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Sept. 11 Inspired Central Linn Graduate's Air Force Career

BROWNSVILLE — Tiffany Dishion Hallmark was an eighth-grader when she watched the second plane hit the World Trade Center in her great-grandparents' Brownsville living room on Sept. 11, 2001.

The moment stayed with her. "Growing up in Brownsville, Oregon, I had never seen the World Trade Centers, but I could feel the heaviness of what had happened," she said. "It changed me."

Five years later, after graduating from Central Linn High School in 2006, Dishion Hallmark enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, beginning a career shaped in part by what she witnessed that morning. Now, 25 years after the attacks, the great-granddaughter of the late Cliff and Lorna Ellefson of Brownsville will mark Sept. 11, 2026, as her final day in uniform before retiring after 20 years of service.

Dishion Hallmark has risen to the rank of senior master sergeant during her Air Force career. She has served in communications, nuclear operations, cyberspace operations, and base support operations. Her assignments have taken her to Mississippi, Georgia, Nebraska, Virginia, Colorado, Texas, and Washington, as well as the Pentagon. Her service also provided opportunities to travel in Europe and the Middle East. "It has afforded me opportunities to get to see parts of this country and world that I never would have, and understand the defense of our nation at a level higher than I could have dreamed," she said.

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Senior Master Sgt. Tiffany Dishion Hallmark's 20-year Air Force career has taken her from basic training to representing the Air Force in marathon and cross-country competition. The 2006 Central Linn High School graduate, pictured with husband Evan and sons Archie and Otto, will spend her final day in uniform Sept. 11 — 25 years after the attacks that inspired her.

OTHER PHOTOS COURTESY: TIFFANY DISHION HALLMARK

25 Years Later, Local Residents Remember Sept. 11

Twenty-five years have passed since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, yet for many residents, the memories of that morning remain vivid.

Jason Curtis, a first-year teacher, was driving to work on Highway 34 between Interstate 5 and Lebanon in his 1986 Honda Accord when reports began coming over the radio. "I didn't know what I was hearing at first, but my mind quickly shifted to how the stunning events would affect my students as the gravity of the situation settled over the next few heartbreaking miles of solitude."

Sharon Banks waited at the end of her driveway for Central Linn Bus No. 5 to pick up her 5-year-old son and his cousin. On her way to work, she listened to the radio. "When I arrived, I watched live as the second plane hit the tower in New York. It was the most terrifying thing I had ever seen."



The Tribute in Light rises above Lower Manhattan in remembrance of those killed in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. The twin beams represent the World Trade Center's Twin Towers.

Brownsville resident Don Lyon was in Page, Arizona, with a group of photographers visiting Corkscrew and Antelope slot canyons. When the tour ended several days later in Las Vegas, flights across the country were still disrupted. "Most of us carpooled home in rented vehicles."

Tony Koontz of Brownsville was preparing to leave for his teaching job. "My wife called me into the living room, where we watched, absolutely shocked, as the second tower was hit."

Marcy Hermens of Tangent was living in Lebanon and getting ready for school and work with her family. "My husband had the TV on and heard the first reports. My

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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

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

Brownsville Thursday Market
Thursdays • 3–6 p.m., 185 S Main St., Brownsville

Across from Dari Market — shop local vendors and learn more about the community market initiative through the Calapooia Food Alliance. Linn County Master Gardeners are on site with additional resources.

https://www.calapooiafoodalliance.org

Scio Saturday Market
Saturdays through Sept. 26 • 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
Linn County Lamb & Wool Fairgrounds, 38999 NE 1st Ave.

Local produce, baked goods, crafts, food vendors, live music, and family-friendly entertainment.

https://www.sciosaturdaymarket.com

American Legion Bingo Night
Saturdays • 6 p.m.
American Legion Post 184, 339 N. Main St., Brownsville

Community fundraiser supporting programs such as Quilts of Valor and local senior activities. All are invited to play and support the Post.

Karaoke with Mandy
Saturdays • 8 p.m.
Brownsville Saloon, 419 N Main St., Brownsville

Karaoke with Mandy every Saturday night. Mandy will be the DJ, so there is no charge to participate.

STAY CONNECTED!
Discover events or add your own to our community calendar:
https://thetimescwv.org/community-calendar

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

ADAIR VILLAGE

Tomatoes & Salsa
Saturday, Sept. 19 • 10 a.m.–2 p.m. • $16
Adair Village Community Center
6070 NE William R. Carr Ave.,

Learn the science behind safe and effective methods for preserving tomatoes and salsa. Participants will get hands-on experience with canning, freezing, and drying, including preparing whole tomatoes, sauces, and salsas. Accommodation requests need to be made by Sept. 14 to elizabeth.mcdougal@oregonstate.edu or 541-713-5000.

https:// beav.es/NfD

ALBANY

Oregon Ag Prayer Breakfast
Thursday, Sept.10 • 7 a.m. • FREE
Linn County Expo Santiam Center, 3700 Knox Butte Rd. E.

Bringing farmers, ranchers, loggers, and community members for a morning of food, music, and fellowship. Breakfast starts at 7, with the program beginning at 8. Please register to help with planning.

https://www.oregonagprayerbreakfast.com/events

9/11 Community Remembrance Event
Friday, Sept. 11 • Arrive 8:30 a.m.
Heritage Mall, between Ross and Hobby Lobby

The Veterans Community Center, in partnership with Heritage Mall, will host a community remembrance marking the 25th anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001. Attendees are asked to arrive by 8:30 a.m.; the program begins promptly at 8:46 a.m.

SafeHaven Adoption Event
Saturday, Sept. 12 • 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
Loafers Station Restaurant & Bar, 222 SW Washington St.

Gather for good: Meet adorable and adoptable dogs and cats. Ten percent of food and beverage sales will be donated to SafeHaven. Enjoy sips and swag from local breweries.

Antiques in the Streets & Classic Car Show
Saturday, Sept. 12 • 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

Explore historic downtown Albany between 1st and 4th Avenue during this annual event, hosted by the Albany Antique Mall. Visitors can browse treasures from more than 50 vendors, enjoy over 100 classic and custom cars on display, and have lunch at one of downtown's many restaurants or at the nearby Albany Farmers Market — all within easy walking distance. Proceeds from the event benefit the Albany Firefighter Community Assistance Fund.

https://www.albanyantiquemall.com/antiques-in-the-streets

Festival Latino 2026
Sunday, Sept. 13 • Noon– 5 p.m. • Free
Monteith Riverpark, 489 Water Ave., NW

Come celebrate Hispanic heritage at this year's Festival Latino. With musical acts, art and history exhibits, activities for children, and plenty of food vendors, this event, hosted by the Linn-Benton Hispanic Advisory Committee, offers fun for the whole family.

https://www.facebook.com/events/27882894784694818

BROWNSVILLE

Sip and Support
Saturday, Sept. 12 • 4 p.m. • $75 • 713 Amelia Ave.

A benefit for the Sharing Hands food bank featuring wine and food pairings, music, raffle, and silent auction. Tickets available at Sharing Hands, 107 W. Bishop Way.

Free Community Car Wash & Ice Cream
Saturday, Sept. 12 • 10 a.m.–noon
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
1111 N. Main St.

Stop by for a free community car wash and ice cream. No donations requested.

Herb Group
Wednesday, Sept. 16 • 1:30–3 p.m.
Bramble House, 209 Templeton St.

This month's topic is "Building Your Herbal Apothecary." Participants will share which herbs they keep on hand, how they use them, and ways herbs can support health and well-being. Curious beginners and experienced herbalists are welcome.

Calapooia Food Alliance Garden Party
Friday, Sept. 18 • 5 p.m.
Brownsville Community Garden, 185 S Main St.

Celebrate another year of community abundance with live music, an open mic, and a produce sharing table. BYOB and bring a favorite dish to share, place settings, chairs for your party, and a bag for produce.

https://calapooiafoodalliance.org

HALSEY

Community Movie & BBQ Night
Friday, Sept. 11 • 5:30–9:30 p.m. • FREE
Halsey Memorial Park, 300 W O St.

Kids' zone with carnival games, activities, and face painting from 5:30–7 p.m.; BBQ burgers and hot dogs while supplies last start at 6 p.m. At 7:45 p.m., bring a chair or a blanket to enjoy the outdoor live-action 2025 movie "Lilo & Stitch" on the big screen with popcorn. Enter the Raffle! Donate shelf-stable food or cash to Sharing Hands for a chance to win a prize basket! One entry per family. Brought to you by the City of Halsey and the Halsey-Shedd Rural Fire Department.

HARRISBURG

Eagle Mania
Friday, Sept. 11 • 5–7 p.m.
Harrisburg High School Baseball Field, 400 S. 9th St.

Hosted by the Harrisburg High School Booster Club, this annual community kickoff celebration features food trucks, inflatables, a dunk tank, kids' games, concessions, and Eagle apparel and spirit gear. $5 bracelets available for unlimited kids' games.

https://easyorder.maxiun.com/go/harrisburg-boosters

Hometown Fun Day Pop-up Farmer Market
Saturday, Sept. 12 • 9 a.m.–7 p.m.
Grocery Deals, 295 N. 3rd St., Harrisburg

Shop local vendors and enjoy a family-friendly community event featuring free hot dogs and snow cones from 11:30 a.m to 2:30 p.m. Three mystery gift cards will be hidden throughout the store, and there will be a "guess how many candies are in the jar" contest. Vendors are also being sought for the event.

https://grocerydealsor.com • 541-995-5132

JEFFERSON

Jefferson Threadheads Fall Boutique
Saturday, Sept. 12 • 11 a.m.–3 p.m.
Greater Jefferson Community Center, 107 N Main St.

Shop a selection of quilting fabric, patterns, books, sewing supplies, and other items at the Jefferson Threadheads' fall boutique.

https://www.facebook.com/share/19M1E9kwVt

JUNCTION CITY/MONROE

Tri-County Chamber 33rd Golf Tournament
Saturday, Sept. 12 • Check-in & breakfast • 7:30–8:45 a.m., 9 a.m. Tournament

Diamond Woods Golf Course, 96040 Territorial Hwy, Monroe

The Tri-County Chamber of Commerce hosts its 33rd annual golf tournament, "Driving Futures Forward," featuring an 18-hole, four-person scramble. A 19th-hole celebration will follow with lunch, awards, a raffle, auction, and more. Proceeds support youth sports and education in Junction City, Monroe, and Harrisburg.

https://TriCountyGolf.auctria.events • 541-998-6154

LEBANON

Downtown Harvest Festival
Friday, Sept. 11 • 4–7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 12 • 11 a.m.–5 p.m.
Downtown Lebanon

Enjoy a donut-eating contest, a photo booth, kids' activities, hayrides, live music, a magic show, balloon animals, amazing vendors, and so much more! Bring your family and friends for a fantastic time celebrating the season.

https://www.facebook.com/share/199n54PXGb

Modern Square Dance and Cha Cha Lessons
Sunday, Sept. 13 • Cha Cha 4–5:15
Square Dance 5:30–7:30 p.m.
First lesson free, then $6 per person, $15 per family
Lebanon Senior Center, 80 Tangent St.

The Lebanon Square Circles are starting a new square dance class and a new 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

TANGENT

Tangent Harvest Festival
Saturday, Sept. 19 • 6:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m.
Tangent City Hall, 32166 Old Oak Drive

A full day of harvest fun featuring a hot air balloon launch, pancake breakfast, parade, kids' activities, food, live music, Combine Demolition Derby, and Tractor Power Pulls. Parking $5.

https://tangenttogether.org

Mema's Country Kitchen Offers Chance to Win Ducks Tickets

BROWNSVILLE — Football fans have a chance to win tickets to the Oregon Ducks vs. Portland State game through a giveaway at Mema's Country Kitchen, 403 N. Main St.

Customers can request one raffle entry for every $10 spent through Wednesday, Sept. 16. No other purchase is necessary to enter.

The winner will be drawn Sept. 16 at 5 p.m. The tickets are for the Ducks' Friday, Sept. 18 game against Portland State, scheduled for 7:30 p.m.



MIKAYLE STOLE

Garden Party Offers Music, Food and Friendship

By Donald Lyon, Staff Writer and Columnist

Yes, there will be music!

The Second Annual CFA Garden Party will be held Friday, Sept. 18, starting at 5 p.m. at the Community Garden, 185 Main St. Bring a dish to share if you can, a beverage of your choice, and your own eco-friendly place setting.

The soulful sounds of Mary Parker, Joe, and Stand-up Steve will help celebrate another season of growth. Mike and Peggy Purkerson will play some old favorites and share the mic with anyone who has a song to sing.

All are welcome, and the evening is free. Come reminisce with old friends, make new ones, and help say goodbye to summer and welcome fall with a little front-porch jam.


DONALD LYON

Friends gather for food, conversation and live music at last year's CFA Garden Party at the Community Garden in Brownsville. The second annual celebration returns Friday, Sept. 18, with music, a potluck and an invitation for everyone to join in.

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Art & Air Festival Fills Albany Skies

ALBANY — Colorful hot air balloons filled the skies over Albany during the Northwest Art & Air Festival Aug. 28–30 at Timber Linn Memorial Park.

The annual festival featured early-morning balloon launches, art and food vendors, family activities, live entertainment and Friday evening's popular Night Glow. Cheap Trick headlined the main stage Saturday night.

One balloon experienced a landing incident south of Tangent during the weekend. According to festival organizers, the pilot landed in a field but was unable to bring the balloon to a complete stop as quickly as intended. The balloon's envelope then briefly came into contact with power lines.

No injuries, power outage, or damage were reported.

Pacific Power responded and assessed the situation with the festival's balloon coordinator. Organizers said the incident was also reported to the Federal Aviation Administration as required.

The Times initially reported from the scene that the balloon had come down near Highway 99E south of Tangent. A Linn County Sheriff's Office deputy responded, and traffic was temporarily affected while the balloon and crew cleared the area.

Festival organizers noted that wind and terrain can affect balloon landings but said the incident was not a normal part of balloon operations.

Despite the unusual ending to one flight, the three-day festival once again drew visitors to Albany for one of the region's most colorful late-summer traditions.

PHOTOS: MARCY HERMENS



A farm tractor shares the landscape with a colorful balloon preparing to lift off during Northwest Art & Air Festival weekend. Balloons launched from Timber Linn Memorial Park before drifting across the surrounding countryside.



A hot air balloon from the festival is packed away after a landing incident south of Tangent. The balloon's envelope briefly contacted power lines after the pilot landed in a nearby field.



HALSEY MAYOR'S CORNER

Celebrating Halsey's 150th Anniversary

By Jerry Lachenbruch, Mayor of Halsey

September is an exciting month for our community as we look ahead to a special milestone — the 150th anniversary of the City of Halsey's incorporation. Halsey was legally incorporated by the Oregon Legislative Assembly on Oct. 20, 1876.

For 150 years, neighbors, families, businesses, and community organizations have worked together to make Halsey a great place to live. As we approach this anniversary, I hope everyone will reflect on our community's history and the people who helped build the town we know today.

Annual Community BBQ & Movie Night

We have an opportunity to get together at the Halsey BBQ & Movie Night on Friday, Sept. 11. Bring the family, invite a neighbor, and enjoy an evening together. The fun starts at 5:30 p.m. with carnival games and activities, followed by dinner at 6 p.m. and "Lilo & Stitch" at around 7:45 p.m.

Bring nonperishable, unexpired food or a donation for Sharing Hands Food Bank for a chance to win a raffle basket!

E-Bikes & Scooters

Scooters and e-bikes are increasingly popular. Please ride safely and be mindful of pedestrians, vehicles, and other riders.

Oregon law recognizes electric-assisted bicycles as bicycles, with different classes and requirements. Current rules generally allow e-bikes in bicycle lanes and on paths but not on sidewalks. Electric scooters have separate requirements, including a 15-mph maximum speed under current ODOT guidance.

House Bill 4007 makes significant changes to the rules for e-bikes, scooters, and other powered micromobility devices, with many taking effect Jan. 1, 2027.

Regardless of what the law requires, remember the basics: slow down, wear appropriate protective gear, obey traffic signals, yield to pedestrians, use lights at night, and be predictable in traffic. Please look out for our children, seniors, walkers, and bicyclists.

National Emergency Preparedness Month

September is National Preparedness Month, a good time to take a few simple steps to be prepared. Keep flashlights and batteries handy; stock up on drinking water and nonperishable food; have a battery-powered or hand-crank radio; keep phones and portable chargers charged; and keep a basic first-aid kit.

Ensure necessary medications and important documents are accessible, establish a family communication plan, keep an emergency kit in your vehicle, and remember your pets. https://www.ready.gov is a valuable resource.

As we approach Halsey's 150th anniversary, we have an opportunity to appreciate where we came from and to think about the future we want to create. Thank you to our volunteers, businesses, city employees, community organizations, and residents.

As always, I remain YOUR Mayor. The Council and I work for you — so please help us help you. See you at the BBQ & Movie Night!

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners Address a Variety of Agenda Items

By Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer

ALBANY — Linn County Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Sherrie Sprenger, and Will Tucker made quick work of a varied agenda of items at their September 1 meeting.

The commissioners approved a change order with North Santiam Paving Company for the North River Drive Improvement Project. It adds two bid items for locating an existing waterline and replacing about 2,000 feet of waterline. The additional cost is $69,875.87, and the completion deadline is extended about one week to October 6, 2026.

Approved an engineering and related services contract with Haley & Aldrich Inc. for the Murder Creek (Nygren Road) Bridge Project. This is a Local Agency Certification Program project, and funds have been awarded under the ODOT Local Bridge Program to be reimbursed at 89.73 percent. The contract is for $52,271,94.

Accepted a temporary construction easement along Bowers Drive for the Muddy Creek (Bowers Drive) Bridge project. Grantors are Lloyd C. and Carole J. Davis, Trustees. Easement cost is $750.

Rescinded a previous resolution and authorized the purchase of a larger generator and two transfer switches for the Willamette Health Center Campus through a cooperative agreement between Sourcewell and Linn County. The change is being made after it was learned the system needs to handle a higher electrical load at the facilities in the event of a power outage. The amount is $82,300.

Established a new job classification for a Health Services Operations Manager within the Health Administration. Duties will include contract and procurement management; billing configuration and deployment management; oversight of fee schedules and rate setting following state and federal requirements; data analysis and reporting; and departmental goal planning, performance monitoring, and operational oversight.

Approved amending Linn County Personnel Policy 20, which will allow the County Administrative Officer, rather than the Board of Commissioners, to approve extended sick leave without pay for up to 90 days for qualifying employees.

Held an Executive Session but did not take any action concerning issues discussed in that session after returning to the regular meeting.

TANGENT HARVEST FESTIVAL

Every Road Leads to the Arena

The last stop before the Tangent Harvest Festival's Combine Demolition Derby & Power Pulls

By Marcy Hermens, Tangent Correspondent

Part 3 of a 3-part story series about Tangent Harvest Festival's Combine Demolition Derby

TANGENT — Three combines, three completely different roads to Saturday, September 19. One escaped a cage of thorns. One spent a year hiding in plain sight. And one is back to defend its title. Grassassin, Side Chick, and Red Baron prove there's more than one way to earn a spot on the derby field

Red Baron

Complete Ag Resolutions is doubling down this year, bringing a second combine to the derby: Red Baron, a John Deere 8820. It escaped from their cage of overgrown blackberry bushes and is here to win with Spencer Tucker at the wheel.

If Complete Annihilation proves this team can take a hit and keep going, Red Baron proves they can bring anything back to life. The crew dug it out, got it running, and it's ready for its first derby.



The Complete Ag Resolutions crew poses with Red Baron, a John Deere 8820 pulled from overgrown blackberry bushes and brought back to life for its first Combine Demolition Derby. Spencer Tucker will be behind the wheel.



Grassassin, Riverside Ag's Massey Ferguson 760, returns to the Tangent Harvest Festival Combine Demolition Derby after making its debut last year. Battle-tested and patched up for another round, the combine spent the off-season at J&H Automotive.

Grassassin

From aerial lifts to ag equipment to a combine buried in blackberries — if it's broken, the Riverside Ag team will find a way to fix it, and apparently, drive it, too.

Last year it went from shed to derby-ready in two weeks flat. This year it comes back scarred, patched, and hungrier than ever.

Turns out it never really left. Grassassin spent the off-season tucked away at J&H Automotive, and the shop didn't just give it a place to rest — they gave it a place to plan for this year's win.

This red beast, owned by Riverside Ag, brings generations of farming knowledge to the battle. I can't tell you who's behind the wheel. Grassassin is keeping the driver's seat a mystery right up until showtime.

Grassassin is battle-tested. With one derby down, they know exactly what's coming and are fired up to bring more chaos to this year's Harvest Festival.

Side Chick (2025 Combine King)

Rolling into the arena straight out of Tangent, it's the reigning Combine King — Side Chick, from J&H Automotive. They keep the community on the road all year, and on September 19, they're driving to defend their throne.

She's not your main squeeze, but she's got the belt to prove she'll crush your dreams anyway. Last year, Conner Mier climbed out of the wreckage to home the belt. This year, he's back behind the wheel, and he's not giving up his crown.

Side Chick is throwing side-eye at every combine entering the arena this year. Nobody's taking her belt without a fight.

They're all headed to the same place, the dead center of the field behind Tangent City Hall, ready to put it all on the line. See it all September 19 at the Tangent Harvest Festival. Tickets are $10 for ages 10 and up, $5 for ages 5–9, and free for kids 4 and under. Buy yours now at https://tangenttogether.org.



The J&H Automotive crew stands with Side Chick, the reigning Tangent Harvest Festival Combine King. Conner Mier returns behind the wheel Sept. 19 to defend the championship belt he won in last year's demolition derby.

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PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Estate Planning: Making a Trust
Thursday, Sept. 17 • 6 p.m. • Kirk Room

World Cultures & Travel: Lebanon, Syria & Jordan
Thursday, Oct. 15 • 7 p.m. • Kirk Room

Death Cafe
Tuesday, Oct. 13 • 6:30 p.m. • Kirk Room

ADULT GROUP GATHERINGS

Thread Wizards Stitchery Group
Wednesdays • 1–3 p.m. • History Room
Bring your project, have some fun — get things done!

The Page Turners Book Club
3rd Wednesdays, Sept. 16 • 7 p.m. • Kirk Room

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SCIO LIBRARY CALENDAR

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

Library Hours: Closed Sat–Sun.
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JEFFERSON LIBRARY CALENDAR

Used Book (& More!) Sale Week Sept. 8-10 & 12
All items are $0.25 each, 5 for $1, or a bag for $5

NeedleCraft Group
2nd and 4th Tuesdays • 3–5 p.m.

Storytime
Wednesdays • 11:30 a.m. • Ages 0–6

Green Bag Book Club 1st Thursdays • 10 a.m.

Robotics 1st Saturdays • 10 a.m.–2 p.m. • Ages 10–18

Teen Advisory Board
Thursday, Sept. 10 • 5–6 p.m. • Teens grades 7–11

Pre-Teen Book Club Tuesday, Sept. 15 • 4–5 p.m.

Friends of the Library Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 17 • 6–7 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons/ Game Day
3rd Saturdays • noon–4p.m. • All ages and experiences

Early Childhood Literacy Activity Day
4th Saturdays • 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Read-to-a-Dog with Shasta
4th Saturdays • 2–3 p.m.

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BROWNSVILLE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

A Place to Learn, Share, and Connect

By Sherri Lemhouse, Brownsville Community Librarian

According to Reading Group Choices, there are five reasons not to skip book club — even if you didn't finish the book: You don't have to be an expert on the book. The conversation is often better than the book. You probably have more to contribute than you think. You may leave inspired. And you'll stay connected to the group.

I think those reasons apply to more than book club. They apply to life.

We do not have to be experts. We just need open ears and a willingness to learn something new. Conversation is often the best part of any meeting. Everyone has something to contribute. And you inspire me with your smiles, kind words, stories, and knowledge. I learn something new each time.

Most importantly, community is about connection. To feel connected, you need to participate.

So, come join us at the Brownsville Community Library for one of our free programs.

The Page Turners Book Club meets Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 7 p.m. in the Kirk Room. This month we will be discussing "The Place of Tides" by James Rebanks. And remember those five reasons above — you can still join us even if you didn't finish the book!

On Thursday, Sept. 17, at 6 p.m., local attorney Danielle M. Myers is generously donating her time as our guest speaker for Estate Planning: Making a Trust. She will explain the documents that make up a trust and how they operate after death. The session will be held in the Kirk Room and is free and open to the public. No registration is required, and general questions are welcome.

Do you like to stitch, knit, crochet, hand-sew, or do other kinds of handiwork? The Thread Wizards Stitchery Group meets each Wednesday from 1–3 p.m. Bring whatever you're working on and enjoy some conversation while getting something done.

Story Time is held every Friday at 11 a.m. These fun, interactive programs are followed by craft time for all ages.

Our local Death Cafe also meets at the library, offering a comfortable space for conversations about death and dying. The next gathering is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Kirk Room.

Whether you come for a program, a book, a craft, a conversation, or simply to see a familiar face, we hope you'll stop by.

After all, everyone has something to contribute.

JEFFERSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Full Fall Schedule

After a busy summer that saw more than 200 people participate in its Summer Reading Program and log a combined 635,032 minutes of reading, Jefferson Public Library is heading into fall with another full schedule of activities.

September highlights include the Used Book (& More!) Sale Sept. 8–10 and 12. Books, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, puzzles, and other items will be available for 25 cents each, five for $1, or a bag for $5. Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Jefferson Public Library.

The library is also looking for new members for its Teen Advisory Board, which gives students entering grades 7–11 an opportunity to help shape programs and services for local teens.

Library Director Nadia Heinrich said members recommend books, movies, and music for the library's collection, suggest teen events, and offer feedback about prizes and activities that might appeal to their peers.



PUZZLE SWAP — Looking for a new puzzle? Jefferson Public Library's "Take a Puzzle, Leave a Puzzle" table lets patrons trade a finished favorite for a new challenge.

The experience can also give teens something valuable to take with them beyond the library.

"I love getting their feedback and enjoy giving teens the opportunity to add leadership and volunteer experience on job or college applications," Heinrich said.

Other September activities include the NeedleCraft Group, Pre-Teen Book Club, weekly Storytime, Robotics, Dungeons & Dragons/Game Day, and Early Childhood Literacy Activity Day. On Sept. 26, licensed therapy dog Shasta will also be at the library from 2–3 p.m. for Read-to-a-Dog.

There are already more activities planned for fall, including a craft supply rummage sale and pumpkin painting contest in October and a Friends of the Library Holiday Garage Sale in November.

HARRISBURG LIBRARY CALENDAR

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

Stories and activities for babies and toddlers.

Friday Storytime & Activity
Fridays • 10–11 a.m. • Ages 4 and up

- Sept. 11: Rainy Storytime and finger painting
- Sept. 18: Nursery Rhyme Storytime and early literacy toys
- Sept. 25: Fall Storytime and leaf rubbings

Adult Craft Night Out
Thursdays • 4–6 p.m.

Free knitting and crochet lessons. Share and learn tips and tricks while you work on your own crafts or pick up something new.

Lego Club
Fridays • 3 p.m.

Build, create, and explore with Lego activities and earn Lego prizes.

September challenges:
- Sept. 11: Rain
- Sept. 18: Nursery Rhyme
- Sept. 25: Free Build

Movie Afternoon — 'Toy Story 5'
Saturday, Sept. 12 • 1 p.m. • Harrisburg Public Library

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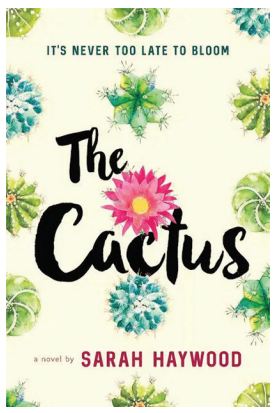
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BOOKS TO CONSIDER

Cacti or Cactuses?

By Nancy Diltz, Staff Writer and Columnist



Somehow, in every generation, the English language undergoes many changes. When I was young, the plural of "cactus" was understood to be "cacti." Correct! Now it is more common to hear cactuses, which is also correct, or the humorous Greek-style cactodes. The plural of octopus was also commonly accepted to be octopi. Wrong! Because it is a Greek, not a Latin, root, it does not take the 'I' ending. The correct plural is actually octopuses or octopodes. Similarly, the correct plural of platypus is platypodes! Fortunately, platypuses is also correct. And fungus is still fungi. Whew.

What got me on that tangent was thinking about the title of a fun book I picked up recently: "The Cactus," by Sarah Haywood (2018). This is Haywood's first book, which got me thinking about a time when I lived within walking distance of a Barnes & Noble Booksellers. They kept a shelf in the center of the store featuring brand-new authors, and I found some of my favorite books by browsing their New Writers display. As a new writer, Haywood immediately mastered the craft, crafting a compelling plot and complex characters that stay with you long after the book is finished.

"The Cactus" is called a "poignant debut" by Park Row Books. I found the main character, Susan Green, to be uniquely enjoyable and "prickly as a cactus," as the title suggests. She is independent to a fault, and when she unexpectedly finds herself expecting as a single 45-year-old professional, her inner journey becomes a wild one. The baby takes her away from the life and persona she so carefully created, bringing new, unexpected twists she could never have imagined.

Debbish.com's book review from February 4, 2018 notes, "Her prickly nature, social ineptitude and inflexibility seem to have been formed over time... Certainly she tells us on the book's opening that she's built the 'ideal' life and she would have been happy for it to continue on as it was." That was not to be. As Robert Burns's 1785 poem "To A Mouse" suggests, "The best laid schemes o' mice and men gang aft adley..." Or, as language continuously changes, we now recognize it as meaning "The best laid plans often go awry."

The Honey Hole Cooks Up Success

By Eva Wada, Staff Writer

HALSEY — When the smoker lights up at 10 W. First St., the smell of barbecue is a familiar one at The Honey Hole Bar & Grill.

Owners Tim and Lisa Brandvold took over the former Julie's Halsey Tavern in late 2023, transforming the longtime local watering hole into a gathering place for live music, cold drinks, and meats prepared and smoked in-house.

"We trim and grind our own burger meat and smoke most all other meats that we serve," Tim Brandvold said.

This summer, The Honey Hole put that operation to the test away from its Halsey kitchen.



The Honey Hole Bar & Grill's new fenced outdoor area features seating, the "Buddy Bar," and space for live music and entertainment. A custom Honey Hole cornhole set, gifted by Marcella Holmes and her father, adds to the gathering space created by owners Tim and Lisa Brandvold. PHOTOS: EVA WADA

The Brownsville Community Chamber of Commerce invited the restaurant to operate the Pavilion Kitchen at Pioneer Park during Brownsville's Antique Faire and Car Show in August. It was the restaurant's first off-site event, and without the benefit of a food truck, a crew of six served a five-item menu from the park kitchen.



Elizabeth Kaniaupio enjoys The Honey Hole's signature Halsey Painkiller. Kaniaupio has been a regular at 10 W. First St. since before Tim and Lisa Brandvold opened The Honey Hole Bar & Grill in 2023.

By the end of the event, they had sold out after serving three 15-pound briskets, 30 pounds of chicken, and more than 200 hamburgers.

"We were thrilled that the chamber got wonderful feedback for our food and our service," Brandvold said. "It was a thrill for everybody, and we would definitely consider doing it again."

The restaurant has also been expanding at home. Brandvold recently built a fenced outdoor patio with a "Buddy Bar," umbrella-shaded picnic tables, and a custom cornhole game, a gift from patrons Marcella Holmes and her father.

The outdoor area also provides space for live entertainment. Classic rock band Shatterproof performed on the outdoor stage this summer, while weekly offerings at The Honey Hole include Taco Thursdays and rotating food specials.

One of those specials is a 15-hour smoked brisket smash burger. Regular customer Brian Olson said customers interested in the smoker specials should arrive early.

"There is a limited supply when served, and they run out quickly," Olson said.

The Honey Hole also has its own signature cocktail, the Halsey Painkiller, a tropical drink made with Parrot Bay rum, coconut milk, fruit juices, and nutmeg and served in a pineapple-shaped glass.

From feeding hundreds of visitors in Brownsville to adding music and outdoor gathering space in Halsey, the Brandvolds continue to find new ways to build on what they started when they took over the tavern nearly three years ago.

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CENTRAL LINN GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY

Cobras Ranked No. 6 in Preseason Poll

By Tony Koontz, Sports Editor

The Central Linn girls' cross country team will open the 2026 season with high expectations after earning the No. 6 spot in the preseason poll for Class 2A schools, as voted on by OSAA coaches.

The ranking reflects the program's continued success and the strength of a talented group of returning runners. After strong performances in recent seasons, the Cobras enter the fall looking to establish themselves as one of the top 2A teams in the state.

Central Linn runners have spent the preseason preparing through challenging workouts designed to build endurance, improve race times, and strengthen the team as a whole. With experienced athletes returning and another season of competition ahead, the team hopes to continue building on its recent success.

Cross country is as much a team sport as an individual challenge, and Central Linn will rely on consistent performances throughout its lineup as the season progresses.

The No. 6 preseason ranking from OSAA coaches gives the Cobras an early indication of how highly the program is regarded statewide, but the team will have plenty of opportunities to prove itself once racing begins.

With high expectations and a determined group of runners, Central Linn will be looking to move even higher in the rankings and make another strong run toward the postseason.

CENTRAL LINN CROSS COUNTRY

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION
Sat., Sept. 12	9 a.m.	Stayton XC Invitational	Stayton Middle School Nature Trails, Stayton
Wed., Sept. 16		Silver Falls Oktoberfest Invitational	Silver Falls State Park
Sat., Sept. 19	10 a.m.	Northwest Classic Sponsored by Steens Mountain Running Camp	Lane Community College, Eugene
Fri., Sept. 25	3 p.m.	Champs Invite (1A–3A Only)	Cheadle Lake Park, Lebanon



CENTRAL LINN FOOTBALL

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TYPE / NOTES
Fri., Sept. 11	**7 p.m.**	**Colton**	**Home**	**Non-League**
Fri., Sept. 18	**7 p.m.**	**La Pine**	**Home**	**Non-League**
Fri., Sept. 25	7 p.m.	Irrigon	Away	Non-League



CENTRAL LINN GIRLS' SOCCER

Cobras Open Soccer Season With 6-2 Loss to Riverdale

By Tony Koontz, Sports Editor

HALSEY — The Central Linn girls soccer team opened the 2026 season Tuesday, Sept. 1, with a 6–2 loss to Riverdale/Riverside in a nonleague match at Central Linn Elementary School.

The Cobras were able to find the net twice in their season debut, but Riverdale's offense proved difficult to contain, scoring six goals to earn the road victory.

The match marked the first game of the season for both teams. Central Linn fell to 0–1 with the loss, while Riverdale improved to 1–0.

Although the season did not begin with the result the Cobras hoped for, the early nonleague contest gives Central Linn an opportunity to identify areas for improvement before the team moves into the heart of its schedule.

The Cobras will have a quick opportunity to rebound when they host Sutherlin at 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3. Sutherlin enters the contest 1–0 after opening its season with a 4–0 victory over La Pine.

Central Linn will then open league play Tuesday, Sept. 8, with a 4:30 p.m. road match against Sisters.

CENTRAL LINN GIRLS SOCCER

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TYPE / NOTES
Thu., Sept. 10	**4:30 p.m.**	**Sweet Home**	**Home**	**League**
Tue., Sept. 15	4:30 p.m.	La Pine	Away	League
Thu., Sept. 17	**4:30 p.m.**	**Pleasant Hill**	**Home**	**League**
Thurs., Sept. 24	4 p.m.	Crosshill Christian	Away	League
Mon., Sept. 28	**4:30 p.m.**	**Creswell**	**Home**	**League**
Weds., Sept. 30	**4:30 p.m.**	**Sisters**	**Home**	**League**



CENTRAL LINN VOLLEYBALL

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TYPE / NOTES
Thu., Sept. 10	6 p.m.	Toledo	Away	League
Mon., Sept. 14	6 p.m.	Reedsport	Away	Non-League
Tue., Sept. 15	**6 p.m.**	**Oakridge**	**Home**	**League**
Thu., Sept. 17	6 p.m.	Monroe	Away	League
Fri., Sept. 18	6 p.m.	Country Christian	Away	Non-League
Tue., Sept. 22	**6 p.m.**	**Lowell**	**Home**	**League**
Thu., Sept. 24	**6 p.m.**	**East Linn Christian**	**Home**	**League**
Tue., Sept. 29	6 p.m.	Crosshill Christian	Away	League



HARRISBURG FOOTBALL

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TYPE / NOTES
Fri., Sept. 11	**7 p.m.**	**Creswell**	**Home**	**Eaglemania**
Fri., Sept. 18	7 p.m.	Salem Academy	Away	League
Fri., Sept. 25	**7 p.m.**	**Scio**	**Home**	**League**



HARRISBURG GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TYPE / NOTES
Thurs., Sept. 10	**6 p.m.**	**Amity**	**Home**	**Non-League**
Sat., Sept. 12	8 a.m.	Cascade	Away	Non-League Tournament
Tues., Sept. 15	6:30 p.m.	Gervais	Away	League
Thurs., Sept. 17	**6:30 p.m.**	**Jefferson**	**Home**	**League**
Tues., Sept. 22	6:30 p.m.	Scio	Away	League
Thurs., Sept. 24	6:30 p.m.	Salem Academy	Away	League
Sat., Sept. 26	Noon	Creswell	Away	Non-League Tournament
Tues., Sept. 29	**6 p.m.**	**Blanchet Catholic**	**Home**	**League**



HARRISBURG CROSS COUNTRY

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION
Sat., Sept. 12	9 a.m.	Stayton XC Invitational	Stayton Middle School Nature Trails, Stayton HS
Wed., Sept. 16	TBD	Silver Falls Oktoberfest Invitational	Silver Falls State Park, Silverton HS
Sat., Sept. 19	9:45 a.m.	Prefontaine Memorial Run	Marshfield HS, Coos Bay
Fri., Sept. 25	4 p.m.	Champs Invite (1A-3A Only)	Cheadle Lake Park, Lebanon



JEFFERSON FOOTBALL

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TYPE / NOTES
Fri., Sept. 11	**6 p.m.**	**Illinois Valley**	**Home**	**Non-League**
Fri., Sept. 18	**7 p.m.**	**Willamina**	**Home**	**League**
Fri., Sept. 25	7 p.m.	Colton	Away	League



JEFFERSON GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TYPE / NOTES
Thurs., Sept. 10	**6 p.m.**	**Neah-Kah-Nie**	**Home**	**Non-League**
Sat., Sept. 12	**9 a.m.**	**Blanchet Catholic**	**Home**	**Non-League Tournament**
Tues., Sept. 15	6:30 p.m.	Scio	Away	League
Thurs., Sept. 17	6:30 p.m.	Harrisburg	Away	League
Sat., Sept. 19	**9 a.m.**	**Neah-Kah-Nie HS**	**Home**	**Non-League Tournament**
Tues., Sept. 22	**6:30 p.m.**	**Blanchet Catholic**	**Home**	**League**
Thurs., Sept. 24	6 p.m.	Gervais	Away	League
Tues., Sept. 29	**6:30 p.m.**	**Salem Academy**	**Home**	**League**





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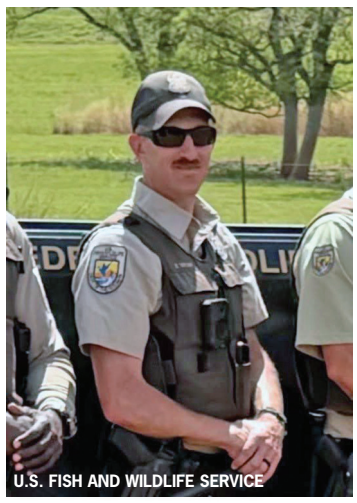
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Scio Native Dies Helping Residents Escape Oklahoma Wildfire

SCIO — David Taylor, 38, a Scio native and federal wildlife officer, died Aug. 29 while helping residents evacuate from the Railroad South Fire in Comanche County, Oklahoma.



Federal wildlife officer David Taylor, 38, of Scio, is believed to have died Aug. 29 while helping residents evacuate from the Railroad South Fire in Comanche County, Oklahoma.

According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Taylor was going door to door alongside local emergency crews, helping families get to safety as the wildfire threatened the area. His last contact with dispatch came while he was helping a family evacuate their home.

Evidence recovered from a structure where Taylor was assisting a resident indicated he died during the evacuation effort. The agency said Taylor's actions reflected "extraordinary courage, selflessness and devotion to duty."

Taylor had deep roots in Scio. According to KGW, which interviewed his family following his death, he was born and raised in Scio and graduated from Scio High School in 2006. He worked for local farmers while growing up and volunteered with the Scio Rural Fire District. Taylor also attended Scio Baptist Church, where he was involved with the youth group and worship team.

Taylor continued his commitment to service through a 20-year career in the U.S. Navy and Navy Reserve. He attained the rank of senior chief petty officer and completed five deployments — one to Iraq and four to Africa.

He later pursued a career in wildlife law enforcement. Taylor served at Rio Mora and Las Vegas national wildlife refuges in New Mexico before joining Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge in Oklahoma.

KGW reported that Taylor is survived by his wife, Shay, and their young son, Teddy.

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Saturday, Sept. 19, at 1 p.m. at the Brownsville Assembly of God, 313 Washburn St., Brownsville.

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Scio Man Dies After Injury at Linn County Jail

A 57-year-old Scio man died Aug. 29 after suffering a head injury while in custody at the Linn County Jail.

According to the Linn County Sheriff's Office, deputies found Ronald Rambo unresponsive but breathing in his cell at about 5:33 a.m. Aug. 22. Deputies began lifesaving measures, and Rambo was transported to Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center in Corvallis.

Investigators determined Rambo likely fell from the top bunk in his cell and struck his head. He was alone in the cell at the time. Rambo remained hospitalized until his death Aug. 29.

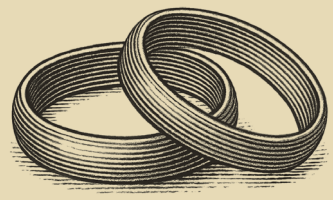
The State Medical Examiner's Office assisted with the investigation.

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Dishion Hallmark also carried her love of running from Central Linn into her military career. She competed in cross-country and track in high school and continued running after joining the Air Force. From 2018 through 2020, she was selected to represent the Air Force on its marathon and cross-country teams. She competed in the U.S. Cross Country National Championships and ran the Air Force Marathon, Marine Corps Marathon, and Boston Marathon.



Senior Master Sgt. Tiffany Dishion Hallmark, a 2006 Central Linn High School graduate, will spend her final day in uniform Sept. 11, exactly 25 years after the attacks that helped inspire her Air Force career. She retires after 20 years of service.

Running will also play a role as she closes her military career. On Nov. 1, Dishion Hallmark plans to run the New York City Marathon to celebrate her retirement and raise money for Team New Ground Inc., an organization that uses social work to help break the cycle of veteran homelessness. The cause also connects with the next chapter of her life. Dishion Hallmark has returned to school to study social work and plans to transition from cyberspace operations into civilian life.

Her final day in uniform will be Sept. 11, exactly 25 years after the attacks that led her to decide to serve. She will then begin her final leave, and her Air Force retirement will become effective Dec. 1.

For Dishion Hallmark, the anniversary brings her journey full circle. The events she watched unfold as a young Central Linn student helped inspire two decades of military service. Now, as a senior master sergeant preparing to retire, she plans to continue serving others through social work and support for fellow veterans.

Donations to Dishion Hallmark's New York City Marathon fundraiser for Team New Ground can be made at https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/RunNG2026/TiffanyHallmark.

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son, 11 at the time, and I got to the living room just as the second plane hit the tower live. We were stunned." Like millions of Americans, they stayed near the television, watching the tragedy unfold.

Scott Buzzard of Harrisburg was living in Silverton with his wife, Kim. His radio alarm went off at 5:45 a.m. "At that point we turned on the TV to see what they were talking about. I remember watching it unfold and thinking to myself how it seemed so surreal."

Craig McKern remembers his wife walking into the TV room and saying simply, 'You should see this.' "Our jaws hung open as we watched."

For Larissa Gangle of Halsey, Sept. 11 fell during a family trip to Disneyland. She was 14 and had arrived in Anaheim, California, the day before. "The excitement of being a teenager at Disneyland was replaced by fear and disbelief as we sat glued to the television in our hotel room, watching the attacks unfold and wondering whether there were more targets to come." Her family eventually went to Disneyland, but the carefree feeling was gone.

Nearly 3,000 people were killed on Sept. 11, 2001, when terrorists hijacked four commercial airplanes and attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. A fourth plane crashed near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, after passengers and crew fought back. Twenty-five years later, America remembers those who were lost, those who rushed toward danger to help others, and the families who carried the weight of that day.

Here, in the Central Willamette Valley, remembrance also lives in small moments — a radio in an old Honda, a school bus arriving for kindergarten, families gathered around televisions, and travelers searching for a way home. These are memories of an ordinary Tuesday morning that became a defining moment in American history.

And 25 years later, we remember the moment we understood that the world had changed.

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OHA Approval Moves Samaritan-MultiCare Affiliation Forward

$700 million investment planned over 10 years; no immediate changes for patients

The Oregon Health Authority has approved the proposed affiliation between Samaritan Health Services and MultiCare Health System, bringing the two nonprofit health systems closer to completing the transaction.

For local patients, nothing changes immediately. Samaritan and MultiCare will continue operating independently until the transaction is finalized, which the organizations expect to occur early in the fourth quarter of this year.



Jennifer Kimberlain, vice-president of Patient Care Services for Samaritan's critical access hospitals, chats with MultiCare CEO Bill Robertson during a tour of Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital.

Patients can continue seeing their Samaritan providers, keep scheduled appointments, use Samaritan pharmacies, and access health information through MyChart. Samaritan also says there are no planned changes through 2027 to the health insurance plans it accepts or to the types of plans offered by Samaritan Health Plans.

"This approval is an important step forward for the communities we serve," said Samaritan President and CEO Marty Cahill. "Our affiliation with MultiCare will provide additional resources to invest in our workforce, facilities, technology, and services — and help make it easier for people to receive high-quality care close to home."

Samaritan operates five hospitals, including Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital, as well as physician clinics and health insurance plans that serve more than 280,000 residents across Linn, Benton and Lincoln counties.

Once the affiliation is complete, MultiCare has committed to investing $700 million over 10 years in Samaritan's service area. According to the health systems, the funds will be used to expand access to care, recruit and retain health care providers, upgrade facilities and technology, and bring additional services closer to patients.

The Oregon Health Authority's approval includes conditions to protect access to health care as the two organizations move forward. The affiliation is not yet final, and additional regulatory, legal, and administrative steps remain before the transaction can close.

Samaritan and MultiCare first announced plans to affiliate in 2025. MultiCare is a nonprofit health system with more than 300 care locations and 13 hospitals throughout Washington state.

Sarah's Place Marks 10 Years Serving Survivors



Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners at Sarah's Place provide specialized, trauma-informed care to survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and non-fatal strangulation. Sarah's Place at Samaritan Albany General Hospital is celebrating 10 years of serving survivors.

ALBANY — The hours following a sexual assault or violent crime are overwhelming, leaving survivors to cope with physical injuries, emotional trauma, and hard choices. For the past 10 years, Sarah's Place at Samaritan Albany General Hospital has provided specialized, trauma-informed care for survivors across Benton, Lincoln, Linn, and surrounding counties.

Since opening in August 2016, Sarah's Place has cared for more than 2,346 patients, providing specialized care that prioritizes emotional safety, privacy, and personal autonomy. Unlike a traditional emergency department visit, care is delivered by Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs), who have advanced training in trauma care. These specialized nurses conduct forensic exams, document injuries, and gather evidence only when a patient explicitly chooses to proceed.

"Our role is about so much more than collecting evidence," said Shelli Dalton, a SANE nurse at Samaritan Albany General Hospital. "We want patients to feel safe and know they have choices. We explain what we're doing, ask for consent, and give them the opportunity to decide what they're comfortable with throughout the exam."

Before Sarah's Place opened, local survivors typically received care in busy emergency departments. Today, they have access to a dedicated private space outside the main emergency room. This focused approach reduces how often survivors must retell their story. By working alongside advocates, law enforcement, and other community partners, the team coordinates care so patients can focus on their immediate needs rather than navigating multiple systems alone.

The impact of the center extends throughout the region. Patients and families receive guidance during critical moments, while healthcare providers and legal teams gain a trusted partner with specialized medical expertise. Dalton noted that a community is ultimately measured by how it cares for people in their most vulnerable moments, adding that compassionate care benefits the entire community.

Sarah's Place was established through a partnership between Samaritan Health Services, community partners, and Albany General Hospital Foundation donors who recognized the need for a dedicated response to sexual assault and other forms of interpersonal violence. A decade later, that commitment continues to help ensure survivors across the region have access to specialized care close to home.

Community members can support the center by donating through the Albany General Hospital Foundation at https://samhealth.org/AGHF. Additional details regarding medical services and community resources are available at https://samhealth.org/SarahsPlace.

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BROWNSVILLE COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Joe Glow Hosts August Chamber Member Mixer

BROWNSVILLE — An internationally recognized facial massage expert, a future bookkeeping business owner, longtime community volunteers, and one particularly social cat were among those gathered Friday, Aug. 28, for the Brownsville Community Chamber of Commerce Member Mixer at Joe Glow.

Host Joe Glow introduced Chamber members and guests to a business that has earned recognition well beyond Brownsville. A two-time International Skin Games champion, Glow has 10 years of experience in the wellness industry and is a Paul Mitchell-trained master esthetician and graduate of the Utah College of Massage Therapy.

Glow is known for his signature facial massage flow, combining body mechanics with specialized massage techniques. He also talked about some of the less familiar services he offers, including intraoral massage techniques.

And while his work has earned international recognition, his business is right here in Brownsville.

Chamber President Aleaha Myers invited those attending to go around the room and introduce themselves and their businesses or community involvement.

New Chamber Secretary Wendi Vodden attended with her husband and introduced members to her Halsey business, Kleen Solutions Chemicals, also known as KS Chems. In addition to restaurant-focused products, the company sells janitorial and cleaning supplies to a variety of businesses. Vodden's husband works in RV conversions.

Lauren and Paul Sinz shared information about Brownsville's Historic Ross Averill House, their short-term rental in downtown Brownsville. Tara and Jeff Smith of Janky Bird attended, along with Rick Petersen of Alyrica.

Individual members Jeff and Mary Brown also joined the gathering. Jeff Brown, who serves on several nonprofit boards and is a member of the American Legion, spoke about Meals on Wheels and its need for additional volunteer drivers.

Potential new member Nickey Slupe attended with her daughter, Shay, from Koala-T Bookkeeping & Tax LLC. Slupe plans to take over Pioneer Bookkeeping later this year.

Lynlee Bishoff dropped in after mixing up the date of another event in town and discovered a familiar setting. Years ago, she operated her massage business in the space now occupied by Joe Glow.

Perhaps the evening's most memorable guest was Jackson, Barbara Andersen's very social cat from Earth & Sky Fibreworks. Jackson is becoming something of a Chamber Mixer regular, having also attended a gathering last summer at Lauren and Paul Sinz's.

Guests enjoyed Trader Joe's sodas, wine, and nuts, along with brownie bites, crispy rice treats, and zucchini bread bites from Mema's Country Kitchen.

Planning is underway for another Chamber Member Mixer in October.



From left, Mary Brown, Tara Smith, Lynlee Bischoff, Jeff Brown, Wendi Vodden and Chamber President Aleaha Myers visit during the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce Member Mixer at Joe Glow Aug. 28.

Mani-Pedi Anyone?

By Barbara Andersen, Staff Writer and Copy Editor

BROWNSVILLE — If you've spent much time at Randy's Main Street Coffee over the past five years, you probably recognize Ryleigh Nofziger as one of the cheerful, capable young women working the front counter and in the back putting your food together.



Ryleigh Nofziger has joined Adrienne Olson at Main Street Salon in Brownsville, where she is now accepting clients for manicures, acrylics, builder gels, and pedicures.

For the past three months, Ryleigh has been taking courses at the Northwest College School of Beauty to earn her license as a manicurist and pedicurist. On Sept. 1, she joined Adrienne Olson at Main Street Salon in Brownsville, where she is accepting clients for manicures, acrylics, builder gels, and pedicures.

Ryleigh has her own manicure station and a newly acquired pedicure chair and is available Monday through Friday. Adrienne will continue to see clients Monday through Wednesday.

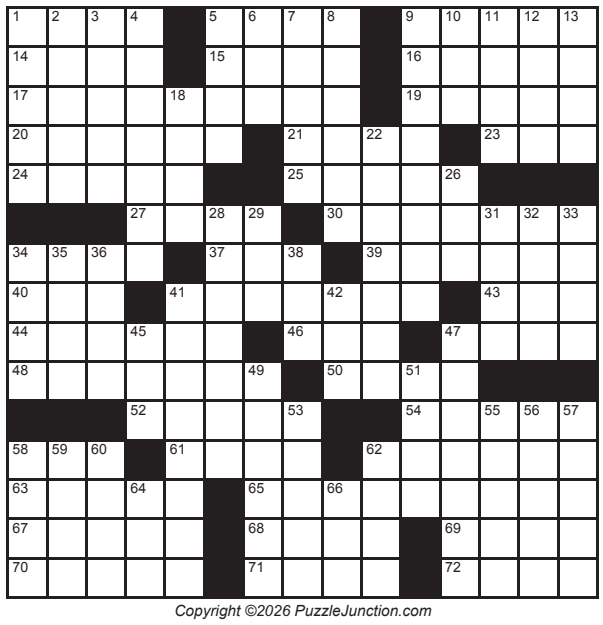
Adrienne has not been accepting new clients for three years now, which has meant turning away many potential customers. She is excited to have Ryleigh join her and to offer more availability at the Salon. Adrienne is not cutting back her hours and will continue offering manicures, pedicures, and waxing to her clients.

Ryleigh is excited to start this new chapter but is also sad to leave Randy's after five years. She is grateful for their support of her goals and flexibility with her class schedule. This fall, she plans to pursue her esthetician license and may add those services later.

If you need a little polish on your toes, pretty nails, or just some lovely pampering, make an appointment with Ryleigh by calling 541-974-6848. She's open for business.

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SHERIFF'S REPORT AUGUST 30–SEPTEMBER 6

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.

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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

Mon., Aug. 31, 4:34 a.m. — Sten Weld, 31, of Sweet Home, was cited for speeding in the 37700 block of Hwy 228 near Northern Dr.

5:03 a.m. — Lucas Ross, 41, of Sweet Home, was cited for speeding in the 37700 block of Hwy 228 near Northern Dr.

5:24 a.m. — Michael Reves, 22, of Sweet Home, was cited for speeding in the 37700 block of Hwy 228 near Northern Dr.

5:39 a.m. — Lucas Pickle, 21, of Sweet Home, was cited for speeding in the 38300 block of Hwy 228 near Northern Dr.

5:54 p.m. — Deputy took a report of a civil dispute over an easement in the 800 block of River Ave.

Tue., Sept. 1, 3:07 p.m. — Shannon Trask, 46, of Sweet Home, was cited for driving while suspended and arrested on an outstanding Linn County Justice Court warrant. Trask was transported to the Linn County Jail. Report taken.

Wed., Sept. 2, 4:39 p.m. — Deputy provided an incident number for a minor collision reported in the 400 block of N Main St. The parties had exchanged information and left the scene before calling.

6:14 p.m. — Deputy responded to an injury-related motor vehicle crash in the 35200 block of Hwy 228 near Hume St. Report taken.

Thu., Sept. 3, 1:49 p.m. — Ryan Helms, 37, of Sweet Home, was cited for speeding 67 in a 55-mph zone, failing to carry proof of insurance, and operating without a license, in the 700 block of W. Bishop Way near Pearl St.

CRABTREE

Tue., Sept. 1, 1:38 p.m. — Christopher Rentz, 53, of Sweet Home, was cited for driving uninsured in the 37300 block of Crabtree Dr.

4:53 p.m. — Alex Yoder, 38, of Sweet Home, was arrested for driving while suspended, a misdemeanor, in the 36900 block of Hwy 226 near Cold Springs Rd.

DRAPERVILLE

Mon., Aug. 31, 12:20 a.m. — Dakota Duncan, 18, of Albany, was arrested for contempt of court in the 37100 block of Scravel Hill Rd. Report taken.

Wed., Sept. 2, 10:19 a.m. — Deputies responded to a trespass in the 37400 block of Scravel Hill Rd. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

HALSEY

Sun., Aug. 30, 1:40 p.m. — Caleb Davis, 32, of Lebanon, was cited for driving uninsured in the 100 block of W G St., near W 2nd St.

Mon., Aug. 31, 4:01 p.m. — Chandler Melvin, 28, of Sutherlin, was cited for driving while suspended and for an equipment violation in the 000 block of NW 2nd St.

Tue., Sept. 1, 11:31 a.m. — Vanessa Inman, 32, of Harrisburg, was cited for driving uninsured and driving while suspended in the 26600 block of Hwy 99E.

Wed., Sept. 2, 11:56 a.m. — Deputies responded to a complex scam involving the buying and trading of cryptocurrency via Coinbase and the Base apps in the 30900 block of Nixon Dr. Report taken.

Thu., Sept. 3, 2:59 p.m. — Deputies responded to a report of stolen property in the 25200 block of Hwy 99E. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

HARRISBURG

Sun., Aug. 30, 9:28 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a cougar sighting in the 32900 block of Diamond Hill Dr. No evidence of a cougar was found.

Mon., Aug. 31, 12:14 p.m. — Deputy spoke with a caller regarding a neighbor throwing burnt wood and cigarette butts into the yard in the 700 block of Gaileen Way. Deputy then spoke with the neighbor, who was unaware that others in the household were responsible, and ensured he would resolve the issue. Information logged.

Tue., Sept. 1, 10:33 a.m. — Brady Hoosema, 32, of Canada, was cited for speeding in the 400 block of S 3rd St.

3:55 p.m. — Caller reported that a female sprayed rocks at her with a lawn mower in the 700 block of Smith St. due to the female being confused about her property line. Non-criminal.

Wed., Sept. 2, 5:37 a.m. — Will Harvel, 33, of Harrisburg, was cited for unreasonable noise in the 100 block of Smith St.

5:42 a.m. — Deputy responded to a traffic hazard in the 100 block of S 3rd St near Smith St. A kitchen stove was found partially in the roadway. The stove was moved out of the roadway.

10:51 a.m. — A non-injury motor vehicle accident was reported in the 800 block of S 3rd St. No public narrative available.

6:57 p.m. — Deputy responded to and investigated a reported domestic dispute in the 500 block of N 7th St. Resources were provided.

JEFFERSON

Wed., Sept. 2, 10:20 p.m. — Ruben Valencia Alcazar, 19, of California, was arrested for failing to carry and present a license in the 39300 block of Hwy 99E. He was transported to the Linn County Jail without incident. Report taken.

11:37 p.m. — Deputies investigated a possible stalking reported in the 38300 block of Kelly Rd. and determined it was a civil matter involving a former couple.

Thu., Sept. 3, 6:34 p.m. — Deputy attempted to locate two vehicles that were cutting cookies in the roadway in the 36400 block of Jefferson Scio Dr. near Kelly Rd. but was unable to locate them.

7:33 p.m. — Deputy slowed traffic for a broken-down vehicle in the 38900 block of Densmore Rd.

PEORIA/OAKVILLE

Wed., Sept. 2, 11:04 a.m. — Deputy responded to a non-injury motor vehicle crash in the 28500 block of Peoria Rd near Linn Co 211. Report taken.

12:07 p.m. — Marki Jakobson, 60, of Shedd, was cited for speeding in the 32000 block of Peoria Road near Church Drive.

SCIO

Sun., Aug. 30, 8:31 a.m. — Deputy removed a deceased cat from the roadway in the 38700 block of N Main St.

12:43 p.m. — Deputy checked on a male who was passed out on the side of the road in the 38800 block of NE Ash St. Medics checked the male and took him back home to rest.

Mon., Aug. 31, 6:26 a.m. — Marcus Rogers, 36, of Albany, was cited for speeding 78 in a 55-mph zone in the 38300 block of Richardson Gap Rd.

7:23 a.m. — Deputy welcomed students on the first day of school.

1:25 p.m. — Brian Samson, 24, of Lincoln City, was arrested for disorderly conduct II in the 39900 block of Sandner Dr. He was transported to the Linn County Jail. Report taken.

Tue., Sept. 1, 7:21 a.m. — Deputy spent time with kids at Scio Middle School on the first day of school for some grades.

1:52 p.m. — Deputy took a report of a hit-and-run involving a parked car in the 42200 block of Hwy 226. Report taken.

Wed., Sept. 2, 11:37 p.m. — A single-vehicle, non-injury motor vehicle crash was reported in the 37100 block of Robinson Dr. Non-criminal. Report taken.

Thu., Sept. 3, 8:13 a.m. — Deputies responded to a single-vehicle, injury-related motor vehicle crash in the 39000 block of Shelburn Dr. A man drove off the roadway and launched his truck over a creek bed. He sustained multiple fractures and cuts to his legs, arms, and face. Report taken.

8:28 p.m. — Deputy responded to a traffic hazard reported in the 36800 block of Freeman Rd. Several citizens, a deputy, and the road department responded to clear the tree that had fallen across the roadway.

SHEDD

Mon., Aug. 31, 11:42 a.m. — Deputy investigated a reported suspicious vehicle in the 28800 block of Frontage Rd.

Thu., Sept. 3, 8:29 a.m. — Deputies responded to a civil matter involving a report of fraud in the 29900 block of Saddle Butte Rd.

7:54 p.m. — Deputy transported an injured hawk to wildlife rescue after it was hit by a truck in the 30400 block of Boston Mill Dr., near Morgan Dr.

TANGENT

Sun., Aug. 30, 8:12 a.m. — A hot air balloon landed on the shoulder of 99E near Driver Rd., blocking both lanes of traffic.

4:10 p.m. — Joseph Bagg, 42, of Lebanon, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured in the 33300 block of Hwy 99E. Bagg was also warned for additional offenses.

Mon., Aug. 31, 11:15 a.m. — Deputy began a vehicle theft investigation in the 32800 block of Hwy 99E. Report taken.

Wed., Sept. 2, 7:52 a.m. — Skylar McCollaum, 37, of Tangent, was arrested for Domestic Assault IV in the 33000 block of Hwy 99E.

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NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

Everything Was There... Somewhere

By Jeff Brown, Staff Writer and Columnist

Last week, Tom learned that waiting until an evacuation begins is the wrong time to fill the gas tank or to discover you don't have cash on hand. This week, another fictional story highlights a different problem families may not consider until an emergency is already unfolding: having what you need but not knowing where to find it.

September is National Preparedness Month, and one of the simplest pieces of advice from emergency officials is to know where important supplies and documents are before you need them. That may sound obvious, but during an emergency, being unprepared isn't always about what you don't have. Sometimes it's about not being able to find what you need when time matters.

Susan learned that lesson the hard way. She isn't a real person, but her story reflects situations that can arise during evacuations. When an evacuation notice was issued, she was confident she could be out the door in 15 minutes.

Instead, she spent nearly an hour searching through her home.

The flashlight was somewhere in the garage. Extra batteries had been moved months earlier. Prescription medications were scattered across the bathroom, kitchen, and bedroom. The pet carrier hadn't been used in years, and the bag of pet food was nearly empty. Important documents were tucked away in a filing cabinet, but it took several minutes to remember which drawer held the insurance papers.

Fortunately, Susan had enough time to gather what she needed and leave safely. However, after returning home, she realized she already owned nearly everything emergency officials recommend. What she lacked wasn't supplies — it was organization.

Over the following weekend, she packed a simple go bag, gathered important documents in a waterproof container, organized medications, and assembled enough food and supplies for herself and her pet. The project took only a few hours, yet it eliminated much of the uncertainty she had faced during the evacuation.

Preparedness doesn't have to be expensive or complicated. In many cases, it simply means organizing what you already have before an emergency forces you to act.

National Preparedness Month is a helpful reminder to spend an afternoon locating important documents, checking emergency supplies, and ensuring everyone in the household — including pets — can leave quickly if necessary.

Next Week: Mark discovers just how dependent we've become on our cell phones — and what happens when the battery dies.

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175 Years of Brownsville History
Part 3 of 5: The White Family's Long Chapter

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer and Columnist

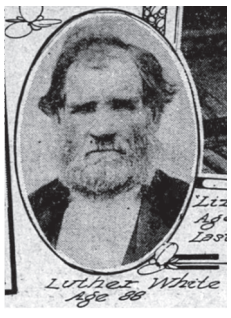
BROWNSVILLE — Last week, Part 2 traced the history of the house at 189 Washburn St. through the Bishop family and introduced the Rev. Luther White and his wife, Martha, who would begin one of the property's longest family connections.

The Whites purchased the property from the Bishops on Aug. 5, 1884, for $300, though they may have lived there earlier, after retiring from their farm south of Brownsville.

Luther White's life spanned nearly a century. His father, John White, fought in the Revolutionary War and was 53 when Luther was born. Luther became a farmer, land surveyor, teacher, and Presbyterian preacher. He was also the first land surveyor for Linn and Lane counties, served in the Oregon Legislature in 1852, served as Brownsville city recorder for two terms, and chaired the first Republican convention in Linn County. He later aligned with the Prohibition Party.

The Whites had 11 children: Sarah Elizabeth, John Hugh, Eliza Elenor, Silas Shelton, Samuel Thurston, Mary Adeline, Finis E., Rose B., Martha Ann, Marguerite, and Robert Luther. Many died before reaching old age — a sober reminder of how fragile life was in the 19th century.

Martha White died of la grippe (influenza) on Jan. 4, 1894, at the Brownsville house. Luther remained in the home for nearly two more decades. He died there on Nov. 13, 1913, at age 98. Both were buried in White Cemetery on the old homestead south of Brownsville.





Luther and Martha Ann Mansfield White made their home at 189 Washburn St. after retiring from their farm south of Brownsville. Martha died there in 1894, and Luther remained in the home until his death in 1913 at age 98.

After Luther's death, his daughter Orpha Rosetta "Rose" B. White remained in the house. Born in 1860 on the family homestead, Rose attended and graduated from the University of Oregon. She taught school in Linn County, including in the Lacomb and Albany areas, before settling in Brownsville to care for her father.

On Dec. 27, 1897, Luther sold the house and property to Rose for $10.

After her father died, Rose lived quietly and kept largely to herself. In March 1916, neighbors noticed she had not been seen for several days. Deputy Sheriff Wolfe was called and broke into the home. Rose was found dead on the living room couch, in front of the fireplace.

She was 56.



Washburn Street, circa 1900, around the time Rose White owned the property at 189 Washburn St. The White family home is visible at right, distinguished by its dark exterior and light-colored trim.

The house then passed into the hands of her brother, Robert Luther White, the last surviving child of Luther and Martha White.

Coming next: Sheriffs, storekeepers, and a South Brownsville in transition.

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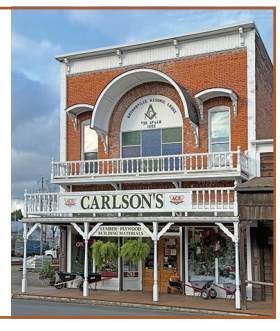
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