



Hands on History This Saturday!

by Staff Writer, Mandy Cole

BROWNSVILLE — Back for the fourth year in Library Park in downtown Brownsville, Hands on History is a delightful day of traditional and historical activities. Want to learn how to dip beeswax candles or try your hand at crosscut sawing? How about listening to Kalapuyan storytellers share their tales? Come down to Library Park, next to the Linn County Historical Museum in Brownsville and make a day of it between 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 23.

All Hands on History activities are free, participatory, and based on authentic historic skills and crafts. For the whole family, youngsters love to make corn husk dolls or pan for gold, little ones get a kick out of scrubbing clothes on a genuine washboard in an old washtub, grown-ups can relax in the shade and listen to fiddle music or hear tales of Linn County's Black Pioneers. Everyone is welcome to learn how obsidian arrow points are flaked or how wool is spun into yarn.

Sponsors, the Linn County Museum Friends and the Linn County Historical Museum, believe that the best way to learn about history is to try it for yourself. Visit the Trappers' Camp and learn how to load a flintlock rifle, hop on the wagon pulled by mules Lizzie and Leslee, or perhaps, listen to an expert describing historic embalming techniques. Inside the Museum, pioneer clothes: dresses, aprons, bonnets, pants, shirts, hats are waiting to be tried on. It's all fun.

The Linn County Historical Museum and Library Park are located adjacent to each other at 101 Park Ave in downtown Brownsville. Call 541.466.3390 or visit <https://Linnparks.com> or email: lchm@co.linn.or.us for more details. 🌻



MIKAYLE STOLE

Jeff Brown guides Roxanne Haney in sawing with a crosscut at the 2022 Hands on History event.

Georgia-Pacific Foundation Gives Back to Halsey Community with Generous Donations

by Staff Writer, Larissa Gangle

HALSEY — The Halsey community is expressing heartfelt gratitude following two generous donations from the Georgia-Pacific Foundation.

The first contribution, a \$500 donation to the Halsey Library, will directly support the purchase of new books and help fund future library events. Georgia-Pacific has continuously supported the Halsey Library, including generously contributing to the Library renovation project and grand opening in 2015.



LARISSA GANGLE

From Left: Georgia Pacific Halsey Mill Leader Austin Callahan presents a \$500 Donation Check to Halsey Librarian Kaitlynn Watts, City Administrator Briana Parra, and Mayor Jerry Lachenbruch on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at the Halsey Library.

In addition to supporting the library, the Georgia-Pacific Foundation awarded a second, larger donation of \$6,000 to the Halsey Fire Department. The funding was used to purchase updated safety equipment and to upgrade both emergency medical and firefighting gear, thereby enhancing local emergency response capabilities.

Georgia-Pacific, which operates a mill facility west of Halsey, supports initiatives in the realms of education, community enrichment, environment, and entrepreneurship — collectively referred to as the Foundation's "Four E's."

The Halsey community extends its sincere thanks to Georgia-Pacific for its generosity and continued investment in the well-being of the town. 🌻

Faces from the Connect Linn County's Pancakes for Dinner event:



MIKAYLE STOLE

Create your own corn husk doll at Hands on History this Saturday.



MIKAYLE STOLE

Try your hand at panning for gold.

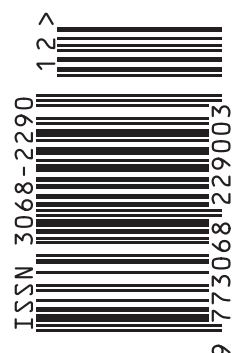


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Free Coffee, Donuts, & Fellowship

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

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.

Widows' Brigade

Thursday, August 21 • 1:30 p.m.

Central Valley Church

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 • 6:30 p.m.

Halsey Memorial Park

Free community BBQ with burgers, hot dogs, sides, drinks, cookies, kids' games, activities, and face painting. Outdoor movie "The Wild Robot" (PG) starts at dusk, around 8:30 p.m. Food drive for Sharing Hands Food Bank; bring canned/boxed items for a chance to win a Family Movie Night basket.

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, worshipping God, praying, playing and fellowshiping with one another.

<http://www.festivaloftents.org>

Halsey City Hall Closed for Labor Day

Monday, September 1, 2025

GriefShare Support Group

Saturday, Sept. 6 – Nov. 15, 10–11:30 a.m.

First Baptist Church, 27910 Seven Mile Ln

A 13-week support group for those navigating loss and grief. Each session includes a 30-minute video from grief recovery experts, group discussion, and take-home exercises for personal healing. In-person, open to all.

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

Tarweed Awakening to Highlight Kalapuya Plant, Person, and Place

by Staff Writer, Sharon Banks



Corvallis: The Plant, The Person, The Place. The event is free, open to the public, and begins at Wild Yeast Bakery, 648 SW 2nd Street.

The program, organized by the Oregon State University Indigenous Studies Program, will highlight the cultural and historical significance of tarweed (Sawal), a traditional first food of the Kalapuya people. Tarweed produces a small, nutritious seed when roasted, and was a vital seasonal staple.

The event also honors Shawala, a prominent Kalapuya leader named after the plant, and Sawala Point, a culturally significant site in Corvallis that carries his name.

"Tarweed Awakening is a way to connect community members to Kalapuya food traditions, leadership, and the land itself," said event organizer Dave Eckert. "It's an opportunity to learn from Indigenous voices about history and cultural practices that continue to resonate today."

This year's Awakening features four venues within walking distance:

- **Shawala Point** — Guided tours led by OSU Indigenous Studies faculty and students. Tours at 1:15 and 2:15 p.m.
- **Tarweed Folk School at Wade Hardware** — An interactive program on Indigenous tarweed practices presented by Chris Rempel, Cultural Resources Specialist for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.
- **Corvallis Museum** — A look at the mystery of Sawala (also known as William Hartless) and a Corvallis settler of the same name, led by Rempel with support from OSU students and museum staff. Program runs 1:00–3:00 p.m.
- **Wild Yeast Bakery** — Closing reflections with three short talks:
 - **Molly Carney**, OSU Assistant Professor of Anthropology, on tarweed in cultural history.
 - **David Harrelson**, Cultural Resources Manager for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and an Ampinefu Kalapuya member, on Sawala the leader.
 - **Luhui Whitebear**, OSU Assistant Professor and Indigenous Studies Coordinator, on Shawala Point and its meaning in present-day Corvallis.

Tarweed Awakening Corvallis joins a broader movement of Willamette Valley communities celebrating Kalapuya first foods at key points in the seasonal round. McMinnville hosts a Camas Festival in May, while Salem celebrates Oakfest in October. The concept was first developed by Harrelson to honor the diversity of traditional Kalapuya food sources.

Sponsors for the event include the OSU Indigenous Studies Program, Corvallis Sustainability Coalition, Tarweed Folk School, Wild Yeast Bakery, and the Corvallis Museum.

For more information, contact Dave Eckert at deckert@willamettewatershed.com. ☼

CONNECT LINN COUNTY

Pancakes, Smiles, and Summer Evenings

By Sharon Banks, Staff Writer

BROWNSVILLE — Pioneer Park was filled with the aroma of breakfast-for-dinner on Aug. 13 as Connect Linn County served up stacks of pancakes, syrup, sausage, and fresh fruit for its Weekly Community Dinner. Families, friends, and neighbors gathered at long picnic tables, sharing food and conversation under shelter of the Pavilion at Pioneer Park.

The evening continued CLC's mission of bringing people together and ensuring no one in Brownsville feels left out or goes hungry. Volunteers worked the griddles while kids played nearby, turning the meal into both a feast and a community celebration.

One final dinner remains this summer — the Aug. 20 End-of-Summer Bash, featuring hot dogs, sandwiches, treats from local food trucks, kids' games, and classic cars.



CONNECT Linn County board; Leise Rolfe, Tika Harrison, Melissa Delabout, and Karmel Curtis



The entire cast of volunteers on the Wednesday August 13 event.



Families enjoying breakfast for dinner on August 13.



Thompson's Mills Prepares for Fall Cider Pressings, Seeks Volunteers

SHEDD — The Thompson's Mills Preservation Society (TMPS) is gearing up for its annual Fall Cider Pressings — a tradition that blends hands-on fun with historic preservation. Pressings will be held from 11 a.m. until the apples run out, usually before 3 p.m., on Saturdays, Aug. 30, Sept. 20, Oct. 11, and Oct. 25.

The family-friendly event invites visitors to toss apples into the grinder, crank the press, and watch as fresh cider flows — “like liquid gold.” Half-gallon containers will be sold for \$5, with proceeds supporting the mill. Guests can also browse T-shirts, tote bags, mugs, dish towels, and the illustrated history “Open the Flume Gates; A photographic window into Oregon’s oldest water powered flour and grain mill” by Tom Adams and Tom Parsons. Docents will be on hand to lead free tours of the mill, and visitors are encouraged to bring a picnic and make a day of it.

TMPS is also calling for volunteers. Those with glazing or woodworking skills are especially needed to help replace the plywood panels that have stood in for upper-story windows since the original glass failed years ago. New windows are being built in the mill’s workshop and will restore the building’s authentic appearance. Volunteers for cider pressing days are also welcome. “Most of us board members are getting on in years,” a TMPS representative said. “It would be great to have a few people lend a hand at the press for an hour or so.” Recent improvements at the 177-year-old mill may not be evident to visitors, but they are crucial for its longevity. Park Manager Scott Youngblood recently guided TMPS President Michael Humphreys and Secretary Donald Lyon through upgrades that included disconnecting outdated electrical circuits to reduce fire risk and replacing eight massive timbers that support the section of the mill over the flume. Repairs were also made to the flume’s concrete wall, significantly strengthening the structure.

“These changes might not be visible to most people,” Lyon said, “but they put the mill in a much better position to stand for another 177 years.”



The Thompson's Mills Preservation Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Memberships, donations, and bequests are tax-deductible. To join or contribute, email Secretary Donald Lyon at phototraveler02@gmail.com or send checks to TMPS, Box 1, Shedd, OR 97377. ☼

Cider Pressing at the Mill

Dates: Aug. 30, Sept. 20, Oct. 11, Oct. 25
Time: 11 a.m. until apples run out (usually before 3 p.m.)
Cost: \$5 per half gallon
Where: Thompson's Mills, Shedd

Bring a picnic, take a tour, and enjoy fresh-pressed cider.

Tangent Harvest Festival to Feature Combine Demolition Derby, Tractor Pull

TANGENT — The Tangent Harvest Festival will return Saturday, September 13 with a full day of activities, highlighted by the popular Combine Demolition Derby and Tractor Pull.

The “Derby-Pull,” officially known as the Tangent Harvest Festival Combine Demolition Derby and Tractor Pull, will be held in Glaser Field behind Tangent City Hall and Tangent Elementary School. The main Harvest Festival takes place on the connected grounds of the City Hall and school.

Festival admission is free, though purchases from artisans or food vendors are extra. Tickets for the Derby-Pull are \$10 for ages 10 and older, \$5 for ages 5–9, and free for children 4 and younger who sit on a lap. Tickets are available at [https://](https://tangenttogether.org)

tangenttogether.org.

The day begins at 6 a.m. with a hot air balloon launch, followed by the Tangent Fire Department pancake breakfast from 6:30 to 9:45 a.m. The parade starts at 10 a.m., with the main festival opening immediately afterward and running until 6 p.m. Events include a classic car show, antique tractor show, kids’ village, pie-eating contest, kids’ pedal tractor pull, live music, artisan and community vendors, and food carts.

The Derby-Pull gates open at noon. Tractor pulls start at 1 p.m., followed by a 30-minute intermission at 4:30 p.m. The combine derby begins at 5 p.m., with all events wrapping up by 6 p.m.

Parking will be available at Glaser Field for \$5 per vehicle, with proceeds benefiting the West Albany Trap Club. Signs will direct drivers to parking areas.

More information at <https://tangenttogether.org> or email tangentharvestfestival@gmail.com. ☼



WIDOWS' BRIGADE From Bucket Lists to Brownsville Ice Cream

by Staff Writer, Mary Canaday

The Widows Brigade will hold its regular monthly meeting on August 21 at 1:30 p.m. at Central Valley Church. This month, we will discuss the things we enjoy doing and share our bucket list items for the future.

We will also attend the Hands On History event on Saturday, August 23, in Brownsville at 10 am. Meet up nearby the Picture Gallery at Park & Main St. We'll have lunch together at a place to be decided and finish the day with ice cream at Poppi's Place.

Our past meetings included making book-marks, jewelry, door mats, and cards; playing games; celebrating our moms and spouses; and painting flowerpots. We always try to do something new and different and encourage our members to teach us new things.

We have gone on outings to the beach, watched plays, visited museums, gone out to dinner, and tried new foods. We like to keep it fun and interesting.



We welcome all widows, no matter how recently or long ago you became widowed. We are a group seeking friends to share activities with and offer mutual support. If you are also a widow with young children, you're welcome to bring them, and we can arrange babysitting during our meetings. ☼

OBITUARY

Homer Turnbull

Homer Turnbull, 85, a 50-year Brownsville resident, passed peacefully on March 20, 2025, in Corvallis. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Mildred, two sons and their wives, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held on August 23 at 11 a.m. at Southside Christian Church, 196 Airport Rd, Lebanon.





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BOOK REVIEW

Epic West,
Unforgettable Journey

by Staff Writer, Nancy Diltz

“Lonesome Dove” by Larry McMurtry (1985)

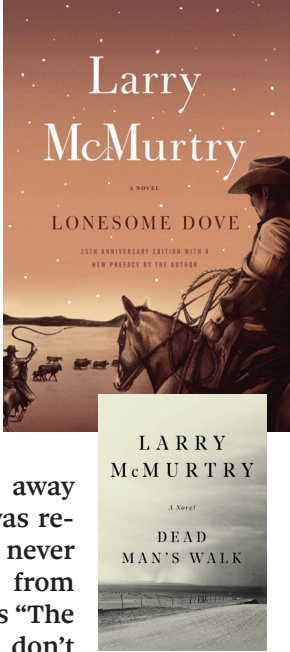
The Western novel has always brought to mind authors Louis L’Amour, Zane Grey, and Cormac McCarthy. However, in 1985, with his epic novel “Lonesome Dove”, Larry McMurtry was added to the list of writers who use the backdrop of the Old West for their stories. McMurtry encompasses the drama, romance, and harsh reality of the early American settlers with page-turning, nail-biting realism.

In 1989, a mini-series based on the book was released for television. Actors Robert Duvall, Tommy Lee Jones, Diane Lane, Danny Glover, Chris Cooper, and Anjelica Houston are just a few of the superstars who signed up to portray McMurtry’s characters in the “Greatest Western Ever Filmed”.

My dad, who passed away before the mini-series was released, was determined never to read fiction. Aside from James Fenimore Cooper’s “The Last of the Mohicans”, I don’t believe he ever read anything but non-fiction. He was a mathematics major at the University of Oregon and a computer programmer of the first IBM systems housed at Lockheed. When my mom finished reading “Lonesome Dove,” she challenged him to read it. No dice. Fiction.

Somehow, and I still do not know how she did it — she convinced him to agree to read two chapters. He was hooked! He thought it was tremendous! He finished the 864 pages, and he recommended, ““Lonesome Dove’ is an exciting, realistic, and compelling look at the experiences of two former Texas Rangers who the government asks to clear the Wild West of ‘Indians’ for the arriving settlers. They decide instead to move cattle they rustle from Mexico to Montana, where they hope to retire on their own cattle ranch. Though scoundrels, the two exhibit bravery, loyalty, and even a soft spot or two as they journey through the western frontier.”

I wholeheartedly agree that this book is truly great. I personally went on to read the two pre-quels and a sequel to “Lonesome Dove,” plus more than 30 other books by McMurtry, one of which might surprise you (and was also made into a movie), “Terms of Endearment.” Though 864 pages long, “Lonesome Dove” was one book I really did not want ever to end. 🌀



BROWNSVILLE LIBRARY

With a Little Help: Gratitude and Growth

by Sherri Lemhouse, Brownsville librarian

Think about someone who helped make you the person you are. Someone who wanted only the best for you, encouraged you, and loved you just for being you. Those are the kinds of people we need. Thanks for being one of them. — Fred Rogers

This week the library is celebrating the installation of two new computers and a new receipt printer. The library front desk and the librarian computers are running like the gems (volunteers) that tap the keyboards. Thank you so much, to the City and Administrator, for personally spending all that time figuring it out and making it work.

In August, I am writing the Ready To Read Grant Report from this year and filling out next year’s application. I am also filing the Statistical Report for the State of Oregon. I’ll be gathering the data on how many books are checked out and the number of visitors we had; itemizing the programs for children and adults and the number of attendees; and recording financial expenses for the building, operations, and books purchased. I’ll complete it all before the deadline in October to ensure that, over the coming year, your library will provide you with books and programs that are interesting and relevant to you.

Coming Soon:

Please join us for Estate Planning: Making a Trust. This informative session will be held on Thursday, September 18 at 7 pm in the Brownsville Community Library Kirk Room, which is located at 146 Spaulding Ave. in Brownsville, Oregon. Local attorney Danielle M. Myers is donating her time as the guest speaker. The session is FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. No registration is required. Your attendance and General questions are welcome. We will restart the series in March with Wills, Trusts in April; Advance Directives in May.

India’s Fabled Rajasthan: India is a world unto itself and Rajasthan is its color capital. This is the land of Maharajahs, camel caravans and painted elephants. Lost cities where monkeys play, scenes from Kipling’s “The Jungle Book,” really do exist. Visit white marble temples of love and witness life along the sacred Ganges. Former professional photographer and tour guide, Don Lyon, is the presenter of this delightful and informative program on Thursday, October 16, 2025, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Kirk Room at your local Library. Other programs include pictorial tours of France’s La Belle Provance, November 20; Turkish Treasure, February 19, 2026, and Florida’s Wild Everglades March 19, 2026. All programs are free and open to the public.

Please join us for **Story Time**, followed by **crafts with Ms. Thea. Songs, rhymes, fingerplays and more with Librarian Sherri** begins Friday, August 22 at 11 AM. This week she will read books about chickens. What sound does a chicken make? Do you know how to say chicken in sign language? Join us and find out! There will be some happy clucking going on! All this and craft time with Ms. Thea... and free too!

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.

Parents & Pals Story Time

Wednesday, August 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>. 🌀

Anonymous Donor Pledges \$10,000 Matching Fund Grant to American Legion Post 184

BROWNSVILLE — A generous but unnamed donor has pledged \$10,000 to the American Legion Travis Moothart Post 184 in a matching fund grant. Every dollar donated by the community will be matched dollar-for-dollar, doubling the impact until the \$10,000 challenge is met.

Once fully matched, the \$20,000 total will be used to pay off the post’s mortgage and make much-needed building repairs.

“We are thrilled to receive this donation,” said Post Commander Norm Simms. “This funding will help the American Legion become more sustainable for the future.”

Post 184 supports itself through membership dues, donations, and fundraisers. The local post provides military honors at funerals, displays

American flags throughout Brownsville during military holidays, offers a meeting place for the Boy Scouts, and serves as a gathering place for community events.

In addition, Post 184 awards a \$2,500 scholarship each year to a deserving Central Linn graduating senior. This scholarship is funded in part by loose-change donations collected at local businesses, including Memaw’s Country Kitchen, Carlson’s Hardware, The Pioneer Villa, The Shedd Market, J & S Supply, NAPA Auto Parts, and the Shell Station across the freeway.

Community members wishing to see their donations doubled are encouraged to contribute now while the matching funds are still available. 🌀

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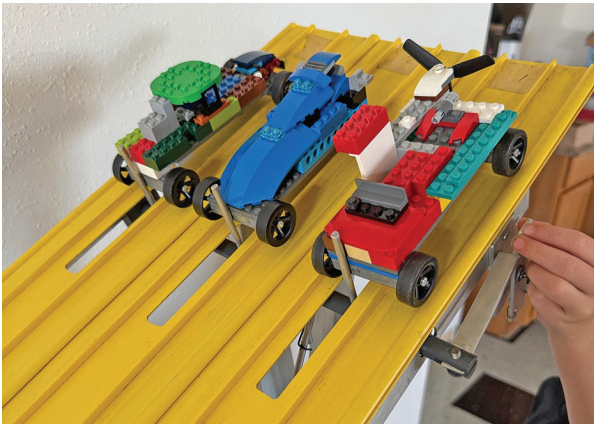
Community Turns Out for Halsey Library’s Summer of Reading

by Staff Writer, Larissa Gangle

The 2025 Halsey Library Summer Reading Program was a success this year, bringing children and families together with the goal of keeping literacy exciting all summer long with reading challenges, prizes, and exciting weekly events.



The Program kicked off on July 12 with a visit from special guest, Ceasar the “No Drama Llama.” With his soft, fluffy coat and laid-back personality, Ceasar delivered joy and affection in the form of his trademark “hugs” to adults and children alike. Families took turns snapping photos with Ceasar and learned about llamas and their unique behaviors from Ceasar’s handler, Larry McCool.



“Lego Day” on July 19 provided high-speed fun for young builders. Children were given supplies to construct their very own Lego derby cars. Once the cars were built, racers made their way to a long, three-lane track to race their opponents to the finish line. This event, sponsored by “Bricks and Minifigs” in Eugene, was widely popular. Halsey Librarian Kaitylyn Watts stated that she hopes to hold this event annually in Halsey.

Other program events included the “Museum of Natural and Cultural History” on July 26 and “Game Day” on August 2. The program concluded on Saturday, August 9, in the Halsey Community Center with a magic show and ice cream party, with the top readers in each age group receiving prizes.

City Staff expressed their gratitude to all of the participants, volunteers, and presenters who contributed to this year’s program success, and are looking forward to next year’s event with new surprises and events in store.

For more information about library programs and events, visit halseyor.gov/services/library, call (541) 369-2522 or (541) 369-2705, or email library@halseyor.gov.

TANGENT CITY COUNCIL

Tangent Creates Downtown Development Committee

By Daniel R. Murphy, Staff Writer

The Tangent City Council met for their monthly meeting on August 11, 2025, and one councilor was late arriving, resulting in full attendance. The mayor, Loel Truelove, presided. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and proceeded in an orderly manner.

A motion was made to approve the establishment of a Downtown Development Committee, which is charged with making recommendations to other city groups and offices. The motion passed, and it also approved the appointment of four members.

Discussion ensued about improvements sought for Tangent Drive. A project to improve that road has existed for some time, but funding cannot be obtained to take action. The county work crew has other priorities. There was further discussion about the merits of the city taking over ownership of the county road. City Manager Joe Samaniego pointed out that if the city took possession, it would be saddled with all costs for the road’s maintenance and any improvements. No further action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m. It was said to be the shortest meeting of the year.

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Grants will boost Linn County Parks and Recreation Department projects

ALBANY — Grants from the Oregon State Marine Board, Travel Oregon and Federal Title II, will help the Linn County Parks and Recreation Department tackle several projects in coming months.

At their Tuesday morning meeting, Linn County Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Sherrie Sprenger, and Will Tucker accepted the grants presented by Parks and Recreation Department Director Stacey Whaley.

- Grants and projects include:
- A \$150,000 grant from Travel Oregon to build a 30-foot yurt that will replace cabin 10 at Clear Lake Resort. The cabin was demolished about five years ago. The yurt will be Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible. The yurt will include an indoor kitchen and restroom. Linn County Parks and Recreation will contribute matching funds.
 - A \$56,783 grant from the Oregon State Marine Board to install a debris boom at the Sunnyside County Park boat launch area. The new boom has already been installed, because work needed to be completed by the end of June. Whaley said public response has been positive. Linn County Parks and Recreation contributed labor, materials and equipment to install the new boom.
 - A Federal Title II grant for \$75,000 to be used toward replacement of the drain field at Clear Lake Resort. Linn County Parks and Recreation has contracted for a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review with Archaeological Investigations Northwest and are in the Tribal and State Historic Preservation Office comment periods until the end of September. Once approvals are secured, the goal is a spring of 2026 installation.
 - An Oregon State Marine Board grant for \$12,108 to purchase a trailer for a Munson landing craft boat, which was donated by the Marine Board to the Linn County Parks and Recreation Department.
 - A \$3,469 Oregon State Marine Board grant to add a paddle craft dock to the floating restroom on the South Santiam River arm at Foster Reservoir. The area is heavily used by people who enjoy paddle boarding, kayaking, or using float tubes. Linn County will contribute labor and equipment to move it into place and install it.
- In other business, the commissioners:
- Approved a new three-year contract with the Linn County Deputy Sheriff’s Association.
 - Were informed by Planning & Building Department Director Steve Wills that there were 34 dwelling permits issued in July. Seven permits were for single-family units, eight were for manufactured dwellings, and 16 were for additions or alterations. Three permits were issued for accessory buildings. Eight code enforcement cases were opened and 14 were closed in July.
 - Appointed Jennifer Stanaway to Position 6 on the Linn County Budget Committee.
 - Reappointed Michelle Hawkins as the Linn County Budget Officer.
 - Approved First-Time Youth Wage Grant agreements with Cascade Timber Consulting and Pimm Farms.

Jim Weger: A Character, A Veteran, A Brownsville Son

by Staff Writer, Lauren Sinz



Three generations of the Weger family.

Everyone has a story, and Jim Weger’s is about family, friends, and the life experiences that are part of Brownsville’s fabric. The fabric is rich and tightly woven. Jim is a third-generation resident of Brownsville; his father and grandfather were both born there after his great-grandfather moved across as one of the original pioneers to start a new life out West with a donation land claim. All of Jim’s children are from Brownsville, some of whom still live here.

“My great-grandfather was one of the original homesteaders. He came out here in 1848.” Jim’s grandfather was born in 1855 on the Gap Road donation land claim. His grandfather was the youngest of all his siblings. Jim’s father, born in 1908, was also the youngest, as is Jim. “I like to say they saved the best for last.”

“My first house at the end of Cochran Creek burned down when I was a baby, and dad rebuilt a house that we lived in until I was 5 or 6 years old. In fact, that house is still there.” Jim attended Central Linn High School. “It was the best seven years of my life! I tell everyone I went to UCLA (University of Central Linn in Albany), but it really was Linn-Benton Community College.” All except for a few years of his life, he lived in Brownsville. When Jim realized college just wasn’t for him, he entered the Army for a three-year stint that took him to Germany during the 1970s.

Some of Jim’s favorite memories in the Army are of the people. Even halfway across the world, Jim and his wife Linda were sitting in a restaurant/bar with some folks they had met while in Germany. In the conversation, his German friend, Klaus, mentioned something about Harrisburg. When Jim asked what he had to do with Harrisburg, Jim learned that Klaus had a

pen pal in Harrisburg, Oregon. Upon learning his pen pal’s name, Jim and his wife were surprised — the pen pal was a relative of Linda’s! “What’s the chance of that?” This is just one of the stories Jim has that supported his decision to come back to Brownsville.

Jim loves Brownsville and is proud to be a part of the community. He is active in the American Legion Post 184 on Main Street, proud of raising his family in town, and has many friends. Jim can’t walk around without knowing someone! Jim is a character. “I kind of like to poke the bear. But I will stand up for what I believe.”

Jim and Linda pride themselves on raising their four children. “We are very proud of all of our children... all are productive members of society.” Their only son, Travis, was featured in the July 3 issue of The Brownsville Times. Their nine grandchildren range in age from 10 months to 29 years old. Their oldest daughter and her husband live in California, while Travis and his wife reside in Colorado. Their other two daughters and their respective husbands live in Brownsville. One of their daughters has just purchased 40 acres on Gap Road, where they plan to develop the property.

The Weger family is coming full circle from Jim’s great-grandfather developing his donation land claim on Gap Road now to his daughter developing land on Gap Road... essentially doing the same thing. Jim Weger’s ancestors and descendants are part of the fabric that is the beautiful community of Brownsville, Oregon.

Jim’s history is one of this community, and it is something of which all of Brownsville can be proud. 🌻

TABLE TALK, DINING IN AND AROUND BROWNSVILLE

Armando’s Mexican Restaurant — A Taste of Tradition

by Staff Writer, Jeff Brown

BROWNSVILLE — If you’re looking for a solid dining experience in Brownsville, Armando’s Mexican Restaurant at 122 Spaulding Way is worth a visit. Open from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily (Sunday Noon–8 p.m.), they offer both takeout options and reservations, making it a flexible choice for any occasion.

Upon entering, we were immediately seated in a booth within the first minute. Our waitress, Wendy, arrived with warm chips and a spicy, chunky salsa that made a strong first impression. She then, promptly took our drink orders and was attentive throughout our visit.

The menu at Armando’s is extensive, featuring all the familiar Mexican favorites. After some consideration, I ordered the Chicken Enchiladas with rice and beans, while my wife chose the Chicken Chipotle Burrito.

When our meals arrived, we were pleased to find them quite flavorful and satisfying. The enchiladas were well-prepared, filled with tender chicken, and smothered in a tasty sauce. My wife’s burrito was substantial (had to take half home for tomorrow’s lunch) and had a nice kick to it, making both dishes enjoyable.

During our meal, we had the chance to speak with Geraldo, the owner, who was working in the kitchen. He was friendly and took pride in the quality of food served at his restaurant.

The dining area was clean and well-maintained, and with a full bar available, Armando’s makes for a complete dining experience. Overall, we left feeling satisfied and would recommend Armando’s Mexican Restaurant for anyone in the Brownsville area looking for quality Mexican cuisine and good service. 🌻



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TAKING ROOT

Tansy Ragwort —
Do your Part!

by Staff Writer, Donald Lyon

Bright yellow flowers in a bouquet-like cluster dot the fields and line the fence rows — sounds like a poem coming on, but the deadly Tansy Ragwort is making a comeback after years of decline. All parts of the plant are toxic to horses, cows, and llamas, among others. The great danger to livestock is when the plant is harvested as part of a hay crop. Normally, grazing animals avoid the bitter-tasting plant, but when it comes served up as hay, they may eat it unwittingly, damaging their livers. Sheep are not affected. Since this column is devoted to the small property owner and gardener rather than the grazer, I just wanted to suggest that you, dear reader, have a look around your back lot for the four-foot-high plants with the cluster of yellow flowers while they are still blooming. Please dig up the entire plant, including the taproot, and dispose of it by bagging it for the trash or burning it. Composting is not effective. At least whack off the flower head before the numerous seeds mature and spread to nearby fields.



Tansy Ragwort, toxic to livestock — remove it by the roots!

Tansy Ragwort was accidentally introduced into Oregon in the 1920s. The Oregon Department of Agriculture, from 1980 to 2005, was effectively controlling tansy, a member of the sunflower family, with biological controls, the cinnabar moth, a flea beetle, and a seed head fly, all imported from Western Europe, where tansy is native. This program was working well with cattle deaths reduced by 90% until the 2005 winter drought, which was followed by a warm, wet spring, prompting a resurgence of this pernicious weed.

For more information, search Tansy Ragwort, OSU Extension. The US Department of Agriculture has an information site, too, detailing several dozen poisonous plants found in the Western US. Images and methods of control are included. A related plant, Common Tansy, is also found in waste areas, having escaped from gardens where it was used as an ornamental. The common tansy does not have the aster-like petals. It is less dangerous to livestock. Got a gardening question? Ask a Master Gardener at phototraveler02@gmail.com. ☼

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SEASONS EATINGS

A Perfect Pear-ing: Sweet & Savory Salsas

by Staff Writer, Lisa Keith

I'm not sure about you, but my pear tree is laden with fruit. I know Dan Murphy will correct my facts as to the type of pear (Bartlett) and cycle (every other year), as needed. He spent his formative years in the house my husband and I currently reside in. My pear tree gives me lovely fruit every year. It goes crazy every other year. This is that crazy year! I love a good pear tart or galette, using them in a sweet bread (use the zucchini bread recipe I shared last week, add some powdered and crystallized ginger, and swap the zucchini for diced pears), making pear butter, just like making apple butter. Or eat it directly from the tree, letting the juice run down your hand! Yummers!

Here is a lovely alternative to your standard salsa.

Sweet Fruit Salsa

- 1 cup diced pears
- 2 peeled & diced peaches
- 2 peeled & sliced kiwi fruit
- 1 tsp fresh lime zest
- 2 tsp fresh lime juice
- 1 tsp white sugar
- Optional: 1 seeded and minced jalapeno or serrano pepper

Make sure to wash all your fruit before processing, even the lime. Gently toss all the ingredients until evenly distributed. Enjoy with cinnamon sugar chips or just standard tortilla chips. Tastes good over pork, too. Store leftovers in the fridge. Eat ASAP to prevent it from turning into inedible brown goo.

Substitutions: All berries taste wonderful in this recipe. Try to make sure you dice all ingredients about the same size as this creates a better flavor distribution on the tongue. This is also great mixed with cream cheese and made into a spread for bagels, toast, or muffins.



Savory Pear Salsa

- 6 cups diced fresh pears
- 1-2 cups diced fresh tomatoes
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed and minced
- 2-3 jalapeno or serrano peppers, seeded and minced
- ½ green bell pepper, diced
- 1 bunch of cilantro, washed, dried, and chopped (can be omitted)
- Juice of 2 limes
- 1 tsp salt

Gently toss all ingredients until incorporated. Enjoy as you would any salsa, with tortilla chips, over a burrito, with nachos... etc., etc., etc. Store in fridge. Enjoy ASAP. ☼

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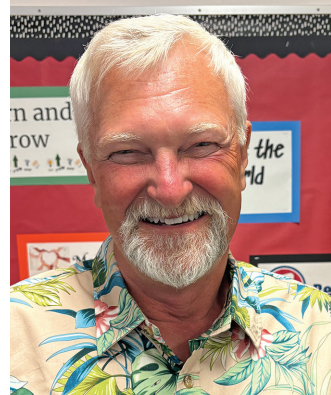
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Central Linn School Board Members Share Priorities for the Year Ahead

by Staff Writer, Sravya Tadepalli

These responses have been lightly edited for clarity. Donald Fleckenstein did not respond to The Brownsville Times by the publication deadline. Due to Mandy Brady's appointment on August 11, The Times did not have the opportunity to speak with her before publication. We will try to include interviews with Director Fleckenstein and Director Brady in a later issue.

Stacey Winter, Zone 1



1. Why did you want to join the Central Linn School Board?

First of all, to give back to the community. Three out of my four children went to Central Linn. I was working as an executive at Hewlett-Packard and never had the time to contribute to the school board or other volunteer activities. Now that I am retired from high tech, I am able to have the time and hopefully bring some strengths and some skill sets to help tackle some of the issues that we have going on in our district.

2. What are the most significant issues facing the Central Linn School District?

I've got three. Number one for me is academics. It's really improving academics and helping students succeed in life. That's my number one priority to see happen. Number two for me is the improvement of the facilities. The facilities at Central Linn are very outdated. There are systems that are failing, and there are environments that at some point in the near future could potentially be unsafe/unhealthy. That's the number two priority for me. Number three priority for me is, as a school board member, providing transparency to really help build trust within the community. Before my time, there had been some issues, and trust had been broken; there were some things that were done outside the visibility of the community, parents, and teachers, perhaps. I really think, as a school board member, that this is a problem and an issue that we really need to address, and I believe that with the new school board members, we will address it this next year.

3. What do you see as the role of a school board member in addressing these issues?

Primarily, working very closely with the superintendent to help set goals, set strategies, and set action plans to address the issues that I just mentioned, the academics, the facilities, and providing transparency. That's where I see the role of the school board members really working very closely with the superintendent in those strategies and measuring the superintendent's success in the implementation plan.

4. At what point do you think the Central Linn School District would need to consider a bond measure again and what points of consideration would go into that decision?

I bring it back to achieving our goals. I really think we need to show the community that Central Linn grade school, high school, is a great place for our children to learn and to succeed in life. We really have to show some successes in the goals that we set and the strategies that we set, and that will, in turn, I believe, build trust within the community and show the value of the Central Linn School District. At that point, and I won't give a date or a year, but at that point, the school board members will look at the successes that we have had, and with a lot of community involve-

ment, make a determination of bringing a bond to the voters in the Linn County area.

5. According to the most recent data from the Oregon Department of Education (for the 2023-2024 school year), only 28% of Central Linn third graders are reading at their grade level, and only 33% of eighth graders are proficient in math at their grade level. What policies would you promote as a school board member to improve these metrics, and are there any other areas (science, social studies, art, etc.) where you would seek improvement?

Again, working very closely with the superintendent in a couple of different areas. Better mandating the class size at Central Linn, especially in the grade school. We've got to give teachers the ability to teach and provide instruction in a manageable class size. That's one of the priorities that I have looked at in the past. Number two is really setting higher expectations for both students and teachers in performance, in learning metrics, and learning performance. I really think that's an area that we need to focus on. I think it's all the areas. The basics of reading, writing, and arithmetic, but also science, and even down to the arts program. There are a lot of different types of learners, obviously, and some are much stronger in the arts than in the sciences. I think providing areas of focus in both those areas is valuable. I think there is really somewhat of an imbalance between scholastics and sports. I know there is a lot of good value that comes out of sports teams and athletics, but it feels to me that we have lost focus on the scholastics in the programs, and so that's really what I would like to see improve and some policies put in place there that really help students succeed in life when they graduate from Central Linn.

Garrett Leabo, Zone 2 (Vice-Chair)



1. Why did you want to join the Central Linn School Board?

I saw a division in the board and community, that parents, staff and students were not being heard or felt represented.

2. What are the most significant issues facing the Central Linn School District?

Lack of state funding to public schools.

3. What do you see as the role of a school board member in addressing these issues?

To keep our budget in line, continue to provide a quality education to students who attend, and help [boost] trades as an option.

4. At what point do you think the Central Linn School District would need to consider a bond measure again and what points of consideration would go into that decision?

I think we need to prove to the community that we are maintaining our schools and that updates or upgrades need to happen, but I feel with grants we can accomplish a lot.

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The data is accurate, but it is from the 23-24 school year — so it is a year old. The 24-25 data for third grade is 10% higher in all academics [the Times was unable to verify this statement.] As a board member, I strongly support improved academic outcomes at all grade levels, and I am looking forward to working with Dr. Hess to see what recommendations he brings to the board that will result in improved academic outcomes for our students and to see how Central Linn compares to districts similar in size and demographics.

Levi Farris, Zone 3



1. Why did you want to join the Central Linn School Board?

To elevate my passion to support kids in their education and development. I'm excited for this opportunity to be part of a great team that will always strive to create and

promote an awesome, positive atmosphere for our students and staff!

2. What are the most significant issues facing the Central Linn School District?

Enrollment. I would like to see that number increase.

3. What do you see as the role of a school board member in addressing these issues?

Being a good listener. Collaborating with the rest of the board and Superintendent to create solutions to resolve any current or potential issues that would threaten our success.

4. At what point do you think the Central Linn School District would need to consider a bond measure again and what points of consideration would go into that decision?

When enrollment has shown a pattern of increasing, and when we have the right staff and systems in place, so that the community can feel confident that such a measure is necessary.

5. According to the most recent data from the Oregon Department of Education (for the 2023-2024 school year), only 28% of Central Linn third graders are reading at their grade level and only 33% of eighth graders are proficient in math at their grade level. What policies would you promote as a school board member to improve these metrics, and are there any other areas (science, social studies, art, etc.) where you would seek improvement?

Policies that can enhance student focus and discipline. We need discipline systems in place that motivate students towards accomplishment and success!

Interviews with Jason Curtis, Zone 5, And Steve Irwin, Zone 6 will be published in the August 28 issue. 🌞



Central Linn School District Fills Vacant Board Position

by Staff Writer, Sharon Banks

The Central Linn School District Board of Directors filled a vacancy in District 4 during its August 11 work session and regular board meeting, selecting longtime community member and military veteran Mandy Brady for the seat.

Work Session Interviews

Two candidates were interviewed for the open position: Brady and Tyler Simmons.

Brady, who has several children enrolled in the district, brings leadership and management experience from a long military career. She told the board she views her role as part of a team, with a focus on supporting teachers and being a strong voice for the community.

“You gotta listen and come in with an open mind — sometimes you just have to agree to disagree,” Brady said. “Conflict can bring a diverse train of thought. It can be a good way to break down barriers.”

Her first-year goals include ensuring the district’s financial stability, raising academic achievement, and lowering class sizes. Her three-year vision centers on building community trust, strengthening partnerships, and passing a levy.

Simmons expressed a desire to bridge the gap between the district and the community, getting “everyone on the same page” and “making it better for the kids.” His approach to conflict resolution would focus on addressing issues early and involving other team members. Simmons said his initial priority would be getting established and improving school connections, with longer-term goals of boosting community involvement.



Board Meeting and Appointment

The regular board meeting began with the election of officers. Jason Curtis was unanimously elected Board Chairman, and Garrett Leabo was unanimously chosen as Vice-Chair.

In discussing the District 4 vacancy, several board members noted that having a woman on the board would bring valuable perspective. Members highlighted Brady’s technical expertise, leadership background, and her service on the district’s Budget Committee.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda, which included the delegation of certain administrative duties to Dr. Hess, approval of legal counsel, insurance agent, hire of new teachers, and licensed staff, was passed unanimously with a caveat to revisit the selection of legal counsel in the coming months.

Key Action Items

The board voted to appoint Brady, with all members in favor except for one abstention from board member Irwin. The board swore in Mandy Brady, who was attending via Zoom. The board unanimously approved the appointment of Grant Wahl as the student representative for the school board. The board approved the OSEA MOU and set the time and date of graduation next year for June 6, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. The board then turned its attention to Governor Tina Kotek’s recent mandate requiring all Oregon school districts to adopt a personal electronic device policy. Central Linn will develop its policy over the coming months with opportunities for community input before the state’s October 31 deadline.

Reports

Dr. Rob Hess then gave the first reading of the Superintendent’s Priority Plan for 25-26. 🌞

Central Linn School District Starts Developing New State-Mandated Personal Electronic Device Policy

by Staff Writer, Sharon Banks



The Central Linn School District is beginning the process of developing a new personal electronic device policy in response to a recent state mandate aimed at improving student focus and academic success.

On July 8, the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) outlined the requirements of Executive Order No. 25-09, which calls for all Oregon school districts to adopt a policy prohibiting student use of personal electronic devices — such as cell phones — during regular instructional hours. The rule excludes laptops and other technology required for academic purposes.

A Distraction-Free Learning Environment

The executive order’s stated goal is to “ensure students are fully engaged in learning within a distraction-free environment that supports their well-being, focus, and ability to thrive academically and personally.”

Under the new mandate, devices capable of making calls, sending texts, or accessing the internet outside of the school’s network will not be allowed for student use from the start to the end of the school day.

Deadlines and Implementation

The Central Linn School Board must adopt the new policy by October 31, 2025, and fully implement it by January 1, 2026.

The policy will also need to clearly define how devices will be stored during the school day and how staff should respond when students do not comply. Importantly, disciplinary measures cannot remove students from class time — meaning suspensions or expulsions for device use alone will not be permitted.

Exceptions and Special Circumstances

The policy will allow exceptions for students who:

- Have a medical order from a healthcare provider.
- Requires device access as outlined in an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or 504 Plan.
- Receive a written exemption from school administrators for specific educational needs or personal circumstances.

Community Input Encouraged

Superintendent Dr. Rob Hess said, “The Central Linn school board supports a rigorous cell phone policy so that classroom learning time is not compromised by these devices. The board will be reviewing a first reading of this policy at their next board meeting on September 8, with an intent to vote on October 13. Public comment on this important topic is always welcome at our board meetings.”

ODE officials recommend districts use educational and restorative strategies when enforcing the rules and emphasize building a strong, positive school culture to support long-term success.

The draft policy will be shared for public review before board adoption, and once finalized, it will be posted on the district’s website.

For more information, visit <https://www.oregon.gov/ode> or contact the district office. 🌞



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HEALTH & WELLNESS

The Good of Giving

by Staff Writer, Nancy Diltz

Giving to others is a primary aspect of most cultures. As we give to others, we assess their needs and explore ways to meet them. What we don't often realize is that a powerful benefit is bestowed on the giver, not just the recipient of generosity.

A simple act of kindness can boost self-esteem and lower blood pressure and the risk of depression. A sense of purpose is fostered through selfless acts, which support one's overall physical health and spiritual wellbeing. Engaging in generous acts can lead to increased happiness, stronger social connections, and a more positive perception of others.

Nearby are many ways to help others in need. Donating items or money to Sharing Hands, thereby supporting Food Share, is one of many opportunities. Community churches, even if you are not a member, can direct you toward a local charity that needs support. To connect with a church, contact the office and let them know you are interested in helping where it is most needed.

Safe Haven Humane Society in nearby Tangent is always in need of good condition pet supplies,



Eva found her forever home in May.

blankets, toys, unopened pet food, and cash donations, of course, are always welcome. They have volunteer opportunities at the shelter as well. It is another act of kindness and generosity to adopt a pet needing a forever home, benefiting both the pet and the pet parent. You can contact them at (541) 928-2789. ☺

CRITTER CHRONICLES

Poogie's Puppy Heist

by Staff Writer, Sharon Banks

Poogie was the matriarch of our country road — a grand old German shepherd who had raised more puppies than we could count. For years, twice a year like clockwork, she'd trot proudly through the neighborhood, her tail wagging and her belly full of squirming little furballs. Motherhood was her calling.

But as time went on, her hips slowed down, her muzzle turned gray, and her humans decided it was time to have her spayed. Poogie took the news like a champ... or so we thought. Deep down, she still had a heart that beat for tiny, squeaky paws and puppy breath.

Then came the fateful day. Our glamorous French poodle, Chi Chi Yvette (a name she wore like a designer collar), had her first litter. The house was filled with soft whimpers and tiny squeals. Poogie heard them from across the yard. Her ears perked. Her tail thumped. Her mom instincts kicked into high gear.



Quiet as a shadow, Poogie crept over. One by one, she gently lifted each poodle pup in her mouth. She carried them to her own doghouse — no explanation, no negotiation — just a determined canine grandma reclaiming her life's purpose.

That's when Chi Chi realized her babies had vanished. The transformation was immediate. The dainty, pampered poodle became a furious, 10-pound whirlwind of curls and teeth. She stormed Poogie's doghouse like a commando unit, barking in rapid-fire French (probably).

We rushed to break up the chaos. Chi Chi was prancing in place, yapping insults, while Poogie stood there with the most innocent "What? I'm just babysitting!" face you've ever seen.

We returned the puppies to their rightful mother, but poor Poogie sighed so deeply you could almost hear her say, "I just wanted to help..."

From then on, whenever Chi Chi's pups cried, Poogie would sit just outside the fence, watching like a retired nanny who still missed the job. ☺

PETS OF THE MONTH

Meet Dairy and Half & Half

Dairy is a calm, affectionate 2-year-old Domestic Shorthair who has lovingly raised her litter of milk-themed kittens. She enjoys quiet moments, chin scratches, and has a gentle, nurturing spirit.

Her kitten Half & Half, a 5-month-old Domestic Shorthair, is the perfect mix of sweet and spunky — playful one moment, snuggly the next.

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A Tale of Transformation: Kathryn Henderson's Book — The Magic of Lighthouse Farm

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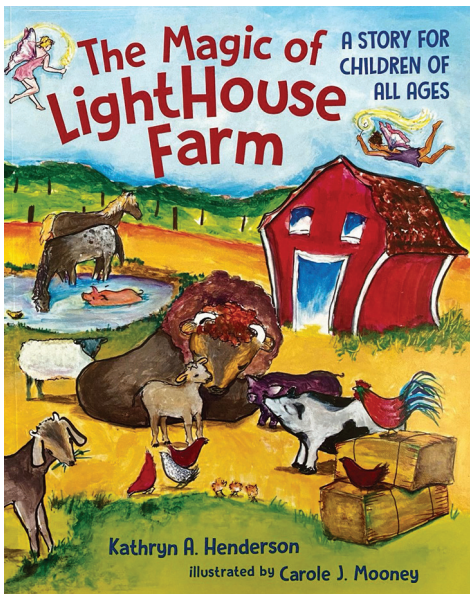
by Staff Writer, Jeff Brown

SCIO — In the first two articles of this series on the Lighthouse Farm Sanctuary, we explored the incredible dedication of long-time volunteers Peter and Gwen Jakubisin, who have lovingly maintained 54 acres of land as a refuge for over 250 rescued farm animals near Scio, Oregon. Through their unwavering commitment, along with that of many other volunteers, the sanctuary not only provides a safe and nurturing environment for these animals but also fosters a deep connection between them and the community.

We met some of the remarkable residents of the sanctuary and witnessed heartwarming tales of resilience and companionship that exemplify its mission to promote compassion and understanding in the face of the challenges posed by animal agriculture. In this final article of the series, I will introduce the book that started me on this journey of discovery: "The Magic of Lighthouse Farm," written by Kathryn Henderson and illustrated by Carol J. Mooney.



Kathryn Henderson reads aloud to a horse at the sanctuary.



"Lighthouse Farm Sanctuary is a magical place. While I have always loved animals, I had never had the opportunity to be around farm animals. Animals are amazing teachers in so many ways. To see who they are and how they are with one another has been a true gift!" writes Kathryn Henderson.

Her inspiration for writing this book comes from the many years she has spent volunteering at the Farm Sanctuary, cleaning stalls, filling water troughs, and communing with the animals and people who work and live there. She describes herself as a "mostly retired" nurse who has spent countless years tending to young

people in schools and communities to ensure that everyone has healthy places to live and grow.

One of my favorite reviews for this book is: "Something mysterious is happening at Lighthouse Farm. The magic that has been there for years is slipping away, along with the kindness and caring. Gwen and Peter, the people who care for the farm and all the animal residents, know something must be done, but what? Can they restore the magic of Lighthouse Farm? This timeless story is truly for children 'of all ages.' Filled with colorful imagery and characters, both animal and human, "The Magic of Lighthouse Farm" will capture your attention and your heart as it asks us to remember who we are and what really matters!"

This book exemplifies the core mission of the Lighthouse Farm Sanctuary. Kathryn Henderson has brought the magic of the farm to life in her heartwarming narrative. Find this book online at Amazon or your favorite bookseller or the Brownsville Community Library. Learn more about the Lighthouse Farm Sanctuary, visit their website at <https://www.lighthouse-farmsanctuary.org>, and read the wonderful stories of the animal residents. Consider offering to clean a horse stall, pigsty, or make a donation. If nothing else, read Kathryn Henderson's book; you will not be disappointed. ☺

AMERICAN LEGION

The Doctor on the Battlefield

by An Ordinary Seaman

Friday, I found myself in the lobby of the Edward C. Allworth Veterans' Home in Lebanon, just mindin' my own business. Judy Clay and Norm were there awarding quilts to some of the fine folks, and I was just along for the ride. I found myself looking at old Ed's military jacket in a glass case, the kind of jacket that had seen a thing or two, and I saw all these women folks walking around, and a thought just kind of bloomed in my head like a weed after a good rain: What about them? Has a woman ever gotten one of those fancy medals, the kind they give for real courage? You know, the Congressional Medal.

Well, it turns out only one ever has, and her name was Mary Edwards Walker, a doctor. Now, a lot of folks didn't like the idea of a woman in trousers, even if it was just for practicality while she was out there tending to the wounded. It's a funny thing, ain't it, how a person can get so worked up over the cut of someone's clothes when there's a war going on? But Mary didn't care. She was out there on the battlefield, a wisp of a thing in a man's world, treating all comers, Yankee and Confederate alike. A lot of folks didn't like that either. Some say she was just a spy, that she was in too deep, but she was just a woman with a doctor's degree and a mind of her own.

They gave her the Medal of Honor in 1865, General Sherman and President Andrew Johnson — not the kind of fellas you'd think would be passing out medals to women — signed off on it. Johnson wrote that she had "devoted herself with much patriotic zeal to the sick and wounded sol-



Mary Edwards Walker, c. 1872 National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution. Wikimedia Commons.

diers... to the detriment of her own health."

They took the medal back later. But Mary, she just laughed. She refused to give it back. She kept on wearing it, a little piece of bronze



Mary Walker was the first woman awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, for her work as a surgeon during the Civil War. Wikimedia Commons

pinned to her chest, as if to say, "This here medal ain't yours to take. I earned it, fair and square." It's a bit like a farmer and his land. You can write all the laws you want, but you can't take away the feeling in his gut that says, "This is mine."

They finally gave it back to her after she was long gone, in 1977. So now, the medal she wore so proudly is hers for good. It's a reminder that courage doesn't care if you're a man

or a woman, just that you're willing to step into the mess and do what needs to be done. It's a reminder that sometimes, the most important battles are fought not with guns and cannons, but with a stubborn heart and a pair of trousers. ☺

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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:

Insights from Personal Experiences

by Staff Writer, Jeff Brown

Recently, we’ve had numerous discussions about emergency preparedness, a subject that deeply interests me. We’ve explored what to include in our Go Kits in case we need to evacuate at a moment’s notice. We’ve also learned about “sheltering in place” or “bugging in,” which entails staying put during emergencies. In my next article, we will delve into creating an actual Emergency Evacuation Plan. But now that our supplies are packed and ready to go, let’s examine real-life scenarios involving my two sons — one in Florida and the other in Oakridge.

My son in Florida has experienced several emergency evacuations, primarily due to hurricanes and floods. While we don’t face those challenges in the Central Linn area, we can still learn from his experiences. Hurricane Ian was particularly significant; he received disaster alerts on his phone for weeks leading up to the event. When the final evacuation order was issued, he and his family packed up and left — but not without complications. With only a quarter tank of gas in their truck, they found gas stations overwhelmed with people trying to fuel up for the evacuation. Additionally, the stations were rationing gas and only accepting cash.

He shared stories about long lines at the pumps, empty store shelves, and heavy traffic on the freeway. His key takeaway from the ordeal? Preparation is paramount. He emphasized the importance of keeping small bills on hand, storing as much water as possible, and stockpiling shelf-stable food. He also advised always keeping vehicles filled with gas.

Despite facing Hurricanes Helene and Milton afterward, he and his family managed to survive, though they expressed a desire for better preparedness.



My other son lives in Oakridge, where hurricanes are non-existent, but they do contend with heavy snowfall and the threat of forest fires. During a severe snowstorm a few years ago, he and his family were ordered to evacuate. Accompanied by his wife, their two boys, and several dogs (including newborn puppies), they managed to stay with family in Brownsville until they could return home. Similar to his brother in Florida, he also wished he had been better prepared, highlighting a common sentiment even across state lines.

So, how ready are you? In my next article on emergency preparedness, I will provide guidance on how to write an effective Evacuation Plan. ☼



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SHERIFF'S REPORT

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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.

The following is a list of abbreviations that may appear in our log reports: LCSO (Linn County Sheriff's Office); OSP (Oregon State Police); LCCC (Linn County Circuit Court); LCJC (Linn County Justice Court); AMC (Albany Municipal Court); FTA (failure to appear); FTC (failure to comply). A roman numeral listed after a charge means that the charge is that numbered-degree: theft I (first-degree theft).

Saturday, August 9

5:36 p.m. — Welfare check at 38200 block of Courtney Creek Dr, Brownsville. Caller from N. Dakota wanted to know what was going on with his mother. Information relayed.

9:03 p.m. — Deputy responded to a dog complaint in 1100 block of Pine St Brownsville. Elderly couple's dogs were getting out. Deputy to check on them tomorrow and see if they can help them fix a few things to keep the dogs in.

Sunday, August 10

2:10 a.m. — Ryan Davis, 46, of Eugene was issued a citation for speed and driving while suspended at the violation level at 25500 block of Hwy 99E, Halsey.

9:33 a.m. — Caller reported a domestic disturbance reported at 3200 block of Birdfoot Dr, Tangent. 15-year-old female was lodged at the Linn-Benton Juvenile Detention Center for violating her probation by acting out aggressively at home.

4:37 p.m. — Adrian Joseph Baseleon, 27, of Harrisburg, was issued a speeding citation on Hwy 99 for 90 in a 55 mph zone, fail to carry current proof of registration, and proof of insurance, Lake Creek Dr/Hwy 99E, Halsey.

9:07 p.m. — Caller reported suspicious activity with family at 33800 block of Seefeld Dr, Halsey. Deputy gave the information needed to proceed with her concerns.

9:14 p.m. — Caller reported suicidal subject at 32100 block of Tangent Dr, Tangent.

Monday, August 11

10:15 a.m. — Caller reported a dog complaint at 300 block of Kirk Ave, Brownsville. Deputy issued a written warning to the dog owner for allowing their dog to trespass on private property.

10:46 a.m. — Caller reported an animal complaint at 25800 block of Center School Rd, Halsey. Deputy conducted a welfare check on sheep located on Road. No crimes.

5:55 p.m. — Caller reported a verbal domestic disturbance 1000 at block of Pine St, Brownsville. No crimes reported.

7:26 p.m. — Caller reported trespassing at Wirth Rd/Whitt Dr, Tangent. Trespassers were contacted and warned.

8:00 p.m. — Arianna Lee Coombs, 37, of Reedsport was issued a citation for speeding; 54 in a posted 35

mph zone, Depot Ave/N. Main St, Brownsville.

8:33 p.m. — Caller reported a male found laying near roadway at 600 block of Kirk, Ave, Brownsville. Male was given help onto his feet and to a safe location.

Tuesday, August 12

12:05 a.m. — Douglas Allan Lathrop, 58, of Sweet Home was issued a citation for speeding. 54 in a posted 35mph zone, E Bishop Way/Hume St, Brownsville.

4:17 a.m. — Richard Keil Reynolds, 72, of Sweet Home was issued a citation for Failure to obey a traffic control device, Washburn St/W Bishop Way, Brownsville.

5:48 a.m. — Arianna Lee Coombs, 37, of Reedsport was issued a citation for speeding; 54 in a posted 35 mph zone Seven Mile Ln/Tangent Dr, Tangent.

4:00 p.m. — Deputy speaks with citizen about a suspicious circumstance of a vehicle's driver photographing private residences at 33200 block of Hwy 99E, Tangent.

7:53 p.m. — Caller requests a welfare check at 33100 block of Hwy 228, Halsey.

8:29 p.m. — Traffic complaint reported Northern Drive/Kirk Ave, Brownsville. Deputies unable to locate.

Wednesday, August 13

7:23 p.m. — Robert Schlundt, 62 of Albany was issued a citation for speeding, at 26800 block of Hwy 99E, Halsey.

7:54 p.m. — Individuals reported trespassing on their property and said the same suspect was stalking them at 000 block of W 1st St, Halsey. Report to follow.

10:32 p.m. — Garret Vian was issued a citation for no insurance Hwy 228/Enos Dr, Brownsville.

Thursday, August 14

9:18 a.m. — A 17 year old male was cited for driving uninsured at 400 block of N Main St, Brownsville.

9:48 a.m. — Caller wanted a civil issue documented regarding family living in his home at 39500 block of Crawfordville Dr.

1:53 p.m. — Trevor Allison, 32, of Philomath, was cited for driving uninsured, Enos Dr/Hwy 228, Brownsville.

4:02 p.m. — Caller reported a suspicious person at 200 block of E G St, Halsey. Deputies dealt with a male with mental health issues well known to the town.

6:47 p.m. — Andrew Parker of Halsey was arrested for Stalking and Trespass II. He was lodged at Linn County Jail and awaits arraignment, 100 block of E G St, Halsey.

8:29 p.m. — Caller reported unauthorized vehicles on the roadway, 300 block of E Washington Ave, Brownsville.

Friday, August 15

12:40 a.m. — Driver of vehicle warned for illegally camping at 31100 block of Tangent Dr, Tangent.

12:46 p.m. — Shawn David Courney, 35, of Albany was issued a citation for running a stop sign and speeding 85 in a 55 mph posted zone. He was warned for not carrying his drivers license, Hwy 34 Ramp, Tangent.

6:36 p.m. — Deputy removes large item in middle of travel lane, S I-5, Shedd.

6:45 p.m. — Deputy informs citizen of motorbike on roadway regulations at 300 block of E Washington, Ave, Brownsville.

9:06 p.m. — Caller reposts harassment at 500 block of Calapooia Ave, Brownsville. Deputy documents callers statements.

10:54 p.m. — Caller reported tree on the road at

25100 block of Powerline Rd, Halsey.

11:46 p.m. — A. Dominguez, 16, of Albany received a citation for violation of posted Speed at 1700 block of W 2nd St, Halsey.

Saturday, August 16

12:25 a.m. — Deputies responded to a suspicious juvenile male running through the campground at Pioneer Park.

2:05 a.m. — Caller reported intoxicated subject and noise complaint at Pioneer Park.

3:52 a.m. — Deputy observed suspicious vehicle parked on the south side of Halsey Memorial Park after hours. Operator informed of park hours.

4:53 a.m. — Shannon Rose Daily, 45, of Sweet Home was issued a citation for speeding 55 in a posted 35mph zone in 100 block of W Bishop Way, Brownsville.

8:45 a.m. — Paige Strilzuck, 41, of Eugene was arrested for Burglary I after entering a Brownsville residence by crawling through an unlocked window and using the shower inside. Chloe Lyon, 35, also of Eugene, was arrested for Trespass I after entering and remaining in the same residence at 37800 block of Hwy 228, Brownsville.

5:06 p.m. — Caller reported animal complaint at 100 block of North Ave, Brownsville. Ongoing neighbor dispute.

7:43 p.m. — Caller reported a prowler at 26800 block of Gap Rd Brownsville. One make was arrested due to an unrelated warrant.

8:31 p.m. — Caller reported suspicious circumstance at 500 block of N. Main St, Brownsville. Deputies took an information report. ☼

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IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Reimagining Community Journalism in the Digital Age — Building a Culture of Collaboration

by Staff Writer, Stephen A. Brenner

I tend to be an idealist, but I try to balance that with hands-on projects. That’s why I find The Brownsville Times revival so exciting, it blends vision with practicality.

These articles are a space for us, as a village, to explore what a digital-based, community-driven news organization could become — beyond reporting the news and strengthening the fabric of our local life. In that spirit, I’ll be researching what others are doing around the country and sharing stories and innovations we might learn from.

One that recently struck a chord with me was titled “Why the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Replaced Opinion Content with Solutions Journalism.” You can find it on the American Press Institute website: <https://americanpressinstitute.org/why-the-milwaukee-journal-sentinel-replaced-opinion-content-with-solutions-journalism-2>.

The article explains how the paper retired its traditional opinion section and launched something called the “Ideas Lab” — a reporting initiative that explores how communities are responding to complex issues like housing, healthcare, and education. That article hits home because I volunteered to serve as the Letters to the Editor lead for the Times, which hasn’t promoted that feature yet. Perhaps by focusing on solutions, we can foster a more constructive dialogue, one that



It Takes a Village...
Re-imagining Community Journalism in the Digital Age
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avoids the harsh partisan give-and-take we’ve seen before. Brownsville has a deep culture of community spirit and involvement. We may lack the resources of a big city like Milwaukee, but we know how to show up for each other. Look no further than the incredible town-wide support for the renovation of Sharing Hands. Or the outpouring of encouragement we’ve already received for reviving The Brownsville Times.

What resonated most for me in the Milwaukee story was its emphasis on collaboration — and that, I believe, is the future of journalism and where the Internet can evolve. Right now, many volunteers are collaborating with their storytell-

ing to bring life to the Brownsville Times. What if we became a forum for not only envisioning ways to enhance our community but also for organizing to make those changes happen through volunteer effort?

After I left the U.S. Forest Service in 1993, I wasn’t sure what was next. I’d grown weary of bureaucracy and longed for work with deeper meaning. In 1994, I began volunteering with Eugene’s first Internet Service Provider, the Eugene Free Net (efn.org). That led to a job with Oregon Public Networking, where I became the community development coordinator. One of the most rewarding projects of my life was a partnership with White Bird Clinic. They had a comprehensive social service

database, and we had the Internet technology. Together, we created a searchable online version for the community. We worked side by side for three and a half years. That experience taught me something I’ve never forgotten: when people bring different skills together for a shared purpose, something beautiful happens.

I think we’re all, deep down, looking for a way to be part of something that matters.

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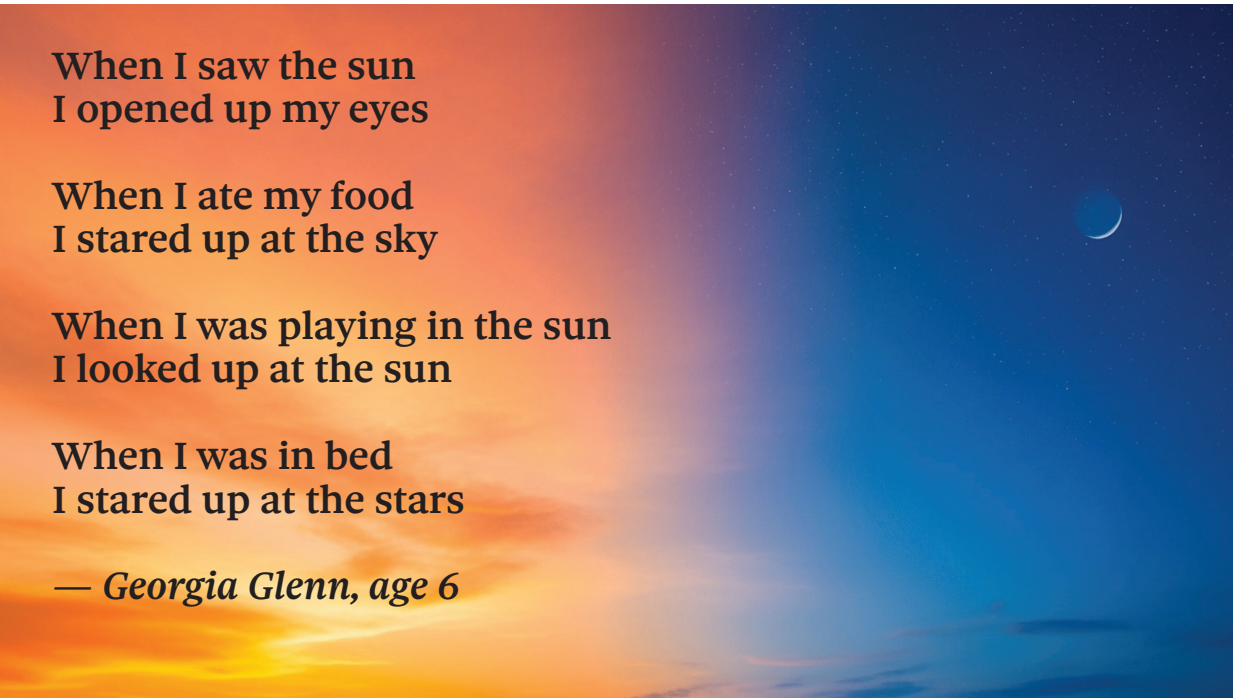
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Aesop's Fables

by Staff Writer, Nancy Diltz

Have you heard the story of “The Tortoise and the Hare”? How about “The Fox and the Grapes?” These are just two of the approximately 600-700 fables and short stories attributed to the Ancient Greek writer Aesop, who was born about 620 B.C. and whose stories have been translated into almost every language worldwide. Written mainly for children to enjoy, Aesop’s stories are fables, or short stories that contain morals, or sayings that impart an essential lesson for young and old readers to learn from. Some of Aesop’s famous morals include these you may have heard:

- A bird in hand is worth two in the bush
- Necessity is the mother of invention
- United we stand, divided we fall
- Please all, and you will please none
- No one believes a liar, even when he tells the truth

In Aesop’s fable, “The Ant and the Grasshopper,” a grasshopper spends the summer playing and singing, while an ant works hard and stores food for winter. When winter comes, the grasshopper is starving and asks the ant for some food. The ant refuses and tells the grasshopper he was foolish for not planning ahead. The moral of the story is to prepare for the future so you’re ready in times of need. Aesop hoped his stories would teach people what is right to do.

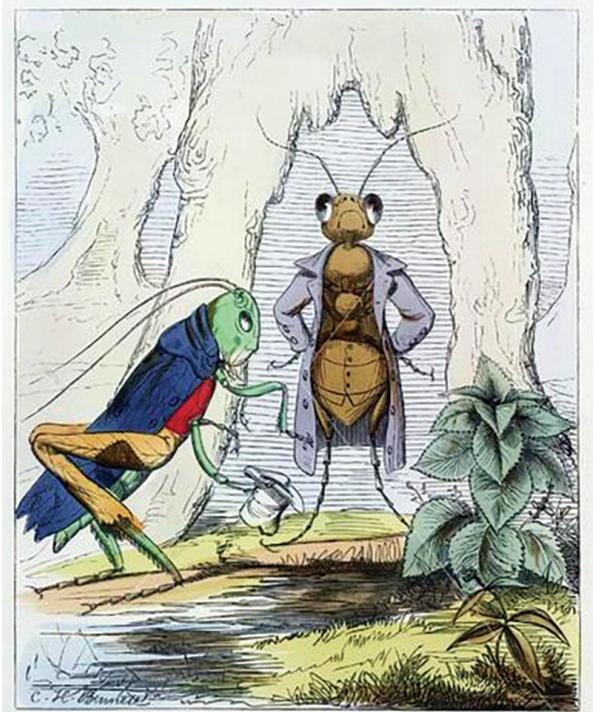


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FORJ Rural Journalism Conference Inspires the Future of The Brownsville Times

by Editor, Mikayle Stole

BEND — On August 14, I had the opportunity to attend the FORJ Rural Journalism Conference at Central Oregon Community College, sponsored by the Roundhouse Foundation. It was an inspiring day filled with ideas I believe will directly help us improve how we serve our readers at The Brownsville Times.

Torsten Kjellstrand of the University of Oregon School of Journalism reminded me that our job is to tell people’s stories from their perspective — not filtered through our own assumptions. That is at the heart of community reporting, and something we will continue to keep front and center in our work.

His colleague, Brent Walth, showed how data journalism, when done well, can present complicated issues clearly and powerfully at a glance. It is a tool I can see us using more often to give readers context that informs without overwhelming.

Eugene Weekly’s Editor-in-Chief, Camilla Mortensen, introduced solutions journalism — investigative reporting that also looks at responses to challenges. Her approach gave me a new perspective on how we might cover challenging issues in a way that still leaves readers with hope and insight.

Jim Pollock of the Associated Press explained how AP is now partnering with rural newsrooms, offering resources that go beyond its traditional role as a wire service. For us, that means more opportunities to strengthen our coverage while staying focused on what matters most to Brownsville.

I was joined at the conference by our board chair, Sharon Banks, member-at-large Don Lyon, and two of our strongest supporters, Stephen Brenner and Nick Heathcote, who are producing a documentary about the revival of The Brownsville Times.

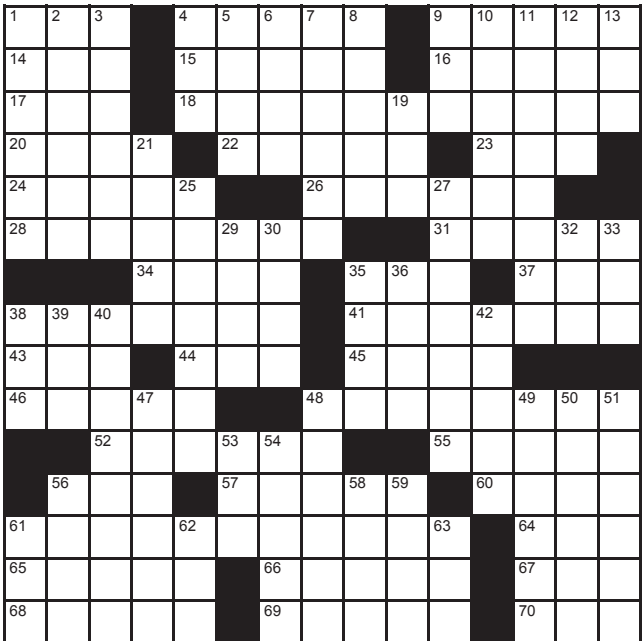
The conference also offered valuable information about funding strategies — tools that will help us reach our goal of 1,000 subscribers and enough advertising support to keep local news alive and thriving.

I left Bend energized, with new ideas and renewed confidence that rural journalism has a future — and that The Brownsville Times can play a vital part in it. 🌟



Don Lyon and Stephen Brenner sit down with South Wasco Times publisher, Paula Latasa, gathering stories for their documentary on rural journalism.

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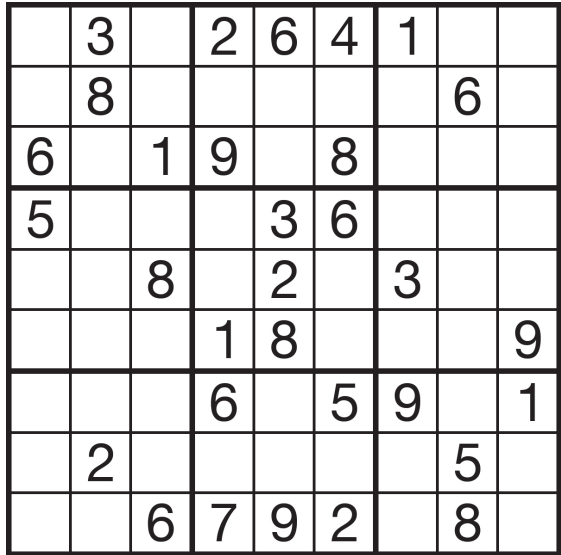
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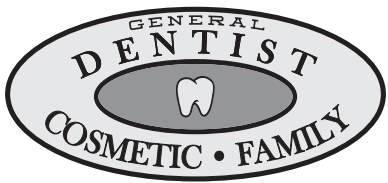
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