



Brownsville Baseball Teams Headed to State Playoffs

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer

BROWNSVILLE — The Central Linn Baseball Association is celebrating a banner season as two Brownsville youth baseball teams advance to the Junior Baseball Organization (JBO) State Playoffs, set for July 11–13 in Gladstone.

Both the 5th/6th grade team (ages 11–12) and the 3rd/4th grade team (ages 9–10) finished their district seasons undefeated. The older team clinched the top spot in a competitive 14-team division, while the younger team emerged as champions in an 8-team division.

The 5th/6th grade squad is led by head coach Kyle Koontz, with assistant coaches Robert Strauss and Chris Sedlecek. The 3rd/4th grade team is under the direction of head coach Jon Paul “JP” Williams, assisted by Andrew Kinder and Tag Morris. Both coaches have emphasized fundamentals, discipline, and mental toughness throughout the season.

“These boys have worked incredibly hard,” said Koontz. “We focus on mastering routine plays, developing multiple pitchers who can throw strikes, and teaching consistent contact at the plate. It’s about building strong athletes and stronger teammates.”

Coach JP Williams added, “How you practice is how you play. We teach the kids to take every opportunity seriously. Mistakes are okay and will happen, and we preach to not hang onto them and to have a short-term memory; the rest of the team is there to pick you up.” Williams also credited parents for their dedication: “They keep the kids on task, on time, and focused.”

5th/6th Grade Standouts

Among the key players on the 5th/6th grade team are:

- Landon Gaskey – top hitter and pitcher
- Arlo Hubbard – powerful batter
- Jack Martinez – standout at first base and on the mound
- Corbin Pribble – dependable pitcher
- Aiden Riel – versatile utility player and team leader
- Shepherd Strauss – catcher and co-leader with a strong presence

Also contributing to the team’s success are Axel Sedlecek, Cozmo Hostetler, Franklin Glaser, Ethan Hiebert, Will Rogers and Grady Hostetler.

3rd/4th Grade Standouts

The younger team features:

- Coen Kinder – stellar first baseman, tied for most home runs (5)
- Tristen Williams – home run leader (5) and strong closing pitcher
- Josh Kennedy – Caught every inning at District and kept runners on the base path.
- Preston Bays – phenomenal second baseman
- Colter Morris – dominant starting pitcher
- Leland Pope – vocal leader and “a ball of fire,” according to Coach JP

Other team members include John Moore, Eddie Cunningham, Luke Droback, Samuel Falk, and Grayson Hostetler.

Coach JP praised the progress his team has made. “Half of these kids were brand new to baseball this year. Now they’re undefeated district champs with a shot at a state title. Every player has played a vital role.”

Both head coaches emphasized how competitive the boys have been and how much hard work and dedication the boys

have exhibited this season. They have put in countless hours of practice and it shows! Coach Koontz emphasized one final lesson: “Have a short memory. If you make a mistake, don’t dwell on it. Learn from it, move on, and come back stronger.”

As Brownsville’s youth prepare to take the state stage, the community is cheering them on with pride. Let’s wish both teams the best of luck in Gladstone!



5th/6th grade team (left to right):

Front Row: Landon Gaskey, Shepherd Strauss, Aiden Riel, Ethan Hiebert, and Will Rogers

Middle Row: Corbin Pribble, Jack Martinez, Axel Sedlecek, Cosmo Hostetler, and Franklin Glaser

Back Row: Coaches Robert Strauss, Kyle Koontz and Chris Sedlecek, and player Arlo Hubbard

Not pictured: Grady Hostetler



3rd/4th Grade team (left to right):

Front Row: Joshua Kennedy, Tristen Williams, Samuel Falk, and Preston Bays

Middle Row: Coen Kinder, Grayson Hostetler, John Moore, Colter Morris, Luke Droback, and Eddie Cunningham

Back Row: Coaches Andrew Kinder, Tag Morris, and JP Williams



Jack Martinez



Tristan Williams



Corbin Pribble

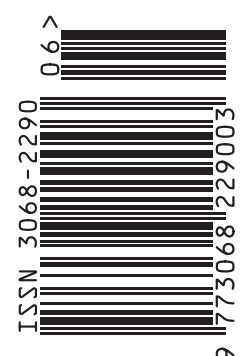


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Brownsville Thursday Market

Thursdays, 3–7 p.m.

Held on Main Street just off Highway 228, this weekly market offers local produce, crafts, and more.

<https://www.calapooiafoodalliance.org>**Albany Regional Museum — Meet the Director**

July 10, 4–6 p.m. • 136 Lyon Street SW, Albany

Welcome Val Van Alstyne to her role as Albany Regional Museum's new Director! This is a casual meet and greet open to the community, light refreshments provided.

Free Nitrate Screening

Thursday, July 10, 3–7 p.m.

Brownsville Thursday Market

Bring a ½ cup of untreated well water in a container. Testing only takes 10 minutes. Nitrate has been associated with both short and long-term health issues. It is also a great indicator if your water is susceptible to surface contamination. Testing provided by the Oregon State University Extension Service. Other events at <https://wellwater.oregonstate.edu>.

River Rhythms 2025 - Tiffany

July 10, 7 p.m., Monteith Park, Albany, FREE

Tiffany is an American pop singer who rose to fame in the late 1980s. She is best known for her 1987 cover of "I Think We're Alone Now," which topped the Billboard Hot 100 chart. Suggested \$1 donation.

Flora& Fauna Field Day Guided Walks

Saturday, July 12, 9 or 11 a.m. or 1:30 or 3:30 p.m.

OSU Soap Creek Beef Ranch

90-minute guided walks of the land Letitia Carson once stewarded. Printed field guides with native plant and animal species provided.

<https://events.oregonstate.edu/event/letitia-carson-legacy-project-flora-and-fauna-field-day>**Brownsville Citywide Garage Sale**

Saturday, July 19, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Explore approximately 50 yard sales throughout town. Get your address on the map: <https://www.historicbrownsville.com/citywide-yard-sale>

Rally on the River

July 19, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A vintage trailer rally along the Calapooia River at Pioneer Park open to the public on Saturday only.

Yankee Dutch Quilting's Christmas in July Take-and-make classes Weds/Thurs., July 23 + 24**Christmas Party** July 25, 5–7 p.m.

Christmas Cookies and treats. Discounted bundles, Christmas presents with purchase,

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<https://www.yankeedutchquilts.com>**Blood Drive in Halsey**

Friday, July 25 10 a.m.–3 p.m. • Halsey City Hall

Make your appointment today at redcrossblood.org or call Halsey City Hall to Schedule. Get a FREE movie ticket from Fandango via email when you donate between July 15–31.

Stand by Me Day

July 26, 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Downtown Brownsville

Headquarters and merchandise on Park Avenue

ALL DAY: Stand By Me Singers, old cars, food & drink trucks, blueberry pie & ice cream at the American Legion Hall.

1–2:30 p.m. Fan Forum at the Rec Center (up the hill behind City Hall)

3–4 p.m. Blueberry Pie Eating Contest at the Pioneer Park Stage

4 p.m. 50/50 Raffle at the Pioneer Park Stage

GUIDED WALKING TOURS leave every 15 minutes from Park Ave.

Linn County Fair Returns with Three Days of Music, Family Fun, and Local Tradition

July 17–19 • Linn County Expo Center, Albany

ALBANY — Mark your calendar! The Linn County Fair is back July 17–19 at the Linn County Expo Center, offering three packed days of live music, 4-H and FFA showcases, carnival rides, local vendors, and free activities for all ages.

Each day has a special theme:

- Thursday, July 17 — Senior & Military Day
- Friday, July 18 — Family Day
- Saturday, July 19 — Health Day

Families will find plenty to do in FamilyLand, which features live shows and hands-on activities from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Highlights include Jump! The Ultimate Dog Show, The Magic of Elliott Hunter, Bright Heart Circus, Peppy's Water Palooza, Puzzlemania, Rhys Thomas' JuggleMania, face painting, character visits, and more.

Each night wraps up with a big-name concert on the main stage:

- Thursday: Uncle Kracker
- Friday: Phil Vassar
- Saturday: Hunter Hayes

Concerts begin at 8:30 p.m. and reserved seats include fair admission.

The fair runs daily from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Children 12 and under get in free, and parking is available onsite. To check ticket prices, grab your concert seats, or plan your visit, go to <https://www.linncountyfair.com>.



Stand By Me Day

July 26, 2025

11 a.m.–5 p.m.

**1:00 – 2:30 Fan Forum**

Rec Center on Park behind City Hall

3:00 – 4:00 Blueberry Pie Eating Contest

Pioneer Park Stage

4:00 – 50/50 Raffle / Pioneer Park Stage**Guided Walking Tours**

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Stand By Me Day is a fundraiser for the Linn County Museum Friends, Inc. 501c3

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ALBANY — The Wall of Honor will be on display for four days at Eleanor Hackleman Park, 654 SE Pine St., Albany, from Thursday, July 10, through Sunday, July 13. Presented by the American Legion Riders, this moving tribute will open with a ceremony on Thursday, July 10, at 10 a.m., featuring a guest speaker, the National Anthem, a Color Guard, and a National Guard presence. The event also launches Oregon R.O.M.P. 2025 (Ride on Military Pride).

Visitors can view the Wall:

- Thursday, July 10: Opening Ceremony at 10 a.m.
- Friday, July 11: Open all day
- Saturday, July 12: Open all day
- Sunday, July 13: Open until 4 p.m., when the Wall departs

Donations are welcome to help cover display and setup costs. For more information or to contribute, email alrpost10oregon@gmail.com or call 541-510-7584.



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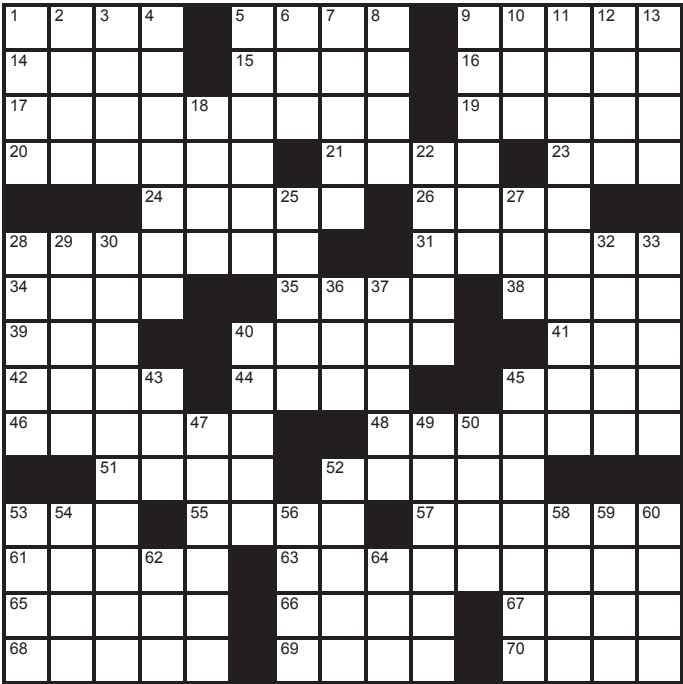
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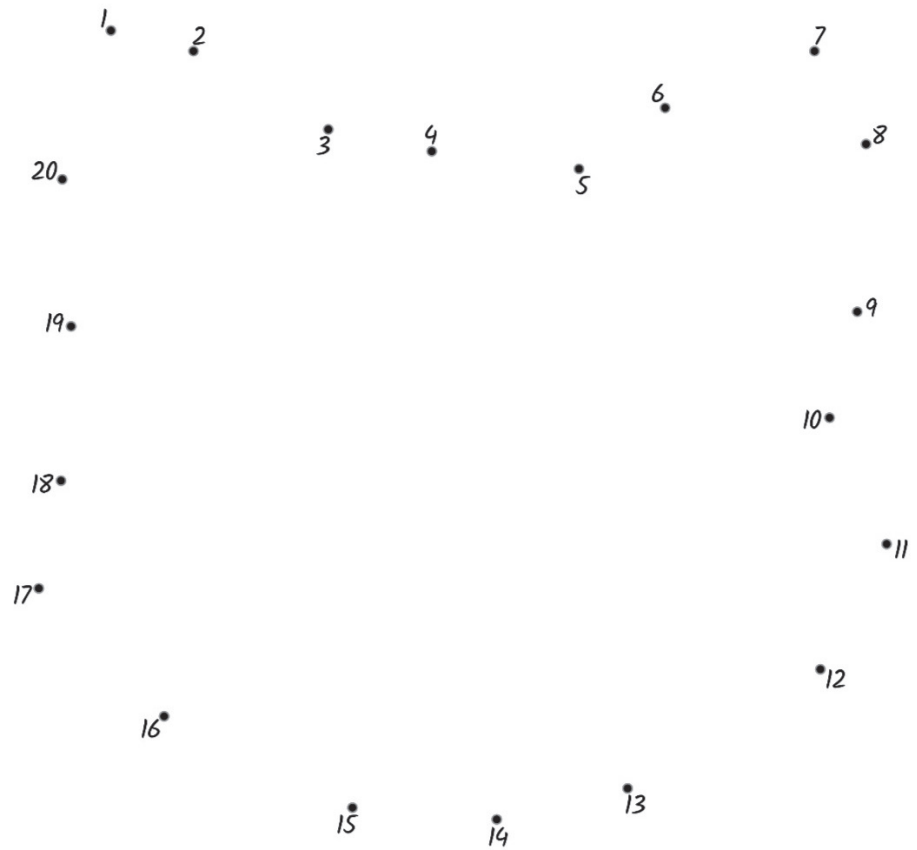
by Staff Writer, Nancy Diltz

TRIVIA QUESTIONS QUIZ:

1. What does a snake use to smell with?
2. Are Dalmatian dogs born with spots?
3. Where do polar bears naturally live?
4. What is the largest animal in the world?
5. Do people in the U.S. have more cats or dogs as pets?
6. What is the only marsupial living in North America?
7. What is the largest land animal on earth?
8. What animal can sleep for up to 2 years?

DOT-TO-DOT ANIMAL FACE:

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BROWNSVILLE LIBRARY

Find Waldo, Sing with Kelli Welli & Win Prizes at the Library!

LEVEL UP @ YOUR LIBRARY 2025 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

by Sherri Lemhouse, Brownsville librarian

The Brownsville Community Library’s Summer Reading Program begins Thursday, July 11, from 4 – 5 p.m.

The Library will host programs for preschoolers to children 99+ years. This summer’s theme, LEVEL UP @ YOUR LIBRARY! This week, we welcome performer Kelli Welli! Kelli draws upon her unique upbringing to create songs that often defy categorization.

Be on the lookout! Waldo is on another of his worldwide hikes this summer. His travel itinerary includes the Brownsville library. Venture in, look for clues, and join the search for Waldo and his friends!

The 2025 Summer Reading Program is free and open to children of all abilities. Turn in your reading log each week for a chance to win one of the unique baskets of goodies! Join Librarian Sherri and guest craft lady Lisa Jager for Story Time on Fridays from 11 a.m. to noon. Summer is a great time to build, create, and have fun with friends! Your local library is the Perfect place to help your imagination take off! Join us this summer for books, activities, and fun... together we can demonstrate how to LEVEL UP @ YOUR LIBRARY.

Regular Library hours

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

Library Summer Schedule

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| Thursday, July 10 | Kelli Welli, Performer |
| July 11, 11 a.m.–Noon | Songs, Rhymes & More Story Time: Sheep! Guest Craft Lady – Lisa Jager |
| Wed, July 16, 10 a.m. | Parents & Pals – Story Time followed by Playtime at Pioneer Park |
| Thursday, July 17 | I -Spy With My Little Eye |
| July 18, 11 a.m.–Noon | Songs, Rhymes & More Story Time: Cows! Guest Craft Lady – Lisa Jager Guest Reader – Heather Timmons |
| Wed, July 23, 10 a.m. | Parents & Pals – Story Time followed by Playtime at Pioneer Park |
| Thursday, July 24 | Library Olympics |
| July 25, 11 a.m.–Noon | Songs, Rhymes & More Story Time: Horse! Guest Craft Lady – Lisa Jager |
| Wed, July 30@10 am | Parents & Pals – Story Time followed by Playtime at Pioneer Park |
| Thursday, July 31 | 2nd Annual Stuffed Animal Sleepover |
| Friday, August 1 | Pick up your stuffed animal from the library |
| 10 a.m.–5p.m. | |

Library manners are expected. No childcare provided.

All programs are free of charge. Join us each Thursday and participate in our weekly activity, then stock up on books to read.

For more information, call the library at 541.466.5454 or visit our website: <https://www.brownsvillecommunitylibrary.org> or <https://www.facebook.com/BVORLibrary>

HALSEY LIBRARY

Summer Reading Program Starts Saturday, July 12

Halsey’s Summer Reading Program is back with the theme “Level Up @ Your Library!” Kids of all ages can sign up now to read, play, and win prizes. Each week offers new activities, snacks, and fun to spark imagination and a love of books.

- Saturday Events — 11 a.m. at the Halsey Community Center:
- July 12: Kick-off with Caesar the No Drama Llama
 - July 19: Lego Derby Car Races
 - July 26: The Museum of Natural and Cultural History
 - August 2: Game Day
 - August 9: Program finale with The Magic of Reading and an ice cream party

Top readers in each age group win prizes on August 9!

Sign up at the library or online: <https://form.jotform.com/251697389253168>

Learn more about iRead at <https://www.ireadprogram.org>

Questions? Email library@halseyor.gov or call (541) 369-2705.

Let the adventures begin!

Swedish Death Cleaning

by Anne Clarke

A wonderful sounding activity, “Dostadning,” as it is known in Swedish, isn’t actually tied to one’s end of life. Rather, it is a practice that can be beneficial throughout your life.

In 2003, I received a telephone call from a friend. Her friends had returned from dinner out with their two children to find their home had burned to the ground. All they had left were the t-shirts and shorts they were wearing. Apparently, our family was identical in size to this family, and “Could we please donate ANYTHING to help them!?” They had a cottage to live in, but it was virtually empty. Not even a pot to cook in. I went through every cupboard and closet in our house to find anything we had more than one of. I boxed up everything and drove it over. Three times!

That evening, I looked in a cupboard for a frying pan and realized that it didn’t look one bit different. Neither did any other space. This was astonishing to me. And so, thus began what I called “A Bag A Day.”

At the door, I kept my bags ready to go somewhere specific. Art supplies for the alternative high school. Sewing materials for the Home Economics class. Office supplies for churches and charities. Clothing, household items, and furniture were all carried out each time I went to town.

My new Mantra became: Nothing new in, unless one old thing goes out. Apply the same concept to your pantry, fridge, and freezer. “Shop at home, first!” In your shed, look at all the nuts and bolts you already have before going to the hardware store. As Americans, we seem to live by the concept of “More.” More of everything. We want, or need, more than everyone else. More and More. More stuff.

In 2016, we sold our home. I actually deceived myself into believing that the packing up would be easy after 13 years of A Bag A Day. It wasn’t. And so, after two Garage Sales and more giveaways, we then had to rent a storage unit. Followed by a second and third unit. Leaving with only one-way tickets, we were allowed to carry only one bag each. (Packing for that was the first adventure!)

Six months later, we decided to return to Oregon and found a 600-square-foot tiny house to rent until we found our old 900-square-foot house here in Brownsville. Having paid all those storage fees, we then had to reduce everything even more to under half of what we had kept. A colossal waste of time, space, and money!

Now, imagine leaving all of that to your family to take care of for you. The Swedes have it figured out: “Dostadning.” Sort it out now. Why leave that chore up to others, who have no idea what any of your stuff even meant to you? Photos, books, jewelry. Maybe sort out important papers.

Next week presents a fabulous opportunity here in Brownsville. The City Wide Garage Sale! Folks come from miles around just wanting to buy up your stuff. Sometimes it just goes down the street, but that’s okay. Start a FREE pile out front and watch stuff disappear. Children love this game and enjoy selling old toys and games, or setting up a lemonade stand.

Most of all, have fun. Get out and meet your Brownsville neighbors. Enjoy coming home to more space and fewer piles of projects that might never get done. Start now — you’ll feel better for it.



Historic Hardware Store Reopens with Folk School Demos

CORVALLIS — Celebrate the reopening of downtown Corvallis’ 167-year-old hardware store on Saturday, July 12, from 12–6 p.m. at 400 SW 2nd Street, formerly Robnett’s Hardware. Now renamed Wade Hardware — honoring one of its original owners — the shop will offer tools, fasteners, locally milled wood, workwear, household supplies, and more.

The Open House will feature live woodworking and fiber arts demonstrations by Tarweed Folk School, which now shares the space. Visitors can learn about upcoming classes, including “Build a 3-Legged Stool” on July 11–13, and other summer workshops in woodworking, herbalism, and basket weaving. Free food from First Alternative Co-op will be available, and Tarweed merchandise will be for sale.

All classes are open for registration with scholarships available. Details at tarweedfolkschool.com.



Commissioners Adopt \$279.9 Million Budget for FY 2025-2026

Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer

ALBANY — Thursday, June 26, Linn County Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Sherrie Sprenger and Will Tucker officially adopted a budget of \$279,995,597 for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year.

The budget had previously been approved by the Budget Committee after a series of hearings in late April and early May. Members of the Budget Committee are the three commissioners, plus Kerry Johnson, chair; Rex Watkins, vice-chair and Dustin Welkers.

The 2024-2025 budget was about \$240.9 million.

Commissioners also adopted a tax rate of \$1.2736 per \$1,000 of property valuation and a Law Enforcement Levy of \$2.98 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

The total General Fund budget will be \$57,652,602.

County Administrative Officer Darrin Lane thanked Budget Officer Michelle Hawkins, department heads and elected officials for their hard work and being good financial stewards, which he said makes the budget process easier.

Hawkins said differences between the approved budget and Tuesday's adopted budget were changes to beginning fund balances between May and late June.

Board Chairman Nyquist thanked the volunteer community members who serve on the Budget Committee.

"We are not laying off people and we are continuing to provide services to Linn County residents," Nyquist said. "I want to thank all of our employees, who know that every day is a budget day. We don't get here with magical math."

Nyquist said after the meeting that by and large, Linn County employees are fiscally responsible with taxpayer dollars and he is grateful for that.

Commissioner Tucker said he is amazed that Linn County can provide a wide array of services with a \$1.27 tax rate.

"Other counties have tax rates almost three times ours," Tucker said. "We keep our county alive and going well on \$1.27. It's amazing."

Commissioner Sprenger participated telephonically and said she appreciated the work of the Linn County Compensation Board.

After the Board of Commissioners meeting, Commissioner Tucker called to order the 4-H and Extension Service District annual budget adoption meeting.

A 2025-2026 budget of \$1,010,176 and a tax rate of seven cents per \$1,000 property valuation were approved.

For more information, contact Alex Paul at 541-967-3825 or email apaul@co.linn.or.us

TABLE TALK, DINING IN AND AROUND BROWNSVILLE

Randy's Main Street Coffee

by Staff Writer, Jeff Brown

Found along Main Street in Brownsville, Randy's Main Street Coffee at 250 N Main St. is a beloved gem that captures the essence of a cozy community café. Open Monday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., it's the perfect spot to start your day or enjoy a leisurely lunch. I was hoping to write a hard-hitting review, but the food was so great that I couldn't find anything "hard-hitting" to say.

Randy's reputation for exceptional coffee is well-earned, offering a rich and robust brew that keeps loyal locals returning. But it's not just the coffee that shines here; the selection of home-baked pastries is a delightful temptation. From yummy raspberry scones to mouthwatering cinnamon rolls, there's something for every sweet tooth.

On my recent visit, I splurged for the daily special, the Hawaiian Plate. This dish featured tender pulled pork, served with a side of teriyaki sauce, alongside white rice and a wonderfully fresh and tasty macaroni salad. Each bite was flavorful and fresh, demonstrating Randy's commitment to quality.

Previously, I have enjoyed the breakfast burrito, which was hearty and satisfying, making it a great choice for an early morning boost. The staff is always friendly and welcoming, adding to the warm and inviting atmosphere.

Whether you're in the mood for a delicious breakfast, a leisurely lunch, or just a great cup of coffee, Randy's Main Street Coffee is a must-visit spot in Brownsville. With its delectable offerings and cozy ambiance, it's the kind of place that feels like a home away from home.



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Budget Passed, Solar Park Controversy Raised at Council Meeting

By Staff Writer, Sravya Tadepalli

BROWNSVILLE — At the June Brownsville City Council Meeting, the City Council approved the city budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. The Council also approved a 3% rate increase for water and sewer utilities. There were no public or councilor comments on the budget.

The most significant increases relative to the 2024-2025 budget are for the water and sewer system development charges, which fluctuate annually based on the funding needed for capital improvements. The budget for the parks and cemetery is down 14% from last year due to the completion of the Central Linn Recreation Center project.

The Council also adopted a resolution authorizing \$31,250 in year-end transfers of funds for the 2024-2025 budget to adjust for overspending in some line items. This included \$11,000 transferred from the sewer operations contingency fund to chlorine, equipment, and clothing, and \$6,000 transferred from the administration contingency fund to legal expenses.

The city's May financial report shows that the city had spent 26.72% of the dollars appropriated for the 2024-2025 fiscal year by the end of the month. According to City Administrator Scott MacDowell, the city attempts to spend 30-40% of the appropriated dollars each year, resulting in a carryover for the next budget cycle.

Troy Jones, a member of Friends of Gap Road, gave an update on the status of the Muddy Creek Solar Park, a proposal between Harrisburg property owner John Langdon and a South Korean solar company to install a solar energy site on Langdon's 1,100 acres of farmland. Jones, whose group opposes the project, said that he hopes Linn County can take the example of Marion County, which banned commercial solar farms in 2018 to protect farmland.

"Counties are permitted, while not required, to be more restrictive than state law for Sub-2 land uses," said Jones, referring to a law that allows some non-farm uses in farm use zones subject to local approval.

Sergeant Steve Frambes said that June has been a terrible month with several fatal crashes and multiple teenagers dying in hiking incidents. The department is also preparing coverage for Independence Day and other summer events.

"This is the time of year when we have what we call blackout days, where not a lot of deputies are allowed time off because there is always something happening," said Frambes.

During the community comment period, Jack Alsman lamented the state of the public restrooms in Brownsville. City Manager MacDowell and Public Works Superintendent Karl Frink stated that they attempt to maintain the restrooms, but people continue to vandalize and defile them.

There were several council reports and comments. Councilor Mike Winklepleck said that a committee of the Council would be working with the American Legion to develop a plan to display banners of Brownsville citizens who have served in the Armed Forces.

Councilor Chambers said that as Independence Day approaches, it is important to honor the legacy of freedom fighters by living with courage, integrity, and patriotism, saying, "it's not just fireworks."

Mayor Adam Craven expressed appreciation that his son's missing helmet was returned to City Hall, saying it shows that Brownsville residents look out for the community's children. He also asked for a moment of silence for the first responders who were killed in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, on June 30.



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Original Moyer House baluster



Henry Ryals poses in the location of the former stair casing.

The Moyer House Gets a New Stairway and Decking

by Staff Writer, Stephen Brenner

We talked to Henry Ryals from the Ryals Design/Build company. They are replacing the stairs going into the building as well as the decking on the porch. The company undertakes various building projects but specializes in these restorations. Henry especially enjoys working on the Moyer House, given its historical significance. An effort was made to have the new structure be as authentic as the original. They referenced old photos and had new balusters fabricated to match that design. The previous major reconstruction was done in 1991. Tight-knot cedar will be used for the stairs (with treated fir as understructure). The balusters are Oregon White Oak, and the new decking will be premium vertical grain Douglas fir. The project is expected to take approximately two weeks to complete.



New balusters



Lauren Hetterle Weds Derek Bryant

Lauren Hetterle and Derek Bryant were married on June 14, 2025, at Goracke Farm in Shedd, Oregon. The couple exchanged vows in a rustic barn ceremony featuring a western theme. Surrounded by family and friends, the celebration continued with a lively reception and traditional barbecue.



Lauren is the daughter of Jeff and Brenda Hetterle of Brownsville and a 2018 graduate of Central Linn High School. Derek is the son of Kelly Bryant of Cleveland, Ohio, and works as a contractor for Hetterle Construction.

The bride and groom would like to extend their gratitude to everyone who shared in their special day.



Cornelius "Case" VanderStelt

Cornelius "Case" VanderStelt, 91, passed away on June 7, 2025, at Lydia's House Memory Care at the Mennonite Village in Albany, Oregon.

Case was born on January 23, 1934, in Artesia, CA, to Adrian and Anna VanderStelt. Case enlisted in the Army in 1956 and served two years. He was selected to be part of the Honor Guard of the 3rd Infantry Regiment and was stationed in Washington, D.C. He married Annetta "Nettie" Niehof on March 20, 1959, in Artesia, California. They had four sons while living in California: Andy, Bill, Dan, and Gary. In August 1968, they relocated the family to Halsey, Oregon, where they operated a dairy farm for many years. They had two more children, Ken and Betty, after moving to Oregon. Case had been a member of Knollbrook Christian Reformed Church and had volunteered there for many years.

Case is survived by his children: Bill VanderStelt (wife, Lisa), Dan VanderStelt, Gary VanderStelt (wife, Mari), Ken VanderStelt, and Betty Trevisiol (husband, Mark). Grandchildren: Hans VanderStelt (wife Carolyn), Katie VanderStelt, Anna Whitaker (husband Patrick), Nile VanderStelt, and Emily VanderStelt. Great grandchildren Jackson Whitaker, Barrett VanderStelt, and a third great grandchild arriving in July, and sister Cornelia Koops.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Nettie; son, Andy VanderStelt; and brothers, Martin VanderStelt, Adrian VanderStelt, and Edward VanderStelt, as well as his sister, Johanna Suierveld.

The family would like to thank the staff at Lydia's House for the wonderful care they provided for Case in his final years. A private graveside service was held at Twin Oaks Memorial Gardens in Albany.

Memorial donations can be made to the Mennonite Village Foundation, 5353 Columbus St SE, Albany, OR 97322.



Veterans Invited to Jacques Ranch & Farm Tour

ALBANY — Local Veterans interested in agriculture are invited to spend a morning at Jacques Ranch & Farm in Albany on Friday, July 18, from 10 a.m. to noon. The tour is open to all Veterans and offers a chance to see how fellow service members are building a life on the land.

Jacques Ranch & Farm is a Veteran-owned operation raising Angus-Limousin mix cattle on 22 acres. The owners grow and harvest their own pasture grasses on 16 acres and have taken on the unique project of rehabilitating a mature oak grove. What was once a dense stand of trees is now being restored into an open oak savannah and healthy pasture, providing both grazing land for the cattle and improved habitat for local wildlife.

The tour is more than just a look at the daily workings of the ranch — it's an opportunity to network, swap ideas, and build connections with other local Veterans who are farming or thinking about it.

Veterans can RSVP online at <https://beav.es/Nzx>. For questions or to request accommodations, contact Crystal Kelso at crystal.kelso@oregonstate.edu or call (541) 730-3539.



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BETWEEN EARTH AND SKY

Language Culture and the Path

Stephen A. Brenner

This final article in the Between Earth and Sky series marks a transition into a new series Cultural Explorations next week.

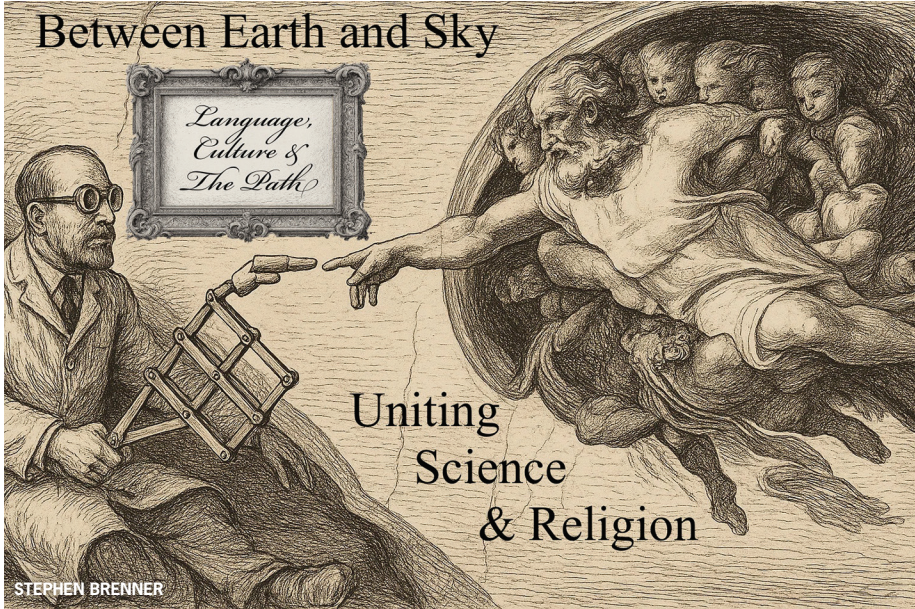
Language — spoken and written — has set humans apart from the rest of the animal kingdom. It has empowered both science and theology, allowing us to shape our environment and our understanding of existence. From the emergence of speech around 300,000 years ago to the invention of cuneiform, the alphabet, the printing press, radio, TV, the computer, and now AI — each leap has radically altered how we perceive and live in the world. The current AI revolution is moving so fast we may not be fully aware of its cultural impact.

While language has enabled civilization, it has also distanced us from a more embodied, relational way of knowing. We’ve become shaped by abstractions, doctrines, and now algorithms—more in our heads than in our hearts. This has led to polarization, fragmented worldviews, and an erosion of shared understanding. We see this dramatically in the cultural divisions within this country and around the world.

Our ancient ancestors lived immersed in their environment. They didn’t need to define “God” — they lived in rhythm with the Divine. They experienced dreams, symbols, and silence as powerful forms of communication. They were psychically linked, where they intuitively sensed the state of the world around them. But language introduced separation: self vs. other, mind vs. body, human vs. nature. That split may lie at the root of many modern crises.

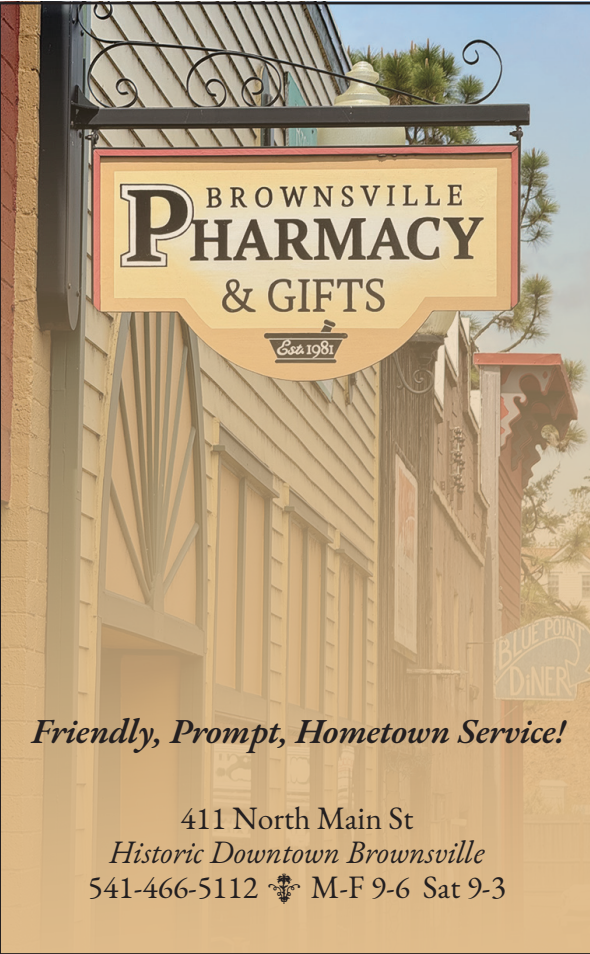
One approach to rediscovering that unity is through the study of archetypes. Archetypes lie at the root of language and culture, defining how we understand ourselves and navigate life. They are universal. Early humans simply experienced them because they were woven into existence. As language developed, cultures found ways to define them. Early societies organized archetypes into spiritual pantheons — Greeks with their Olympian gods, Hindus with their deities, Jews with the Kabbalah, Catholics with their saints, astrologers with celestial influences, and Tarot with its symbolic arcana. By the golden age of Greece, playwrights like Euripides used the gods as metaphors for archetypal dramas unfolding within individuals and cultures alike. In “The Bacchae,” Dionysus (ecstasy, chaos) punishes Pentheus (order, control) for denying his divinity. The story illustrates what Jung might call the “Dionysian shadow” — the wild within us that must be acknowledged, or it will turn destructive. Euripides used myth to reveal the tensions within the human psyche — tensions we still wrestle with today.

Life is like a symphony of archetypal energies interplaying within our worldview. I hold a theory — perhaps my own, or perhaps common knowledge — that humans experience two fundamental forms of spirituality. The first is the “Path:” Our archetypal journey through life, shaping our identity and worldview. The second is “Being on



the Path:” the part of us that is present in the moment, alive, spontaneous, and genuine. Ideally, we want our most fully realized self to live the journey. Balancing one’s worldview and values in alignment with inner needs and tendencies is the challenge everyone faces. Ultimately, it is about self-realization, health, and wholeness.

In today’s American culture, corporate social media, television, and film shape much of our collective imagination and worldview. In a real democracy, culture should emerge from the people themselves, from the ground up. Despite the centralized power of major media, the Internet and community news remains a distributed network of ordinary creative people with something to say. I’m inviting readers of The Brownsville Times to share what has inspired them — be it a book, a poem, an AI-generated cartoon, or a simple act of kindness. I hope to explore important cultural themes with care, but more importantly, I want to hear from you. Please send your stories, reflections, or creative contributions to stephenabrenner@gmail.com. Let’s begin this next journey of exploration together.



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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

The Brownsville Times' History

by Staff Writer, Daniel R. Murphy

1889 is the alleged start of the Brownsville Times. We do not have verification of the exact year the Times began, but there are indications it was in 1889 or 1888. At times it was known as The Brownsville Times, and at other times, it was titled The Times.

In January 2025, the paper shut down. It was resurrected by a new non-profit corporation in June 2025. It is now published as The Brownsville Times. During the late 1890s, it was published on Fridays. Beginning in the early 1900s and thereafter, it has always been a Thursday paper.

Here is a list of the previous publishers and editors of the paper and the year they took over.

- 1889-1893 Unknown;
- 11.10.1893: Cavender and Calder (published on Fridays);
- 01.04.1895: Albert B. Cavender;
- 11.08.1899: Cavender and Brown;
- 06.29.1906: FB Cavender, Business Manager; FM Brown, Editor;
- 01.07.1910: FM Brown, Editor and Publisher;
- 06.04.1915: Lyn A. Brown; paper leased to Brown;
- 06.11.1915-01.21.1916: No editor listed;
- 02.04.1916: Lyn A. Brown, Editor and Publisher;
- 12.27.1918: David H. Talmage, Pub & Editor.
- 06.20.1919: William H. Wheeler (formerly with Eugene Reg. Guard);
- 07.08.1921: Sold to Jesse Hinman, Pub and Editor;
- 03.31.1922: Jesse Hinman, Editor and Publ.; IW Pouttu, Assoc. Editor
- 11.07.1922: IW Pouttu, Editor;
- 12.08.1922: News Item: Grand Jury returns No True Bill against “former editor” Jesse Hinman; Jesse Hinman again listed as Editor
- 05.04.1923: WK Brownlow, Editor
- 09.14.1923: no editor listed
- 09.21.1923: Glen W. Loomis, Editor and Publisher
- 04.25.1924: A. M. Byrd & Milo Taylor, publishers
- 03.19.1925: Milo E. Taylor, manager
- 05.07.1925: Milo Taylor, manager; Lenoard



The Brownsville Times masthead as it appeared in 1953, under the leadership of John L. and Celia A. Roberts. Today's version honors tradition with a nod to the past — a covered wagon still leads the way.

- Lerwill, advertising manager and reporter;
- Leighton Henderson, operator
- 06.04.1925: Milo E. Taylor, manager; Leonard Lerwill, advertising manager and reporter
- 01.07.1926: Milor Taylor, Publisher
- Most of 1926 not available.
- 1925-1933 not available
- 01.04.1934: FM Brown & Lyn A. Brown, editors and publishers
- September 1934 – December 1934 not available
- 01.03.1935: FM Brown & Lyn A. Brown, Editors and Publishers
- 12.31.1936: FM Brown, Editor and Publisher
- 01.07.1937: FM Brown, Editor and Publisher
- 1938-1941 information not available
- 01.01.1942: LE and MM Giles, publishers
- Beginning 01.01.1946 price went up to \$2 per year
- 08.04.1949: papers from Jan 1 to Aug 4, 1949 missing;
- 08.04.1949: John L. and Celia A. Roberts
- 08.25.1949: John L. and Celia A. Roberts – papers missing after 08.25.1949. Also missing are papers from 1950 and 1951.
- 01.03.1952: No editor or publisher listed
- 01.10.1952: John L. and Celia A. Roberts;
- 12.30.1954: John L. and Celia A. Roberts;
- 12.29.1955: John L. and Celia A. Roberts;
- Missing from Archive: 1955–1963;
- 12.29.1963: John L. and Celia A. Roberts;
- 02.06.1964: Chester L. (Chet) Harding, Publisher;
- 02.15.1968: John L. Roberts, Publisher;
- 12.31.1970: John L. Roberts, Publisher;
- 12.09.1971: John L. and Pauline Roberts, Publishers;
- 12.27.1979: John L. and Pauline Roberts,

- Publishers;
- 1987 missing;
- 01.06.1988: Ralph Sand, Publisher;
- 12.26.1990: Ralph Sand, Publisher;
- 1991 missing;
- 12.30.1992: Ralph Sand, Publisher;
- 10.27.1993: Ralph Sand, Publisher;
- 11.24.1993: Co-Publishers: Russ & Laura Nielsen;
- 12.29.93 Russ and Laura Nielsen;
- 01.03.1996: Editor: Don Ware; Managing Editor: Mike Dallum;
- 12.25.1996: Editor: Don Ware; Managing Editor: Mike Dallum;
- 12.31.1997: Co-Publishers: Don and Wannell Ware/ Editor: Don Ware;
- 12.31.2003: Co-Publishers: Don and Wannell Ware/ Editor: Don Ware;
- 12.30.2009: Co-Publishers: Don and Wannell Ware/ Editor: Don Ware;
- 12.29.2010: Co-Publishers: Don and Wannell Ware/ Editor: Don Ware;
- 10.19.2011: 11.16.2011: Co-Publishers Vance & Holly Parrish; Editor: Don Ware;
- 12.28.2011: Co-Publishers Vance & Holly Parrish; Editor: Don Ware;
- 01.01.2025: Co-Publishers Vance & Holly Parrish;
- 06.05.2025: Editor: Mikayle Sole; Chair: Sharon Banks.

Daniel R. Murphy was born and raised in Brownsville. A retired attorney and Linn County Circuit Court Judge, he serves on the board of The Brownsville Times and contributes as a staff writer. He's also a Linn County Master Gardener and Moyer House tour guide.

TAKING ROOT

Bok Choi in the Garden, On the Table.

by Staff Writer, Donald Lyon

Bok choy, pak choy, however you spell it, tastes delicious, is nutritious, and very easy to grow. There are several varieties, but I prefer those described as “baby” varieties. Bok choy is a type of Chinese cabbage (Brassica rapa, chinensis). It has green leaves with lighter-colored or white, bulbous stems. All parts, including the flowers, are edible, but the stems are the most flavorful. I discard the green leafy tips unless the plant is very young. Bok choy is the main ingredient in many Chinese stir-fry dishes, and as such, makes a speedy meal with the addition of a few other items, such as mushrooms or mixed frozen vegetables (when I’m in a hurry). The stems are cut into bite-sized pieces and stir-fried quickly (two to three minutes) at high heat with a bit of canola oil, Kosher salt, or Lawrey’s seasoning. A dash of chicken bouillon powder or small pieces of chorizo sausage add variety. As with any stir-fried dish, add the ingredients that take the longest to cook first. A drizzle of sesame oil towards the end infuses a true Oriental flavor. Rice is the per-

fect accompaniment. Bok choy can also be eaten raw in salads. Nutritionally speaking, bok choy is a rich source of Vitamin A, C, and K. According to Wikipedia bok choy evolved from the mustard plant in China’s Yangtze River delta in the 5th century and found its way to Europe in the mid-18th century through the efforts of Jesuit missionaries and others. Bok choy reached our shores in the 19th century but is still gaining acceptance by non-Asian consumers. I start it by seed and transplant to the garden when soil temperatures are above 40 degrees in the spring. For summer planting, keep young plants mulched or growing in the shade of taller plants to postpone bolting — plant in August for a fall crop or to winter over under a polypropylene row cover. My favorite seed catalog lists five different varieties all of which mature in 30 to 45 days. For obvious reasons, bok choy is one of my favorite plants to grow. Gardening questions? Ask a Master Gardener at phototraveler02@gmail.com



Bok Choy, all parts edible, but the white stems are the tastiest.

June Home Sales Report

June 2025 Home Sales – Brownsville & Tangent, OR

| Sale Date | Address | City | Sale Price | Sq Ft | Year Built | Beds | Baths (F/H) | Acres | Description |
|-----------|-------------------|-------------|------------|-------|------------|------|-------------|-------|-------------------------------|
| June 3 | 336 Spaulding Ave | Brownsville | \$275,000 | 1,764 | 1928 | 2 | 1 / 0 | 0.45 | One story w/ basement |
| June 5 | 402 Main St | Brownsville | \$725,000 | — | — | — | — | 0.11 | — |
| June 5 | 128 Spaulding Ave | Brownsville | \$130,000 | — | — | — | — | 0.03 | — |
| June 5 | 32841 Highway 99E | Tangent | \$400,000 | 784 | 1974 | 2 | 1 / 0 | 0.90 | Single-wide manufactured home |
| June 6 | 408 Depot Ave | Brownsville | \$445,000 | 1,881 | 2021 | 4 | 2 / 1 | 0.17 | Two-story residential |
| June 12 | 704 Oak St | Brownsville | \$300,000 | 1,504 | 1900 | 4 | 1 / 0 | 0.19 | One story w/attic |
| June 23 | 26945 Gap Rd | Brownsville | \$420,000 | 660 | 1946 | 2 | 1 / 0 | 3.56 | One story w/attic on acreage |

Market Highlights

- **Highest Sale:** \$725,000 – 402 Main St, Brownsville
- **Lowest Sale:** \$130,000 – 128 Spaulding Ave, Brownsville
- **Most Land:** 3.56 acres – 26945 Gap Rd, Brownsville
- **Newest Home:** Built in 2021 – 408 Depot Ave
- **Oldest Home:** Built in 1900 – 704 Oak St

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.

June 30

7:49 a.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 27900 Hwy 99E and Powerline Rd, Halsey. Sierra Forester, 23, of Albany was cited for speeding 91 mph in a 55 mph zone.

2:29 p.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 300 W Bishop Way, Brownsville. Driver was warned for speeding.

6:13 p.m. — Animal complaint reported at block of 24700 Gap Rd and Northernwood Dr, Brownsville. Deputy attempted to locate an injured deer but was unable to locate.

6:34 p.m. — Found property reported at block of 200 N Main St and E Park Ave, Brownsville. Property was returned to the rightful owner.

7:11 p.m. — Event detail at block of 100 N Main St, Brownsville. City council meeting.

9:24 p.m. — Extra patrol at block of 200 W Park Ave, Brownsville.

6:05 p.m. — Welfare check reported at block of 800 Centennial Ct, Halsey. Deputy conducted a welfare check.

6:50 p.m. — Traffic hazard reported at block of 29900 Lake Creek Dr, Halsey. Fallen tree limb was removed from roadway by citizens before deputy arrival.

7:54 p.m. — Found property reported at block of 33100 Hwy 228, Halsey. Deputies recovered a cell phone from a theft.

July 1

12:18 a.m. — Suspicious vehicle reported at block of 200 N 3rd St, Halsey. Deputies checked the area for a suspicious person.

2:02 a.m. — Suspicious vehicle reported at block of 300 W 1st St, Halsey. Occupants were making a phone call.

3:52 a.m. — Suspicious circumstance reported at block of 1400 W 4th St and W O St, Halsey. Caller reported a suspicious vehicle. Vehicle left the area before deputy arrived.

7:58 a.m. — Motorist assist reported at block of 29700 Seven Mile Ln, Shedd. Deputy assisted a motorist who was broken down.

7:59 a.m. — Suspicious circumstance reported at block of 33000 Sequoia St, Tangent. Deputy spoke with caller regarding a male yelling at him for riding his bike.

4:14 p.m. — Traffic complaint reported at block of 29900 Hwy 99E and C St, Shedd. Complaint noted. No further information.

6:43 p.m. — Motorist assist reported at block of 27900 Hwy 99E and Powerline Rd, Halsey. Deputy checked on vehicle with flat tire; driver had contacted Les Schwab and was safe off the roadway.

7:45 p.m. — Domestic disturbance reported at block of 600 LaSalle St, Halsey. Deputy took a report of a cold domestic disturbance; investigation ongoing.

7:52 p.m. — Domestic disturbance reported at block of 39600 Crawfordsville Dr, Crawfordsville. Deputy documented a verbal disturbance.

9:24 p.m. — Suspicious vehicle reported at block of 700 W 1st St, Halsey. Deputy observed suspicious parked vehicle at a business after hours; vehicle was unoccupied and business secure.

9:56 p.m. — Extra patrol reported at block of 200 W Park Ave, Brownsville.

10:35 p.m. — Phone harassment reported at block of 27800 Seven Mile Ln, Brownsville. Deputies responded to a complaint of telephonic harassment.

July 2

4:18 a.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 500 E Bishop Way and Hume St, Brownsville. Leopoldo Hernandez-German, 30, of Albany was cited for speeding, 56 mph in a 35 mph zone.

5:03 a.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 500 E Bishop Way and Hume St, Brownsville. Driver was warned for speeding.

11:38 a.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 31900 North Lake Creek Dr and Hwy 99E, Tangent. Kenneth Conrad, 64, from Halsey, was cited for operating without driving privileges.

12:13 p.m. — Suspicious vehicle reported at block of 33100 McFarland Rd, Tangent. Deputy followed up with an RV parked near Ashwood Estates.

1:35 p.m. — Non-injury crash reported at block of 30000 Hwy 99E, Shedd. Shed owned by fire department was damaged; driver is paying for damages.

8:54 p.m. — DHS referral reported at block of 29100 Blueberry Rd, Halsey. Allegations had been investigated by LCSO in 2024.

10:30 p.m. — Extra patrol reported at block of 100 Pioneer Park Rd, Brownsville. Deputy warned people about trying to hold spots before the park was open and advised them about trespassing after dusk.

July 3

8:31 a.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 1100 Crowell Ln and W 2nd St, Halsey. Operator was warned for an equipment violation.

10:20 a.m. — City ordinance violation reported at block of 700 W 3rd St, Halsey. Deputy cited homeowner for a nuisance violation.

12:06 p.m. — Traffic hazard reported at block of 100 S Main St, Brownsville. A semi was too tall to cross the bridge and needed help turning around.

1:25 p.m. — Animal complaint reported at block of 38400 Crawfordsville Dr, Crawfordsville. Deputy attempted to locate reportedly skinny horses but was unsuccessful.

2:13 p.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 37800 Hwy 228, Brownsville. Robert Gardner of Sweet Home was cited for traffic violations near Crawfordsville.

2:21 p.m. — Suspicious vehicle reported at block of 33100 Hwy 228, Halsey. Deputy checked on a vehicle parked behind Pioneer

HEALTH & WELLNESS

The Importance of Sun Protection

THE HOT SUN SHONE ON MY YOUTH

by Staff Writer, Nancy Diltz

Whether I was diving into the swimming pool, languishing on the beach, playing a challenging set of tennis, golfing, or gardening, my tanned skin was warm in the summer sun. Year after year, I spent summers and much of every spring, winter, and fall outdoors. My dad (who was from Eugene, Oregon) liked to tell his kids to “get out and get some healthy fresh air and sunshine,” which we never argued with.

Now, decades later, I know from many visits to the dermatologist that I made a mistake in not protecting my skin from the less healthy aspects of the sun. A hat with good coverage, sunglasses, and, most importantly, sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or above on skin exposed to the sun is vital for protecting against skin cancers, such as basal cell, squamous cell, and, most destructively, melanoma. “Oregon has a high rate of melanoma — ranking 16th in the country as of 2021,” according to a news release from SAIF (Oregon’s not-for-profit workers’ compensation insurance company) posted on FlashAlert: July 2, 2025, 11:19 AM.

Skin cancer can cause disfigurement and even death if not treated early.

Here are some tips on protecting your skin every day:

- Sunscreen should be applied to dry skin 15 minutes before going outside.
- It needs to provide broad protection (against UVA and UVB rays), have an SPF of 30 or higher, and be water-resistant.
- Make sure you use enough. The general guideline is one ounce (enough to fill a shot glass) for the exposed parts of your body. A nickel-sized dollop is typically adequate for the face.
- Remember to apply to the top of the head, back of the neck, tops of the feet, and ears.
- Sunscreens with higher SPF protection don’t mean you can stay in the sun longer or need to reapply them less often.
- Don’t use sunscreen past its expiration date or for longer than three years. To prevent it from going to waste, apply it daily.
- Lips need protection too, so use lip balm with an SPF of 30 or higher.
- Also wear sun-protective clothing, including a lightweight and long-sleeved shirt, pants, a wide-brimmed hat, and sunglasses with UV protection.



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DEAR GERTRUDE

Practical advice from a turn-of-the-century housewife

by Jaime Flynn

Dear Mrs. Gertrude,

I am writing to ask an important question in relation to courtship. You see, I asked a young lady to walk after her sewing lesson on Saturday. She had seemed eager to receive my attention over the past few months, which pleases me more than I could ever admit! The only problem is that during our last promenade, I asked for her to take off her gloves after we arrived at the park. I only did so in the intention that she would not get them filthy as she is always picking up every little pinecone, leaf, or rock of interest. She loves nature, one of the subjects we are both passionate about, yet I am concerned that due to her interest, her mother will not allow us to see each other anymore as she has high standards for cleanliness.

Well, when I asked her if she'd like to take off her gloves... she looked at me with such surprise that I quickly looked behind me to see if she had just seen a ghost! She spun around and left me there gobsmacked. She has not spoken so much as a syllable to me since, I worry that either her or her family have made the decision to cut me out. Did I do wrong by asking her? Is it truly that indecent? I was only trying to help, I swear. I apologize profusely and ask for forgiveness if I gave offense as it was not my intention. What would you have done in this instance

Truly,

Serious Outrage Ruins Relationship (of) Youth



Dear SORRY,

You seem to be a most earnest and well-intentioned young man, however as they say: the road to Hell may be paved with good intentions. It is no wonder the young lady in question was horrified by this seemingly innocent query, for you must know that a young lady being with a young man in public is perfectly fine... yet to have her remove her gloves and possibly hold hands with a young man whilst alone? Oh, the horror!

She is wise enough to know that her reputation is of the utmost importance and needs keeping watch over. Thus despite the “saints have hands that pilgrims’ hands do touch and palm to palm is holy palmer’s kiss” as Shakespeare’s Juliet says to her Romeo, a young lady of our century must keep much in mind as to etiquette and prevailing social norms which say that public displays of affection are frowned upon. It does seem as if more communication between you is needed to sort out what the expectations and “rules” are as young men are not held by the same guidelines as young women. *Bonne chance!*

P.S. Cody, do not concern yourself overly on offending Georgie – she did return home to me and was a touch upset. I did have my judgments, I will not pretend... However, you are proving yourself as a conscientious young man who is willing to write respectfully to her mother. I will allow you a second chance my dear, granted you do not ruin it again. You do make a solid point about the gloves — we will come up with a plan to keep her clean another way!

WIDOWS' BRIGADE

Now What?

by Mary Canaday

Have you ever really thought about the vows you took on your wedding day? I____ take you ____ to be my husband/wife to have and to hold from this day forward, for richer, poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish until parted by death.

That final line, ‘to cherish until parted by death,’ think about it — we all believe we will be the one to go first, because who wants to live without the love of their life? We don’t consider who is left behind; we continue through our lives.

Newly married, then comes the start of a family with little ones, the grade school years, high school, and then maybe grandkids arrive. You retire, and those plans to travel or spoil the grandkids come along. Suddenly, plans are changed forever. Have you prepared for those changes?

I hope to share with you all the things that many widows or widowers wish they had done to prepare for this fateful day. This will be a monthly column offering advice and ideas to help ease the pain of a loved one someday. I will be sharing real-life stories that have happened to many widows and widowers because we weren’t as prepared for that day to come. Some were more prepared than others. We often say we wish we had done this or done that.

This past month, I have had two friends get married and was asked to advise on how to have a successful marriage. This was advice I offered to share your passwords on your phone, iPads, tablets, computers, and online accounts. Put them where your spouse could find them.

Real-life situations:

Widow 1: It’s been three years since a widow shared with me that she has her spouse’s tablet but can’t use it. Why? It’s locked, and no one in the family knows the password to unlock it. She has also had to prove that she is his widow to unlock and transfer online accounts to her name, allowing her to pay for these accounts.

Widow 2: Accounts were frozen for online activity for 30 days, and she spent the entire first year checking online banking daily for any updates, such as yearly payments for his webpage and cloud accounts, as well as the anti-virus software on the computer.

Widow 3: Another person didn’t know the IRS PIN the first year they filed taxes after their passing.

Now suddenly the spouse has passed and the remaining spouse in grief and pain of losing the love of their life now must figure out the account numbers and how and when to pay.

Please consider this suggestion and make a hard copy of all passwords, placing it with other valuable documents. Be sure to update it at least once a year.

PUZZLE KEY

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

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Villa; occupant had permission to be there.

2:42 p.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 32000 Hwy 34 Ramp W, Tangent. Aaron Rhine, 31, of Albany, was cited for driving uninsured.

4:55 p.m. — Suspicious vehicle reported at block of 27100 Walnut Rd, Brownsville. Vehicle was parked to allow combine drivers to work; no further action.

9:24 p.m. — Extra patrol reported at block of 100 Pioneer Park Rd, Brownsville. Park was full of campers and patrons for the 4th of July. No complaints reported.

11:46 p.m. — Domestic disturbance reported at block of 300 Spaulding Way, Brownsville. Verbal altercation between boyfriend and girlfriend. No crime found.

July 4

12:18 p.m. — Suspicious vehicle reported at block of 36800 Hwy 228, Brownsville. Vehicle left on private property; person responsible removed it.

12:43 p.m. — Suspicious vehicle reported at block of 30800 Wirth Rd, Shedd. Deputy located vehicle; nothing criminal.

2:13 p.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 37800

Hwy 228, Brownsville. Robert Gardner of Sweet Home cited for violations near Crawfordville.

3:58 p.m. — Animal complaint reported at block of 1100 Linn Way, Brownsville. Deputy responded to an animal complaint.

4:36 p.m. — Hit and run reported at block of 37800 Hwy 228, Brownsville. Deputies responded; suspect not located.

4:46 p.m. — Fraud reported at block of 29300 Clay St, Shedd. Deputies spoke with a citizen who was involved in an attempted scam.

6:25 p.m. — Fireworks reported at block of 100 Pioneer Park Rd, Brownsville

7:07 p.m. — Be on the look out reported at block of 34200 Hwy 228 and Fischer Rd, Halsey. OSP passed along a traffic complaint.

10:01 p.m. — Firework complaint reported at block of 100 E B St, Halsey. Caller reported fireworks.

10:22 p.m. — Firework complaint reported at block of 29500 Linn Co 211, Halsey. Caller reported fireworks.

11:20 p.m. — Found dog reported at block of 300 W 2nd St, Halsey. Deputy helped reunite dog with owner.

11:22 p.m. — Noise disturbance reported at block of 500 Hausman Ave, Brownsville. Deputy told people to turn music down and go to bed for the night. They complied. July 5

July 5

12:04 a.m. — Extra patrol reported at block of 31800 Hwy 228, Halsey. Deputy located family searching for lost animal; helped reunite dog with owner.

12:49 a.m. — Injury crash reported at block of 29200 Seven Mile Ln, Shedd. Deputies responded to an injury crash involving one vehicle.

11:16 a.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 32100 Seven Mile Ln and Glaser Dr, Tangent. Joziah Hannon, 22, of Corvallis, was cited for speeding 81 mph in a 55 mph zone.

11:27 a.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 32100 Seven Mile Ln, Tangent. Luke Murphy, 48, of Brownsville, was cited for speeding 93 mph in a 55 mph zone.

5:31 p.m. — Lost dog reported at block of 31500 Oakville Rd, Shedd. Caller reported a missing small gray and white dog.

CRITTER CHRONICLES

The Midnight Snore Wars

by Staff Writer, Sharon K. Banks

It was 2:43 a.m. on a perfectly peaceful Wednesday when the Great Snore War began.

Woody lay in bed, drifting between dreams of bacon cheeseburgers and riding a unicycle through Costco, when a sudden, thunderous GGGRNNKKHHH cut through the darkness.

It was me, serenading the room with a snore that could shake the rafters and startle bats out of nearby caves.

And just as the snore echoed off the walls, there came a low, menacing growl from the foot of the bed.

“GRRRRRR.”

Eva, the regal Siberian Husky with the dignity of a wolf queen and the sass of a teenager with her own TikTok channel, stared straight at me like you’d just insulted her entire bloodline.

Woody opened one eye.

Another snore rumbled forth. This one had vibrato. Operatic. A masterpiece in nasal acoustics.

Eva growled again, louder this time. She didn’t bark. No, that would be too common. This was a judgmental growl, the kind that said, “Have you no shame, human?”

Then, Eva huffed — an audible “I can’t even” — and dramatically turned her back to me.

That’s when Woody lost it.

Like, lost it.

He tried to hold it in, he really did. But the combination of my snoring and Eva’s furry



indignation was just too much. He let out a full-bodied, echoing howl of laughter — so loud it startled even him.

Every time I snored, Eva growled. And every time Eva growled, Woody cackled louder. It was like a twisted sleep-deprived percussion section: snore-growl-laugh, snore-growl-laugh.

By 3:00 a.m., Eva had relocated to the living room, Woody had pulled a hamstring muscle laughing, and me? I was still asleep, completely unaware that I had just starred in the canine version of a roast battle.

To this day, whenever Woody hears you snore, he chuckles and mutters, “Don’t let Eva hear that... she’s still holding a grudge.”

PEOPLE OF INTEREST

Melissa Selby

by Staff Writer, Daniel R. Murphy

The Calapooya Food Alliance in Brownsville hired a new Program Manager for both the Community Garden and the Thursday Market in March 2025. Her name is Melissa Selby.

Melissa was born and raised in California. She attended CSU Chico and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Organizational Communications and an AA degree in Social Science from Butte Community College. She has four children: two adult children named Kiera and Fred, and two minor children, Charlie and Annabelle.

After several years as a stay-at-home mom, Melissa moved to Oregon and was hired by LBCC as the manager of their organic farm. Then she spent five years at the River Rescue Refuge on Gap Road. She has also worked alongside her husband, Fred, in the landscaping business, and she has done some farming.

She is involved in several community activities, including the Brownsville Art Association, and serves on the Library Board. She is Vice President of the Linn County Master Gardener Association and has been a certified Master



Gardener since 2016.

Melissa says she is very happy with the Brownsville community. We think she is just as skilled at working with people as she is with plants.

AMERICAN LEGION

Quilted Hugs of Gratitude: A Trip to the Veterans’ Home

by an Ordinary Seaman

The other day, a group from the Brownsville American Legion Post 184 made the short drive over to the Edward C. Allworth Veterans’ Home in Lebanon. You see, we had a special delivery to make, a warm embrace in fabric form.

For those who might not know, Quilts of Valor is a wonderful nonprofit started by Catherine Roberts, whose son was an Iraq war veteran. Kate didn’t want any of our warriors to be forgotten, and her passion led her and countless volunteers to craft these beautiful quilts, each one a “Quilted Hug of Gratitude.” From humble beginnings, their efforts have grown, with thousands of quilts delivered across the nation. It’s a testament to the power of community and a shared purpose.

The Lebanon Veterans’ Home itself is quite a place. It’s built around the idea of a neighborhood, giving folks a real sense of home and community. And let me tell you, they’ve earned some big awards for their care, proving that our veterans are in good hands there. The home is named after Edward C. Allworth, a true hero from World War I who swam across a canal under enemy fire to lead his men! Makes you proud just thinking about it.

Anyway, back to our visit. The gathering started with a good bit of friendly hubbub — chairs being moved, folks finding their spots, and plenty of happy chatter and laughter filling the air. Commander Simms got everyone’s attention, and then Judy Clay, who leads our local Quilts of Valor group, spoke from the heart. She talked about the dedication of all the local women who put so much love into each stitch and what these quilts truly mean.

Then came the main event. Five of our veterans, deserving every bit of thanks we could offer, were presented with their quilts. In total, 11 quilts were given, but not all participants were able to attend the gathering. Their quilts were delivered to their rooms. It’s a humbling experience to witness, seeing the appreciation in their eyes as these colorful, comforting blankets are wrapped around them. It’s a small gesture, perhaps, but it’s a tangible symbol of our gratitude for their sacrifices.

As the ceremony wound down and people started to head off, I couldn’t help but feel a little more grateful than when we’d arrived. It’s a good feeling to be part of something that brings comfort and honor to those who have given so much for our freedom. And it’s another reminder of the good hearts and generous spirits right here in and around Brownsville.



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