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Tangent Farmer's Market Wraps Up Successful Season

by Staff Writer, Jeff Brown

TANGENT — The final Tangent Farmer's Market of the season took place on August 9 at the Riverland Rentals parking area, concluding a series of well-attended events held on June 14 and July 12. These markets have become an important part of the community, highlighting local artisans and farmers while providing a gathering space for residents.

Leslie Harrison, Chairperson of the organizing committee, expressed satisfaction with the season's outcomes. "These have been a great success. We are already working towards next year, and a few other projects along the way," she stated, indicating the positive reception from both vendors and attendees.

During my visit, I handed out free newspapers and spoke with several vendors about their products. Each booth was engaging, and many vendors were eager to share details about their offerings.

Amber Brown from Rooted Wild Botanicals, based in Toledo, Oregon, explained that she grows or forages all the herbs and plants she sells, focusing

on sustainability and local sourcing.

Mary Moon, who runs MentalFusion, produces glass art using a microwave, a method that has gained recognition among shoppers looking for unique items. "I love being able to create these pieces right at home," she mentioned.

Tanya Rue, of RePete's Mixing Bowl, specializes in cakes, cookies, and breads. She explained that her business name pays tribute to her grandmother, Pete, with whom she spent a lot of time in the kitchen and garden growing up, and is a nod to her grandfather's nickname for her, "RePete."

I also spoke with Shay Brunson from Party Perfection of Oregon, who was painting a young visitor, Adym Butler, in colorful dragon designs. Shay hires high school students from Albany to assist with her projects, emphasizing her goal of teaching them valuable skills. "It's great to see them grow and develop their talents," she noted.

Community engagement was evident

at the market, as Mayor Loel Trulove, Jr., who also serves as a lieutenant in the Tangent Fire Department, was present alongside fellow firefighters. His dual role in the community has garnered recognition and appreciation from many residents.

At Santos House of Bread, Isabella and Gabriel Santos received attention, particularly Isabella, who wore a mid-to-late 1800s dress. She shared that both she and her husband actively participate in local Civil War reenactments, further connecting with community history. I remember seeing them at the Brooks Steam up a couple of weeks ago.

The Tangent Farmer's Market has made a positive impact, showcasing local vendors and strengthening community ties. Plans for next year's market are already underway, with enthusiasm for continuing this local tradition.



Tanya Rue, owner of RePete's Mixing Bowl



Isabella and Gabriel Santos of Santos House of Bread

Faces from the Tangent Market



Loel Trulove, Jr., Mayor of Tangent and Lieutenant at Tangent Fire District



Adym Butler gets his face painted by Shay Brunson from Party Perfection.



Annie Duffy, owner, Backwoods Home Magazine



Jade Davidson, owner, Jade's Flower Patch

Brownsville Hosts Tim Foust & Friends for 5th Annual Oregon Getaway

by Staff Writer, Sharon Banks



Singer Tim Foust, joined by Jeffrey East (left) and Chris Chatham (right), brought three days of music to the Holbrook property, Aug. 8-10.

Music fans enjoyed a special weekend as Tim Foust, the internationally acclaimed bass singer of Home Free, returned to Brownsville for his 5th Annual Oregon Getaway. This event is organized by Abe Sword, son of Laura Holbrook.

Abe has fond memories of the Brownsville Times, as the Holbrook's owned the Times in the early 1990s, when Abe was a writer and editor about thirty years ago. He later managed music at the WOW Hall in Eugene and subsequently became a band manager for Nashville-based musicians.

This year's event featured an unforgettable lineup of talent, featuring Adam Chance, Rob Lundquist, Ernie Halter, Jeffrey East, Buegs, and Chris Chatham, along with some other surprise guests. Fans enjoyed a weekend filled with exceptional harmonies, heartfelt ballads, toe-tapping favorites, and plenty of laughter from this close-knit group of performers.

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Dixie Creek Saloon Under New Management

By Staff Writer, Daniel R. Murphy

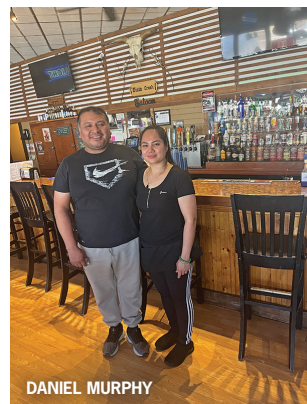
TANGENT — The lights are on, the beer is cold, and the Dixie Creek Saloon is open for business in Tangent, Oregon. Kim Lang Bun and Rafael Geronimo, are the new owners of the saloon. They took over on July 21, 2025.

The married couple own and operate Kim's Red Rose restaurant and lounge in Tigard, where they have been serving for three years. Ms. Bun, however, really wanted to do business in a rural setting, and Tangent is perfect for her dream. The couple sees tremendous potential both for the saloon and the Tangent area.

In addition to a full bar, they serve a number of beers on tap. They have a full-service kitchen and serve up a pub menu that anyone will be familiar with. They have live music at least once a week, and karaoke is also on the agenda. The place is clean and well-appointed with plenty of seating.

The saloon is open six days a week: Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon, and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

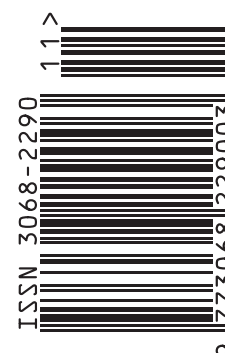
The Dixie Creek Saloon is located at 32944 OR-99E in Tangent, Oregon 97389.



Kim Lang Bun and Rafael Geronimo, new owners of Dixie Creek Saloon

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Brownsville Thursday Market

Thursdays, 3–7 p.m.
Held on Main Street just off Highway 228, this weekly market offers local produce, crafts, and more.
<https://www.calapooiafoodalliance.org>

Past, Present, and Future Relics – Museum of Techno Art Exhibition

August 1–31 • 10 a.m.–4 p.m. (Mon–Sat)
Janky Bird, 134 Spaulding Ave., Brownsville
A month-long exhibition showcasing imaginative, industrial-inspired art.

Free Coffee, Donuts, & Fellowship

Wednesday, August 20 • 9:30 a.m. at Central Valley Church, 657 American Drive (not a church sponsored event).

Dinner at the Park

Wednesday, August 20 • Serving at approx. 5:30 p.m.
Connect Linn County invites you to a free dinner with neighbors and friends on Wednesdays at Pioneer Park. Everyone is welcome. While supplies last.

Tangent Together Meeting

Thursday, August 21 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.
at Tangent Rural Fire District
Tangent Together is a volunteer-run nonprofit that hosts citywide events. Everyone is welcome to attend and help make them a success
<https://tangenttogether.org>

Halsey Summer BBQ & Movie Night

Friday, August 22 • Halsey Memorial Park
Join us for a free meal, followed by activities for the kiddos and “The Wild Robot”, a family-friendly movie.

Hands on History

Saturday, August 23, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
101 Park Ave., Brownsville
Linn County Museum Friends presents a family-friendly day of historical experiences. ALL DAY: Cider pressing, grinding wheat, panning for gold, spinning wool, making a candle, making a nail, cross-cutting logs, and more.

MUSIC: Truman Price, 10 a.m.–noon
Crazed Weasels, Noon–2 p.m.
Songs of Antiquity, 2–4p.m.

STORYTELLING in the Kirk Room: Kalapuyan Stories 10:15 a.m., 12:15 & 2:15 p.m. | Tales of Oregon’s Black Pioneers, 11:15 a.m., 1:15 & 3:15 p.m.

Festival of Tents (Private Event)

Labor Day Weekend, August 29-31 • Pioneer Park
Providing a unique opportunity to “camp in community” with people of all ages, sharing meals, listening to great speakers, worshiping God, praying, playing and fellowshiping with one another.
<http://www.festivaloftents.org>

Halsey City Hall Closed for Labor Day

Monday, September 1, 2025

Summer BBQ and Movie Night Set for Halsey Memorial Park

HALSEY — Families are encouraged to join us at Halsey Memorial Park on Friday, August 22, for the community’s Annual Summer BBQ and Movie Night. The event is free and guarantees an evening of great food, kids’ activities, and family-friendly entertainment.

Festivities will start at 6:30 p.m. in the park pavilion, where members of the Halsey Fire Department will light the grill for burgers and hot dogs. Guests can finish their meal with sides, drinks, and cookies. After dinner, children can enjoy games, activities, and face painting, all free of charge.

As dusk falls, around 8:30 p.m., families are encouraged to spread out their chairs and blankets for an outdoor screening of “The Wild Robot” (PG). The animated film tells the story of Roz, a robot who finds herself stranded on an uninhabited island. Through resourcefulness and compassion, she forms bonds with the island’s animals and cares for an orphaned gosling.

This year’s event features a food drive to support the Sharing Hands Food Bank in Brownsville. Attendees are encouraged to bring canned and boxed foods to donate. Donations will also be entered into a drawing for a “Family Movie Night” raffle basket, which includes treats and a DVD copy of “The Wild Robot.”

The food bank states that their most-needed items are condiments, sugar, jelly, peanut butter, tuna, crackers, pork and beans, and soups. Expired or non-shelf-stable items cannot be accepted.

The Summer BBQ and Movie Night has become a beloved tradition in Halsey, providing the community with an opportunity to gather for an evening of food, fun, and giving back.



Main & Oak Event Planning Launches with Local Roots in Tangent

TANGENT — A new Linn County business is promising to take the stress out of planning important gatherings. Main & Oak Event Planning, founded by Tangent’s Trina Henderson and Albany’s Linnea Everts, officially opened its doors Aug. 1 and is now booking events for the fall and winter seasons.

The company specializes in Celebrations of Life, corporate functions and seasonal gatherings, offering full-service planning and coordination. Henderson and Everts bring more than 25 years of combined experience to the table, along with a strong commitment to supporting local businesses. “You won’t find favors or décor from overseas here,” Henderson said. “We partner with our friends and neighbors to bring a genuine local connection to every event we plan.”

Henderson is well known in Tangent as president of the City Council and founder of Tangent Together, a nonprofit that organizes community events. Everts is active in Albany civic life, serving on the Albany Parks and Recreation Board and with the Albany Rotary Club. Together, the pair say their mission is to allow hosts to enjoy their events without the stress of planning.

“At Main & Oak, we ask our clients one simple question: Do you want to be the one behind the camera or the one in the memories?” Henderson said. “Our job is to handle every detail so you can focus on being present.”

For more information about Main and Oak visit <https://www.mainandoakeventplanner.com> or call 541-905-7736.

Submit your event and see more community events listed online at <https://brownsvilletimes.org/community-calendar>

No Brownsville August City Council Meeting

The Brownsville City Council will be in recess for August. Regular meetings will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2025, at 7 p.m. in Fisher Hall, upstairs at City Hall, 255 N. Main St.
The public is always welcome and invited to attend, and opportunities are provided at each meeting for public input. Copies of the materials provided to the City Council and agendas are available at City Hall and online at <https://www.ci.brownsville.or.us/citycouncil>. Please contact City Hall if you have any questions at 541-466-5880.

LINN COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

presents

Hands on History

FREE

101 Park Ave. Brownsville

Saturday, August 23

10 a.m.–4 p.m.

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PAN FOR GOLD

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PIONEER TOYS

TRAPPERS' CAMP

WAGON RIDES

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Hands on History Coming to Brownsville on August 23

BROWNSVILLE — Back for the fourth year, Hands on History returns to Brownsville from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 23, at Library Park, 101 Park Avenue.

It's a fun-filled day in the park experiencing traditional pioneer and Native American skills, activities and crafts.

It's free, fun and for the whole family.

Hands on History includes activities like beeswax candle dipping, cornhusk doll making and washing clothes in an old galvanized tub on a washboard, which is especially fun on a hot day.

"Can I try that?" is heard all over the park.

Individuals can listen to old time fiddlers, watch a mountain man load a flintlock rifle, hear authentic Kalapuyan stories, enjoy wagon rides and pan for gold.

There will also be opportunities to learn how obsidian projectile points are flaked, hear about challenges faced by Black pioneers, try your hand at spinning wool and more.

Everyone is invited to participate in authentic activities by experiencing them first-hand, which makes learning about local history fun.

Visiting the Linn County Historical Museum right next door enhances the history experience.



Mandy Cole, center, a staff member at the Linn County Historical Museum, is pictured with Gwen Carr, left, and Mariah Rocker, right, of the Oregon Black Pioneers. Members of that group will participate in Hands on History in Brownsville on August 23.

Hands on History is sponsored by the Linn County Museum Friends, a non-profit organization dedicated to sharing Linn County's history with the public. The Linn County Historical Museum is at 101 Park Ave. in downtown Brownsville. Library Park is next door to the museum.

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

Volunteer at The Times Office

Help keep your local paper thriving! We need friendly volunteers for front office shifts, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Monday-Saturday. Volunteers will be trained and follow a clear procedure manual

Some tasks include greeting walk-in visitors, answering the phone, and processing subscriptions and taking classified ads.

Sign up at <https://brownsvilletimes.org/volunteer>.

Brownsville Auxiliary Members Gather for Fellowship

by Cindy Stucky, President of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 184

BROWNSVILLE — Members of American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Unit 184 took a break from their busy schedules to spend time together over pizza at All Star Pizza in Sweet Home.

One member, who lives in Sweet Home, has been part of the ALA for more than 50 years. Several members are new to the area, and the gathering provided an opportunity to welcome them and strengthen connections.

The unit supports the Brownsville American Legion and serves veterans and their families throughout the community. Members volunteer in many ways, including staffing the Legion building so it is open daily from 9 a.m. to noon, keeping the facility clean, shopping for supplies, and helping provide medical equipment to those in need.

The unit's new year begins at its next meeting Tuesday, Sept. 9, at 7 p.m. Those interested in joining may call Cindy at 541-409-4849.

We are a small group that does great things.



Longtime members Mellouise Curry, Thelma Edwards, Judy Whitfield, and Bobbie Peebler represent decades of dedication to Brownsville's veterans through the American Legion Auxiliary.



Sharing stories and smiles, Auxiliary members Carolyn Steuer, Judy Clay, and Myrna Baughman enjoyed the evening gathering.



Marilee Frazier, Terri Snedden, and Connie Scaff pause for a photo during an evening filled with friendship.

FOUST

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The Oregon Getaway has become a beloved summer tradition, drawing the "super fans" of these musicians from across the world to experience not only the music but also the charm of historic Brownsville. Attendees often enjoy exploring local shops, sampling regional cuisine, and soaking up the warm hospitality the community is known for. These "super fans" have made a social connection through the music and keep in touch throughout the year on social media.

On Saturday, the fans picked blackberries (a joy we often take for granted) to make a blackberry cobbler that everyone could enjoy on Sunday morning.

"This event is as much about friendship and connection as it is about music," said Foust. "Every year, we get to create something magical together — onstage and off — and Brownsville has become the perfect backdrop for that magic."

The Oregon Getaway weekend provided live music, nature walks, picnics, and camping in a beautiful setting at the Holbrook Farm near Brownsville, Oregon.

More about Tim Foust's annual Oregon Getaway at <https://www.timfoustmusic.com>.



Daily retreat schedule



Surrounded by trees, the Rustic Stage at the Holbrooks' property offered welcome shade as Tim Foust & Friends entertained the event attendees.



Property owners John and Laura Holbrook relax and enjoy live music from the backyard stage of their home.



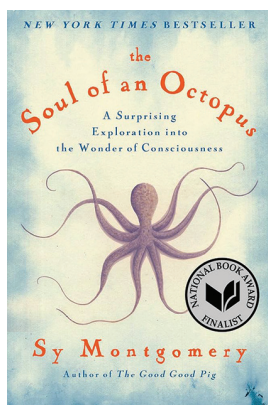
Event organizer Abe Sword, a former Brownsville Times editor and writer, visits with Sharon Banks before the concert.

BOOK REVIEW

Exploring the Minds of the Deep: A Review of The Soul of an Octopus

by Staff Writer, Nancy Diltz

Many books teach the reader much about the world and nature. The non-fiction book, “The Soul of an Octopus: A Surprising Exploration into the Wonder of Consciousness” by Sy Montgomery (2015) not only taught me interesting facts and information, but it impressed upon my mind and soul how phenomenal the world’s creatures are when we truly understand and relate to them. The scientific understanding of the amazing creature, the octopus, is tempered with emotion and connection in Sy Montgomery’s deep dive into the intellect and consciousness of this compelling animal.



While visiting an aquarium in Boston, Montgomery interacts with Athena, the Giant Pacific Octopus. After Athena’s death, Montgomery introduces herself to Octavia, Kali, and Karma, new octopus exhibits. Montgomery finds that her preconceptions about octopuses greatly differ after her experiences with the three that she is honored to befriend. She sees each octopus to have a unique personality with an uncanny ability to apply logical reasoning to solve problems.

Many interesting facts are included in the book, such as a female Giant Pacific octopus in the wild will lay 100,000 eggs and then protect them to the exclusion of everything, including eating. After successfully seeing the eggs hatch, the female will then die.

Each octopus is found to have specific likes and dislikes that they make clear regarding humans and other sea creatures they interact with. The octopus’s intelligence is demonstrated again and again with intriguing examples documented by Montgomery.

If you enjoy “The Soul of an Octopus,” you may like one of the other 36 Sy Montgomery books, such as “Becoming a Good Creature.” This beautifully illustrated book reveals surprising lessons that animals can teach us.

About the Author

National Book Award finalist Sy Montgomery has earned numerous honors throughout her career. Her achievements include a Sibert Medal, two Science Book and Film Prizes from the National Association for the Advancement of Science, and three honorary degrees, along with many other awards.

Halsey Memorial Park Path Project to Begin in September

by Halsey Correspondent, Larissa Gangle

HALSEY — Work to replace the walking path at Halsey Memorial Park is set to begin in September. This phase of the project will remove the existing path and install a new, level surface.

The path will remain closed for the duration of the work, which is expected to last through the end of September. At times, other areas of the park may also be inaccessible.

The first phase of the project included removal of the large poplar trees along the east side of the park, bordering Highway 99E. Their shallow, vigorous root systems had damaged the original pathway, making removal necessary.

The \$135,000 project is funded through a grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. In addition to the path replacement, improvements will include new playground equipment, conversion of the basketball court into a multi-use surface, and installation of benches and exercise equipment.

City officials said more upgrades are planned in the months ahead.



Benton County Denies Coffin Butte Landfill Expansion

CORVALLIS — The Benton County Planning Commission has finalized its decision to deny Republic Services’ application to expand the Coffin Butte Landfill.

Commissioners voted unanimously July 29 to adopt their findings of fact and conclusions of law, following deliberations held earlier this month. The decision came after more than 20 hours of presentations and testimony from county staff, consultants, the applicant, and community members since April.

The final written decision, LU-24-027, was adopted after about an hour of discussion. A motion to reopen deliberations was made during the meeting but did not receive a second, leaving the process closed.

CONNECT LINN COUNTY

Weekly Community Dinners

By Sharon Banks, Staff Writer

There’s something delicious — and deeply meaningful — cooking in Brownsville this summer.

Connect Linn County (CLC), a local nonprofit, has launched weekly Community Dinners at Pioneer Park, offering a free dinner each week to everyone in the community. The program is designed to bring neighbors together around the table, creating a space to share food, friendship, and connection. It’s also giving kids the chance to see their friends — and sometimes their teachers — during the summer months.

“This is more than just dinner,” said organizers from Connect Linn County. “It’s about making sure no one in Brownsville feels left out or goes hungry. We’re building a stronger, more connected community — one plate at a time.”

The Team Behind the Tables

Connect Linn County is led by Tishana “Tika” Harrison, Karmel Curtis, Melissa Dalebout, and Leise Rolfe. Their mission: creating opportunities for neighbors, networking, and empowering community transformation. CLC also partners with Chandra Evans, the Early Literacy Teacher and Enrichment Coordinator at Central Linn Elementary School.

On August 6, the team served up a hearty menu of chili and cornbread, with watermelon, corn chips, drinks, and ice cream for dessert. Community members chatted, laughed, and enjoyed the summer evening. Ryan Kildea brought in a petting zoo of snakes — a big hit with kids and kids-at-heart alike.



SHARON BANKS
One of the many smiling faces was young Paisley Hartley.

How to Get Involved

There are several ways for individuals and local businesses to help keep the dinners going:

- Donate funds to purchase ingredients and supplies
- Provide food or materials as a local grower, restaurant, or vendor
- Volunteer to serve meals and connect with guests

All donations are tax-deductible, and supporting businesses will be publicly recognized as valued community partners.

“Whether you’re behind the scenes or helping serve a meal, your involvement has a real impact,” organizers emphasized.

Looking Ahead

Two dinners remain this month:

- **August 13:** Pancake Breakfast for Dinner
- **August 20:** End-of-Summer Bash – Hot dogs, sandwiches, chips, drinks, and cotton candy, plus free fries, snow cones, and fresh-squeezed lemonade from local food trucks. Kids’ games will be held in the dance hall, and the All-American Camaro Club and Firebird Association will bring “Mater” from the movie, “Cars” — along with several other show cars.

At a time when many are feeling isolated or facing economic challenges, these weekly gatherings offer warmth, care, and connection.

As Connect Linn County puts it:

“Together, we can nourish our community — one meal at a time.”

Furniture from Recycled Packing Crates at Tangent Market

by Staff Writer, Donald Lyon

Kenny Bell’s pinewood benches and tables, crafted from recycled packing crates, reflect a clean “mid-century Japanese” style — light, sturdy, and built to last. An employee of Papé in Tangent, Kenny was inspired by a Japanese DIY furniture book and a desire to keep fine wood from going to waste. His booth drew plenty of attention at the Tangent Farmers Market, which has concluded for the season. Look for his sustainable, one-of-a-kind pieces when the market returns next summer.



DONALD LYON

TANGENT CITY REPORT

Tangent Gains FEMA Approval, Advances Park and Downtown Plans

City Manager Joe Samaniego has released Tangent’s latest City Manager’s Report, highlighting recent accomplishments, ongoing projects, and upcoming community initiatives.

City Operations and FEMA Approval

The city recently completed a significant upgrade to its utility and accounting software. While the system was offline from July 18 to 21, it is now functioning smoothly after correcting a date display error.

Samaniego also announced that Tangent’s floodplain ordinances have been reviewed and approved by FEMA, meeting the new Pre-Implementation Compliance Measure (PICM) standards for development in floodplains and wetlands. The city will require developers to demonstrate compliance — a benchmark many other cities in Oregon and Washington are still working toward.

Conferences and Legislative Updates

At the July Oregon City County Managers Association conference in Bend, Samaniego shared Tangent’s cost-recovery approach to development fees, which helps avoid the taxpayer burden. He also noted that recent state legislation made recreational immunity permanent, protecting cities from specific liability claims.

Code Compliance Issues

City staff are investigating vehicles parked on sidewalks along Old Mill Road, a case that involves both the city engineer and attorney. Other complaints include noxious grass violations and an RV being occupied longer than allowed. Notices have been sent to property owners.

Land Use and Planning

In July, the Planning Commission approved two land-use decisions, including a re-approval after correcting notification errors. Property owners are also being notified about the city’s new abandoned and vacant building ordinance.

Parks and Public Works

The Park and Tree Board did not meet in August due to a lack of quorum but will reconvene in September to discuss plans for Tangent’s new park. The city is finalizing its land conversion process with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, restoring eligibility for lottery-funded grants.

Public Works reported two theft incidents: a camera stolen from Pioneer Park and a plaque taken from a flag monument. Adair Village is reinstalling the plaque and reinforcing it to deter future thefts.

In a separate matter, Public Works fielded calls about a water outage in an HOA neighborhood. Residents believed it was a city utility issue, but the neighborhood operates a private water system. The outage occurred during maintenance work and service was restored after the HOA confirmed the situation was under control.

Community Engagement Growing

From July 9 to Aug. 4, the city’s Facebook page saw a 20% increase in views, while website visits rose 14%. Contact form submissions increased 40%, reflecting more residents using online tools to connect with City Hall. A city-wide survey remains open until the end of August.

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CITY OF HALSEY

Welcome, Councilor Voyez!

by Halsey Correspondent,
Larissa Gangle

HALSEY — Meet your newest Halsey City Councilor, Derek Voyez! Councilor Voyez was appointed during the June City Council Meeting, filling the vacancy left by Councilor Gillson’s departure. Derek and his family moved to Halsey a year and a half ago and have fallen in love with the small town. Derek serves as an EMT with Halsey Fire. He is also a welder and fabricator and owns a metal shop in Halsey. When asked why he wanted to serve on the City Council, Derek stated that “he is excited to serve on Council to further his commitment to his community and to help make Halsey an (even)

better place to live.” In his free time, Derek enjoys spending time with his wife, son, and stepdaughter. He also enjoys salmon and steelhead fishing, as well as family boating trips. *Welcome, Derek!*

Councilor Jerry Gillson is leaving after serving multiple terms on the City Council. Jerry was a dedicated Councilor who cared deeply about Halsey, asking tough questions when needed to ensure decisions were made with Halsey Citizens’ best interests in mind. The City sincerely appreciates Councilor Gillson’s commitment and dedication to the community and wishes him all the best in his future endeavors!



Halsey City Councilor, Derek Voyez

Halsey Mayor’s Corner: Looking Ahead to Late Summer

by Halsey Mayor, Jerry Lachenbruch

Hello, friends and neighbors of Halsey! As summer stretches toward its golden finale, August brings long evenings, community connection and inspiration for what’s next. Here’s a look at what we’ve accomplished, what’s on the horizon and how together we’ll continue to strengthen our charming town.

As we enjoy late-summer gardens, remember to water sparingly in the early morning or late evening. Swap thirsty lawns with native drought-tolerant plants to maintain healthier landscapes. I want to give a shout-out to our wonderful Public Works team. As always, they are working hard to make sure our aging water system and well, as well as our wastewater system, are in the best shape possible. It is a never-ending project, and they do a great job.

Thank you to every volunteer, business owner, and neighbor who makes Halsey feel so special — from those tending colorful downtown planters, to the team planting trail greenery, to our Parks and Rec staff. You’re the heart of our community. Let’s embrace August’s gentle heat with leisure, laughter and light. Whether you’re at Foster Lake, hiking, hosting a barbecue, reading by the river in Brownsville, or simply enjoying time with loved ones, enjoy every moment.

It has been nice to see people trying to beat the

heat with above-ground pools — well done, everyone. With pools, please be mindful of applicable city ordinances. In Halsey (per HMC 9.15.040), any pool, pond or artificial body of water that is 18 inches or more in depth at any point MUST be enclosed by a fence or wall that is at least 4 feet tall to keep small children from accessing the water. Violations may result in fines of up to \$500 per day. As wonderful and fun as pools are, we would all hate to see an accident involving one. So if you choose to have a pool, please ensure it is as safe as possible. Always provide supervision when little ones are in and around the pool.

And on another note — the annual BBQ and Movie Night is coming up quickly. Join us and your fellow community members for this free event on Friday, Aug. 22. See details on page two.

I was recently given a recipe for shelf-stable biscuit mix that I wanted to share with you all — check it out below and let me know what you think.

With that, I hope the remainder of your summer is filled with fun and relaxation. As always, I remain your mayor. The City Council and I work for you. Let us know what you think and what you would like to see for your city. Email me at mayor@halseyor.gov.

BISCUIT MIX

Batch of Dry Mix Makes Enough for Approximately One Batch of Baked Biscuits

Ingredients:

- 2 Cups All-Purpose Flour
- 1 ½ Tablespoons Baking Powder
- 1 Teaspoon Kosher Salt
- 1 Tablespoon Granulated Sugar
- 1/2 Cup Powdered Heavy Cream*

Directions:

- In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, salt, and sugar until well combined.
- Stir in the powdered heavy cream, ensuring it’s evenly distributed throughout the dry ingredients.
- Transfer the mix to an airtight container and store in a cool, dry place. This mix can last for several weeks.

*Alternate Option: Omit powdered cream from mix and reconstitute before baking for a richer biscuit.

To Make Biscuits:

- Reconstitute Cream (If Omitted from Dry Mix): Mix ½ cup powdered heavy cream with 1 cup water and whisk with an electric mixer. Refrigerate overnight. If you included the powdered cream in the dry mix, move on to step 2.
- Preheat oven to 425°F. In a separate bowl, add the reconstituted cream (or add 1 cup water if not reconstituting) to 2 cups of the biscuit mix.
- Mix the ingredients with a spoon until just combined. Be careful not to overmix, as it can result in tough biscuits. The dough will be fairly wet.
- Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface. Gently pat, knead, and roll the dough to about ½-inch thickness. Dust the top with flour and fold it over. Repeat this process a few times to create flaky layers. Roll out the dough again to about ½ to 1-inch thickness.
- Cut out biscuits using a biscuit cutter or knife. Place them on a baking sheet. Bake at 425°F (218°C) for 12-15 minutes, or until golden brown.

Tip: For even flakier biscuits, use cold water when mixing the dough. You can also brush the tops of the biscuits with melted butter before baking for a golden crust. "

SEASONS EATINGS

Zucchini Overload? Relish the Opportunity!

by Staff Writer, Lisa Keith

So, I hear that absolutely everyone has zucchini coming out of their ears... So much abundance calls for drastic measures. I have a different solution to the situation: Zucchini relish! This particular recipe comes from my little German Great Grandma Rosie Kleven. She showed me how to make this in 1984 when she was in her 80s and just as happy and spry as ever. Simple, but time-consuming, I make this over the course of several days. This is also the recipe I've used for the Relish I've sold out of at the Thursday Market in Brownsville for the last three years.

Grandma Rosie's Zucchini Relish

Makes 14 pints +

Day one takes about 15 minutes.

- 10 cups grated zucchini (both yellow and green squash make a pretty presentation)
- 4 cups grated onion
- 2 grated red bell pepper
- 2 grated green bell pepper
- 4 grated carrots
- 5 Tbsp non-iodized salt

1.) To save time, and hand strength, I use a food processor to grate it all. Mix all veggies well, sprinkle with salt and let it set, at room temperature overnight.

2.) the next day, drain and rinse thoroughly. Squeeze as much water out as possible. Place in a cheesecloth and twist as you would when making mozzarella. Use a wooden spoon as needed.

Day two, 3-4 hours.

- 2 ½ cups white vinegar
- 6 cups of white sugar
- 2 Tbsp cornstarch
- 1 ½ tsp turmeric
- ½ tsp ground black pepper
- 1 tsp ground nutmeg

3.) Mix the above ingredients well then add to the dry veg mixture in a large stockpot.

4.) Simmer gently for half an hour.

5.) Ladle hot relish into hot, sterilized jars, top with hot lids and wrap in several rag towels to let the sealing magic happen. (I say "rag towels" because turmeric stains like a son of a gun!)

6.) Leave them alone for at least a day. Check the lids for the bummers that didn't seal. Remove rings. Place unsealed bummers in the fridge to enjoy within a month. Sealed jars can be stored



in a cool dark pantry until needed in the Zombie Apocalypse. My grandmas kept them forever.

We enjoy this relish added to tuna as a zingy substitute for sweet pickle relish. Spread on a slice of pork loin. Bake over pork chops. Dollop over cream cheese as a spread for crudites or sturdy crackers.

Another tried and true recipe to use zucchini is a recipe I received from a dear family friend Annie Allison, back in 1982. This recipe has been in her family forever and passed down for generations.

Zucchini Bread

Makes 2 standard loaves, 4 small loaves, 2 dozen muffins

- 3 cups flour
- 1 ½ cups sugar
- 1 ½ tsp baking soda
- ½ tsp baking powder
- 3 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup oil (safflower oil)
- 3-5 cups grated zucchini
- Optional: 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips, and/or 1 cup toasted, roughly chopped nuts



1.) Mix dry ingredients in one bowl. Whisk to remove any lumps.

2.) In a second bowl, mix wet ingredients well, then add to dry. Gently incorporate until there are no wet or dry bits and a smooth batter forms. Optional: Mix in as much or as little of the nuts or chocolate chips as you like.

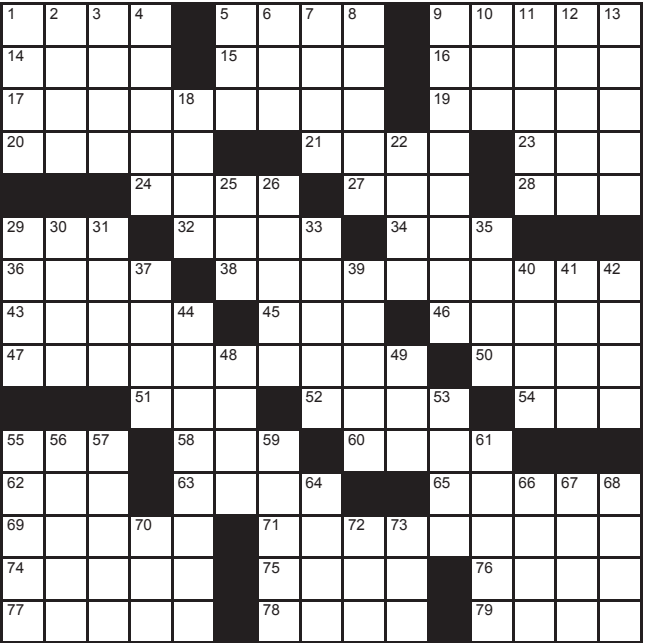
3.) Grease and flour your chosen loaf size pan. Pour equal amounts of batter into pans. Gently tap pans against the counter to remove any bubbles.

4.) Bake @ 350° F for 45-60 minutes

5.) Let rest 10 minutes, then remove from pan to cool on a wire rack.

Bonus: This is my absolute go-to recipe for ANY kind of fruit or veg. It always works out. I've used pumpkin with all of the spices. Fresh diced pears with ginger. Grated carrots with pineapple, coconut, rum-soaked raisins, and toasted nuts. Fresh apples with a streusel topping... The possibilities are truly endless. Happy Cooking, my friends.

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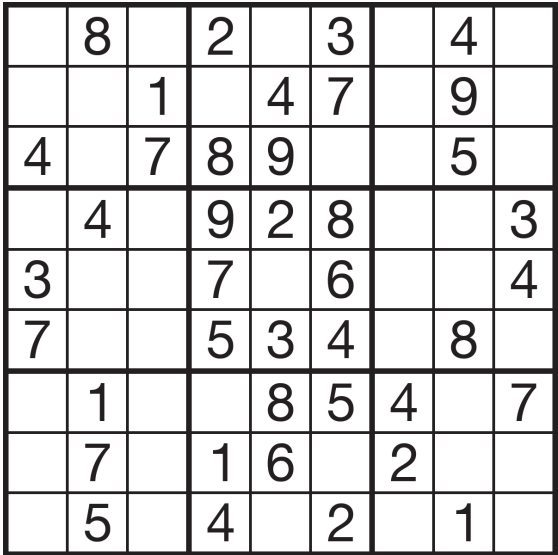
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BROWNSVILLE LIBRARY

Library Wraps Up Summer Reading with Fun and Friends
LEVEL UP @ YOUR LIBRARY!

by Sherri Lemhouse, Brownsville librarian

It has been a busy summer at the Brownsville Library! We kicked off with a very rainy Pioneer Picnic featuring Anne Louise. I still have her little song, “I need a waiter, for some water, for my daughter, who is thirsty,” running through my head. Princess Naomi and my cousin Betsy did a fantastic job helping teach this song on stage. The Brownsville Women’s Study Club sponsored Anne Louise.

We had a short week off for maintenance and jumped right into celebrating the Fourth of July! During our summer reading program, the week’s take-and-make activity was nature bingo. This game can be played all summer long and is perfect for car trips around town and across the states.

July 10 brought Kelli Welli and her friend Tim, who brought joy while singing songs of growing up. It was another terrific program brought to us by the Brownsville Women’s Study Club. We appreciate their generosity through Friendship Basket donations.

On July 17, we made hide-and-seek bottles. Librarian Sherri was out of town watching her daughter graduate from Army basic training — a proud parent moment. Volunteers make such a difference in our town. Without them, many fun activities would come to a screeching halt! If you are a library volunteer, thank you!

Thursday, July 24, we had our very own library Olympics. I am not sure which was more fun — the slalom race around the children’s room, professional shushing, making bag blocks, or the James Patterson standing jump. We also had a bubble station set up! What a superb day at the library.

The summer reading program wrapped up with our 2nd annual stuffed animal sleep-over. We could sum up these activities with fun, friends, and reading lots of books. During July, our children read more than 500 pages — that’s more than 166 hours of reading.

The summer reading program wasn’t the only thing happening at the library in July. Story times with craft continued Fridays from 11 a.m. to noon. I met Lisa Jager in a Brownsville Art Center watercolor class this spring, and we chatted during class. In her past, she taught kindergarten. I asked if she would be interested in helping with the craft time on Fridays in

July. It is terrific to have help doing crafts with kids. We selected a farm theme and made a different craft inspired by a farm animal each week. With sheep, cows, and horses, the library sounded like a fun place to be. Ms. Thea has returned, and the fun continues each week — Fridays from 11 a.m. to noon.

Our library book club, The Page Turners, meets on the third Wednesday of each month. In August, the group will be discussing Louise Erdrich’s novel “The Last Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse.” If you are interested in joining, drop by the library!

Our display cases are full of games! August has a new list of items to find. This month is a bit more challenging — can you find the broken egg? Volunteer Carol Humphreys has been having fun putting together games for everyone to play while visiting the library. Drop by and see what’s happening at your local library.!

Regular Library hours
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday from 1–7 p.m.; and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

August Story Times at the Library
Join us this August for fun and engaging story times for young readers!

Songs, Rhymes & More with Ms. Thea
Fridays, August 15, 22, and 29, 11 a.m.–Noon
Each session includes stories, rhymes, and a themed craft:

- Aug. 15: Butterflies
- Aug. 22: Dog
- Aug. 29: Fox

Parents & Pals Story Time
Wednesdays, August 20 and 27, 10 a.m.
Enjoy stories together, followed by playtime at Pioneer Park.

All programs are **free of charge**. Join us each Thursday for weekly activities and stock up on books to read!

Please note: **Library manners are expected. No childcare provided.**

For more information, call the Library at **541-466-5454**, or visit online at brownsvillecommunitylibrary.org or follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/BVORLibrary>.

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Strategic Plan and Transportation

Progress continues on the city’s 2023 Strategic Plan, including the launch of the Downtown Development Committee, which will meet again Aug. 18. The Transportation System Plan is one-quarter complete, on budget, and funded through a grant with city matching contributions.

Grants and Regional Partnerships

Tangent is awaiting results from several grant applications, including the Arts Build Community grant. The city is also monitoring a \$3 million budget shortfall in the Tangent Drive project following ODOT budget cuts.

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Youth Scored Big at CLRA Summer Sports Camp

by Staff Writer, Eva Wada

"Keep your eye on the ball!" was a recurring call from volunteer coaches during the Central Linn Recreation Association's Summer Sports Camp, held in Brownsville, Oregon, August 4 through 7. This year, the one-week camp featured a variety of sports balls to focus on. Each participant had the opportunity to try a different activity each day. For some youth, it was their first time ever touching a volleyball, soccer ball, football, baseball, or softball. The girls were especially delighted to get their hands on sideline pom-poms.

Telisha Rogers, Central Linn Junior High School volleyball coach, and Jenn Walton, volleyball director for the Brownsville Central Linn Recreation Association (CLRA), kicked off the CLRA's Summer Camp on Monday, August 4, with a lively game of volleyball in the Rec Center. Jon Moore volunteered his time to coach football on Monday and soccer on Tuesday in Brownsville's nearby Pioneer Park. The latter included a co-ed group of five students from kindergarten through second grade, who learned how to pass the ball and other useful techniques from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. The eight soon-to-be third through sixth graders practiced soccer from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



EVA WADA
High Schooler Chloe Kallai soft coach-pitches to Sawyer Billington at the 2025 CLRA Summer Sports Camp

Katy Kallai, President of the CLRA, stated that 31 children in all registered for the Summer Sports Camp. "It's a good turnout. Last year was a different sport each week," she said. "I like this format better because they get to try out different sports."

Renee Gunselman watched her granddaughter, Harmony Smith, play T-ball on Thursday, August 7. She said, "I think it's a really great first experience for these kids." She added that Harmony and the other K-2nd graders "really got a lot out of the camp."

In addition to soccer on Tuesday, CLRA Treasurer and Junior High Cheer Coach Chrisma Erickson led an energetic bunch of ladies as they belted out "Everybody do the Cobra Rumble!" Coach Kevin Brown, the assistant coach for varsity girls' basketball at CLHS, and Coach Peyton Gaskey collaborated to inspire young people to



Coach Kevin Brown volunteers his Basketball expertise in Brownsville for the youth of Linn County.

develop a passion for basketball. On the final day of Summer Sports Camp, Coach Thomas Kallai, who has played baseball since kindergarten for Central Linn, said the coaches were focusing on the "fundamentals of throwing and running bases, basic T-ball skills, soft coach-pitch batting, as well as fielding a ground ball." Each camp athlete received a T-shirt and a sports ball of their choice.

New Brownsville resident and camp athlete, Kate Wada, declared the opportunity to play on a team for the first time was "better than [she] had dreamed".



Coach Tag Morris gives pointers to a T-Ball player in the kindergarten through second-grade group on Thursday, August 7, 2025

Ashley Moore directly.

The CLRA couldn't offer sports programs such as volleyball, cheerleading, and football in the fall, as well as basketball in the winter, without the help of sponsors such as Pacific Power, J&S Supply, Carlson's Hardware, Tangent Seed Lab, Rick's Automotive, By the Roots Landscaping, Overton Valley Ranch, Honey Hole Bar and Grill, C&R Tumbling, and many others. Fall regis-

tration is currently open and will close the first week of September. Winter sport registrations will begin October 1 for K-6 basketball. Please visit the CLRA website at <https://www.clrasports.org> for more information on scholarships and registration for fall and winter sport activities.

Baseball Coach Jon Moore confidently concluded that "all the kids had a lot of fun." He has been coaching his 10-year-old son, John Moore, in baseball for years; however, this was his "first time helping with the camp," he stated. Many new faces offered to help the Summer Sports Camp run smoothly this year. Additionally, Central



EVA WADA
"Cheerleaders shine when bows and besties combine!" Brownsville Rec Center, August 5, 2025

Linn junior and senior high school athletes were a great addition to the camp's coaching staff. To highlight a few, Meryl Walton, a freshman in a local homeschool program, volunteered her expertise in volleyball. Syrha Erickson demonstrated strength and confidence to the young cheerleaders. Chloe

Kallai was seen every evening role-modeling good sportsmanship and engaging the young participants in memorable games related to each sport. The CLRA President and Vice President want to thank all the volunteers who were willing to "lend a helping hand. Even volunteering for one night makes all the difference in the world."

As the final day of camp came to an end, youth participant Tristan Williams could be heard saying, "Thank you for taking the time — and day off work — and doing all this stuff for us." President Katy and V.P. Ashley both agreed, "We were so excited to see the kids come out each night to try a different sport. We hope you had as much fun as we did. We're looking forward to seeing you all again in the fall."



Huge turnout for baseball at the Central Linn Recreation Association's Summer Sports Camp.

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BROWNSVILLE ART ASSOCIATION

Lots to See and Do at the Brownsville Art Center

by Staff Writer, Lori Garcy

If you haven't been to the Brownsville Art Center lately, you are missing out on some fine new art. With all the latest artists we have and the new items your favorite artists are making, this is a good time to visit.

The Junk Art Show is getting ready and should be up soon. Remember, this is an excellent time for you to create something with items you have around the house. Be creative and bring in your "Art" soon; it will be displayed for the rest of August and September.

We still have openings in Connie Swindoll's Painting with Felt Class – Creating a sunflower on Saturday, August 23. Registration is online at <https://brownsvilleart.org>.



We are now scheduling classes from September to December. Keep an eye out for more information on the upcoming classes. Register now for these Saturday classes:

- September 20 – Learning to create a Collage with Brynn Carter
- October 4 – Beginning Acrylic Painting with Brynn Carter
- October 25 – Wool Art Painting a Pumpkin with Connie Swindoll
- November 1 – Acrylic Painting – Paint a Turkey with Brynn Carter
- December 13 – Acrylic Painting – Paint a Santa with Brynn Carter



If you're interested in a particular art area and want a class, please send us an email at baaartcenter@centurylink.net, and we'll try to find an instructor for you. Or if you're interested in teaching a class, let us know.



The Art Center is open on Wednesdays from 1:00 to 4:00 pm and Thursday through Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

One of the First Murders in Linn County

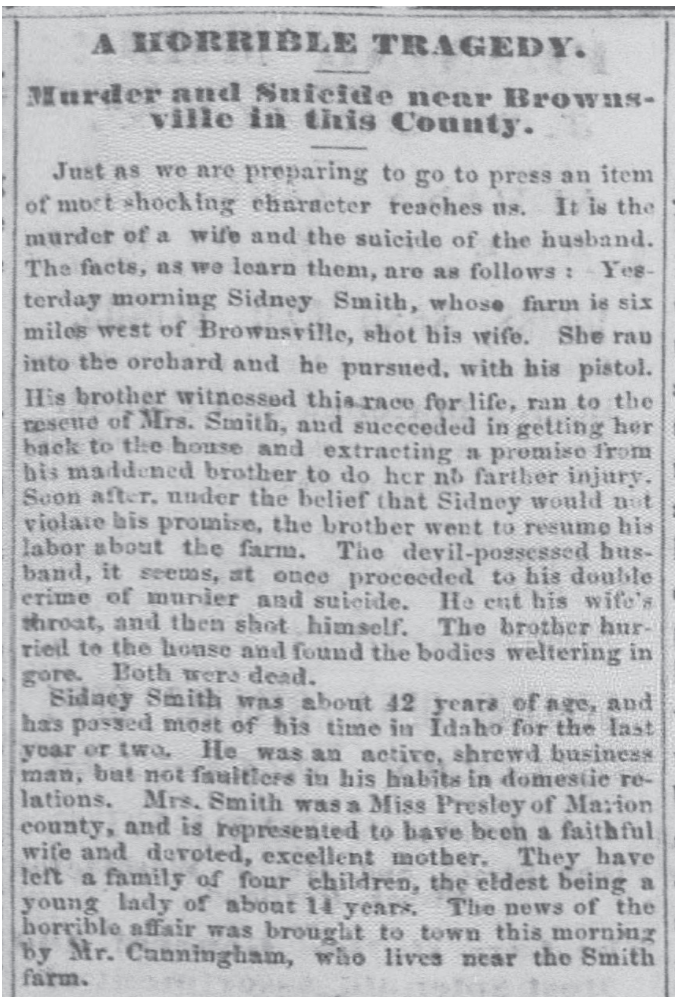
by Staff Writer, Daniel R. Murphy

The normally placid rural atmosphere in Halsey, Oregon, was fractured by two gunshot wounds on March 10, 1866. Berry Evans and James Cunningham, two neighbors, passed the farm where the shots had rung an hour earlier and found Sidney and Barbara Smith, husband and wife, both shot dead.

Two witnesses, Rhonda Ann Smith, age 16, and Leora Smith, age 9, told the sheriff that their parents were home early that afternoon with Mr. Smith's brother, Thomas Smith. Rhonda said that as he rose to leave the room, Thomas Smith said, "This will never do me." She said that her mother was sitting by the fire with their baby in her lap, while her husband smoked his pipe.

The door opened, she said, and she heard a gunshot. Next, she heard her father fall with a shot to the forehead. She then rose up and heard another shot as she saw Tom Smith pointing a gun at her mother. She begged him not to harm her mother. He dragged her mother out to the woodpile. She had a bullet wound to the breast. She had laid the baby down in the house. Her daughter sat with her near the woodpile. Tom Smith dragged her mother back to the smokehouse. A bit later, Rhonda found her mother shot dead in the smokehouse.

Thomas Smith told her that she must tell everyone that her father killed her mother and then shot himself. He then threatened to kill her if she did not tell that story. Later that day, when people came to investigate, she told them the tale her uncle made up. The younger sister said a similar



Early reports in the March 10, 1866 Albany State Rights Democrat (now the Albany Democrat-Herald) on the murders of Sidney and Barbara Smith relied on statements from Sidney's brother, Thomas. By the next week's issue, the narrative had changed. Image provided by: University of Oregon Libraries; Eugene, OR

story. Smith also told the same story. The prosecution could not identify any motive for the double murder. But the physical evidence contradicted the story told and Thomas Smith was prosecuted for both murders. In addition, the girls did not preserve the story their uncle commanded them to tell at trial; they said that their uncle shot and killed their parents. The trial took place at the Presbyterian church, then located on Blakely Avenue near the later Southside public school in Brownsville.

Within a week, Smith was convicted of the murders and sentenced to be hanged. He was hung shortly afterward. On the gallows, Smith confessed his guilt. Between five and six thousand people watched him hang in Albany.

Rumors circulated about possible motives. One story suggested that the murderer aimed either at the mother or the oldest daughter for illicit relations. Another rumor claimed that Sidney Smith had brought back gold from California and that his brother wanted to steal it.

The burial place for the defendant is unknown. The victims are buried in the Pioneer Cemetery in Brownsville.

And the gold? Relatives came to raise the orphaned children in Halsey, and one day, the children found a leather bag full of gold buried under a drain pipe. It amounted to \$25,000. Relatives used the money to raise the children and their education.

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TABLE TALK — DINING IN AND AROUND BROWNSVILLE

Brownsville Saloon: Taco Bout a Tuesday

by Staff Writer, Jeff Brown

My wife and I recently visited the Brownsville Saloon, also known for its fun Taco Bout a Tuesday, or better yet, Taco Dirty to me promotion. The bar was lively, the juke box was belting out oldies, with over 30 patrons enjoying drinks, food, and games. The atmosphere was filled with laughter, and it was clear that everyone was having a good time.

Our waitress, Jordan (also known as “Half Pint”,



warmly greeted us as soon as we entered. She efficiently got us seated and quickly took our drink and food orders. It was a busy night, but her friendly demeanor made us feel welcome.

The kitchen was led by cook Brandon that evening, and we could immediately tell he knew what he was doing. I opted for the chicken quesadilla with extra avocado, while my wife chose two of the special chicken tacos. Both dishes were excellent, with vibrant flavors that exceeded our expectations.

The portion sizes were generous, which made the meal even more satisfying. We were impressed with how well the food was prepared and presented, especially for a bustling night at the bar.

Overall, our experience at the Brownsville Saloon was enjoyable and fun.

The combination of good food, a lively atmosphere, and attentive service made for a memorable evening out. If you're looking for a place to enjoy great tacos and a friendly environment, Taco Bout a Tuesday at the Brownsville Saloon is worth a visit. We'll definitely be back!



ALL BROWNSVILLE SALOON PHOTOS BY JEFF BROWN

TAKING ROOT

Fertilize with Wood Ash

by Staff Writer, Donald Lyon

Wood ash is nature's fertilizer. It contains potassium, calcium, and manganese — basically whatever elements were in the wood will be in the ash. For traditional agricultural societies around the world, slash-and-burn agriculture is still the norm, with the ash from the burnt-over land providing needed nutrients. My grandfather, raised on a farm in 19th-century South Dakota, dedicated his latter years to our vegetable garden in Eugene. He saved the ashes from the fireplace and spread them alongside the rows of beans, carrots, and squash that fed us. Wood ash fertilizer used to be the norm, but nowadays, people prefer to buy everything from stores, complete with instructions on the label. However, there is no reason you need to fall into this trap.

Wood ash is generally quite alkaline with a pH of 10–12, whereas most plants are happy in the 6–7 range, so a little ash goes a long way. Wherever you would be adding lime to your soil, you can use ashes. In general, wood ash contains no nitrogen, 1.5 to 2 percent phosphorus, and 5–7 percent potassium, so if you were to buy a bag of wood ash, it would be labeled 0-2-7 to indicate the three main ingredients of fertilizer, the percentage of Nitrogen, Phosphorus, and Potassium.



Wood ash, rich in potassium and calcium, can be a natural boost for your garden when used in moderation.

If you plan to join me in fertilizing the garden with wood ash, a few precautions are in order: Don't use ashes from treated or painted wood or from burning garbage. Know the pH preferences of your plants. Acid-loving plants such as azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias, and blueberries will not thank you for a side dressing of wood ash. Tomatoes, beans, and squash will most likely benefit from a side dressing of ash. Use no more than five pounds per 100 square feet of soil per year, either side dressed or added before planting. Side dressing means adding a thin line of ash a few inches away from the plant. Seedlings, in particular, should not come in contact with the ashes. Remember to add supplemental nitrogen when fertilizing with wood ash. Got a gardening question? ask a Master Gardener at phototraveler02@gmail.com.

Donald Lyon is a retired international photography tour guide and Linn County Master Gardener. A Brownsville resident for 15 years, he serves as an at-large board member and is dedicated to the revival of *The Brownsville Times*.

CRITTER CHRONICLES

Christina's Prayer and the Cat Under the Bed

by Staff Writer, Sharon Banks

When my daughter Christina was five years old, she wanted a cat more than anything in the world. Not a toy cat, not a book about cats, but a real, purring, whiskers-and-tail kind of cat. She talked about it constantly, whispered about it in bedtime prayers, and made wishes on dandelions and stars.

We lived in the quiet hinterlands outside of Brownsville, Oregon — an area where the forests are thick, the neighbors are scarce, and the wildlife is... enthusiastic. Coyotes howled at night. Cougars roamed the ridgelines. I'd told her no more times than I could count. A cat just wasn't safe out here.

But Christina never gave up.

Then, one ordinary afternoon while I was stirring dinner on the stove, she walked into the kitchen with wide eyes and a very serious expression.

"Mom," she said, "there's a cat under my bed."



I smiled and shook my head. "Sweetheart, you're just imagining things again."

She didn't flinch. "No, Mama. There's a real cat. It's under my bed."

Still convinced this was a product of a very vivid imagination, I wiped my hands and followed her to her room. She pointed to the quilt draped over the edge of the bed. I knelt down, lifted the cover, and froze.

Two enormous yellow eyes stared back at me.

Not stuffed. Not imagined. A real, very large black cat had somehow found its way into our house — and tucked itself under Christina's bed like it belonged there.

I expected it to hiss or bolt. Instead, it blinked slowly, like it had been waiting to be discovered.

We never figured out how he got in — no windows open, no doors ajar — but there he was: a big, sleek, black male cat who didn't have a mean bone in his body. He let Christina pet him right away. He curled in her lap as if he'd known her his whole life.

From that day forward, we called him Smokey. He became part of our family, curling up on the couch, patrolling the yard from the safety of the porch, and always keeping a watchful eye on Christina.

I had said no a hundred times. But somehow, God — or maybe fate — had a different plan.

Christina got her cat.

And Smokey got his little girl.

Life at Lighthouse Farm: Heartwarming Tales from the Sanctuary

Part 2 of 3

by Staff Writer, Jeff Brown

SCIO — Last week, I introduced you to Peter and Gwen and their wonderful Lighthouse Farm Sanctuary. In this article, I hope to share some heart-felt stories about the sanctuary's animal residents and how their resilience has made this a magical place for healing, compassion, and hope.

During my brief visit to the sanctuary, I met several of the animals that call this place home. I have to admit, it was a bit intimidating at first, but as I listened to their stories of survival, resilience, and their unique personalities, I started to see these large farm animals differently. Most of the time, I could sense their curiosity toward me and their willingness to let me approach, pet, and love them. Some preferred to observe from a distance; after all, I was the new visitor.



JEFF BROWN

Fiona, once at risk as a fragile baby goat, now thrives at Lighthouse Farm Sanctuary — friendly, mischievous, and deeply loved.

Shown at left Fiona. I couldn't stop petting her horns. "Fiona came to the sanctuary after a local radio station issued a plea for a free baby goat who would be "destroyed" if no one wanted her because she was having trouble bottle-feeding. Luckily, we were able to intervene and bring her to the sanctuary, where she has grown into a healthy, happy goat. She's friendly, charming, and sometimes quite naughty — and we can't imagine life without her," Gwen said.

Pictured below is Cupcake. She followed

me around a lot while I was there. I think she probably runs the place. "Originally named 'Porkchop,' Cupcake's journey took a surprising turn. She was bought by a family intending to raise her for meat, but her sweet and smart personality won them over. Unable to harm her, they decided to bring Cupcake to our sanctuary, promising never to eat pigs again. They learned how amazing these animals truly are. Now, they visit often, calling out, 'My pig!' and Cupcake happily runs to greet them, showing the strong bond they share. At the sanctuary, Cupcake enjoys a joyful life with her best friends, Uma and Finnegan, and loves hugs and belly rubs," Peter said.

I could go on and on, sharing wonderful, heartfelt stories about these incredible farm animals turned sanctuary residents. You can find these stories and many more online at <https://www.lighthousefarm-sanctuary.org>.

Stay tuned for Part 3, coming next week, where I will introduce you to Kathryn Henderson, a volunteer at the Farm Sanctuary and a local author. She wrote an amazing book titled "The Magic Of Lighthouse Farm: A Story for Children of All Ages."



BETH LILY REDWOOD

Cupcake, a pig saved from becoming "Porkchop," now rules the sanctuary with her charm, belly rub requests, and an unbreakable bond with her former family.

AMERICAN LEGION

Where the Coffee is Always On

by An Ordinary Seaman

Passing through town on my way to have what few hairs I have left cut, the old Ford 250 decided to quit. The engine, a machine I've trusted more than most politicians, made a sound like a disgruntled badger with a bad case of the hiccups, and then silence. Just the hum of the morning and the sight of Old Glory waving lazy-like in the breeze in front of the Travis Moothart Post 184.



Now, a man learns a thing or two when his truck quits on him. The first thing you learn is that you're not as young as you used to be. The second is that you've got friends you didn't even know you had. As I was staring at the lifeless hood, trying to figure out if it was a spark plug or just the general weariness of a life well-lived, out came John from the Legion Hall. John, who used to fix stuff for HP, sauntered over.

He didn't ask what was wrong.

He just looked at the truck, then at me, and with a twinkle in his eye, he said, "Looks like she's had enough of the road for one morning. Time for some coffee and a story, isn't it?"

And that's what we did. We went inside, and before I knew it, two other fellas had joined us, and we were talking about everything from the price of hay to the end of the Oregon Jamboree.

We shared more than just coffee; we shared a bit of ourselves, the easy camaraderie of men who've seen a thing or two and know the value of a good laugh and a helping hand. We talked about how the Post, which has been filling the pages of this here paper since it was rescued from the scrap heap of history, is more than just a place for veterans. It's where we hold the Veteran of the Quarter and the Quilt of Valor ceremonies. It's where we plan on giving a scholarship to a smart-as-a-whip graduating senior.

It was a reminder that the Legion isn't just a building on Main Street; it's a place where life happens, where stories are told, and where a broken-down truck can become a good excuse to spend time with friends. If you're a veteran and a bit of this sounds good, why don't you stop by? We'd be happy to see you. There's always someone around in the mornings, and the coffee's always on.



Combine Gladiators Will Fight to the Finish at Tangent Harvest Festival

by Staff Writer, Donald Lyon

Like outraged brontosaurus on the warpath or a scene straight out of "Mad Max," aging combines will clash in the Demolition Derby at the Tangent Harvest Festival on September 13 — a tradition dating back to 1938. Expect dust, noise, and plenty of metal-on-metal mayhem as at least six machines rumble into the arena, each aiming to outlast the others. The festival also features a tractor pull, where men and their machines face off in raw displays of power. For more details, please visit <https://tangentogether.org>.

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Preventing Fires and Fire Damage: Protect Your Home

Wildfire season in Oregon is no longer a distant concern — it is a reality that homeowners and renters must prepare for each year. One of the most effective ways to safeguard your home is by creating defensible space. This buffer between your house and surrounding vegetation can mean the difference between a close call and a devastating loss.

Embers, which can travel up to three miles ahead of a wildfire's main front, are the leading cause of home loss during wildfires. When they land on dry vegetation, pine needles, or combustible materials around your home, they can ignite a blaze before the fire itself arrives. Studies show that homes with well-maintained defensible space stand a much greater chance of survival — even when firefighters cannot reach them in time.



Start Close to Home

The first 30 feet around your home is the most critical. Clear away combustible debris such as dried leaves, pine needles, and bark mulch from gutters, roofs, and around chimneys. Remove vegetation directly under eaves and limb trees at least six feet off the ground, or one-third of their height if shorter than 18 feet.

Be mindful of decks and patios. Sweep away dry leaves and needles, and avoid storing combustible items like outdoor cushions, firewood, or lumber within 30 feet of your home. If you have fences that attach to your house, consider replacing the connection point with a noncombustible material such as metal to prevent flames from traveling straight to your siding.

Landscaping Choices Matter

Your yard can either help defend your home or feed the flames. Keep grass mowed to less than four inches and choose fire-resistive plants recommended by Oregon State University at <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/search?search=fire+resistant+plants>. These plants are less likely to ignite and can help slow a fire's progress. Clear out ladder fuels — low-hanging branches and shrubs that allow fire to climb from the ground into tree canopies

If you have propane tanks, maintain a clear 10-foot radius around them. Smaller barbecue tanks not in use should be stored at least 30 feet from your home or in a detached outbuilding.

Top Tips for Defensible Space

Clear Gutters & Roofs

Remove leaves, pine needles, and other debris.

Trim Tree Limbs

Cut branches six feet from the ground (or 1/3 height if under 18 feet).

Create a 30-Foot Buffer

Keep firewood, lumber, and propane tanks away from your home.

Choose Fire-Resistive Plants

Opt for species less likely to ignite; mow grass under four inches.

Protect Patios & Decks

Remove flammable furniture cushions and sweep away debris.

Upgrade When You Can

Use noncombustible materials for roofing, siding, and fencing near your home.

Ensure Access for Firefighters

Keep driveways clear and post visible address signs.

Think Long Term

When the time comes to replace parts of your home, consider fire-resistant materials. Roofs made of asphalt, metal, clay tile, slate, or concrete products offer better protection than wood shingles. Noncombustible siding options such as brick, stone, or fiber cement also provide an added layer of defense.

Driveway access is another key factor in wildfire safety. Make sure your property is accessible for first responders by keeping driveways clear, ensuring road signs are visible, and meeting local width and height requirements.

Take Action Now

Creating defensible space doesn't have to happen all at once. Many steps — like clearing gutters, trimming branches, and moving firewood — can be accomplished in a weekend. For more guidance, visit <https://www.oregon.gov/osfm/Documents/Defensible%20Space%20Checklist.pdf> to review the Oregon Defensible Space Checklist.

By taking proactive steps, you not only protect your property but also give firefighters a fighting chance to save your home.

What Does It Mean to “Bug-In” and Why Would I Want to Do That?

by Staff Writer, Jeff Brown

To “bug-in” is a term used by survival enthusiasts to describe staying in place during a disaster. While you may sometimes need to “bug-out” and leave your home, there are situations where it's safer to stay put. In last week's article, we discussed the importance of a “Go-Kit” for evacuation; today, we'll explore what you need to prepare for staying put once things go wrong.

Each emergency is different, but let's assume you've decided to stay put — whether to hunker down, ride out the storm, bug in, or survive. What should you make sure you have ready?

First, you should be properly prepared to support yourself, your family, and your home without outside help, likely for days or weeks.

Here are key essentials you should already have in place:

- **Shelter:** Your home should be secure.
- **Food:** Ensure you have enough stored food to last a week or two.
- **Water:** You might not be able to trust tap water, as it may stop flowing. Aim for the recommended one gallon per person per day.
- **Heat:** Consider a safe heat source for inclement weather. Propane heaters can be useful but produce dangerous fumes indoors; alternatives like gasoline generators and portable electric heaters can be handy. Extra blankets and sleeping bags are also important.
- **First Aid Kit:** Include basics like bandages and antiseptic wipes, but don't forget any additional prescription medications or special items for chronic conditions.
- **Unique Needs:** Don't overlook necessities for pets, diapers, or other essential items you can't go without during an emergency.
- **Personal Protection:** This means different things to different people, but remember the time, effort, and money you've invested in preparing. Protect what you've built.
- **Your “Go-Kit”:** This kit, which you've thoughtfully assembled, can be invaluable in a shelter-in-place scenario.

In previous discussions, we emphasized the need for an emergency plan that is tailored to account for a potential “bug-in” situation.

Creating an emergency plan, assembling a “Go-Kit,” and gathering items for bugging in are essential actions that help families face challenges with resilience and confidence. Now that you have your Go-Kit, it's time to build your emergency stockpile for bugging in. Local city and county websites provide detailed information on preparing your plan, Go-Kit, and emergency supplies.



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SHERIFF'S REPORT

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 depending on agency availability prior to 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 Brownsville Times makes every effort to follow cases as they progress through the court system.

Sunday, August 2

2:03 p.m. — Civil dispute reported at block of 25200 Hwy 99E, Halsey. Deputies responded to a civil dispute report.

4:34 p.m. — Animal complaint reported at block of 27800 Seven Mile Ln, Brownsville. Deputy answered callers' questions about animals left at a property.

6:12 p.m. — Trespass reported at block of 33000 Hwy 99E, Tangent. Roberto Espinosa-Hughes, 24, was warned for trespassing.

7:24 p.m. — Extra patrol reported at block of 200 W

Park Ave, Brownsville.

8:25 p.m. — Fight disturbance reported at block of 1000 Pine St, Brownsville. Deputy responded to disturbance

9:40 p.m. — Report Pending. Original call type: Suspicious circumstance reported at block of 37800 Hwy 228, Brownsville. Deputies responded to an argument between friends. Kaelen Taeler Stansbury, 23, of Sweet Home was ultimately arrested for an unrelated warrant and released.

11:06 p.m. — Report Pending. Original call type: Theft reported at block of 33100 Hwy 228, Halsey. Caller requests report number after customer left business leaving debit card and unpaid fuel behind

11:25 p.m. — Assist other agency reported at block of 37800 Hwy 228, Brownsville. Deputies attempted to catch a dog wandering the road. Dog was not caught.

Sunday, August 3

2:25 p.m. — Assist other agency reported at block of 31900 North Lake Creek Dr, Tangent. DHS calling to see if we had an investigative reason to join them at address.

5:25 p.m. — DHS referral

reported at block of 39600 Hwy 228, Sweet Home. Linn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) received a DHS cross report regarding a non-criminal matter already investigated by LCSO.

9:22 p.m. — Traffic complaint reported at block of 38200 Hwy 228 and Crawfordsville Dr, Brownsville. Deputy responded to traffic complaint; vehicle left the area prior to deputy arrival.

10:16 p.m. — Extra patrol reported at block of 200 W O St, Halsey. Deputy performs extra patrol at park after hours, no suspicious activity discovered.

10:33 p.m. — Suspicious vehicle reported at block of 200 S Main St, Brownsville. Deputies checked on a broken-down vehicle in a business parking lot after hours.

Monday, August 4

12:50 a.m. — Parking complaint reported at block of 400 N Main St, Brownsville. Operator issued a citation for parking on the wrong side of the street.

3:43 a.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 200 E Bishop Way, Brownsville. Operator warned for speed.

5:02 a.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 200 E

Bishop Way, Brownsville. Operator warned for failing to obey traffic control device.

5:28 a.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 28800 Hwy 99E, Halsey. operator warned for speed.

5:42 a.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 32100 Hwy 99E, Tangent. 45-year-old B. Foster of Tangent received a citation for violation of VBR speed.

10:57 a.m. — Animal complaint reported at block of 25500 Gap Rd, Brownsville. Deputy contacted cattle owner regarding missing cattle on Gap Rd near Brownsville.

12:22 p.m. — Dog complaint reported at block of 500 Robe St, Brownsville. Issued written warning to dog owner for dog violations.

1:15 p.m. — Report pending. Original call type: Missing persons reported at block of 600 E 1st St, Halsey. Report of missing 37-year-old male from Halsey. Male was last seen on July 30, and last heard from on August 3, 2025. Investigation ongoing.

10:26 p.m. — Report pending. Original call type: DUI reported at block of 1000 W 1st St, Halsey. Benjamin Farkash, 40, of Anchorage Alaska was issued a criminal citation for driving

while under the influence of intoxicants.

Tuesday, August 5

9:29 a.m. — Adult Protective Services (APS) referral reported at block of 300 W Bishop Way, Brownsville. Crimes occurred in Henderson Nevada. Caller is going to coordinate with Henderson Police Department.

4:10 p.m. — Civil dispute report reported at block of 27800 Seven Mile Ln, Brownsville. Landowner-tenant issue over an eviction.

4:22 p.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 29400 Hwy 99E, Shedd. Driver warned for speed

4:43 p.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 31900 Sprenger Ln and Hwy 99E Shedd. Motorcycle rider warned for no license plate. It was a newly purchased vehicle.

5:11 p.m. — Traffic hazard reported at block of 30300 American Dr and Nicewood Ln, Halsey. Report of a disabled motorhome but it was not located.

5:44 p.m. — Attempt to locate vehicle reported at block of 24200 Brush Creek Rd and Childers Dr, Sweet Home. unable to locate ve-

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Law Enforcement Levy To Be On November Ballot

by Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer

ALBANY — Linn County residents will be asked to vote on a four-year law enforcement tax levy on the November 2025 ballot, replacing the existing levy that will expire in 2026.

Tuesday morning, Linn County Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Sherrie Sprenger and Will Tucker approved placing a levy of \$3.08 per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation on the ballot.

It would replace the current law enforcement tax levy of \$2.98 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

Current law enforcement tax levy funds are distributed to the Linn County Sheriff's Office, 76%; Juvenile Department, 14% and District Attorney's Office, 10%.

Sheriff Michelle Duncan told the commissioners that high inflation the first two years of the current four-year levy resulted in significant price increases for materials and services. She added that vehicle prices are up about 50%.

"There are also new expectations for Emergency Management and Search and Rescue," Sheriff Duncan said.

She said the process is shifting more toward rescue efforts and with that comes an additional critical medical care component.

Funds would also enhance and promote emergency preparedness and response to wildfires, flooding, severe weather and other catastrophic events, according to written information presented to the commissioners.

The levy would generate an estimated \$184,595,812 over its four years, beginning July 1, 2026.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Approved transferring \$103,104 within the General Fund from non-departmental to General Services. The money will pay for improvements to be made to the Old Armory Building parking lot.
- Approved an amendment to the Muddy Creek (Bowers Drive) Bridge Project, for the Road Department. The amendment updates language, adds right-of-way and construction phases, and increases federal funds available from \$337,833.45 to \$2,561,522.31.

- Reappointed Jennifer Stanaway to a three-year term on the 4-H and Extension Service District Budget Committee.
- Reappointed Roger Nyquist and Reagan Knopp to the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council.
- Appointed Gabriella Valdez to a position on the Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board.
- Appointed Kerry Johnson and Erik Anderson to the Linn County Planning Commission.
- Approved a \$2,750 refund by the Linn County Planning & Building Department to James Sapp and Randal Sapp of Lebanon.
- Approved Pay Plans for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.
- Approved a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Linn County Juvenile Detention Association. The agreement calls for Cost of Living Adjustments of 3.5% the first year and 3% each of the following two years.

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July Home Sales Report

June 2025 Home Sales – Brownsville & Tangent, OR

Sale Date	Street Address	City	Sale Price	Sq Ft	Year Built	Beds	Baths (F/H)	Acres	Description
July 8	33784 Highway 99E	Tangent	\$110,000	1,232	1982	2	2/0	1.94	—
July 10	784 Pebble St	Brownsville	\$399,000	1,755	2024	3	2/1	0.11	—
July 11	1117 Ash St	Brownsville	\$300,000	1,040	1980	3	1/0	0.17	—

Market Highlights

- **Total Properties Sold:** 3
- **Average Sale Price:** \$269,667
- **Average Home Size:** 1,342 sq ft
- **Average Lot Size:** 0.74 acres
- **Most Expensive Sale:** \$399,000 (784 Pebble St)
- **Least Expensive Sale:** \$110,000 (33784 Hwy 99E)
- **Newest Home:** Built in 2024
- **Oldest Home:** Built in 1980

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Reimagining Community Journalism in the Digital Age — Networks

by Staff Writer, Stephen A. Brenner

Around 1982, before the Internet and just as personal computers were taking off, I was working for the Forest Service in computer support. While we had early network connections between district, forest, and regional offices, there was no organized way for groups to connect across locations. I suggested setting up interest groups for different departments — computers, timber, firefighting, etc. — at each level of the hierarchy. Messages sent to any group at the top could cascade down through forests and districts or originate from the ground up. That system allowed someone at a district office to ask a question or share insights with others across the entire region. It empowered collaboration and innovation — and it worked.

Fast forward to 2025, and how can rural newspapers in Oregon adopt a networking strategy? The Brownsville Times already implicitly builds a local network by including surrounding towns like Crawfordsville, Halsey, Tangent, and Shedd. But what could happen if rural newspapers statewide — or even across the country — began collaborating intentionally?

Others are asking that same question. The Rural News Network (RNN) is a project of the

Institute for Nonprofit News (INN.org) aimed at strengthening rural journalism. It connects nonprofit news organizations to share stories, co-report investigations, and amplify issues that often go uncovered by larger outlets. The goal is to redefine narratives about rural life and address the real challenges and strengths of these communities.

The Brownsville Times is at a very early stage in its web portal development. So, this is the perfect time to explore what emerging network collaboration strategies can offer. Are there specific standards or platforms that can facilitate fruitful inter-paper collaborations?

Hopefully, when rural newspapers form a network, they gain scale without losing local character. One outlet may break a story about groundwater contamination; others can localize it and follow up with their own coverage. Investigative reporting that would be too costly for a small paper can be done jointly. Even simpler stories — like innovative school programs or community initiatives — can inspire neighboring communities when shared across the network.

Collaboration also helps newspapers stay resilient. With many local papers struggling to sur-



vive, sharing content, technology, and expertise can reduce duplication and save costs. It can also raise journalistic standards by enabling smaller papers to access training, editing, and design resources they might not otherwise afford.

Technology makes this easier than ever, but we need to find a healthy balance between the unique character of our paper and what is offered on the network. Care must be taken not to develop too much dependence on a syndicate at the cost of maintaining our independence. It's all a grand experiment in building an informed and functioning democracy. You might say that it's the second American Revolution. We're not fighting the British Monarchy this time; it's the news deserts and a lack of connection.

Please share your thoughts on how the Times could enhance community building and networking to stephenabrenner@gmail.com.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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hicle in area. Gone on arrival to the Lane County Line.

6:24 p.m. — Report pending. Original call type: Hit and run reported at block of 100 Stanard Ave, Brownsville. Deputy investigated possible hit and run crash

7:39 p.m. — Assist other agency reported at block of 35800 Courtney Creek Dr, Brownsville. Deputy assisted other agency.

Wednesday, August 6

12:06 a.m. — Suspicious vehicle reported at block of 200 S Main St, Brownsville. Deputy investigated suspicious circumstance.

1:12 p.m. — Fraud reported at block of 32300 Old

Hwy 34, Tangent. Deputies responded to a fraud report.

1:49 p.m. — Report pending. Original call type: Suicidal subject reported at block of 31300 Shedd Cemetery Dr, Shedd. Female was placed on a peace officer hold.

3:10 p.m. — Animal complaint reported at block of 31600 Wirth Rd and Ridge Dr, Tangent. Deputy assisted farmer in moving cattle from one field to another after they had gotten loose earlier.

8:31 p.m. — Traffic complaint reported at block of 200 E Washington Ave, Brownsville. Caller reported traffic complaint. Deputy

documented her statements.

9:38 p.m. — Extra patrol reported at block of 200 W Park Ave, Brownsville. Deputies conducted an extra patrol.

9:38 p.m. — Assist other agency reported at block of 22200 S I-5, Shedd. No public narrative.

10:05 p.m. — Report pending. Original call type Motor vehicle collision injury reported at block of 29700 Roberts Rd, Shedd. Deputies respond to single vehicle crash. Operator of the vehicle left prior to deputy arrival.

Thursday, August 7

4:00 a.m. — Extra patrol reported at block of 200

W Park Ave, Brownsville. Deputy performed extra patrol at park, no suspicious activity discovered.

7:08 a.m. — Suspicious circumstance reported at block of 33000 Hwy 99E, Tangent. Caller wanted to talk about a post he observed on social media.

10:04 a.m. — Suspicious circumstance reported at block of 27300 Ogle Rd and Hwy 228, Halsey. Deputy responded to suspicious circumstance. Information noted.

11:20 a.m. — Suspicious vehicle reported at block of 38400 Hwy 228, Sweet Home. Reported suspicious vehicle was gone upon dep-

uty arrival.

1:14 p.m. — Parking complaint reported at block of 300 E Washington Ave, Brownsville. Deputy drove through the area and saw no issues.

2:26 p.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 32200 Hwy 99E and Driver Rd, Tangent. Perry Allen Griffin, 64, of Waldport was issued a citation for speeding, 80 in a 55 mph zone on Hwy 99E.

3:50 p.m. — Parking complaint reported at block of 33600 McFarland Rd, Tangent. Deputy responded to parking complaint and no vehicles were located.

5:00 p.m. — Traffic complaint reported at block

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Nature Crafts Bring
Creativity Outdoors

by Staff Writer, Nancy Diltz

By using materials found in nature, plus recycled items around the house, children can create dozens of crafts with the help of “The Big Book of Nature Art” by Yuval Zommer (2023). The book offers step-by-step instructions for projects such as a leaf bug, a tree-bark bat and a paper plate bird.

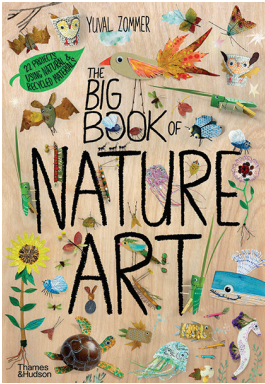
If you don’t have access to the book, you can still make your own nature crafts. Try these ideas:

Summer Activity: Shadow Drawing on a Sunny Day

Find an object such as a leaf, a toy or even your hand. Place a sheet of paper in the sun so the object casts a shadow on it. Then trace around the edges of the shadow. What have you created?

Collect Natural Objects for an Art Project

Gather leaves, sticks, rocks, flowers and grass to inspire artistic designs. For example, paint rocks to look like turtles. Place flowers under a piece of paper and rub a crayon sideways across the surface to create a colorful bas-relief. Paste grass and leaves on paper to make a forest scene. The possibilities are endless.



Pet Peeves

by Staff Writer, Sandra Beckwith

What’s a pet peeve? Everybody has them! They’re little behaviors that someone else does that annoy you. A pet peeve of mine is when people

don’t take back their grocery cart and leave it in the parking lot. Ugh! It just takes a moment to return, but it’s a hassle for someone else.

Pet peeves are preventable by thinking through if your action becomes a problem for someone else. You might ask, “What’s the big deal?” Well, ask yourself, “Do you care about what other people feel?” If you value having friends and people who care about your feelings, it should make a difference to you.

Meet my friends, Madama, and her pet, Peeves. In her story, she sees some mean kids throwing old fruit at a stray dog in a farmer’s market. This truly angers her, as it’s a pet peeve to see people being mean to animals. So, she marches over, sets the kids straight, and adopts the dog, whom she names... Peeves.

What annoys you? What are your pet peeves? My friend Peeves will be sharing his annoyances in future issues. Please remember, it’s essential to care about other people’s feelings, including your family. It causes a lot of arguments and hurts friendships if you don’t care. That hurts you in the big picture.

Want to learn more about Peeves? Check out his story in Madama, and pet, Peeves online at: <https://www.masterkeysforkids.com>.



SHERIFF’S REPORT

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of 300 E Washington Ave, Brownsville. Deputies searched the area for a driving complaint.

6:29 p.m. — Suspicious circumstance reported at block of 100 Spaulding Ave, Brownsville. Deputies responded to a transient complaint.

7:51 p.m. — Report pending. Original call type: Suspicious circumstance reported at block of 24000 Gap Rd, Brownsville. Jimmy Rodger Varner, 58, of Sweet Home was arrested on multiple outstanding warrants, driving while suspended-misdemeanor, Jimmy was issued a citation for his warrants and driving without insurance. Lisa Marie Jones, 63, of Sweet Home was arrested for an outstanding warrant and released with a citation.

10:02 p.m. — Assist other agency reported at block of 28400 Valley View Rd, Shedd. Deputies assisted another agency.

10:46 p.m. — Suspicious circumstance reported at block of 33400 Linn West Dr, Shedd. Deputies checked the area for potential trespassers.

Friday, August 8

12:46 a.m. — Extra patrol reported at block of 100 Spaulding Ave, Brownsville. Deputies conducted an extra patrol.

3:12 a.m. — Extra patrol reported at block of 200 W Park Ave, Brownsville

4:48 a.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 1600 W 2nd St, Halsey. Operator issued speeding violation warning.

1:40 p.m. — Report pending. Original call type: Suspicious vehicle reported at block of 32200 Driver Rd and Hwy 99E, Tangent. Vehicle blocking field entrance off road and preventing emergency vehicles access in the event of a fire was towed as a hazard after the registered owner was unable to be reached.

3:29 p.m. — Trespass reported at block of 400 W Bishop Way, Brownsville. Listed address was called in to have possibly been burglarized. After speaking to everyone, the owner allowed someone to stay in the home without the realtor knowing. Misunderstanding at this time.

8:44 p.m. — Overdose ingestion poisoning reported at block of 38200 Courtney Creek Dr, Brownsville. Non-suicidal female who needed convinced to ride the ambulance to the hospital. No further action.

10:24 p.m. — Park patrol reported at block of 200 Pioneer Park Rd, Brownsville. Checked on the campers utilizing the

park. Nothing suspicious observed.

Saturday, August 9

9:22 a.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 30900 Boston Mill Dr and Seven Mile Ln, Shedd. Elias Rivera, 38, of Albany was issued a citation for speeding, 80 in a 55 mph zone on Seven Mile Ln between Ridge Dr and Boston Mill Dr.

11:43 a.m. — Traffic hazard reported at block of 29300 Hwy 99E, Shedd. Large rocks in the middle of Hwy 99E. Deputy removed them from the roadway.

11:58 a.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 25500 Hwy 99E, Halsey. Michael Butler, 34, of Harrisburg was issued a citation for speeding, 76 in a 55 mph zone on Hwy 99E near Substation Rd.


1:37 p.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 25000 Hwy 99E, Halsey. Thomas Patton, 21, of Junction City was issued a citation for speeding, 78 in a 55 mph zone on Hwy 99E near milepost 23.

1:57 p.m. — Forest timber patrol reported at block of 25800 Timber Rd, Brownsville. Cascade Timber Consulting, Giustina Res; deputy patrolled Timber Rd to Blagen Mill, Blagen Mill to West Brush Creek, and out.

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