



Living in the Past: Hands On History Immerses Attendees in the Daily Lives of Oregon's Pioneers and Natives

by Staff Writer, Larissa Gangle

BROWNSVILLE — “Hands on History” returned for its fourth year in Brownsville on Saturday, August 23, immersing attendees in hands-on experiences to learn about the daily life of the pioneers and natives of Oregon's past. Taking place in the Library Park (adjacent to the Linn County Historical Museum), the event provided an array of opportunities for learning, including; beeswax candle dipping, corn husk doll making, washing clothes the “old fashioned” way (with washboards in galvanized tubs), wagon rides, wheat grinding, gold panning with Mid-Valley Prospectors, flint knapping, embalming, cider pressing, spinning, and more!

As my six-year-old son and I strolled through the park, checking out the various exhibits and activities, we happened to arrive just in time to observe a presentation on the process of taking old-time photos. Nolan Streitberger, an expert in old-time photography (check out his “Oregon's Trail of Tears” exhibit at the Albany Regional Museum through the end of the year), gave an in-depth presentation on taking and developing a

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CRAIG MCKERN

Young Hazel Chandler of Tigard gets a grip on washboard scrubbing with helpful instruction from her grandmother, Elisa Chandler, of Shedd. Clean hands are a side benefit!

Halsey Community Comes Together for Summer BBQ & Movie Night

By Halsey Correspondent, Larissa Gangle

HALSEY — The community came together on Friday, August 22, on a warm, but lovely summer evening to attend Halsey's Summer BBQ & Movie Night at Memorial Park. This annual event combines a community meal with family activities and a movie showing under the stars — all of which are complimentary.

The evening kicked off in the pavilion with an offering of burgers and hot dogs grilled by volunteers from Halsey Fire. Guests enjoyed a spread of sides and plenty of ice-cold drinks to help beat the heat. Following the meal, there were activities offered for the kiddos, including various yard games, prizes, coloring, and face painting by Halsey Librarian Kaitlynn Watts. A new addition for this year's event was a food drive to benefit Sharing Hands Food Bank of Brownsville. Many event attendees contributed to the drive, with both food and monetary donations. Donors were rewarded with a raffle ticket that offered a chance to win a “Family Movie Night” gift basket. Just before the movie showing, Mayor Jerry Lachenburch and City Administrator Parra addressed the crowd, thanking the community for their attendance and providing construction updates regarding upcoming Halsey Memorial



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Central Linn Schools Back in Session

by Staff Writer, Eva Wada

HALSEY — Central Linn School District students for the 2025-2026 school year have already jumped into sports practices and cracked open books. This week, the Elementary and High School welcomed students back for another fun-filled year of education and events. Many speculate that the returning four-day school schedule is the reason for the early start, instead of enjoying Labor Day weekend before the first day of school.



EVA WADA

Central Linn Elementary School Principal Joel Sauter checks out the Brownsville American Legion scholarship information pamphlets in Halsey, Oregon.

All students at Central Linn Elementary School, as well as seventh and ninth graders at Central Linn High School, started classes on Monday, August 25, in Halsey. The Central Linn High School students in eighth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades had their first day on Tuesday. The seventh graders appreciated the soft start, as it allowed them to navigate the halls of their new school. Meanwhile, the incoming freshmen used the time to introduce themselves to helpful staff members prepared to answer the plethora of questions new ninth graders always have about school expectations and graduation requirements.

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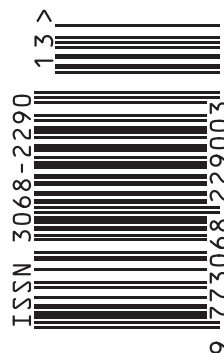


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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.

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>

Cider Pressing at Thompson’s Mill
Saturdays, August 30, Sept. 20, Oct 11 & 25
11 a.m. until apples run out (usually before 3 p.m.)
Thompson’s Mills | State Heritage Site
32655 Boston Mill Dr, Shedd, OR 97377
\$5 per half gallon. Bring a picnic, take a tour, and enjoy fresh-pressed cider.

City Halls 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.

Tangent Harvest Festival
Saturday, September 13 • 6:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Bass Estate Park & Tangent Elementary School
6:30 a.m. HOT AIR BALLOON LAUNCH
7:00 a.m. PANCAKE BREAKFAST
10:00 a.m. PARADE
11:00 a.m. FESTIVAL OPENS
Noon DERBY-PULL GATES OPEN
1:00 p.m. TRACTOR PULL STARTS
5:00 p.m. COMBINE DERBY STARTS
6:00 p.m. FESTIVAL ENDS
FREE Family Fun all day: Live music, vintage car and antique tractor show, community booths, and more.
FREE Kids’ Activities include: Kids’ pedal tractor pull, face painting, kids’ village, bounce house and more.
Artisan Market, Food Trucks, & Beer Garden

Widows’ Brigade
Thursday, September 18 • 1:30 p.m.
Central Valley Church
Tangent Together Meeting
Thursday, September 18 • 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>

Estate Planning: Making a Trust
Thursday, September 18 • 7 pm
Brownsville Community Library’s Kirk Room • 146 Spaulding Ave.
Local attorney Danielle M. Myers is donating her time as the guest speaker. The session is FREE and open tot he public — no registration required.

Community Wraps Up Summer with Bash at Pioneer Park

by Editor, Mikayle Stole
BROWNSVILLE — Connect Linn County wrapped up its summer series of Weekly Community Dinners with an End-of-Summer Bash on August 20 at Pioneer Park. The evening featured a classic picnic menu of hot dogs, sandwiches, chips, garlic fries, and drinks, along with sweet treats like cotton candy, ice cream, and freshly squeezed strawberry, mango, and traditional lemonade. Ginny’s Pastry Shack supplied snow cones.
Families filled the park to enjoy not only the food but also the kids’ games in the dance hall and on the prairie. The All-American Camaro Club and Firebird Association delighted the crowd, and “Mater” from the movie Cars — along with several other gleaming showstoppers from Lebanon Cars & Coffee — made an appearance.
Jeff Smith remarked on how quickly the event brought people together: his child spotted the inflatables, sprinted to join friends, and was immediately part of the fun.
Organizers said the dinners go beyond just meals — they’re about building connections. “Together, we can nourish our community — one meal at a time,” Tika Harrison emphasized.
The event concluded a summer where neighbors shared food, laughter, and fellowship every week, showing that simple gatherings can build lasting bonds.

About Connect Linn County
CONNECT Linn County is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that builds opportunities for neighbors, networking, and community transformation through volunteer efforts and events. The group believes in the power of collective action to produce positive change in Linn County.
Community members are encouraged to participate in upcoming events, volunteer their time, or sponsor activities that build connections. Opportunities range from helping at family-friendly gatherings to assisting with event planning. No matter your skills or schedule, there’s a way to get involved. 🌀



Brownsville resident Stanley Clark’s 1955–57 Chevy 3100 Task Force that he’s been restoring.



Colin starts at Central Linn High School this year.



Superintendent Rob Hess and his wife, Tonya Cairo Hess, visit with parents and students at the community event.



Ajami with Qualiserve serves up Greek garlic fries.



Sponsor Travis Luttmmer serves guests.



Festival of Tents to Be Held at Pioneer Park Labor Day Weekend

Private Event Will Rent Out Park August 29–31

BROWNSVILLE — Pioneer Park will be the site of a privately hosted event during Labor Day Weekend, from Thursday, August 29, through Saturday, August 31. The event, called the Festival of Tents, has rented the park for the duration of the weekend.



COURTESY: FESTIVAL OF TREES

Organizers describe the Festival of Tents as an opportunity to “camp in community,” bringing together participants of all ages for a weekend of worship, teaching, prayer, and shared meals. This annual gathering includes camping, guest speakers, and group activities in a faith-based setting.

Because the park is reserved for a private event, public access to Pioneer Park will be limited during that time. Community members should plan ahead and make alternate arrangements for park use over the holiday weekend.

For more information about the event, visit festivaloftents.org. ☼

Tangent Together Gears Up for Harvest Festival

by Staff Writer, Jeff Brown

TANGENT — With just three weeks to go, planning for the Tangent Harvest Festival is right on track. At a planning meeting attended by The Brownsville Times on August 21, Tangent Together — the official organizers of the festival — reviewed final preparations for the big event, which takes place Saturday, September 13, 2025. More than 20 residents were present, each representing different parts of the festival.

Tangent Together is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit whose mission is to bring people together and strengthen the community. The Harvest Festival has become one of Tangent’s signature annual events, attracting visitors from around the area for a day of family-friendly activities. According to organizers, months of planning are evident. The meeting ran smoothly, with each committee director giving confident updates. Nearly every report included phrases like “we’re on track,” “no problem,” and “ready to go.”

Leslie Harrison and Cassie Skarda shared updates on the parade, with Leslie also covering the always-popular pie-eating contest — this year featuring Willamette Pie Company marionberry pies. Marcy Hermens provided progress reports on the tractor pull and combine derby. Anita Neal and Cheryl Hase discussed plans for the Kids Village, while Trina Henderson reviewed the entertainment schedule. Vicki Meyer is organizing artisan vendors, and Lisa Coon and Garry

Pullen are managing the festival T-shirts. Jewell-Anne and Audrey Richards updated the group on food and information vendors, Joanne McLennan spoke about marketing efforts, Cassie discussed the quilt show, and Garry and Alicia Pullen reported on the car show.

Vicki reports that finances are in good shape, with sponsorships, donations, and expenses all on track. Mayor Loel Trulove attended the meeting to show his support and encouragement. Judd Everts with UPick DJ Services, the professional DJ, confirmed that music will play throughout the day and he will emcee the Entertainment Stage.

The festival will also feature a pancake breakfast fundraiser benefiting the Tangent Rural Fire Department and a hot air balloon launch in the morning, followed by a full schedule of events. Organizers emphasized that the goal is to create an event that appeals to all ages and reflects the pride residents have in their community.



The level of teamwork and preparation was evident throughout the meeting. Tangent Together has pulled together a diverse, motivated group of volunteers, and with their efforts, the Tangent Harvest Festival promises to be a well-run and memorable event for everyone. ☼

Thompson’s Mills Fall Cider Pressings

by Editor, Mikayle Stole



MIKAYLE STOLE

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.

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. ☼



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by Jenna Stutsman, licensed Real Estate Principal
Broker in Oregon

Something interesting has been happening in real estate in Linn County regarding the median days on market. This past July, homes were on the market for a median of 54 days, which is significantly down. This number has been going down since February (97 days), with a little blip in June. Compared to June, July dropped by almost 13%. What does this mean for homeowners, other than just meaning they are waiting for less time to sell? When homes sell faster, they generally sell for a higher sales price. As homes sit on the market, buyers start to low-ball sellers. Sellers are forced to turn to price reductions. Lower days on market give the sellers more negotiation power. So, for homeowners, this is a very good thing.

Now your real estate nugget of the month: Other than my down payment, what other fees should I expect when buying a home? I've gotten this question a few times this week, so let's dive into it. You will have a few expenses that require upfront payment. First, you will need your earnest money amount. Assuming the sale later closes, the earnest money goes towards your down payment. However, you will need it within the first three business days after an accepted offer, as it can't be sourced from funds that arrive later. A strong earnest money amount is about 1% of the purchase price. Next, you have your inspections. The total for inspections can depend on the home and also our personal preferences. For example, is the home on a well and septic? Do you want to test for things like radon and mold? Would you like to do a sewer scope? These are all inspections that are on top of a standard home inspection, which is often around \$550. Next, be sure to ask your loan officer about your appraisal. Those can be around \$1000. It's important to prepare for these fees in advance so there are no surprises as you go along your home-buying journey. ☺



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Woodworking Wonders:
Explore Bryan's Creations
at the Fall Event

by Staff Writer, Jeff Brown

BROWNSVILLE — Looking for something engaging and fun this September? Mark your calendars for the Fall Event at Bryan's Woodshed, located at 34066 Highway 228, just outside of Brownsville towards Interstate 5. The event runs from September 11-13, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and you won't want to miss it!

"I've been operating my woodworking business since 1982, creating quality pieces that reflect my passion for craftsmanship. My love for woodworking began in high school, where vocational classes, particularly wood shop, played a pivotal role in shaping my life. These classes introduced me to the beauty of working with wood, and I've been hooked ever since," Bryan said.

An additional inspiration Bryan shared with me came from a quote in Max Lucado's book "Cure for the Common Life," which emphasizes that "every person has a unique 'sweet spot'—a place where their strengths and passions come together." This idea has resonated with Bryan most of his adult life and drives his work, allowing him to express his creativity through functional and decorative pieces.



During the Fall event, he will be showcasing a variety of his creations, ranging from unique home decor to durable, functional items designed to last.

Alongside his many creative pieces, there will be refreshments and door prizes, making it a great outing for everyone. "If you've driven by and thought about stopping in, this is the perfect opportunity to check out what Bryan has been working on. His regular hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and you can also reach him by appointment on Saturdays at 541-521-2269.

Don't miss out on this chance to support local artistry and perhaps find that perfect piece for your home. Bryan hopes to see you at the Fall Event! ☺

Elizabeth Beach
Returns to the Stage
in Mary Poppins

BROWNSVILLE — After more than 30 years, Elizabeth Beach is stepping back into the spotlight in ServeINC's production of Mary Poppins, running September 5-14 at Linn-Benton Community College's Tripp Center.

Well known in the Brownsville community, Elizabeth has worn many hats: Kindergarten teacher at Pioneer Christian Academy, substitute teacher at Central Linn Elementary, Junior High, and High School, pastor's wife at First Baptist Church of Brownsville, and dedicated home school mom to her four children — all of whom later attended Central Linn.

On stage, Elizabeth plays Katie Nanna, the nanny who quits just before Mary Poppins arrives, and she also takes on several other roles, including a bank clerk, Jolly Jaunter, Chatter Box, Chimney Sweep, and a member of the chorus. The show



itself is a true community production, featuring more than 40 cast members, with many parents performing alongside their children.

Elizabeth's love for theatre stretches back to her high school and college years in musical productions. Returning after decades away wasn't easy — auditioning was a leap of faith. "You just have to do it," a friend urged her. With the help of her daughter Emily, a cheerleader who coached her through a five-hour dance rehearsal, Elizabeth found the courage to step back onto the stage.

This new chapter is especially meaningful, as Pastor Michael Beach and Elizabeth's youngest is headed to college this year. For Elizabeth, the stage has become her first joyful "empty nest" adventure.

Her return is both a personal milestone and a gift to the community — and it's a performance you won't want to miss.

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Halsey Council Advances Park and Well Projects

HALSEY — The Halsey City Council met on August 12 at City Hall, where members discussed upcoming community events, infrastructure projects, and grant opportunities.

Work on the city's well project is advancing, with testing required to complete a water rights permit amendment. A temporary pump will be installed to meet deadlines, and staff will seek additional funding through Biz Oregon.

The council also received updates on the Halsey Park improvement project. The walking path replacement is set to begin in early September, and the park is expected to be closed for about a month. Public Works also plans to install a new climbing structure before the BBQ. The city is seeking a contractor to repaint the multi-use court and will plant new trees this fall to replace those removed last year.

In other news, councilors approved procedures to vacate a section of undeveloped N Street between West 4th and West 5th Streets. They accepted a \$500 donation from Georgia-Pacific to support the library.

During delegations, Sharon Banks of The Brownsville Times introduced the newspaper's new volunteer-led model, and Linn County Sheriff's Office representative Sergeant Frambes reported on a busy summer, including one non-criminal arrest.

Mayor Jerry Lachenbruch gave updates on his recent meeting with Central Linn's interim principal and upcoming talks with tribal leaders about grant opportunities.

The council scheduled October dates to review biennium goal setting and discussed mandatory OGE public meeting law training.

The meeting ended at 8:42 p.m. following an executive session to evaluate the city administrator. ☼



Central Linn Class of 2026 students sold baked goods and raffle tickets at the Brownsville Thursday Market on Aug. 21 to raise funds for their senior trip.

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Halsey Awarded \$250,000 for H Street Improvements

by Halsey Correspondent, Larissa Gangle

HALSEY — The City of Halsey has been awarded a \$250,000 Small City Allotment grant by the Oregon Department of Transportation for improvements on West H Street. Grant funds will be used to widen and pave West H Street between West 3rd and West 5th Streets. In addition, existing sidewalks on the south side of H street that are in poor condition will be replaced, and the sidewalk will be extended to West 5th Street, providing improved pedestrian access to the recently completed sidewalks on Highway 99 E and improved access to the City Library. Project design and planning will begin soon, with construction tentatively planned for the summer of 2026.



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West H Street in Halsey, slated for widening, paving, and new sidewalks with help from a \$250,000 ODOT grant.

The Small City Allotment (SCA) program is an annual program that awards up to \$250,000 per qualifying project for incorporated cities in Oregon with populations of 5,000 and under. It is a competitive program that allocates \$5 million annually. The program has provided opportunities for Halsey to implement several street improvement projects that otherwise may not have been financially attainable. Previous SCA project awards for Halsey include: Resurfacing and improvements to the H Street railroad crossing, Resurfacing and improvements to sections of East A & East 2nd Streets; Chip sealing to preserve and extend the life of various City streets, and widening and repaving of sections of East B Street.

For more information about the Small City Allotment Program, visit <https://www.oregon.gov>. The next application cycle will be in March 2026 through April 2026. ☼

Central Linn Cheer to Host Youth Clinic and Halftime Performance

BROWNSVILLE — Central Linn High School cheerleaders are inviting local youth to take part in a Cheer Clinic and performance next week. The clinic will be held Wednesday, Sept. 3, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Brownsville Rec Center for children ages 5 through 8th grade.

Participants will learn cheers and routines with the CLHS cheer squad, then perform alongside the high school team during halftime at the football game on Friday, Sept. 5.

Registration is \$25 per child, with a \$5 sibling discount available. Early registration includes a clinic T-shirt (limited sizes). Payments may be made through Venmo in advance or with cash at the door. ☼

New Playground Addition at Halsey Memorial Park

by Halsey Correspondent, Larissa Gangle



LARISSA GANGLE

HALSEY — A new rope net climbing structure has been installed at Halsey Memorial Park, thanks to a \$4,500 grant awarded by the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund. The climbing structure complements a recently installed new play structure that was funded by a grant awarded to Halsey by Oregon Parks and Recreation.

The Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund has a long-standing commitment to supporting community well-being, encouraging healthy outdoor activities for children, and strengthening ties between tribal and non-tribal communities. Since 2001, the fund has donated over \$21.2 million, including a recent \$2,000 grant to install a ductless heat pump at the Halsey Library. The City of Halsey sincerely thanks the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians for their generous support to the community.

For more details about the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund, visit <https://ctsi.nsn.us/charitable-contribution-fund>. Fourth-quarter 2025 applications are due by 4:30 p.m. on September 1, 2025. ☼

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Commissioners Receive Linn County Health Report

ALBANY — In July, Linn County saw an uptick in the number of reported cases of campylobacteriosis — a foodborne bacterial infection — Dr. Adam Brady told Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Sherrie Sprenger, and Will Tucker at their August 19 meeting.

Dr. Brady, the Linn County Health Officer, said there were 11 cases in the month, compared to a five-year average of four cases.

The infection is often associated with eating undercooked chicken. Its symptoms can include stomach cramps, diarrhea, and vomiting. Severe cases can lead to hospitalization.

The number of barbecues increases in the summer months, Dr. Brady said. Chicken is often among the food items grilled at such events.

Dr. Brady said the illness is rarely associated with food served at restaurants.

The infection appears to be affecting more east Linn County residents, and cases are being monitored, Dr. Brady said.

In other health news, Dr. Brady said there were 61 births in July, 34 females and 27 males. There were 103 deaths, 57 males and 46 females. There were six suicides.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Approved an adjustment of \$10,411 within the Veterans Services Office budget to reflect revenue provided by the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Approved an increase of \$1,187,972 within the Law Enforcement Levy Fund for the Sheriff's Office, District Attorney's Office, and Juvenile Department. Treasurer Michelle Hawkins said the increase is primarily due to interest earned on the beginning fund balance and unspent payroll costs. Commissioner Nyquist praised officials from each of those offices and department for being fiscally prudent.
- Approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments that will allow county departments and offices to contract for services such as help with grant writing. Cost would be based on the type of service needed. ☼

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Park improvements. They also revealed the City of Halsey's new logo, which was recently put to a community vote amongst two other potential options.

The evening concluded with an outdoor showing of "The Wild Robot" under the stars. Attendees gathered their blankets and lawn chairs, arranging them in the baseball field to enjoy the show. Overall, this year's event was a success and surely a summer highlight for Halsey residents. ☼



SEASONS EATINGS

From Garden to Jar: Three Generations of Pickling Recipes

by Staff Writer, Lisa Keith

Hello, my friends. This time I am sharing some great pickling recipes. The first one, Dilly Beans, comes from my mom's (Linda Shankle) recipe box in the 1970s. We have used this almost every summer since then. The second one, Refrigerator Pickles, is from my daughter's grandmother (Evelyn McGillivray) in 1992. Both are the easiest kinds of preservation: water bath and refrigeration. Neither of these methods takes any fancy equipment or crazy ingredients. Super simple... just the way I like it!

Dilly Beans

Makes 4 Pints

- 2 pounds washed and trimmed green beans
 - ¼ cup salt
 - 4 heads of fresh dill
 - 4 cloves of fresh garlic, peeled
 - 1 tsp ground cayenne pepper
 - 2 ½ cups Apple Cider Vinegar
 - 2 ½ cups water
- Directions:
1. Pack beans, lengthwise, into hot, sanitized jars, leaving ¼ inch of head space.
 2. To each pint add 1¼ tsp cayenne, one clove of garlic, and one head of dill.
 3. Combine the water and AC vinegar, then bring the mixture to a boil.
 4. Pour over beans, again leaving a ¼-inch head space.
 5. Remove any air bubbles with a few gentle taps on the counter or a bamboo skewer.
 6. Cap the jars with hot, sanitized lids.
 7. Carefully lower into your hot water bath. Process 10 minutes.
 8. Carefully remove from bath. Wrap in some rag towels. Let cool for a few hours.
 9. Check seals. Unsealed jars can be stored in the fridge for several months. Sealed jars can be stored in a cool, dry cupboard.
 10. For the best flavor, age at least 3 weeks.

Options: add a hot pepper, or two, to the packed beans for a hot dilly bean. Add extra garlic to the jars for additional protection against vampire attacks. I've experimented with asparagus spears, carrot spears, full jars of packed garlic cloves, cauliflower, and sooooo many other possibilities. All of which are absolutely fantastic stuck alongside a celery stick, stuck into a Sunday Brunch Bloody Mary (for which I happen to have a great recipe for... I will publish at a later date.)

Refrigerator Pickles

Makes 1 Gallon

- 5 pounds of washed and sliced cucumbers
 - 2 large white onions, sliced
 - 1 quart white vinegar
 - 3 cups white sugar
 - ¼ cup plain salt, non-iodized
 - 1 tsp EACH whole mustard seeds, whole celery seeds, ground turmeric
- Directions:
1. Mix cucumbers and onions in a large bowl.
 2. Heat vinegar, sugar, and spices in a saucepan.
 3. Simmer for 5 minutes, until sugar is fully dissolved.
 4. Pour over the cucumber mixture.
 5. When cool, pour into a jar. Use extra liquid to top off the jar.
 6. Set in the refrigerator. Ready to enjoy in 7 days. Will keep for months!

This recipe tastes close to a "bread and butter pickle", not too sweet and not too sour.

As you are learning, I like versatile recipes. I have tried just about every veggie in this pickling liquid: peppers (all varieties) carrots, onions, asparagus, cauliflower (this does taint the liquid a bit, make a new batch for the cruciferous veg), beets (again, they make EVERYTHING pinkish, make a new batch), hard boiled eggs come out delicious, garlic, carrots... try it all!

Thank you for reading this, and if you have any ideas or questions, please contact me at iamche-flisa@gmail.com. ☼



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TAKING ROOT

Premature Fruit Drop?
Not to Worry!

by Staff Writer, Donald Lyon

There’s no need to panic if you see immature apples, persimmons, plums, and similar fruits dropping from your trees. This usually starts in June, but this year I’ve mainly noticed it in August.

According to research from the University of California, this is often nature’s way of reducing a heavy fruit load. Sometimes, it may also be caused by pests or disease. Apples typically undergo several periods of fruit drop, including after the flower petals fall off in June.

The tiny fruits that haven’t been pollinated are usually the first to fall. Lack of pollination might be caused by freezing weather just before the flower buds open or wet weather that discourages pollinators from visiting. The decline in honeybee populations has also been a growing concern.



Connie Bull thinning apples.

Other adverse weather conditions, like a period of hot weather when the fruit is small, can cause persimmons to drop their fruit. Trees that don’t receive enough irrigation are also more likely to experience fruit drop. Cool, wet weather during the walnut blooming period can lead to infections like walnut blight, a bacterial disease that causes the young nuts to drop. Codling moth larvae are often responsible for fruit drop in apples and pears. Plums may also experience a mid-summer fruit drop.

Thinning the fruit on your trees should lead to larger, healthier fruit — space peaches and nectarines so that each fruit has room to grow to at least 2.5 inches. Thinning also helps prevent limb breakage. Thin plums so that there is one plum every four to six inches. Thin apples so that there is one apple every six inches if you want the largest, most perfect specimens. Asian pears should be thinned so that there is just one fruit per spur. I’ve noticed that when two apples or pears touch, a wormhole can form between them. So, be proactive and plan ahead. When mature fruit begins to fall, it is time to harvest.

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

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Garlic: From the Kitchen to Cures to Myth and Legend

by Staff Writer, Anne Clarke

I had a moment of panic last week. Returning from two weeks away, I was trying to figure out what to make for dinner. I’d emptied the kitchen and fridge before leaving. It dawned on me that I didn’t have one single clove of garlic (or onions!) Not having these basic staples was disturbing to me in a strange way.

I began to think about my relationship with garlic. My father opposed ethnic cooking (with an occasional exception for Chinese take-away.) So early on, I started to cultivate friendships where I found these foods, and many others, in abundance. My best friend was Italian. Other friends had family taco or pizza nights. I helped unload groceries or wash, peel, and chop vegetables. I was invited to join them for meals and outings, where my love of all foods developed over the years. And yes, I have a lot of appreciation for garlic. The late Anthony Bourdain had a whole relationship with garlic. He once said, “Anyone who can’t mince or chop up their own, shouldn’t be allowed garlic!” I agree.

Once, when I was sautéing zucchini in garlic and butter, I gave a taste to my dad. He declared that he “was finally able to eat garlic!” (Success!)

So, anyway, back to the kitchen and after a big shopping trip, I chopped a bunch of garlic heads in half and slow-roasted them in a clay oven. The aromas alone were enough to soothe my soul. But squeezed onto a slice of Mema’s fresh sourdough bread? Sublime.

Later, the BBC broadcast a program about garlic! I learned that one of the very first recipes ever recorded was about garlic. Some cultures will not eat garlic because it disturbs the earth in order

to harvest it (or any other root vegetables).

There are over 600 different varieties of garlic. Vampire myths prevail in more corners of the world than I had ever heard of. And all have at least one method of employing garlic to ward off evil. Strands of garlic are hung everywhere, and you add an extra bunch around your neck, just in case.

Threaded throughout history, garlic has been used extensively to ward off insects and evil “spirits.” The oil can be used as an antiseptic or household cleaner. It is used medicinally. At the beginning of cold symptoms, I like to cook a pot of soup with chicken and handfuls of garlic. With a few bowls of this, along with some rest and plenty of liquids, I sometimes wonder if I was really coming down with something or not!

A few people are already mentioning flu-like symptoms this month. It is a good time to visit one of our local Farmer’s Markets to find fresh produce in abundance to choose from. As a root crop, I recommend buying your garlic from organic sources to avoid the chemicals or pesticides absorbed from our soils and water sources.

Enjoy the many recipes, meals (and protections!) garlic has to offer. And best to avoid fresh garlic before going out on a first date! ☼



Take Time to Look Around You

by Staff Writer, Nancy Diltz

A key principle of yoga is to focus on the present moment. My yoga teacher, Lisa, begins each class by reminding us to take a few moments to breathe deeply, listen to the sounds around you, feel the floor or ground underneath you, and notice the smells. What catches your eye when you look around? It’s amazing how relaxing this quick routine can be. If it’s good for a yoga class, it’s also helpful anytime you have a moment to focus on your surroundings and engage all your senses. It’s a great journaling activity as well.

Early this morning, I gave it a try.

“Ahhh, it’s a beautiful Saturday morning in Brownsville! After several 100-degree days, it’s now 68 degrees with cloudy sprinkles and fresh forest smells drifting in through the open windows. The cats are snoozing, and a crockpot in the kitchen is simmering with spicy Chicken Ole. As I let my mind wander, I think back over this summer’s highlights; my husband and I



Accessible Yoga with Lisa

celebrated a wedding anniversary, a milestone birthday, and sadly, we lost our little dog, Timmy, to lymphoma. At the end of August, we will have lived in our new home in Brownsville for nine months! The only season we haven’t experienced here is early fall. We’ve reconnected with childhood friends and family who live in northern Oregon. We’ve explored all around our new town and the surrounding areas, and we are preparing for another drive up to Idaho to see the younger grandkids and family. This year has been a big adventure for us, and we wouldn’t trade it for anything.”

You see where the observations of your present surroundings can take you? It is healthy for the mind to appreciate the good things in life. They may be monumental or simple, but remembering, sharing, and savoring the “now” moments in life can bring us happiness and well-being. So much for the yoga practice focusing on only the ‘present moment;’ I treasure the warmth of the many memories this exercise can unlock. ☼

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Two More Central Linn School Board Members Share Their Priorities

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.

Jason Curtis, Zone 5



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

I wanted to join the Central Linn School Board because it is my belief that our kids are what bond our community together. You will be hard pressed to find anyone in our

community that doesn't want what's best for our students, but sometimes the path to get there isn't always clear. COVID was tough on all schools nationwide, and here at Central Linn, it became a litmus test for policy and procedure strengths and weaknesses. I have dedicated the last three years to studying district policy, tracking both State and Federal legislative changes pertaining to education, studying board-related training documents, and networking with neighboring district board members, educational leaders, and government officials. If we do our job as board members effectively, everything else will fall into place. We still have a lot of work ahead, but it is my hope that the community is starting to get glimpses of the work that has been done by so many that will positively impact our district for years to come. Good policy and procedure is a legacy that can be handed from board member to board member to ensure our district remains strong.

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

The most significant issues I see as a board member are often different than what are typically discussed in greater detail amongst the community, and potentially they have long-term positive impacts on those more specific issues. At the board level our biggest priority is to hire and oversee a superintendent that will lead our staff and students in a manner that aligns with the goals and values of our community. It goes without saying that successful student outcomes are at the top of the list. I am confident that we hired the right leader in Rob Hess to address both the specific day-to-day and the long-term issues. As a result, my focus has shifted to increasing enrollment, infrastructure repair and maintenance, increased student opportunity, and ultimately providing an education that ensures our students a bright and successful future. I am committed to taking what we have been blessed with and making it as absolutely great as we can. This community is amazing with how they support our students and I am committed to supporting our students, staff, and community in the same manner regardless of the issues that will naturally arise.

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

As an individual board member, I have zero authority to make decisions on behalf of the board; but as a group, the board has both legislative and judicial authority over the entire school district, which includes the budget and district policy. School boards have one employee, and that is the

Superintendent. By working collaboratively with our Superintendent, the board has the ability to adjust policy, allocate and transfer funds, decide to move forward with bonds and levies, create staff positions, etc. I earlier mentioned things like infrastructure repair and maintenance, and increased student opportunity. The board collectively can direct the superintendent to address these issues in a manner that aligns with staff and budget numbers, State and Federal laws, etc., while providing the necessary oversight and evaluation throughout the process. Good policy and procedure at the board level results in effectively addressing almost every issue a school district might face.

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?

This question is tough because I voted against going forward with the last bond, not because we didn't need it, but because I sensed the timing and focus were off. My statement in that meeting was, "We need to be trusted with a little before being trusted with a lot." My point was that we live in a community of hard-working, common sense people whose individual successes are rarely achieved through money alone. The snowball effect of success starts with very diligent care of a small amount of snow that is carefully guided and maneuvered in a manner that continually leads to growth. It is my opinion that our district has not demonstrated that concept, evidenced by how we have managed our infrastructure in the last few decades. No matter the amount of money, without the proper systems and qualified people to manage them, we will not have escaped the poverty mentality that causes one to think that if only they had more money, they could have nice things. That said, in the past four months, a tremendous amount of work has been done to address much of what caused me to vote "No" on moving forward with the bond previously. Now is the time to demonstrate to the community that we have course-corrected many of the aforementioned concerns. Showing our students the process of taking something dull and making it shiny through hard work and a sense of pride is something money can't buy. I look forward to a much shinier campus with properly functioning systems this coming year, and a community that comes to board meetings to ask us to put a right-sized bond on the ballot for them to vote "Yes" on. We have to prove ourselves as leaders capable of guiding and shaping that initial ball of snow.

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?

Mark Twain once said, "Facts are stubborn things, but statistics are pliable," and while I can't argue that the above numbers are not reflective of where we want to be, I can say that numbers on a chart need more explanation than they might present at face value. The facts are that our 6th grade class surpasses the state average in reading of 40.7% with a school and district performance number of 43.8% for Central Linn [source: internal Central Linn School District data]. This could mean that we are taking 3rd graders that are behind the state achievement rate and having them surpass it in three years time. I will say that

we have the staff and curriculum capable of such a feat, so if we are allowed to interpret data for ourselves then my logic seems reasonable. That said, the bigger question for me is then why is it that in almost every category that I can see, state averages are predominantly lower than 50%? As a former teacher myself who is married to a current teacher, my experience says that the entire educational system needs to come into focus as a whole before we can truly compare data. Seeing our numbers go up is a great marker of positive improvement, but I question the actual numbers themselves if the entire state is unable to get half of their students up to grade level standards. Our administrative staff and board at Central Linn were very proactive by investing in high quality ELA curriculum district wide two years ago, and this year are ready to fully implement AVID teaching methods with oversight at all grade levels. Additionally, Central Linn has hired a speech and language pathologist, that is primarily reimbursable through the State, to not only address many of the COVID-related reading comprehension challenges we are seeing by the 3rd grade level, but to work with K-12 classrooms in the district. This is one more way we are removing obstacles that impede our students' ability to grow and excel in all subject areas. My goal as a board member has always been to insulate the staff and students as much as possible from any legislative changes, at both the State and Federal levels, which fail to allow and support positive results for our students. That will continue to be my focus, and I will always support our superintendent and staff with whatever needs arise as they navigate these hurdles in every educational content area.

Steve Irwin, Zone 6



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

I wanted to join the Central Linn School Board because I care deeply about the future of our students and the strength of our community. As a parent, community member, and someone invested

in education, I see the board as a powerful way to make a positive impact. I believe every student deserves access to quality education, and I want to help ensure our district is fostering a safe, supportive, and high-achieving environment. I'm also committed to transparency, responsible budgeting, and making sure the voices of parents, teachers, and students are heard in the decision-making process.

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

Aging, unsafe facilities and infrastructure failures, low academic performance, low enrollment, and budget constraints and reductions.

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

Provide vision and leadership, act as a bridge between the district and our community, oversee and support academic success, approve and monitor budget responsibilities, and promote problem solving. In summary, the role of a school board member is to listen deeply, lead boldly, and act responsibly. In Central Linn, that means ensuring safe schools, improving student learning, managing limited resources wisely, and helping the community feel heard and invested in the district's future.

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BROWNSVILLE LIBRARY

Story Times, Estate Planning, and World Travel

by Sherri Lemhouse, Brownsville librarian

The Brownsville Community Library has a little bit of something for everyone! **Parents and Pals Story Time** happens each Wednesday at 10 a.m. This is a short 15-minute Story Time with simple songs, rhymes and stories for children. Join other moms and kids at the Pioneer Park for some fun playtime afterwards!

Songs, Rhymes, and More Story Time begins at 11a.m. each Friday. This half-hour Story Time is followed by a craft presented by Ms. Thea, who is an awesome artist! She has been leading Friday crafts for more than 15 years. It has been amazing to see how many children she has helped learn to use scissors, glue, and color through the years.

Our Estate Planning series ends in September with **Making a Trust**. This informative session will be held on Thursday, September 18 at 7 p.m. in the Brownsville Community Library Kirk Room, located at 146 Spaulding Ave. in Brownsville. Local attorney Danielle M. Myers is donating her time as our guest speaker. The informative session is **FREE** and **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**. No registration is required. Your attendance and general questions are welcome.

World Cultures & Travel will return in October with 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, at 7 p.m. in the Kirk Room at the library. Future World Culture & Travel programs include pictorial tours of France’s La Belle Provence on November 20, 2025, Turkish Treasure on February 19, 2026, and Florida’s Wild Everglades on March 19, 2026.

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.

All programs are free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Brownsville Community Librarian Sherri Lemhouse at 541-466-5454 or email her at library@ci.brownsville.or.us. Visit us online at <https://www.brownsville-communitylibrary.org> and follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/BVORLibrary>.

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Sign up by calling 458-266-0511 or visting us at <https://brownsvilletimes.org/volunteer>.

Sharing Hands Food Bank Faces Shortages — Community Support Needed Now

by Debra Gruell, Executive Director of Sharing Hands

Sharing Hands is once again reaching out for your much-needed support. Our shelves are thinning, and families and individuals right here in our community are depending on us for food.

Why Are We Short on Food?

Recent funding cuts at the federal and state level trickle down to local food banks like Sharing Hands. These cuts have left a serious gap in the supply we normally receive:

- **\$5 million cut** from the Emergency Food Assistance Program
 - **\$1.6 billion cut** in federal support for food banks and schools
 - **\$7 million loss** in Oregon Food Bank funding
- This gives you an idea of why your local food bank is struggling. We know other organizations are also asking for help, and we respect every effort being made to care for our community. But today, we ask you to place your local food bank near the top of your giving list. If we can’t feed people, nothing else works.

- How You Can Help Right Now
- **Every dollar counts** — your donation stretches farther than you think.
 - **Every can, bag, and box counts** — beans, soup, cereal, rice, peanut butter, and other staples are always needed.
 - **Every act of generosity counts** — whether you’re a family, church, business, or club, your gift makes a difference.
 - **Even spreading the word is a gift** — tell a friend, a neighbor, or share our message.

Donations can be made directly to Sharing Hands Food Bank. For larger donations, we are happy to arrange pickup or delivery.

Together, we can make sure no one in our community goes hungry. Thank you for standing with us.

How to Donate to Sharing Hands Food Bank

Your support keeps food on the shelves for families and individuals in Central Linn. Here are easy ways to help:

- **Donate Online:**
Visit <https://sharinghands.org>.
- **Scan & Give:** Use the QR code below to make a secure donation directly.
- **Mail a Gift:**
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PO Box 335
Brownsville, OR 97327
- **Use the Shopping List** at right to provide the items we need most. Non-perishable items can be delivered during food bank hours.

Every dollar, every can, every box counts. Thank you for standing with your neighbors in need!




The Brownsville Times and the Community Team Up to Stock the Shelves at Sharing Hands Food Bank

The Brownsville Times, with help from a generous donor, is starting a new community program to keep the Sharing Hands Food Bank stocked for families in need.

Each week, the Times will publish a shopping list highlighting the most urgently needed items. Readers are encouraged to cut out the list, put it in their grocery bag or purse, and pick up a few extra items while shopping. Every contribution — large or small — helps fill the shelves for neighbors facing tough times.

Local discount grocery stores are also stepping up to help. Each week, our grocery section will feature stores offering affordable prices on these essential items, making it easier for everyone to pitch in.

Together, our community can create a big impact — one shopping cart at a time.



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☐ Canned Chicken

☐ Canned Corned Beef

☐ Canned Beef

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☐ Canned Corn

☐ Canned Fruit

☐ Pork and Beans

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☐ Spices

Grains & Breads

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“tintype” photo — a process in which a photograph is taken by creating a direct positive on a thin sheet of metal. Streitberger stated that the tintype process is “more science than art,” comparing the delicate and skilled process to today’s digital photography methods. A lucky family of four was asked to sit for the photo demonstration, taking home their very own tintype photo — a family heirloom that will last up to 150 years.

As we ventured on, we came across a demonstration of “warping on a rigid heddle”— a process that prepares a loom for weaving by winding “warp” threads with a consistent and even tension. Sensing my interest in the fiber arts, the demonstrator provided me with an opportunity to test my spinning skills on a “drop spindle,” the original method of spinning fiber before the invention of spinning wheels. The use of drop spindles has been traced all the way back to the Stone Age, with early versions being constructed of nothing more than clay and a stick.

The Linn County Museum Friends sponsored the event in collaboration with the Linn County Historical Museum. Their goal is to share local history through interactive participation, which was most definitely achieved during this exciting and educational event. 🌀



LARISSA GANGLE
Nolan Streitberger takes a “tintype” photo of (from left): Flynn (9), Liam (13), Emersyn (11), and Madelyn (9) Kibbey.



CRAIG MCKERN
The petting corral was popular as twin mini-Nubian goats Agatha and Cora got even more spoiled by many kids. Goatherd Jaime Flynn and pooch Luna helped keep order in the pen.



CRAIG MCKERN
In his fifth year, showing how embalming was done in the early days, Oscar Hult, of Albany, a haberdasher by profession, has all the history, knowledge, and equipment — but not a single person volunteered for a demonstration!



CRAIG MCKERN

ABOVE: Working the “misery whip” on a hot afternoon is Ian Wright of Albany, and young Faye, pulling her shoulder back to cut. Crosscut saws are still used in wilderness areas for trail clearing, and in other places, chainsaws might be prohibited.

CRITTER CHRONICLES

Dr. Craig and the Guinea Pigs

by Staff Writer, Sharon Banks

Dr. Craig was a scientist — an expert in his field. Over his career, he worked in national labs, universities, and on foreign assignments. His life had been filled with purpose and motion. But everything changed when he was diagnosed with a neurological disorder. Gradually, he lost control of his muscle movements, along with most of his strength. The world he once commanded suddenly felt out of reach. The adjustment was long and painful — both physically and emotionally.

His home, once too small for his ambitions, now seemed cavernous in its quiet. Days blurred together in silence — until Juliet arrived.

Juliet was no bigger than a teacup, a dainty guinea pig with silky dark-brown fur and a heart full of affection. His caregiver, hoping to cheer him up, gave her to him for his birthday. Dr. Craig had never thought of himself as a “pet person,” but Juliet, with her trusting eyes and gentle ways, slipped easily into his heart. She ran to greet him whenever he came near, sniffing for grapes or green pepper treats. She reminded him how to smile.

A few weeks later, Juliet seemed lonely. That’s when Kamala came.

Kamala was a vision — white and caramel with long, flowing hair that belonged on the red carpet. She was also twice Juliet’s size and shameless when it came to snacks. Dr. Craig laughed as Juliet squeaked



indignantly while Kamala stole apple slices straight from her mouth. Yet the two found their rhythm: Juliet the quiet diplomat, Kamala the mischievous diva. They curled up together at night and wheeked in chorus whenever the fridge opened or a bag crinkled.

Then came Callie.

Callie was different. Pure white with glossy black eyes, she was striking but guarded — a soul wrapped in barbed wire. A rescue from a neighbor, she had known rough hands and careless children. She had even lived in a cage with a rabbit. By the time she arrived, she trusted no one. She bit. She hid. She wanted nothing to do with the cozy cuddle piles Juliet and Kamala enjoyed.

So Dr. Craig gave her space. He set up her own cage, where she could see the others but be alone. He spoke gently when passing by. He never tried to pick her up. For weeks, she stayed hidden, darting to cover at the sight of humans. Juliet would climb the bars to greet him, but Callie remained behind her walls.

Still, every day, Dr. Craig left a slice of green pepper near her house.

One morning, Callie ventured out while he was in the room. He didn’t move. He barely breathed. She looked at him — really looked — and though she darted back into the shadows, she left her pepper untouched. A week later, she ate it while he watched.

Dr. Craig didn’t need her to be affectionate. He knew better than anyone that healing took time — and that not all healing looked the same.

Slowly, Callie began to change.

She never warmed to Juliet or Kamala, and she still needed her space. But she started sitting near the bars when Dr. Craig was close. She began to wheek when he entered the room. Once, she even allowed him a quick stroke on the head before hopping away in a huff. She began to take food directly from his hand.

Dr. Craig’s world, once measured in miles and discoveries, had shrunk to the corners of his home. In that smaller space, he discovered three distinct hearts: one that healed through trust, one through boldness, and one through cautious courage.

Together, they helped heal his own. 🌀



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Engines Roar at Tangent Harvest Festival's Car and Tractor Show

By Editor, Mikayle Stole

TANGENT — Shiny chrome, polished paint, and the hum of engines will set the stage for this year's Tangent Harvest Festival on Saturday, Sept. 13. The "Timeless Cruise-In" will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the grass at Tangent Elementary School, 32100 Old Oak Drive.

The show will feature classic and custom cars, trucks, and motorcycles from across the region, with custom-made trophies crafted by Dan Dunkin, live music, and food vendors adding to the festive atmosphere. Alongside the car show, an antique tractor display will honor farming heritage, giving visitors a look at the machines that once powered the Willamette Valley's fields. A Quilt of Valor presentation and military display will also be part of the day's activities.

Car show registration is \$20 and open to all makes and models. For information on how to join in, call 503-507-5333.

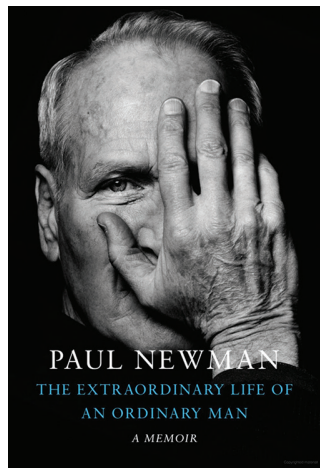
For those seeking more horsepower and thrills, the evening will feature the much-anticipated return of the Tractor Pull and the all-new Combine Demolition Derby — ticketed events that promise plenty of noise and excitement. Full details are available at <https://tangenttogether.org>.



BOOK REVIEW

Paul Newman Reflects: An Extraordinary Life Remembered

by Staff Writer, Nancy Diltz



"Paul Newman: The Extraordinary Life of an Ordinary Man, A Memoir" by Paul Newman (2022), Non-Fiction. Based on Interviews and Oral Histories Conducted by Stewart Stern. Compiled and edited by David Rosenthal:

This autobiographical memoir is an excellent read. Paul Newman tells stories from his past as though he is across the table from you in his home, and he has made a big pot of spaghetti for you to share with his family while he chats. The easy, comfortable patter of his storytelling is fun to read and is quite engrossing. Though Newman died in 2008, this book was not published until 2022. It was created from interviews and oral histories tape-recorded between

1987 and 1991 by Newman's friend, Stewart Henry Stern, which explains the feeling you get while you are reading that Newman is talking directly to you. Interspersed between Newman's reflections and recollections about his life, family, and career are short observations and comments from Stern as well as Newman's two wives, Jackie Witte and Joanne Woodward, plus many friends and co-workers, including Tom Cruise, John Huston, Robert Wagner, Eva Marie Saint, and Karl Malden.

Though the jacket cover states that Newman "...recounts in brilliant detail..." his childhood, insecurities, and even failures, I had the impression that he was not diving deeply but instead was simply sharing memories of his life, some of which were quite difficult, yet in a comfortable and friendly sort of manner.

Newman's films are numerous and impressive. His career, however, began when he was cast in college plays, and he attributes some of his film opportunities to good luck. Newman had six children, three with each wife, and he lived in 24 different rental homes during their early years as he landed various movie roles.

Not to ruin the ending, but "The Extraordinary Life of an Ordinary Man" winds up with Newman's response to his friend, Stewart Stern. "STERN: Are you angry now at anything? PAUL: I think I'm angry at getting old. I'm not going to age well." Well, you did age well, Mr. Newman. You did.

A Few Paul Newman Quotes:

"I started my career giving a clinic in bad acting in the film, 'The Silver Chalice' (1954) and now I'm playing a crusty old man who's an animated automobile [in 'Cars' (2006)]. That's a creative arc for you, isn't it?"

[on winning his first Oscar after so many losses] "It's like chasing a beautiful woman for 80 years. Finally, she relents, and you say, 'I'm terribly sorry. I'm tired'."

"Once I started taking drama classes, I asked myself why I had ever wasted so much time on a football team."

"Once you've seen your face on a bottle of salad dressing, it's hard to take yourself seriously."

AMERICAN LEGION

Veteran of the Quarter: Beyond the Uniform

by An Ordinary Seaman

Some commitments, once made, resonate through a person's entire life, long after the uniform has been folded and put away. They do not evaporate but rather transform, taking a new shape and finding purpose in the quiet landscape of a hometown. It is this continuation of an oath, this unfolding of character, that we aim to recognize.

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Legion Travis Moothart Post 184, we have come to understand that the greatest service often follows the first, taking root in the soil of one's home community. The Post's Veteran of the Quarter Award is not merely an honor; it is a recognition of this truth. It is for the individual who, after stepping out of one kind of duty, steps immediately into another, as if the first were merely a prelude. We have seen this in past recipients like Don Ware, a former mayor, whose commitment to civic life continued long after his military service. It is evident in David Karo, a past Central Linn School Board Chairman, and Don Andrews, who directed Sharing Hands — individuals who carried the principle of service from the national to the local sphere. In the late Fred Wellhauser, we recognized the same spirit as a decorated combat veteran who later organized fundraisers, redirecting his considerable energy toward the well-being of his neighbors. Other award winners have become pillars of our community, coaching youth sports, volunteering as EMTs, serving on local boards — their work a constant, living echo of their earlier promise.



The presentation itself is simple: a certificate outlining both military and civilian contributions, given at a Legion meeting with family and friends present. It is not a medal of gleaming bronze, but a document that chronicles not just a past but a present of sustained character. One sees the quiet pride in a spouse's gaze, the unfiltered admiration in a grandchild's eyes. The veteran, perhaps a little uncomfortable with the attention, finds a quiet sense of validation in being recognized by those who know them best. It is a moment when the public deed becomes a private truth, a recognition that runs far deeper than ceremony.

Nominations

If you know of a veteran whose life embodies this continuing service, we ask you to consider them for this honor. Please get in touch with Jim Weger at 541-619-8976 to learn about the nomination process.

Because in the end, the stories we tell are not just of the past, but of the ongoing character of a community, and the knowledge of who we were, and who we might still be.

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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?

We need to approach the next bond measure not just as a financial request, but as a community decision about the kind of schools we want for our children. Timing is critical — we have to balance urgency with preparation. I believe we should revisit a bond when we’ve meaningfully engaged the public, addressed the concerns raised last time, and clearly shown both the need and the responsible plan for moving forward.

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?

As a board member, I would advocate for a laser-focus on early literacy and math — because these are the cornerstones of all future learning. But I would also support a balanced curriculum that includes science, social studies, and the arts, because we’re not just raising test-takers — we’re developing informed, creative, and capable citizens. ☀

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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:
What Does an Emergency Evacuation Plan Look Like?

by Staff Writer, Jeff Brown

Now that you’ve packed your Go Kit and gathered your emergency supplies for a potential shelter-in-place situation, the next step is to develop your actual Emergency Evacuation Plan. Why is having a plan essential? You may think you know what to do during an emergency, but as Benjamin Franklin famously said, “If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail.” Let’s explore what my Emergency Evacuation Plan looks like, which you can then adapt to fit your own needs.

Here is my Emergency Evacuation Plan (slightly modified for publication)

When faced with or notified of potential hazards that require evacuation, we must move to a safer location, with or without an official declaration.

1. Assess the situation based on official alerts or perceived danger. If in doubt: EVACUATE NOW.

2. Decide which previously identified location to head toward, depending on the situation:

- Predetermined Location #1
- Predetermined Location #2
- Predetermined Location #3 (out of state)

3. Exit Routes: Depending on the issue, consider alternative routes to avoid congested areas, ensuring access to safe zones. Note: Refer to the area maps stored in your Go Kit.

4. Roles and Responsibilities:

Jeff: Responsible for packing the car (or cars if taking both) with our emergency kits and supplies, weapons, ammunition, extra cash, valuables, and securing the house. The Go Bag is kept in Jeff’s car.

Additional Emergency Supplies to Consider Taking:

- Emergency food box and buckets



- Camping gear
- Extra water
- Extra clothing and rain gear

Mary: Responsible for gathering important documents (not already in the Go Kit), medications, and managing communication (notifying specific friends and family about our situation). She will also shut off all electronics and adjust the thermostat.

5. Then Go — Evacuate — Don’t Wait!

6. Communication Plan: If we are in separate vehicles we will communicate using our cell phones; if those are unavailable, we will use our emergency walkie-talkies on Channel XX. Once we are out of the area, we will contact family and friends via cell phone to inform them of our situation.

7. Establish a specific location and time to meet if we become separated. One of our sons will be our out-of-area contact; his phone number is [son’s number].

That’s an Emergency Evacuation Plan in its simplest form. You can elaborate further, but make sure to include your previously identified evacuation locations, out-of-area contact details, and the family safe word or phrase when customizing it for your own needs. Keep it straightforward and easy to implement, then post it near your emergency supplies. Additionally, place a copy in each vehicle and share it with your family and friends. ☀



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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.

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).

Sunday, August 17

9:07 a.m. — Caller reported suspicious circumstance at 100 block of Galbraith St, Brownsville. Deputy responded and will conduct a follow up.

5:12 p.m. — Yvonne Lovelle Rinear, 35, of Springfield was issued a citation for driving while suspended and no front license plate at 22900 block of Diamond Hill Rd, Harrisburg.

6:53 p.m. — Deputy located a lost phone at 32800 block of Seven Mile, Ln, Tangent.

8:26 p.m. — Juvenile arrested for minor in possession and reckless endangerment at 32900 block of Diamond Hill Rd, Harrisburg.

Monday, August 18

1:39 a.m. — Deputies seize a drug pipe at 32900 block of Diamond Hill Dr, Harrisburg.

9:39 a.m. — Fraudulent check was used to buy a vehicle at 34100 block of Hwy 99E, Tangent.

10:06 a.m. — Couple of steers were reported loose and were put back into a fenced area. Owner was notified at 37000 block of Northern Dr, Brownsville.

12:01 p.m. — Caller reported a family dispute that appears civil at 100 block of Galbraith St, Brownsville. Reporting person will call if additional help is required.

Tuesday, August 19

8:01 a.m. — Deputy contacted individual having mental health issues at 32400 block of Hwy 228, Halsey.

10:55 a.m. — Caller reported suspicious text messages and wanted to report them at 32800 block of Hwy 228, Halsey.

6:15 p.m. — Deputies contacted a man in Pioneer Park, Brownsville, over concerns of driving impaired. The man denied using any substances and stated he would not drive impaired.

8:43 p.m. — Deputies took call from concerned parent at 32400 block of Hwy 228, Halsey, regarding coaches making school athletes run laps as punishment for poor performance. Caller was informed that this did not break any laws.

10:14 p.m. — Deputies responded to a mental health call at 33100 block of Fuchsia Ln, Tangent.

Wednesday, August 20

12:08 a.m. — Deputies responded to a DHS 307 referral for mental health at 33100 block of Fuchsia Ln, Tangent.

12:20 a.m. — Caller reported a missing person at 33900 block of Lake Creek Dr, Halsey. Juvenile ran away from home but was located hiding under the home.

8:15 a.m. — M. Fulton, 33, of Eugene received a citation for driving while suspended at 300 block of W 2nd St, Halsey.

12:34 p.m. — Richard Shrope, 19, of Eugene was issued a traffic citation for speeding 85 in a 55 mph zone on Hwy 99E near Substation Rd, Harrisburg.

Thursday, August 21

7:09 a.m. — Caller reported a noise disturbance at new solar site at 34500 block of Enos Dr, Brownsville.

7:51 a.m. — Deputy stopped a suspicious vehicle at 31800 block of Oak Plain Dr, Halsey. Driver Benjamin Todd, 29, and passenger David Chapman, 18, both of Klamath Falls, were arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle. The cargo trailer, a jet ski, and three ATVs — all reported stolen from Klamath Falls — were recovered. Both were transported to Linn County Jail.

9:49 a.m. — Caller reported a neighborhood dispute at 38300 block of Crawfordsville Dr, Sweet Home. Contractors had cut down the wrong trees.

10:52 a.m. — Deputy responded to a civil dispute at 38200 block of Hwy 228, Brownsville, regarding a fence being replaced.

Friday, August 22

11:19 a.m. — Caller reported illegal camping at 32700 block of McLagan Rd. Deputies located and told campers to move.

8:23 p.m. — Caller reported a domestic disturbance at 100 block of E D St, Halsey. Verbal dispute between

adults with kids present. No crimes committed.

10:01 p.m. — Caller reported a missing person from Brownsville at 1100 block of Oak St, Brownsville. Investigation ongoing.

10:12 p.m. — Caller reported trespassers putting kayaks in creek at 33000 block of Boston Mill Dr, Shedd.

10:54 p.m. — Caller reported a noise disturbance at 800 block of Maple St, Brownsville. Deputy warned the responsible party.

Saturday, August 23

7:12 a.m. — Kherev Reeve, 30, of Brownsville was arrested for an outstanding warrant at 1100 block of Oak St, Brownsville. He was cited to appear in LCIC.

11:29 a.m. — Caller reported illegal campers living in their RV at the side of road at Ogle Rd/Hwy 228, Halsey.

3:37 p.m. — Crash reported at McFarland Rd/North

Lake Creek Dr, Tangent.

6 p.m. — Paula Wilkins, 67, of Harrisburg, was arrested for Theft III, criminal mischief III, issued a criminal citation, and was trespassed from the Voo, 162 S 2nd St, Harrisburg.

7:37 p.m. — Caller reported people driving too fast at Pioneer Park, Brownsville. Deputy trespassed uncooperative individuals.

9:53 p.m. — Domestic disturbance between husband and wife reported at 32900 block of Diamond Hill Dr, Harrisburg. Parties agreed to separate for the night.

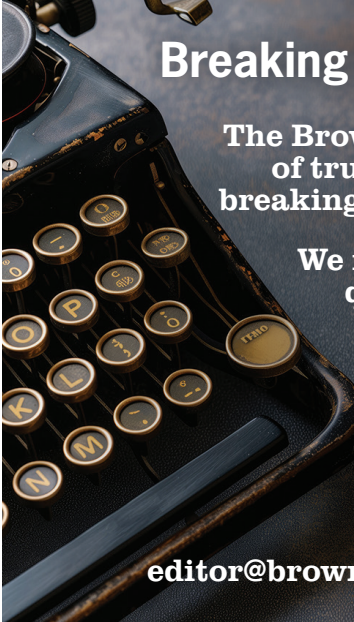
Sunday, August 24

1:03 a.m. — Deputies arrested Stephanie Lais, 35, and Joshua Lueth, 37, both of Eugene for criminal trespass at the Brownsville Christian Church. They were booked into Line County Jail.

Low Tide

The fog curls around the cliffs
Like the fingers of a thief around your thick wallet.
All is silent, eerily silent
As if the ocean has inhaled and
Been caught holding its breath.
A seagull sits on a rock not far from shore.
Statue like, it rests waiting
For sunlight to break through the overcast.
Suddenly a breeze kisses the calm water,
The sun pushes through the fog
And the first breaker of the incoming tide
Tumbles against the bird's perch.
Before the silence is broken by the water's crash,
Before the rock is covered by white spray,
The statue comes alive
Leaping into the bright sky
Complaining bitterly of the disturbance.

Poem by Ira L. White, Author of "Enchanted Shores" and "We Won't Forget You, Mr. McGillicuddy"



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Sunday School 11 a.m.

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CULTURAL EXPLORATIONS

Facing Nihilism in an Age
of Climate and Faith

by Staff Writer, Stephen A. Brenner

Nihilism is the belief that all values are baseless. It is often associated with extreme pessimism and a radical skepticism.

You don't have to be religious to sense that we are nearing the end of times and possibly new beginnings, but how you approach the concept matters. My fear of existential climate threats is trending nihilistic if I accept that as fate and thus do nothing to stop it. For some Christians, a leaning to nihilism springs from the Book of Revelations. Written around 95 CE by John of Patmos, it describes visions of cosmic battles, the return of Christ, the final judgment, and the establishment of a new Heaven and Earth. As part of this vision, while most people will suffer in the apocalypse, true believers will be raptured to heaven with Jesus.

Rapture theology originated in the 1830s through John Nelson Darby, a British theologian. Darby's views



were popularized in America by Cyrus Scofield with his annotated Bible (1909). "The Late Great Planet Earth" (1970) and the "Left Behind" series (1995-2007) brought apocalyptic and rapture themes into mainstream pop culture. I believe that Jesus was a lover of life, shaman, and reformer challenging religious beliefs, not a doomsday proponent. When people seriously welcome the destruction of

life on earth, even with the notion of deliverance, it's nihilism.

Belief systems have a tendency to become self-fulfilling prophecies if enough people embrace them. Fortunately, a new generation of Christian youth see themselves as stewards of the Earth. Young Evangelicals for Climate Action (<https://yecaction.org>) has a mission "... to equip, empower, and catalyze young Christians to love God and love our neighbors through bold, whole-hearted, and faithful climate action in our church and community in order to create a more just, equitable, and loving world." Hallelujah!

Some religions have considered earthly existence as corrupted by evil, but when Jesus taught, "The Kingdom of God is within you", he was saying each of us is a work in progress, an experiment in becoming one with the Divine — right here on earth. It's when we lose that connection, that intention to improve ourselves, the darkness comes.

That darkness is seen in the extreme materialism of billionaire technocrats who see the world falling apart and are building their plush underground shelters and walled cities to survive and flourish, while the world around them goes to hell. The world's richest technocrat even has visions of escaping to Mars. In contrast, disenfranchised youth, with no resources and no hope, are embracing anarchy and an impulse to destroy the predominant paradigm.

Can we ignore nihilism of the current administration, hell-bent on destroying anything "woke"? Hate to say the obvious, but the ultimate in awakening is what Jesus stood for, such as bringing love into the world and feeling a connection with the diversity of life on the planet. That may be seen as weakness in a dying era where it's normal for the powerful to dominate and control the world for their own self-aggrandizement. But love is a powerful agent of change. ☸

MOUNTAINTOP REFLECTIONS

Seeing or
Believing

By Staff Writer, Jacquie Hoekstra

There is a Christmas movie I have watched nearly every year since its release. Each year, I don't like the film when I start it. Then, as it nears the end, the light dawns, and I become enthralled with its message. They are in Christmas Town, and the boy receives a gift from Santa Claus. It is a silver bell and he can hear its tone.

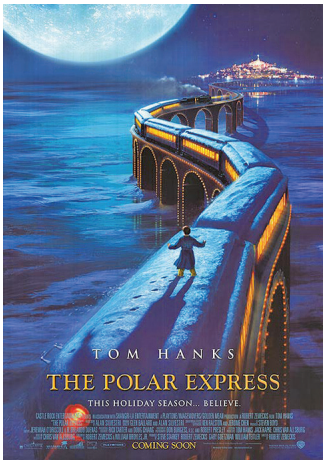
In the end, we learn how some grow up and no longer hear the tone of the bell because they no longer believe in Santa, but the boy continues to hear the bell, because he met and believes in Santa. It is the gospel message wrapped in the Christmas movie, "The Polar Express."

The message is, you must first believe to hear the bell. The bell will not ring to convince you of its truth. It is the same with the truth of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. We are invited into a relationship by faith. We must believe to see and experience the kingdom of God. This faith is more than an acknowledgment that Jesus is the Son of God. It is the acceptance of knowing he is who he says he is, meshed with our total reliance upon him for our salvation. We understand "[Jesus is] the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through [him]" (John 14:6 WEB).

Scripture says, "whoever believes in him" (John 3:16). Faith is being convinced and entrusting our spiritual selves to him, while believing adds to faith the sense of surrender. It is entrusting our whole selves to Christ and committing to following where he leads us. To believe Jesus is the Son of God, born of a virgin, died for our sins, and rose again to life as a fact tucked away in our minds is not a saving faith. A faith/belief bent on following rules and regulations is not a saving faith.

The faith/belief which breaks our hearts with gratitude for sins forgiven and a new life in him, accompanied by a full commitment of self to follow and obey him, leads to salvation. It is believing and believing still. This faith/belief renders a miracle of salvation and opens our eyes to see him, our ears to hear him, and our hearts to obey him. It brings us to relationship, experience, and interaction with the living God who lives to interact with us. He created us for his pleasure, and he is pleased to spend time with us. We only need to come with faith, believing, and we will see.

Paul wrote, "If you will confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart, one believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:9-10). This is a faith lived out loud, unashamed, for the world to see—thoroughly convinced and fully surrendered. ☸



SCHOOL

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Fall sports programs are also underway. Some students have already participated in pre-season games, such as the Central Linn High School Boys Soccer team, who played against Lebanon's varsity and junior varsity players on August 13 in Lebanon, Oregon. Varsity Cheer Coach Heidi Donnahue shared some information you may not be aware of, stating, "It's not too late to join. We are working with all the other coaches to be able to play a sport in addition to cheer." Furthermore, Central Linn High School Varsity Cheerleaders "are looking for opportunities to bring cheer and school spirit to the community." Contact Cheer Coach Heidi at heidi.donnahue@centrallinn.k12.or.us to learn about events they can participate in or fundraising opportunities.

Central Linn School District students and families who attended the Jamboree on August 12 at Central Linn Elementary School walked through the doors with confidence this week, knowing that updated immunizations, required sports physicals, and registration paperwork had already been completed. Attendees at the event also had a chance to meet Principal Joel Sauter and his dog, who will be accompanying the new principal from time to time at Central Linn Elementary School with the approval of Superintendent Rob Heiss. Both agree that a well-behaved dog can bring children joy and opportunities to learn how to interact with service and emotional support animals in public.

Among the many volunteers who staffed information booths at the Jamboree earlier this month, Sherrell Sears of the Mid-Columbia bus company stated, "It's wonderful to be here. We're excited for the start of the school year." Chandra Evans, or "Ms. Chandra," as most students and staff call her, also wanted to extend a warm welcome to community members who might be available to join events, games, and programs in the Central Linn School District. She said, "We fully welcome all volunteers back in this building," referring to the need for volunteers to return to the schools after COVID. Smiling from ear to ear, she added, "I will always be a Central Linn fan. We connect more in this community than any other."

Want to show up and get involved this school year? Check out the monthly calendar at <https://www.centrallinn.k12.or.us>. Better yet, get the school spirit and help our kids have an amazing year by filling out the volunteer form at <https://www.centrallinn.k12.or.us/about-us/community>. Let's make this a school year of involvement and support as our children shine in their endeavors in the Central Linn School District. 🌟

A well-meaning communicative citizen is a boon to the newspaper reporter and it a noticeable fact that many good items are lost to the newspaper every day by the modesty of the people who hesitate to tell the editor of matters concerning themselves. The right way to do is to stop the editor on the street, or any place you meet him and tell him you have been entertaining friends, have been on a visit or anything that is in any way a matter of news.

Sherri Lemhouse, our Brownsville librarian, found this in an old Brownsville Times newspaper at the library and said, "We thought this was funny, but true for our small town."

KIDS' KORNER

Fish My Wish

by Staff Writer, Nancy Diltz

Kids, parents and grandparents can share something beloved by all generations! Your grandparents and parents probably read these two books when they were kids: "One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish" by Dr. Seuss and "A Fish Out of Water" by Helen Palmer, illustrated by P.D. Eastman. Reading them again together can be a wonderful opportunity to bond and enjoy the theme of funny fish!



Other books on fish the family might enjoy, including a brand-new book by Neil Sharpson called "Don't Trust Fish!" (2025). This funny story will show you the bad side of a fish. Two fun

books are "The Library Fish" (2022) and "The Library Fish Learns to Read" (2023), both by Alyssa Capucilli. This adorable fish explores the library one night, and you find out about her adventures! Some fun books about fish that are available in our Brownsville Library include:

- "The Rainbow Fish" series by Marcus Pfister
- "Berenstain Bears, Gone Fishin'!" by Mike Berenstain
- "Finding Nemo" Disney Pixar
- "Mr. Seahorse" by Eric Carle
- "McElligot's Pool" by Dr. Seuss

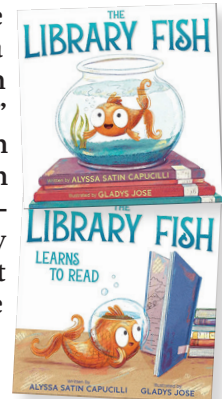
Some exciting fishy things you can do with your family include:

- Visiting an aquarium such as the Oregon Coast Aquarium in Newport
- Exploring fish habitats with family and friends
- Going fishing!

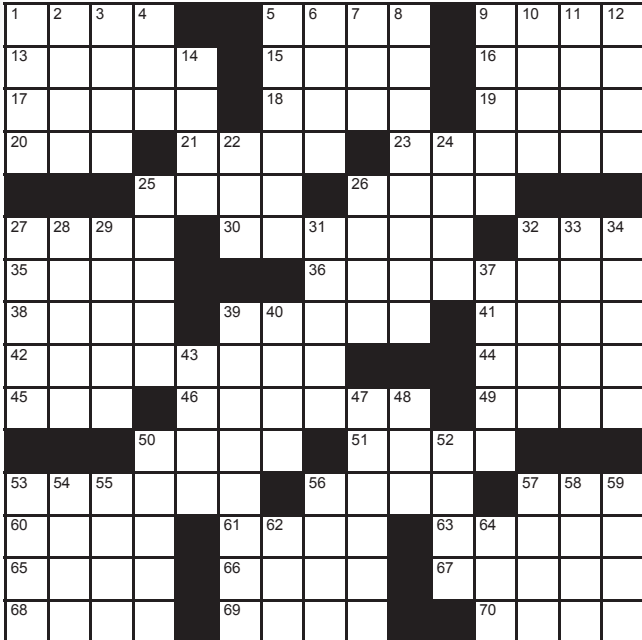
Fun fishing gear for kids, such as magnet fishing sets for playing at home and real kid-sized poles and nets for an outdoor adventure, is available in stores.

ACTIVITY:

Play the card game "Go Fish"
Use a standard 52-card deck. The goal is to collect the most sets of four matching cards (e.g., four 7s, four Kings). Players take turns asking each other for cards of a specific rank. If the other player has the card, they must give it up. If not, they say, "Go fish" and the asking player draws from the deck. The player with the most sets of four at the end of the game wins! 🌟



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ACROSS

- 1 Nanny actress
Drescher
5 Field game
9 Conveyor
13 Tanker
15 Tel ____
16 Fencing sword
17 Juliet's beau
18 Constructed
19 Adore
20 Gr. letter
21 Rind
23 Dried grape
25 Recount
26 Area unit
27 Indifferent
30 Team good-luck charm
32 Body of water
35 Simpleton
36 Low-caste, once
38 Ms. Fitzgerald
39 Astute
41 Original zoo keeper
42 Softened
44 Slangy negative response
45 Eye infection
46 Family member
49 Shoshonians
50 Walking stick
51 Voiced
53 History
56 Prayer ending

- 57 Geological period
60 Horse
61 ____ Korbut
63 Subdued
65 Constellation
66 Require
67 Spotted
68 Cornerstone
69 Divinities
70 Wings

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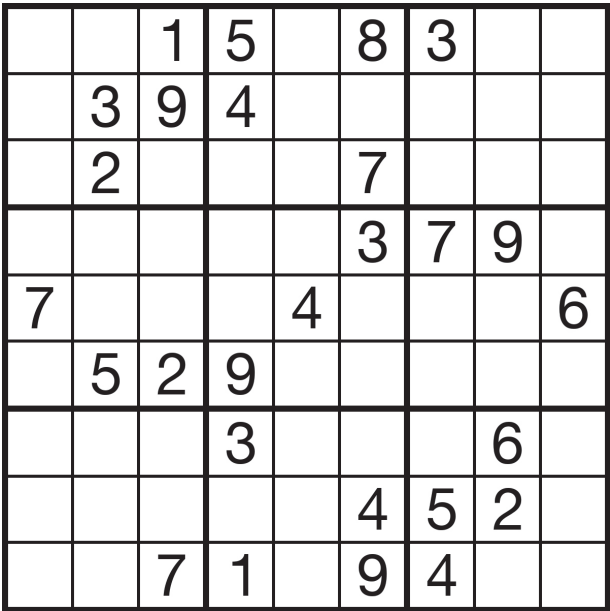
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5 Tiffin or Anderson
6 Egg-shaped
7 Cover
8 Ulster
9 Contradict
10 Epic poem
11 Jacob's son
12 Adolescent
14 Lariat
22 Shade tree
24 Crafts' buddies
25 Sum
26 Winged fruit tree
27 Halts
28 Adolescent hooter
29 Goofy
31 Shovel

- 32 Nose
33 Mil. storehouse
34 Fire residue
37 Rescind
39 Last hurrah
40 Simple
43 Opaque gem
47 Wanderers
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