

Readers noted that the book’s slow pace helped them appreciate the stillness and silence the author found challenging as he left the modern world behind for a very simple life. They were left wanting to know more — about what happened next to Anna, for example — a sign of how effectively her story had drawn them all in.

After a break for treats, members discussed other books they had been reading on their own. One common thread was the theme of navigating a midlife crisis, which appears in “The Place of Tides” as well as “The Accidental Buddhist” by Dinty W. Moore and Jodi Picoult’s “Lone Wolf,” in which a male character leaves his family to spend two years living with wolves.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 21, in the Brownsville Library’s Kirk Room (side entrance) at 7 p.m. We will discuss “Stubborn Twig” by Lauren Kessler, which traces three generations of a family descended from Masuo Yasui, who immigrated from Japan to Oregon in 1903. Copies are available for checkout at the library, and everyone is welcome to join. 🌻

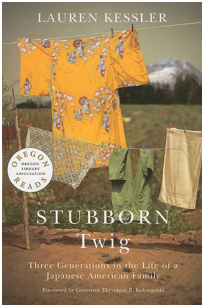
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Tiny Tots Story Time

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.

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The Page Turners Book Club

Wednesday, Oct. 21 • 7 p.m. • Kirk Room

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The Page Turners Book Club

3rd Wednesdays, Sept. 16 • 7 p.m. • Kirk Room

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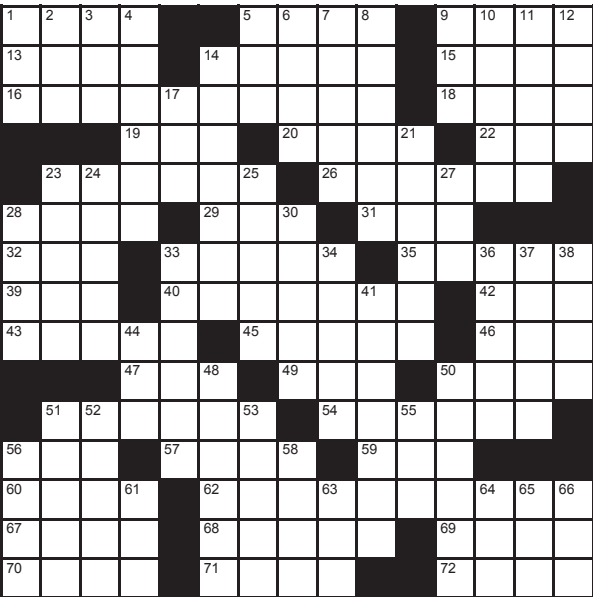
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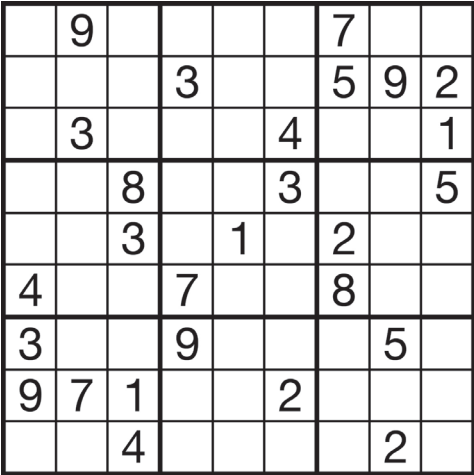
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Janky Bird Cigar Packs Benefit Thin Line Chaplaincy

BROWNSVILLE — Janky Bird, located at 134 Spaulding Ave. in downtown Brownsville, is offering special assorted cigar packs to raise funds for Thin Line Chaplaincy, a nonprofit that supports first responders and their communities.

Proceeds from each pack will go directly to Thin Line Chaplaincy, which supports first responders facing difficult calls, critical-incident stress, and other challenging or life-changing situations.

Janky Bird will also donate 100 percent of any tips added to purchases of the fundraiser packs.

Those who would like to support the effort but do not smoke cigars can purchase a pack and leave it at Janky Bird. The business will donate the packs to Thin Line Chaplaincy for distribution to first responders.

Thin Line Chaplaincy provides confidential support, crisis response, and additional services to first responders and their families.

Additional information about the organization is available at <https://www.thinlinechaplain.com>. 🌀



COURTESY JANKY BIRD

Local Contractor Offers Polyurethane Concrete Raising

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer and Columnist

Sunken sidewalks, uneven driveways, and settled patios can create tripping hazards, drainage problems, and an unsightly appearance. Local contractor Lowell Troyer now offers polyurethane concrete raising as an alternative to removing and replacing damaged concrete.



COURTESY LOWELL TROYER

Lowell Troyer, left, and his son stand beside Troyer's Raise & Level concrete-raising equipment. Troyer now offers polyurethane concrete raising to lift and stabilize sunken sidewalks, driveways, patios, and other concrete surfaces.

Polyurethane concrete raising, sometimes called foam jacking or poly-jacking, is used to lift and stabilize concrete slabs that have settled over time. During the process, small holes are drilled through the concrete, and polyurethane is injected beneath the slab. The material expands into a strong foam that fills voids, stabilizes the ground beneath the concrete, and gradually lifts the slab toward its original position. It is lightweight yet strong, and it fills underground gaps without adding significant weight to soil that may already be unstable. The material is also water-resistant, which can help protect repaired areas from additional erosion and settling.

One of the main benefits of polyurethane concrete raising is that the work can often be completed much faster than concrete replacement. The foam hardens quickly, allowing sidewalks, driveways, and other surfaces to return to use with minimal interruption.

The process is also less disruptive than tearing out and replacing concrete. It generally requires smaller equipment, produces less debris, and eliminates the need to haul away large amounts of broken concrete. Because the existing slab is preserved, the repair may also be more affordable than a complete replacement.

Concrete raising may be used on sidewalks, patios, driveways, garage floors, and other concrete surfaces. It can improve safety by eliminating raised edges and uneven areas that may cause someone to trip. Promptly correcting these hazards may also help homeowners, businesses, and property managers reduce the risk of injuries and potential liability associated with unsafe walking surfaces.

Not every damaged slab can be repaired through concrete raising. Concrete that is severely cracked, crumbling, or structurally weakened may need to be replaced. Troyer can inspect the area and determine whether polyurethane raising is an appropriate solution.

By offering this service locally, Troyer provides property owners with another option for restoring settled concrete while reducing demolition, expense, and disruption. 🌀



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HARRISBURG FOOTBALL

Eagles Roll Past Salem Academy 32-0 in League Opener

By Tony Koontz, Sports Editor

The Harrisburg Eagles opened league play in impressive fashion Friday, shutting out Salem Academy 32-0 behind a dominant defensive performance and a strong offensive showing.

Harrisburg’s defense kept Salem Academy off the scoreboard throughout the contest, continuing a trend of outstanding defensive play. Through three games, the Eagles outscored their opponents 92-6.

Quarterback Chase Herrera contributed in multiple ways, completing 3 of 6 passes for 43 yards and two touchdowns. He also rushed eight times for 52 yards and two touchdowns. On defense, Herrera added an interception.

Braxton Henager led the Eagles’ ground attack with 30 carries for 219 yards and a touchdown. Connor Olson added 71 yards on 12 carries, helping Harrisburg control the game on the ground.

Through the air, Owen Hay caught two passes for 24 yards and a touchdown, while Titus Cain hauled in one reception for 19 yards and a touchdown.

The victory improved Harrisburg's record to 3-0 as the Eagles continue to make an early-season statement with their balanced attack and stingy defense.

Harrisburg returns home for the next game, hosting the Scio Loggers in another league contest. The Times will cover the game in our next issue. 🌀



Harrisburg quarterback Chase Herrera races toward the end zone against Salem Academy. Herrera rushed for 52 yards and two touchdowns and threw for two more in the Eagles’ 32-0 victory.



HARRISBURG FOOTBALL				
DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TYPE / NOTES
Fri., Oct. 2	7 p.m.	Gervais	Away	League
Thurs., Oct. 8	7 p.m.	North Marion	Home	Non-League
Fri., Oct. 16	7 p.m.	Kennedy	Home	League
Fri., Oct. 23	7 p.m.	Newport	Home	Senior Night
Fri., Oct. 30	7 p.m.	Blanchet Catholic	Away	League

HARRISBURG CROSS COUNTRY			
DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Fri., Oct. 9		Champoeg Invitational	Champoeg State Park
Thu., Oct. 15	4:15 p.m.	Harrisburg Challenge	Harrisburg HS
Wed., Oct. 21	4 p.m.	The Happy Hustle	Crystal Lake Sports Park, Corvallis
Thu., Oct. 29	2:15 p.m.	3A/2A/1A-SD2 District 2 Championships	Cheadle Lake Park, Lebanon

HARRISBURG GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Eagles Move Into PacWest Tie for First

By Tony Koontz, Sports Editor

The Harrisburg High School Eagles volleyball team picked up two important PacWest Conference victories last week, defeating Gervais on Sept. 15 and Jefferson on Sept. 17.

Harrisburg opened the week with a strong three-set victory over Gervais, winning 25-13, 25-14 and 25-16. The Eagles carried that momentum into Thursday’s match against Jefferson, again sweeping their opponent in three sets, 25-19, 25-16 and 25-12.

With the two league wins, Harrisburg moved into a tie with Scio for first place in the PacWest Conference standings. The Eagles will look to build on their strong start as conference play continues.

Eagles Battle Scio in Tight Volleyball Match

SCIO — The Harrisburg Eagles volleyball team faced one of its toughest challenges of the season Tuesday, Sept. 22, as it traveled to Scio to take on the Scio Loggers.

Scio came away with a 3-0 victory, but the Eagles battled throughout the match, falling 25-18, 25-18 and 26-24.

Sophomore libero Jaz Hill led the defensive effort with 15 digs, while senior Dylan Hayworth added nine digs. Sophomore Samara Poirier paced the Eagles’ attack with 13 kills. Juniors Sophie Egbert and Brooklyn Huddleston each contributed five kills.

Freshman setter Kaede Scholl turned in a strong performance with 25 assists, continuing to grow into an important role for the young Eagles squad.

Despite the loss, Harrisburg showed encouraging signs of improvement against what the team considered its toughest opponent to date. The Eagles stayed competitive in each set, particularly in the third set, which extended beyond the usual 25-point mark before Scio secured the win.

“With a young team, it’s been a process getting them to come together, but last night it started to click,” the Eagles’ coaching staff said. “Kaede, the freshman setter, has really risen to the occasion and filled some big shoes.”

The Eagles continue to build chemistry and confidence as the season progresses.

“Overall, I feel very blessed to have a team full of talented and incredible young women,” the coaching staff added. “This is a special team.” 🌀

HARRISBURG GIRLS VOLLEYBALL				
DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TYPE / NOTES
Thurs., Oct. 1	6:30 p.m.	Gervais	Home	League
Tues., Oct. 6	6:30 p.m.	Jefferson	Away	League
Weds., Oct. 7	6:30 p.m.	Scio	Home	League
Sat., Oct. 10	TBD	Pleasant Hill	Away	Non-League
Tues., Oct. 13	6:30 p.m.	Salem Academy	Home	League
Thurs., Oct. 15	6 p.m.	Blanchet Catholic	Away	League



Harrisburg’s girls cross-country team celebrates its sixth-place finish at the Silver Falls/Oktoberfest meet Sept. 16 in Silverton. Miley Richardson led the Eagles with an 11th-place finish in a field of 126 runners. Article on page 11

JEFFERSON BOYS SOCCER

Lions Top Willamette Valley Christian, 3–1

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer and Columnist

KEIZER — The Jefferson Lions boys soccer team continued its strong start to the season Wednesday, Sept. 16, earning a 3–1 nonleague victory over Willamette Valley Christian/Livingstone Adventist Academy.

Jefferson traveled to Keizer for the 5 p.m. matchup and received goals from Ari Larson, Max Scovell and Jace Daniels.

The Lions combined steady offensive pressure with a solid defensive effort, limiting the Warriors to one goal.

The victory marked another encouraging step for a Jefferson program rebuilding after several seasons in which it was unable to consistently field a full team.

Jefferson has already demonstrated its scoring ability this season. The Lions opened with a 5–0 victory over Amity and later battled Kennedy to a 4–4 draw. The three-goal performance against Willamette Valley Christian continued that offensive momentum.

Jefferson’s defense faced a Warriors team that had been productive early in the season. Willamette Valley Christian opened with a 3–0 victory over Amity before defeating Eugene Christian/Northwest Christian Academy 8–0. The Lions held the Warriors to a single goal Wednesday.

The combination of three different goal scorers and a strong defensive performance helped Jefferson secure the nonleague victory.

Jefferson is scheduled to face Umpqua Valley Christian, before taking on Riverdale next week. Coverage of the Umpqua and Riverdale matches will appear in the next issue of The Times. 🌟



Ethan Bryant (3) fires up his Jefferson Lions teammates during the boys soccer team’s 3–1 victory over Willamette Valley Christian/Livingstone Adventist Academy on Sept. 16 in Keizer.

JEFFERSON BOYS SOCCER				
DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TYPE / NOTES
Thurs., Oct. 1	4:15 p.m.	Gervais	Away	League
Tues., Oct. 6	6:15 p.m.	Blanchet Catholic	Away	League
Thurs., Oct. 8	4:30 p.m.	Yamhill-Carlton	Home	League
Tues., Oct. 13	4:30 p.m.	Corbett	Away	Non-League
Mon., Oct. 19	Noon	Dayton	Home	League

JEFFERSON CROSS COUNTRY			
DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thu., Oct. 1	4:15 p.m.	Stayton/Regis Invitational	Stayton MS Nature Trails
Sat, Oct. 10	1 p.m.	Paul Mariman Invitational	Philomath High School
Thu, Oct. 15	4:15 p.m.	Harrisburg Challenge	Harrisburg High School
Thu, Oct. 29	2:15 p.m.	3A/2A/1A-SD2 District 2 Championships	Cheadle Lake Park, Lebanon
Sat, Nov. 7	10 a.m.	OSAA State XC Championships	Lane Community College, Eugene

JEFFERSON FOOTBALL

Jefferson Falls to Willamina in League Opener

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer and Columnist

JEFFERSON — The Jefferson Lions struggled to find an offensive rhythm on Sept. 18 as Willamina handed them a 57–0 loss Sept. 18 at Jefferson High.

The Bulldogs took control of the game and kept Jefferson off the scoreboard, earning their first victory of the season after opening the year with losses to Clatskanie and Rainier.

For Jefferson, the loss continued a difficult opening stretch to the 2026 season. The Lions entered Friday’s contest looking to rebound after losses to Monroe and Illinois Valley but were unable to generate enough offense against Willamina’s defense.

The Bulldogs combined a productive offense with a defense that prevented Jefferson from reaching the end zone throughout the contest.

Friday’s game marked the beginning of league play for both teams. Willamina improved to 1–2 overall and 1–0 in league competition, while Jefferson fell to 0–3 overall and 0–1 in league play.

Despite the difficult start, the Lions will have opportunities to regroup as they move deeper into their league schedule. Jefferson’s young roster continues to gain experience as the team works to establish consistency on both sides of the ball.

The Lions opened the season Sept. 4 against Monroe before facing Illinois Valley on Sept. 11 and Willamina on Friday, giving Jefferson three games of experience heading into the heart of the schedule.

The Jefferson vs. Colton game will be covered in next week’s issue of the Times. 🌟

JEFFERSON FOOTBALL				
DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TYPE / NOTES
Fri., Oct. 2	7 p.m.	Regis	Home	League
Fri., Oct. 9	7 p.m.	Sheridan	Away	League
Thu., Oct. 15	7 p.m.	Santiam	Home	League
Fri. Oct. 23	7 p.m.	Corbett	Home	Non-League
Fri., Oct. 30	7 p.m.	St. Paul	Away	League — St. Paul Rodeo Arena

JEFFERSON GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Lions Open League Play with Two Road Losses

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer and Columnist

JEFFERSON — The Jefferson Lions girls varsity volleyball team opened PacWest Conference play with a pair of road losses last week, falling in straight sets to Scio and Harrisburg.

Jefferson lost 3–0 at Scio on Tuesday, Sept. 15, before traveling to Harrisburg two days later and dropping another 3–0 decision.

The results moved Jefferson to 0–7 overall and 0–2 in conference play.

Despite the difficult start, the Lions have shown an ability to compete in longer matches. Jefferson pushed Vernonia to five sets earlier this season before falling 3–2 and also took a set from Kennedy in a 3–1 loss.

The early schedule has given Jefferson a mix of nonleague and conference competition as the Lions continue working to build consistency and gain experience.

Jefferson is led by head coach Chrissi Hardie and assistant coach Julie Grizzel.

The next game against Blanchet Catholic will be covered next week in the Times as PacWest Conference play continues. 🌟

JEFFERSON GIRLS VOLLEYBALL				
DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TYPE / NOTES
Thurs., Oct. 1	6:30 p.m.	Scio	Home	League
Mon., Oct. 5	6:30 p.m.	Blanchet Catholic	Home	League
Tues., Oct. 6	6:30 p.m.	Harrisburg	Home	League
Thurs., Oct. 8	6 p.m.	Blanchet Catholic	Away	League
Tues., Oct. 13	6 p.m.	Gervais	Home	League
Thurs., Oct. 15	6:30 p.m.	Salem Academy	Away	League

JEFFERSON IS IN IT TO WIN IT!

Jefferson High School has already earned \$5,000 through T-Mobile’s Friday Night 5G Lights program and is hoping to advance for a chance at a major home-field upgrade.

T-Mobile is scheduled to announce 40 Division Finalists on Oct. 8. Watch Jefferson Athletics, Jefferson School District 14J and the JHS Booster Club for updates — and look for results in the Oct. 14 issue of The Times. 🌟

Local Runners Compete at Silver Falls/Oktoberfest Meet

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer and Columnist

SILVERTON — Cross-country runners from the Harrisburg Eagles, Central Linn Cobras and Jefferson Lions competed at the Silver Falls/Oktoberfest meet on Sept. 16. The event drew 169 boys and 126 girls, giving the local athletes a chance to test themselves in large, competitive fields.

The Harrisburg boys placed 11th as a team, led by two top-15 performances. Aiden Kouroush finished ninth out of 169 runners, while teammate Joel Yaber placed 14th.

Ethan Dennison led the Central Linn boys with a 50th-place finish. Jefferson's top finisher was Alejandro Alvarez Gonzalez, who placed 96th.

Harrisburg's girls turned in a strong team performance, placing sixth overall. Miley Richardson led the Eagles by finishing 11th among 126 runners. She was followed by Maddie McKibben followed in 26th, Adelyn Grassman in 31st, and Tenley Wilkinson in 35th.

Alyse Genn led the Central Linn girls with a 73rd-place finish.

The invitational's deep fields provided valuable competition for athletes from all three schools as they continued preparing for the league and post-season portions of the cross-country season. 🌀

Local Runners Compete at NW Classic and Prefontaine Memorial

Local cross country runners from Central Linn and Harrisburg turned in strong performances Saturday, Sept. 19, at meets in Eugene and Coos Bay.

Central Linn competed at the Northwest Cross Country Classic at Lane Community College, while Harrisburg raced at the Prefontaine Memorial Run.

Central Linn junior Anya Griffith led the local runners at Lane, placing sixth in the girls varsity 5,000-meter race in 20 minutes, 19.3 seconds.

The Northwest Classic featured a large field and gave runners an opportunity to compete on the Lane Community College course, which also hosts the OSAA state cross country championships.

While Central Linn competed in Eugene, Harrisburg traveled to Coos Bay, where the Eagles posted several strong finishes at the Prefontaine Memorial Run.

Aiden Koroush led the Harrisburg boys with an 11th-place finish in 16:55.2.

Joel Yarber finished 46th in 18:12.9, followed by Dayton Lager in 54th at 18:30.4. Nathan Lidbeck was 93rd in 20:09.6, Che Reyes placed 104th in 20:40.2, and Gage Mayhew finished 115th in 21:22.7.

Miley Richardson paced the Harrisburg girls, placing 11th in 20:37.1.

Adelyn Grassman finished 29th in 22:05.2, Tenley Wilkinson was 35th in 22:22.2, and Isabella Reyes placed 55th in 23:42.5.

The meets provided Central Linn and Harrisburg with another early-season test as the teams continue preparing for district and postseason competition. 🌀

CENTRAL LINN CROSS COUNTRY			
DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sat., Oct. 3	8:30 a.m.	The Harrier Classic	Bryant Park, Albany
Wed., Oct. 7	3 p.m.	Lebanon Open - XC meet	Seven Oak Middle School, Lebanon
Sat., Oct. 10		Paul Mariman Invitational	Philomath HS
Sat., Oct. 17		The CG Bramble Scramble	Cottage Grove HS
Wed., Oct. 21		The Bigfoot Classic	Alderbrook Golf Course, Tillamook
Thu., Oct. 29	2:15 p.m.	3A/2A/1A-SD2 District 2 Championships	Cheadle Lake Park, Lebanon

4-H Enrollment Opens Oct. 1

Area youth interested in joining 4-H can begin the enrollment and club placement process Oct. 1.

4-H offers a wide range of hands-on projects and activities, from livestock and horsemanship to cooking, photography, gardening, and other interests. Youth also have opportunities to develop skills, participate in fairs and events, and connect with other 4-H members.

Enrollment continues through Jan. 31. Families new to 4-H can complete the member interest form at <https://beav.es/xwD> to begin the club placement process.

Those interested in adding a club for a new project, email jody.hill@oregonstate.edu. 🌀



Alejandro Alvarez Gonzalez competes in the Silver Falls/Oktoberfest meet Sept. 16 in Silverton, leading the Jefferson boys with a 96th-place finish.



Jefferson's Xochitl Hansen competes in the Silver Falls/Oktoberfest cross-country meet Sept. 16 in Silverton.



Jefferson's Aiden Amos makes his way through the wooded course during the Silver Falls/Oktoberfest cross-country meet Sept. 16 in Silverton.

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

CENTRAL LINN SCHOOL DISTRICT 552
Monday, Oct. 12 • 6 p.m.
Central Linn Elementary School Conference Room, 239 W. Second St., Halsey
A virtual participation link and meeting documents are available online.
<https://www.centrallinn.k12.or.us/district/board/meetings>
541-762-6149

HARRISBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT 7
Wednesday, Oct. 14 • 6:30–7:30 p.m.
Harrisburg High School Resource Center, 400 S. 9th St.
Online meeting: <https://meet.google.com/ipd-dkfs-kay>
<https://www.harrisburg.k12.or.us>
541-995-6626

JEFFERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT 14J
Thursday, Oct. 15 • 5:30 p.m.
School District 14J Board Room, 1328 N. 2nd St.
Audience time is provided for public comment. Meetings are also available virtually
<https://www.jefferson14j.com/school-board>
541-327-3337

CENTRAL LINN SCHOOL BOARD

School Board Approves \$741,000 CTE Renovation Contract

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer and Columnist

HALSEY — Central Linn students are expected to gain expanded opportunities for hands-on career and technical education as the district moves forward with renovations to its CTE building.

The Central Linn School District Board approved a construction contract Sunday, Sept. 20, with a maximum price of \$741,000. District officials said they hope the final cost will be closer to \$600,000. The agreement with contractor Adam Craven covers renovations to the district's career and technical education facility.

Before approving the contract, board members discussed concerns raised by board member Jason Curtis about its cost-plus structure. Curtis said the agreement did not clearly specify percentage markups or overhead rates.

Legal counsel reviewed the contract, which includes a not-to-exceed amount of \$741,000, capping project costs. Several clerical errors, including incorrect addresses and phone numbers, were corrected before the meeting. Board members then considered whether the remaining concerns warranted delaying the project.

Members ultimately chose to move forward, citing the need to keep construction progressing and their confidence in the contractor. Curtis abstained from the vote because of a conflict of interest but said he supported moving forward with the project.

Board member Mandy Brady said the experience could help the district improve future construction agreements. Possible changes discussed included clearer cost-plus terms, specified markup and overhead rates, provisions addressing delays, and more precise contract language.

The CTE improvements are part of the district's continuing effort to provide students with practical skills and opportunities to explore career pathways while still in high school. With the contract approved, the district can continue moving ahead with renovation work on the CTE building. 🌀

CENTRAL LINN FOOTBALL

Cobras Look to Bounce Back After Loss to La Pine

By Tony Koontz, Sports Editor

The Central Linn Cobras will look to regroup after a 42–14 loss to La Pine on Sept. 18 as they prepare for their next road test against Riverside/Irrigon. La Pine proved difficult to contain, putting up 42 points and keeping Central Linn from establishing enough offensive momentum to stay within reach. The Cobras found the end zone twice, but their 14 points were not enough to match the Hawks’ offensive production.

The loss gives Central Linn several areas to focus on heading into its next matchup. Defensively, the Cobras will look to limit big plays and find ways to get off the field on key downs. Creating turnovers and improving field position could also help take pressure off the offense.

On the other side of the ball, Central Linn will be looking for more consistency and longer drives. Sustaining possessions would give the Cobras more opportunities to put points on the board while helping keep their defense fresh.

The next game against Riverside/Irrigon presents an opportunity for Central Linn to put the La Pine loss behind it and build momentum moving forward.

Road games always bring an added challenge, but a strong start could be important for the Cobras. Establishing the running game, avoiding turnovers, and making early defensive stops could help Central Linn settle into the contest.

The Times will cover the Riverside/Irrigon game in our next issue. 🌟

CENTRAL LINN FOOTBALL				
DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TYPE / NOTES
Fri., Oct. 2	7 p.m.	Lowell	Away	League
Fri., Oct. 9	7 p.m.	Toledo	Home	League
Fri., Oct. 16	7 p.m.	Oakridge	Home	League
Fri., Oct. 23	7 p.m.	Monroe/Alsea	Away	League
Fri., Oct. 30	7 p.m.	Waldport	Away	League

CENTRAL LINN VOLLEYBALL

Cobras Volleyball Battles Through Three Matches

By Tony Koontz, Sports Editor

The Central Linn Cobras volleyball team battled through a busy week of competition Sept. 14–17, earning a five-set victory over Reedsport before dropping matches to Oakridge and Monroe.

Central Linn opened the week with a hard-fought win over Reedsport, 18–25, 25–14, 25–12, 22–25, 15–12. After dropping the opening set, the Cobras responded by taking the next two before Reedsport forced a deciding fifth set.

Central Linn closed out the match with a 15–12 victory in the fifth.

Callie Northern led the Cobras offensively with eight kills. Bryle Johnson added four kills and eight blocks, while Chloe Kallai finished with six kills. Bailey Lester recorded nine assists.

The Cobras returned to action against Oakridge and fell in four sets, 21–25, 25–12, 25–16, 26–24.

Northern again led the attack with 15 kills. Lester finished with 10 assists, while Ruby Nelson recorded five blocks.

Central Linn closed the week Thursday, Sept. 17, with a three-set loss at Monroe. The Dragons defeated the Cobras 25–19, 25–22, 25–20.

Lester and Jenna Miller each recorded five assists in the match. Kallai contributed six kills, one assist, and two blocks.

Coach Kuschell said the team’s focus remains on playing together and maintaining consistent effort.

“This year is about coming together and playing as a team, giving 100%, no matter what,” Kuschell said.

Senior captain Northern has continued to provide leadership for the Cobras while also serving as one of the team’s top offensive threats.

Central Linn will look to build on the week’s experience as it continues through the league portion of its schedule. 🌟

FOLLOW COBRA GIRLS SOCCER

Want more Central Linn girls soccer? Follow the Cobra girls varsity soccer team on Instagram for game-day photos, team highlights, behind-the-scenes moments, and plenty of Cobra pride throughout the season.

Instagram: @centrallinn_girlsvarsitysoccer 🌟

CENTRAL LINN GIRLS SOCCER

Cobras Earn Win, Tie to Stay Unbeaten in League

By Tony Koontz, Sports Editor

HALSEY — The Central Linn girls soccer team continued its strong start to the 2026 season, earning a dominant road victory and a hard-fought tie to remain unbeaten in league play.

The Cobras traveled to La Pine on Tuesday, Sept. 15, and rolled to an 8-0 victory, their largest win of the season. Central Linn controlled the match offensively while its defense kept the Hawks off the scoreboard.

The shutout was Central Linn’s third of the season. The Cobras previously defeated Sutherlin 5–0 and Sweet Home 6–0.

Two days later, Central Linn returned home for a key Special District 4 matchup against Pleasant Hill. The Cobras and Billies battled to a 2-2 tie Thursday, Sept. 17, with neither team able to find the deciding goal.

The two results moved Central Linn to 3–1–2 overall and 2–0–2 in league play. The Cobras have not lost since their season-opening 6-2 defeat to Riverdale, putting together three victories and two ties over their past five matches.

Central Linn’s offense has scored 24 goals through six matches, an average of four goals per game, while allowing nine. The numbers are even stronger in league competition, where the Cobras have outscored opponents 17-3 through four matches.

Central Linn was ranked No. 11 in the OSAA 3A/2A/1A rankings as of Wednesday, Sept. 23, with an RPI record of 3–1–2.

The Cobras will return to league play Thursday, Sept. 24, traveling to face Crosshill Christian/Jefferson at 4 p.m. at Salem Capital Futbol Club’s Chambers Field. Central Linn then returns home Monday, Sept. 28, to face Creswell at 4:30 p.m. The Times will report on those games next week. 🌟



CHLOE VANDERHOOF
Central Linn’s Avery Runyon, No. 14, battles a Sweet Home defender for possession during the Cobras’ 6–0 win over the Huskies.

CENTRAL LINN GIRLS SOCCER				
DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TYPE / NOTES
Tue., Oct. 6	6 p.m.	Sweet Home	Away	League
Wed., Oct. 7	4:30 p.m.	La Pine	Home	League
Mon., Oct. 12	4:30 p.m.	Pleasant Hill	Away	League
Tue., Oct. 20	4:30 p.m.	Crosshill Christian	Home	League
Wed., Oct. 21	5 p.m.	Creswell	Away	League

CENTRAL LINN VOLLEYBALL				
DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TYPE / NOTES
Thu., Oct. 1	6 p.m.	Waldport	Away	League
Tue., Oct. 6	6 p.m.	Toledo	Home	League
Thu., Oct. 8	6 p.m.	Oakridge	Away	League
Tue., Oct. 13	6 p.m.	Monroe	Home	League
Thu., Oct. 15	6 p.m.	Lowell	Away	League
Tue., Oct. 20	6 p.m.	East Linn Christian	Away	League
Thu., Oct. 22	6 p.m.	Crosshill Christian	Home	League

HARRISBURG FFA

Ag Olympics, Soils Kick Off FFA Activities

By Emma Snider, Junior Staff Writer



Harrisburg FFA senior Logan Hulse examines a soil sample during the 2025 District Soils Career Development Event. Harrisburg students will return to the competition Oct. 1.

Harrisburg FFA members participated in the Scio Ag Olympics on Sept. 24, hosted by the Scio Senior Ag Class. The event was designed for freshmen and middle school students new to FFA and offered participants a chance to experience a variety of Career Development Events (CDEs). Students gained hands-on exposure to different areas of agriculture while building teamwork, leadership, and confidence alongside other FFA members. The Ag Olympics provided newer members an opportunity to explore the many programs available through FFA.

On another note, our very own Harrisburg FFA has made the incredible decision to take over our indoor concessions for volleyball and basketball games. By doing so, we are becoming even stronger as a family and getting to know our community even better.

Throughout the school year, we will have many opportunities for our FFA members to participate in CDEs and LDEs. Our next CDE, District Soils, will be held on October 1, 2026. Our members will get their hands dirty. Students in plant science and intermediate ag have begun digging deep into their soils unit in these first few weeks. These students are building their knowledge of soil properties, texture, and identification. 🌱



Harrisburg FFA members gather after competing in the 2025 District Soils Career Development Event. This year's competition is scheduled for Oct. 1.

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HALSEY-SHEDD FIRE DISTRICT

Johnson Gains Hands-On Experience

HALSEY — Lora Johnson spent the summer gaining hands-on firefighting experience with the Halsey-Shedd Rural Fire Protection District while supporting the district's community wildfire preparedness efforts.

Johnson graduated from Chemeketa Community College's Fire Suppression program this summer and is preparing to start paramedic school this fall. During her summer with Halsey-Shedd, she participated in upstaffing, responded to calls, trained, and learned alongside the district's firefighters and volunteers.



Lora Johnson spent the summer working with the Halsey-Shedd Rural Fire Protection District while preparing to begin paramedic school this fall.

Johnson's summer position was funded in part by a grant from the Special Districts Association of Oregon. Johnson's work focused on the district's Community Wildfire Protection Plan, including helping community members learn how to create defensible space and develop emergency action plans.

"I have really enjoyed getting more hands-on experience and seeing what the job is actually like," Johnson said. "It has also been great getting to learn from people who have more experience than I do."

After completing paramedic school, Johnson plans to pursue a career as a firefighter/paramedic and continue building her skills and experience. 🌟

BROWNSVILLE ART ASSOCIATION

Tuesday Night Open Art

By Cheryl Haworth, Guest Contributor



BROWNSVILLE — Tuesday evening, Sept. 8, at the Brownsville Art Center at 255 N Main St., Rhoda Fleischman led an exercise on the value of tonal quality in our artwork. The group cut out shapes from light-to dark-toned paper and arranged them in various designs to observe how tonal values affect the overall effect. At the same time, Barbara Andersen was knitting leg warmers (aka leg sweaters), while Tim Chase set up his fly-tying equipment and produced a couple of exquisite flies for fly fishing. Tuesday Night Open Art is open to anyone and to whatever you like to do, be it painting, drawing, crafts, etc.

In the winter, the group usually meets at the Art Center but sometimes goes to the Cozy Rose studio on Gap Rd., where we do figure drawing with live models (clothed) and take turns modeling. During the summer months, we often go around the countryside to paint, draw, photograph, and admire the scenery around Brownsville.

We meet every Tuesday night from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Over the next few months, we will be making ornaments for the Brownsville Women's Study Club Festival of Trees, this year's theme is "Fantastical Fish." Everyone is welcome to join in and help make imaginative ornaments related to fish and fishing.

This group enjoys making art of all kinds together and is always willing to help, inspire, and encourage others to begin doing art and/or continue practicing art that inspires them. All levels of expertise are welcome, from beginners to masters. Feel free to drop in on any Tuesday evening.

If you would like to be on the mailing list that is sent out each week, email Rhoda at flashpointartworks@gmail.com. 🌟



Tonal Study: Cut-paper compositions created during Tuesday Night Open Art demonstrate how light, medium, and dark values can change the balance and impact of a design.

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KINECTED MARKET UPDATE

Real Estate Market Report: August 2026

By Aleaha Myers, Principal Broker and Owner at Kinected Realty LLC.

Residential sales in the Central Willamette Valley stayed active in August, with 59 closings recorded across Linn County between August 3 and August 31. This summary covers single-family and manufactured homes and excludes land, farm, and commercial records. Homes closed in five communities: Lebanon (42), Scio (8), Brownsville (4), Harrisburg (4), and Crawfordsville (1). Lebanon accounted for about 71% of activity, with an average sale price near \$418,000. The smaller communities averaged higher, mostly because of acreage properties.

Price, Size and Age

- Sale prices: \$58,770 to \$2,577,000
- Average sale price: about \$591,500
- Median sale price: \$460,000
- Home size: 676 to 4,021 square feet, averaging about 1,670
- Lot size: about 0.07 to 334 acres, with 37 of the 59 homes on lots under one acre
- Year built: 1905 to 2026, including 6 homes built in 2026 and 10 built before 1950

The gap between the average and the median reflects a small number of large acreage sales at the top of the range.

Across all RMLS and WVMLS areas in Oregon, August pointed to stable pricing, growing supply, and a slower pace of sales.

- Prices: The average sale price was \$570,900, up 0.5% from August 2025 and

down 1.6% from July 2026. The median was \$509,000, up 1.6% year over year and down 0.8% from July.

- Supply: Active listings totaled 16,588, up 6.7% from last August. Inventory stood at 4.3 months, up 0.5 from both July and a year ago. New listings were 5,195, down 18.2% from July.
- Demand: Closed sales were 3,847, down 11.6% from July and 4.9% from last year. Pending sales were 4,266, down 3.7% from July and 7.1% year over year.
- Time on market: Homes averaged 65 days, up 4 days from July.
- Linn County’s median of \$460,000 sat below the regional median of \$509,000, which points to strong affordability compared with the wider market. With inventory rising and sales pace easing, buyers have more choices and more time to decide, while sellers benefit from pricing carefully to current conditions.

Aleaha Myers is a principal broker and owner of Kinected Realty, LLC, serving Oregon and SW Washington, where relationships and referrals come first. She also serves as president of the Brownsville Community Chamber of Commerce, helping neighbors and local businesses thrive together. Aleaha her husband, Curtis, and their Saint Bernard, Bauer, happily live three miles south of Brownsville. ☼

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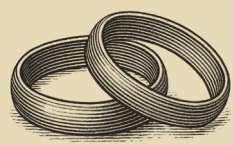


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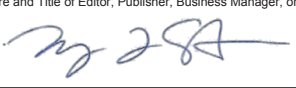
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HARVEST

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and community resource booths. Antique tractors and farm equipment were displayed at Glaser Field, while Oregon State University timber harvest simulators gave visitors a chance to experience equipment used in the timber industry.

Scarecrow displays added to the harvest atmosphere, and a free trolley helped visitors travel around the festival area.

The annual pie-eating contest drew an enthusiastic crowd to the main stage, with separate categories for children, adults, and vendors. Pies for the contest were donated by Willamette Valley Pie Co.

Live music continued through the afternoon with performances by Nina Zuniga, Adam Scramstad, ShatterProof, and the Barn Shakers. Food trucks and a beer garden were also available near City Hall.

The festival also included a Quilts of Valor presentation honoring nine local veterans for their military service.

One of the day's biggest attractions was the Combine Demolition Derby and Power Pulls at Glaser Field. The derby returned for its second year, with 16-year-old Tangent



COURTESY MARCY HERMENS

Tangent Together volunteers Marcy Hermens, Cassie Skarda, Jewel Strawn and Trina Henderson display the Combine King championship belt.

resident Grant Wahl taking the title before a hometown crowd.

Organizers credited the event's success to the volunteers, sponsors, and community partners who contributed their time and resources.

"This year's festival was a beautiful reflection of what can happen when volunteers, sponsors, and an entire community come together," said Trina Henderson, founder and president of Tangent Together. "Seeing our little town filled with families, tractors, music, and traditions was something I will never forget." 🌻

See page 20 for the Combine Demolition Derby and Power Pull Results.



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Roger Lasater, the 2026 Tangent Harvest Festival grand marshal, enjoys the pancake breakfast at the Tangent Fire Hall.



TRINA HENDERSON

Colorful scarecrows show off their personalities during the scarecrow dressing contest.

Bat Tests Positive for Rabies in Albany

By Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer

ALBANY — A bat found in the Albany area on September 22 has tested positive for rabies.

Health officials are reminding residents to avoid all contact with bats and other wild animals.

This case is part of a wider pattern of bat rabies activity across Oregon this year. Statewide, as of July, 22 bats had tested positive for rabies.

Rabies is a virus that attacks the nervous system. It is spread from infected mammals to humans and is almost always fatal once symptoms appear.

Fortunately, rabies is preventable if people get medical care before symptoms begin. In Oregon, bats are the only wild species that naturally carry and sustain the rabies virus. Other animals, including foxes, skunks, cats, and dogs, can become infected after contact with a rabid bat.

What residents should do: Never touch a bat, alive or dead, with bare hands. Not all bats have rabies, but there is no way to tell by looking.

A bat that is active during the day, found on the ground, or unable to fly is more likely to be sick.

Bat bites can be tiny and easy to miss. If you've touched a bat, woken up with a bat in your room, or aren't sure whether you were bitten or scratched, contact a healthcare provider or Linn County Health Services right away.

If a bat is in your home and you cannot rule out exposure, leave it alone and contact Linn County Health Services for help. If possible, close the bat in a room rather than letting it go, so it can be tested.

If you are bitten or scratched, wash the area well with soap and water and get medical advice immediately.

Make sure your dogs and cats are vaccinated against rabies.

Teach children to leave bats alone and to tell an adult if they find one.

To report an exposure or ask questions, call Linn County Health Services at 541-967-3888 ext. 2488 (Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.) or 541-750-0090 after business hours.

For more information, visit <https://www.linncountyhealth.org>.

Declining Vaccination Rates Raise Concerns for Oregon Schools

With the school year underway across the Central Willamette Valley, public health officials are reminding families to review their children's vaccination records as Oregon continues to see declining rates of school-required immunizations.

Lower vaccination rates increase the risk of outbreaks of illnesses such as measles and pertussis (whooping cough), which can spread quickly in schools and childcare settings.

"Lots of families travel during the summer," said Luv Paresa, RN, immunization coordinator for the Benton County Health Department. "When staff and children return to classrooms and childcare facilities in the fall, it's not uncommon for illness to spread quickly."

Paresa encouraged families to make sure children and teenagers are up to date on required and recommended vaccinations.

Oregon law allows students who are not fully vaccinated to be excluded from school or childcare during certain disease outbreaks. Depending on the illness, an exclusion can last from several days to several weeks. For example, during a measles outbreak, unvaccinated students may be required to stay home for at least 21 days.

Carolina Amador, M.D., health officer and pediatrician at Benton County Health Services, said current vaccination rates are insufficient to prevent measles outbreaks.

Families can review their children's vaccination records to check whether any required vaccinations are missing. School-specific vaccination and exemption rates are also available through the Oregon Health Authority's School Immunization Data Dashboard at <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/preventionwellness/vaccinesimmunization/school/pages/immunizationrates.aspx>

Parents with questions about required or recommended vaccinations can contact their child's health care provider or local public health department.

Oregon Health Plan Members to Receive Notices About New Federal Rules

SALEM — About 600,000 Oregon Health Plan members will begin receiving notices about upcoming changes to Medicaid coverage as Oregon prepares to implement new federal requirements.

The Oregon Health Authority said the changes are required under House Resolution 1, also known as HR1. One of the first changes takes effect Jan. 1, 2027, when new work or activity requirements begin for certain Oregon Health Plan members ages 19 to 64.

According to OHA, most adults enrolled in OHP who are able to work already do. Under the new federal requirements, however, some members will need to provide documentation of work or other qualifying activities when applying for or renewing coverage.

Notices being sent to members beginning this month are informational, and no action is required at this time.

OHA is encouraging OHP members to make sure their contact information is current so they receive future notices about their coverage and any steps they may eventually need to take.

Members can update their information online at: <https://benefits.oregon.gov>.

They can also call 1-800-699-9075, use the ONE mobile app, or visit a local Oregon Department of Human Services office. An office finder is available at: <https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/pages/office-finder.aspx>

OHA is also asking community organizations and other partners to help inform OHP members about the changes. Flyers, social media materials, and other information that organizations can share are available through the agency's outreach toolkit: <https://ohp.oregon.gov/toolkit>

OHA said additional information will be provided as implementation of the federal requirements moves forward.

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Oregon Regulators Warn of AI-Powered Investment Scams

SALEM — Artificial intelligence is giving scammers new ways to make investment fraud appear convincing, prompting Oregon regulators to warn consumers to verify offers before sending money.

The Oregon Division of Financial Regulation (DFR) said AI can be used to create realistic websites, videos, voices and messages that impersonate celebrities, financial professionals, and even friends or family members.

“Artificial intelligence may make a scam look more sophisticated, but the warning signs of investment fraud remain familiar,” said TK Keen, Oregon insurance commissioner and DFR administrator.

Among the schemes regulators are seeing are deepfake videos or audio promoting investments, fake AI or cryptocurrency trading platforms, cloned voices and AI-assisted romance scams.

In some cases, victims are directed to fraudulent investment websites that appear to show growing account balances or profits. Scammers then pressure them to send additional money, often through cryptocurrency.

AI-generated dating profiles and chatbots can also be used to establish relationships before victims are encouraged to invest in cryptocurrency, startups or other supposed opportunities.

DFR advises consumers to be suspicious of unsolicited investment offers, promises of unusually high or guaranteed returns, pressure to act quickly and requests for cryptocurrency payments.

Consumers should independently verify the identity and registration of anyone offering an investment and research the company and its contact information rather than relying on links or information provided by the person making the offer.

Unexpected calls, videos, or messages that appear to come from a financial adviser, friend, or family member should also be verified by contacting that person through a known phone number or other trusted method.

Regulators also caution against relying solely on AI tools for investment research because they can provide inaccurate, outdated, or fabricated information.

People who believe they have encountered an investment scam can contact the Oregon Division of Financial Regulation at 1-888-877-4894 or dfr.financialserviceshelp@dcbs.oregon.gov.

DFR also warns victims to be wary of people who subsequently offer to recover money lost to a scam. Those “recovery” offers may themselves be another attempt at fraud. ☹

Linn County Expands DUI Education Class Options

ALBANY — Linn County Alcohol & Drug has expanded its DUI Education Program, adding more class options in Albany and Lebanon.

The eight-week classes are often required as part of a court sentence or diversion program after a DUI arrest. The program focuses on the risks and consequences of impaired driving, the effects of alcohol and other drugs on decision-making, and strategies for making safer choices.

Classes in Lebanon are offered on Mondays from 1:30–3 p.m. and on Tuesdays from 5:30–7 p.m. Albany classes are offered on Mondays from 9–10:30 a.m. and on Wednesdays from 5:30–7 p.m.

The Oregon Health Plan and certain private insurance plans may cover DUI education costs. Participants may also work with a counselor to determine whether additional services would be beneficial.

For information or enrollment, call Linn County Alcohol & Drug at 541-967-3819 in Albany or at 541-451-5932 in Lebanon. ☹

Praxis Health Announces 2027 Insurance Changes

ALBANY — Patients of Albany Primary Care who are reviewing their 2027 health insurance coverage may want to confirm that their plan will remain in-network before open enrollment begins this fall.

Albany Primary Care is part of Praxis Health, which has finalized much of its 2027 insurance network.

Praxis will remain in-network with Aetna, Cigna, First Choice, PacificSource, Moda, and Regence BlueCross BlueShield. Negotiations with UnitedHealthcare for both Medicare Advantage and commercial coverage in Oregon are ongoing, and coverage could end if an agreement is not reached.

Providence and Health Net will no longer offer insurance plans in 2027.

Praxis said patients enrolled in affected plans will receive direct notification and can contact their clinic to review their options. The organization announced its network information early to give patients more time to determine whether their current insurance will continue to cover their Praxis providers.

Medicare open enrollment runs from Oct. 15 through Dec. 7. Praxis encourages patients to verify their coverage before selecting a 2027 plan and recommends consulting a licensed insurance broker, a SHIBA counselor, or Medicare for individualized guidance.

Coverage information is available at <https://www.gopraxishealth.com/insurance-updates>. ☹

Fire Prevention: A Community Effort

By Jeff Brown, Staff Writer and Columnist

October 4–10 is Fire Prevention Week, and while it may sound like something primarily for schools and fire departments, fire prevention is a community effort. Here in our small communities check on our neighbors, lend a hand when needed, and come together when there is a problem. Fire prevention is one more way we can look out for one another.

It starts at home. Take a few minutes to test your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, replace batteries if needed, and make sure everyone in the household knows what to do if an alarm sounds. If you have a woodstove or fireplace, this is also a good time to make sure your chimney and flue are clean and ready for the heating season. Talk with your family about how to get out of the house safely and choose a meeting place outside, such as a mailbox, driveway, or neighbor’s home. Having a designated meeting place makes it easier to quickly account for everyone and lets firefighters know if someone may still be inside.

And don’t stop at your own front door. Think about the people around you. Is there an older neighbor who might have trouble reaching a smoke alarm to change the battery? Does someone living alone need help checking their detectors? Perhaps a friend or family member has been putting off having their chimney cleaned. A quick visit, a phone call, or an offer to help could make their home safer — and that’s what community is all about. Helping before there is an emergency can be just as important as helping afterward.

Our local firefighters work hard to be there when we need them. During Fire Prevention Week, we can do our part by taking a few simple precautions at home. Check your alarms, make a plan, help a neighbor, and encourage others to do the same. A little preparation now can help protect our homes, our neighbors, and the firefighters who respond when something goes wrong. ☹

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SHERIFF'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 19-26

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

Sun., Sept. 20, 6:13 p.m. — Joshua King, 19, of Harrisburg, was cited for following too closely, passing in a no-passing zone, and failing to carry proof of insurance in the 28300 block of Brownsville Rd. near Forry Dr.

9:25 p.m. — Marcus Romero, 53, of Springfield, was cited for driving while suspended, failing to carry proof of insurance, and failing to install an ignition interlock device in the 300 block of E Bishop Way near Faust St.

11:42 p.m. — Kevin Friend, 34, of Lebanon, was arrested for DUII and reckless driving in the 200 block of S Main St. near Bishop Way. Officers transported Friend to the Linn County Jail. Report taken.

Mon., Sept. 21, 9:14 p.m. — Deputies responded to a disturbance involving an intoxicated individual in the 300 block of E Kisling Ave.

Thu., Sept. 24, 8:46 a.m. — Deputy responded to a two-vehicle, injury-related motor vehicle crash in the 28300 block of Brownsville Rd., near Forry Dr. Ashlee Lobaugh, 30, of Brownsville, was cited for a dangerous left turn. Report taken.

5:06 p.m. — Deputy responded to a complaint about a barking dog in the 700 block of Templeton St.

The dogs were no longer barking upon the deputy's arrival. Information logged.

Fri., Sept. 25, 11:28 a.m. — A deputy responded to a report of a suspicious injury to a juvenile in the 500 block of Loucks Way. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

Sat., Sept. 26, 2:25 p.m. — Deputy responded to a report that a mailbox was pulled off its mount by an unknown person in the 25400 block of Gap Rd. Caller requested extra patrol.

5:56 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a fraudulent call requesting money in the 100 block of Howe St. Report taken.

BRUSH CREEK

Thu., Sept. 24, 7:07 a.m. — Deputies assisted BLM with an ongoing investigation in the 23000 block of Brush Creek Rd.

CRAWFORDSVILLE/HOLLEY

Mon., Sept. 21, 10:00 a.m. — Deputies investigated a report that a juvenile used stolen credit card information to make purchases in the 39000 block of Hwy 228. A 14-year-old male was referred to the Linn County Juvenile Department for fraudulent use of a credit card. Report taken.

Thu., Sept. 24, 2:36 p.m. — Deputies responded to a domestic disturbance involving a young adult male and a young adult female in the 38300 block of Crawfordville Dr. Parties agreed to remain separated.

4:25 p.m. — Melissa Cheek, 54, of Sweet Home, was cited in lieu of custody for harassment in the 40100 block of Hwy 228. Report taken.

Fri., Sept. 25, 3:52 p.m. — Fana Mize, 60, of Lebanon, and Brian Bicha, 50, of Alder, Montana, were arrested for Criminal Trespass II and unlawful cutting and transport of special forest products in the 41100 block of McQueen Dr. after they stole petrified wood from the Cascade Timber Consulting property. The petrified wood was returned. Report taken.

Sat., Sept. 26, 5:47 p.m. — Deputies responded to a domestic disturbance involving an injury in the 39600 block of Crawfordville Dr. The injured party was transported to the hospital for treatment. The offender left before deputies arrived. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

DRAPERVILLE

Fri., Sept. 25, 11:45 p.m.

— Blaine Ethan Parker, 19, of Lebanon, was cited for speeding 75 in a 55-mph zone in the 34900 block of Knox Butte Rd.

HALSEY

Mon., Sept. 21, 8:14 a.m. — Deputy picked up a found wallet in the 100 block of W Halsey St.

10:05 a.m. — Ricky Drummond, 39, of Eugene, was cited for driving while suspended in the 27900 block of Ogle Rd.

12:38 p.m. — Scott Parker, 59, of Junction City, was cited for driving while using a mobile device in the 600 block of W 2nd St.

3:38 p.m. — Jeffery Funk, 45, of Sweet Home, was cited for speeding in a school zone near Central Linn High School in the 32400 block of Hwy 228.

4:11 p.m. — Heber Landa Sanchez, 43, of Salem, was cited for using a cell phone while driving in the 600 block of W 2nd St.

Tue., Sept. 22, 9:09 a.m. — Brian Thomas, 50, of Corvallis, was cited for speeding and driving uninsured in the 27600 block of Peoria Rd.

8:30 p.m. — Ashley Myers, 34, of Albany, was cited for failing to obey a traffic control device in the 000 block of W 2nd St., near American Dr.

Fri., Sept. 25, 8:53 p.m. — Deputy responded to a person in a mental health crisis in the 200 block of E B St. The person was voluntarily transported by ambulance to the hospital.

HARRISBURG

Sat., Sept. 19, 5:15 p.m. — Deputy responded to a dog complaint in the 23400 block of Hwy 99E. The deputy contacted the dog and its owner. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

5:57 p.m. — Deputy documented information about people shooting a pellet gun near a fishing pond in the 33000 block of Bond Butte Dr. Everyone had left the area by the time the deputy spoke to the caller.

Sun., Sept. 20, 5:16 p.m. — Bryan Cook, 31, of Harrisburg, was cited for failing to carry proof of insurance in the 600 block of Quincy St.

Tue., Sept. 22, 4:22 p.m. — Deputy responded to assist OSP regarding an injury-related crash on I-5 near Diamond Hill Rd.

Wed., Sept. 23, 3:21 a.m.

— Jonathan Holmes, 49, of Halsey, was cited for driving 78 in a 55-mph zone in the 24700 block of Hwy 99E near Cartney Dr. Holmes also received a written warning for failing to dim his headlights.

Fri., Sept. 25, 3:15 p.m. — Morris Lindsey, 61, of Cheshire, was cited for driving uninsured and without a driver's license in the 600 block of S 3rd St.

Sat., Sept. 26, 2:22 p.m. — Deputy conducted a traffic stop for speeding and cited a 17-year-old juvenile from Harrisburg in the 8000 block of Priceboro Dr.

JEFFERSON

Fri., Sept. 25, 9:29 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a motor vehicle crash in the 39000 block of Scrael Hill Rd. near Hwy 99E. Report taken.

SCIO

Sat., Sept. 19, 4:46 p.m. — Eli Sather, 26, of Scio, was cited for failing to renew vehicle registration in the 37300 block of Jefferson Scio Dr., near Shelburn Dr.

Sun., Sept. 20, 6:18 p.m. — Deputy took a report of mail theft in the 39100 block of Jordan Rd. The caller's mailbox was damaged, and unknown mail was stolen. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

Mon., Sept. 21, 8:47 a.m. — Deputy took a report of vehicles that caused damage to a parking lot the previous night in the 39000 block of Jordan Rd. No suspects were identified at this time.

Wed., Sept. 23, 7:47 a.m. — Deputy responded to a property dispute involving a customer and a contractor in the 38700 block of Garden Dr. Deputy spoke with both parties, and the disputed property was agreed to be returned. Information documented.

6:47 p.m. — Caller reported a lost firearm in the 39800 block of Echo Hill Rd. The firearm was entered as missing, and information was documented. Report taken.

Thu., Sept. 24, 12:27 a.m. — Deputy assisted OSP at a motor vehicle crash in the 37500 block of Hwy 226 near Fish Hatchery Dr.

9:44 a.m. — A female in the 38700 block of NW Beech St reported seeing a male with his genitals exposed the previous night. After an investigation, the deputy learned the individual was a young male with autism. The

deputy spoke with his family members about the incident.

Fri., Sept. 25, 1:02 a.m. — Deputy responded to a call about a sheep in the road in the 37500 block of Shelburn Dr. Deputy caught the sheep and returned it to the field.

12:46 p.m. — Deputy documented a trespass in the 37200 block of Gilkey Rd.

4:41 p.m. — Deputies responded to a car in the ditch in the 38700 block of Gilkey Rd. The vehicle was removed by a tractor without incident. The incident was non-criminal.

5:18 p.m. — Deputy dispatched a deer hit by a vehicle in the 38000 block of Hwy 226.

Sat., Sept. 26, 8:22 a.m. — Deputy responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 38400 block of Shelburn Dr. Upon investigation, Dale Vinton, 39, of Scio, was taken into custody for a police officer hold and transported to Linn County Health. Report taken.

1:46 p.m. — Clifford Allen, 54, of Lebanon, was cited for speeding 75 in a 55-mph zone in the 37300 block of Richardson Gap Rd.

6:01 p.m. — Deputy took a report in the 38700 block of N Main St. regarding a lost phone and wallet that the caller believed were left at a store in Scio.

7:41 p.m. — Deputy responded to a welfare check requested in the 37500 block of Rodgers Dr. The Linn County dispatcher determined the person was currently in the hospital receiving treatment. The caller was notified.

SHEDD

Mon., Sept. 21, 10:57 a.m. — Elliott Smith, 40, of Corvallis, was cited for speeding in the 29200 block of Seven Mile Ln.

7:22 p.m. — Caller reported a crash in the 33900 block of Plainview Dr. Deputies arrived, and the vehicle was unoccupied. The vehicle damaged the fence. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

Tue., Sept. 22, 10:29 a.m. — Deputy responded to a non-injury motor vehicle collision in the 32400 block of Linn West Dr. The parties involved exchanged information.

Wed., Sept. 23, 12:28 p.m. — Erin Hoover, 42, of Albany, was arrested and transported to the Linn County Jail for stalking, two counts of violating a release

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agreement, and trespass II in the 32700 block of Boston Mill Dr.

TALLMAN

Wed., Sept. 23, 11:17 a.m. — Deputy responded to a neighbor dispute involving rocks being thrown and trespassing in the 33800 block of Tallman Rd. Both parties were spoken to, and information was documented.

Fri., Sept. 25, 9:59 p.m. — Jeffrey Stewart, 41, of Lebanon, was arrested and lodged at the Linn County Jail for violating a court-issued stalking protective order in the 33800 block of Tallman Rd. Report taken.

TANGENT

Sat., Sept. 19, 9:08 a.m. — Caller reported a mattress and

other similar items on the road-way shoulder in the 34400 block of Looney Ln. Deputy sent the information to the road department for pickup.

Sun., Sept. 20, 7:03 a.m. — Deputy responded to a report of harassment in the 31800 block of Hydrangea Ln. Information documented.

Mon., Sept. 21, 11:15 a.m. — Edward Grudzinski, 42, of Lebanon, was cited for speeding in the 31600 block of Seven Mile Ln., near Ridge Dr.

1:56 p.m. — Rick Walnum, 48, of Brownsville, was cited for driving while suspended, driving uninsured, and failing to register a vehicle during a traffic stop in the 31900 block of Driver

Rd.

Tue., Sept. 22, 12:27 p.m. — Deputies responded to a death in the 34000 block of Fry Rd. The death was determined to be natural and non-criminal. Report taken.

Wed., Sept. 23, 3:03 p.m. — A large pile of roofing materials was dumped on the caller's property in the 32600 block of Tangent Dr., behind a warehouse. Report taken.

6:28 p.m. — Deputies contacted a troubled individual who may have attempted suicide by exiting a moving vehicle in the 33300 block of Hwy 99E. She was transported to the hospital under a police officer hold. Report taken. ☼

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Tangent's Combine Demolition Derby & Power Pull Results



COURTESY CENTRAL LINN FFA
Combine King: Grant Wahl, center, celebrates with Central Linn FFA students after winning the 2026 Tangent Harvest Festival Combine Demolition Derby. Wahl took first place among nine combines competing for the title.

Tangent Together hosted the Combine Demolition Derby & Power Pulls on Saturday, Sept. 19, as part of the 2026 Tangent Harvest Festival. Crowds packed the venue for an afternoon of grit, horsepower, and small-town spirit.

The day kicked off with the Power Pulls, as tractors, pickups, and ATVs battled weighted sleds down the track. Oregon Tractor Pullers put on a strong showing, running 74 “hooks” throughout the day.

- Garden Tractor Intermediate**
1st place - Jack Muirhede II
- Garden Tractor Super Modified**
1st place - Brad Hutchinson
2nd place - Joe Shaver
3rd place - Tucker Mott
- Tractor 3000 - 3mph**
1st place - Grant Wahl
- Tractor 4000 - 3mph**
1st place - Jack Muirhede II
2nd place - Morgan Gregory
3rd place - Zion Larson

- Tractor 4000 - 6mph**
1st place - Zack Peterson
- Tractor 5000 - 3mph**
1st place - Jack Muirhede II
2nd place - Wyatt Smith
3rd place - Tristan Graham
- Tractor 5000 - 6mph**
1st place - Tom Peterson
- Tractor 6000 - 3mph**
1st place - Jack Muirhede II
2nd place - Charlie Kirsch
3rd place - Molly Mulkey
- Tractor 7000 - 3mph**
1st place - Charlie Kirsch
2nd place - Dustin Raschein
3rd place - Grant Wahl
- Tractor 8000 - 3mph**
1st place - Kylie Lasseter
2nd place - Tristan Graham
- Tractor 9000 - 3mph**
1st place - Dalton Tenbush
2nd place - Case Goracke
- Tractor 10,000 - 3mph**
1st place - Cody Younger
2nd place - Clifford Hesney
- Tractor 12,000 - 6mph**
1st place - Larry Hagemeister
2nd place - Leo Mulkey
- Tractor 16,000 - 6mph**
Tony Stevens
- Tractor Modified**
1st place - Chris Larvik
2nd place - Rich Samsom
- Truck SuperStock, 2WD, under 5500 lbs.**
1st place - Donnie Trent
2nd place - Austin Duyck
3rd place - Les Lomax
- Truck Stock, 4WD small block, under 6000 lbs.**
1st place - Ryan Green
- Truck SuperStock, 4WD, under 6000 lbs.**
1st place - James Wuttblock
- Truck Stock, 4WD big block, under 6000 lbs.**
1st place - Kaitlyn Landis

- Truck SuperStock, 4WD big block, under 6000 lbs.**
1st place - Philip Hanson
2nd place - Connor Sperling
3rd place - Madison Hanson
- Truck Heavyweight, under 8500 lbs.**
1st place - Dan McIntosh
- Truck Country Modified**
1st place - Annette Anderson
2nd place - Larry Hageman
3rd place - Tanner Schmidt
- Truck Enhanced Stock**
1st place - Marvin Wing
- Truck Super Modified**
1st place - Charles Floto
2nd place - Jeff Hill
- Truck Open Modified**
1st place - Trevor Stroda
2nd place - Wendy Stroda
3rd place - Arron Starr
- ATV - Quads**
1st place - Gus (youth)
2nd place - Marcy Hermens
3rd place - Paul Hermens
- ATV - Side-by-Side**
1st place - Randy Raschein

Combine Demolition Derby

Following the final pull, nine combines took the field for the Combine Demolition Derby. After fierce fighting, the battle narrowed down to two. No tie-breaker was needed as they fought it out to the finish.

- 1st place and 2026 Combine King - Grant Wahl
- 2nd place - Jesse Younger

Congratulations to every driver and competitor who took the field this year — your grit, skill, and good sportsmanship made this year one to remember. Mark your calendars: the Tangent Harvest Festival and Combine Demolition Derby & Power Pulls return Saturday, Sept. 18, 2027. Bring your best. We'll be waiting. 🌾

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