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Rally on the River: Vintage Trailer Campout Rolls in to Pioneer Park

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer

BROWNSVILLE — Pioneer Park will once again sparkle with chrome, color, and nostalgia as the beloved Rally on the River vintage trailer campout rolls into Brownsville from July 16–20, 2025. Dozens of restored and creatively customized trailers from decades past will be on display, drawing enthusiasts from across the Pacific Northwest for a week of camping, camaraderie, and classic Americana.

Hosted beneath the towering trees along the Calapooia River, the event has become a summer tradition for the Brownsville community and visiting “trailerites” alike. Owners of retro trailers — from 1940s teardrops to 1960s Shastas — set up camp in style, many donning era-appropriate outfits and decorating their campsites with vintage flair.

Trailers are only open to the public on Saturday, July 19, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Will walk through and hear stories about trailers grandparents had, or reminisce on the road trips you took as kids. It’s a joyful trip down memory lane. Rally on the River is like stepping into a simpler, happier time.

Whether you’re a vintage trailer aficionado or just looking for some summer fun, Rally on the River promises a gleaming good time along the Calapooia.



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Cobra State Playoffs results, page 7.



Landon Gaskey



Preston Bays fielding a ball to his right.



Huddle with Coach Koontz



Axel Sedlacek watches the ball sail past the infield as he heads to first



ALL STAND BY ME DAY PHOTOS BY EL WHEELBURRO



Stand By Me Day

by Staff Writer, Jeff Brown

This year’s Stand By Me Day promises to attract many fans, including international visitors. The event has been rescheduled to the fourth Saturday in July to encourage local participation. This year, festivities will take place on July 26.

The event opens at 11 a.m. and concludes at 5 p.m., with Park Avenue closed between Main Street and Averill Street. Attendees can enjoy classic cars on display, merchandise for sale, an information booth, and food trucks at the east end.

One of the highlights will be the guided walking tours, starting every 15 minutes. Sign-up forms will be available at the Information Booth, with tours beginning at the caboose next to the museum. The Fan Forum begins at 1 p.m. at the Rec Center, located up the hill behind City Hall, and is hosted by popular Bend DJ Chris Ossig, who will interview interesting guests connected to the film. The main attraction will be the Blueberry Pie Eating Contest at the stage in Pioneer Park, near where scenes from the movie were filmed. Sign-ups for the contest will begin at 11 a.m. at the Information Booth.

Crossing guards will be stationed at Main Street and Park Avenue to manage traffic while allowing fans to search for the embedded penny in the road. The Pioneer Picture Gallery will feature a display of photos from the filming, and City Hall hopes to open its upstairs area to showcase the Castle Rock City Hall prop and a memorial plaque dedicated to River Phoenix.

Additionally, keep an eye out for the “dead body” — could it still be by the tracks? “Missing” posters will be displayed in hopes of recognition. Just for fun, the actor who played the “dead body” might be nearby! You’ll also want to meet the Benevolent Order of Antelope and take a picture with them in their impressive horned hats. If you encounter the PEZ girl, don’t forget to smile; she might share some cherry-flavored PEZ candy.

This special day holds meaning for fans, many of whom feel a deeper connection by visiting the filming locations. It’s an honor for our little town of Brownsville to open its doors and fulfill dreams for so many visitors — something no ticket can buy.

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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>

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.

Dinner at the Park

Wednesdays, July 23 & 30 • Serving approx. 5:30
Connect Linn County invites you to a free dinner with neighbors and friends on Wednesdays at Pioneer Park. Everyone is welcome. While supplies last.

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,

140 Spaulding Ave., Brownsville • 541-466-3662

<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.

Adaptive Seeds Farm Tour

Saturday, July 26 • 10 a.m.–Noon • 25079 Brush Creek Rd, Sweet Home. Seed saving tips and tricks
Registration is required. <https://extension.oregon-state.edu/smallfarms/southern-willamette-valley/events/farm-tour-adaptive-seeds>

Oregon's Trail of Tears Exhibit

Friday, August 1, 2025, 5 p.m.

Albany Regional Museum

136 Lyon St. SW, Albany OR 97321

Antique Faire & Car Show

Saturday, August 2, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Pioneer Park hosts antique vendors offering unique finds for collectors and enthusiasts. Organized by the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce.

<https://www.historicbrownsville.com/antique-faire>

Halsey Summer BBQ & Movie Night

Friday, August 22 • Halsey Memorial Park

Join us for a free meal, followed by activities for the kiddos and a family-friendly movie.

Great Lineup of Classes and Events

by Lori Garcy

Brownsville Art Center continues to add more classes and events to its calendar. Coming up on Saturday, July 19, Connie Swindoll is teaching how to water felt bowls and vessels. Students will have fun using wool and water to form a unique and colorful bowl or vessel to take home. This class will be held outside in front of the Art Center. Stop by and see the process she uses and some of her bowls that are for sale in the Art Center.



Also on Saturday, July 19, the Art Center will be part of the **Citywide Garage Sale**. We will have lots of used art and craft supplies along with unique art items. If you have any art or supplies that you want to donate to the Art Center for their sale, please get in touch with Uriah Roth at uriahp@yahoo.com, and he will let you know how to proceed. Any donated items not sold at the garage sale will be added to our Gramma's Attic sale area or donated to Sharing Hands.

Stand By Me Day is always a great time in Brownsville. This year it is on Saturday, July 26. Our artists showcase their art that depicts the movie and Brownsville life. We always have items that our visitors from out of town enjoy taking home to remind them of their time in Brownsville. If you have guests that day, bring them by to see what we have.

We have also added **three new artists** who joined us last week. Lynlee Bischoff creates dot mandalas, Kathy Schartner crafts Angel Pins, and Sherri Neighbor paints lovely watercolor botanicals. Please stop by and look at their work.

We are open on Wednesdays from 1–4 p.m. and on Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. See upcoming classes and register at <https://brownsvilleart.org>.

Native American Cultural Encampment at Waterloo County Park

July 25–27 | 10 a.m.–6 p.m. daily



LEBANON — Step back in time and experience living history at the Native American Cultural Encampment at Waterloo County Park in Lebanon. This family-friendly gathering welcomes the public on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day.

During the encampment, Native Americans from across the United States come together to create a village-like setting with tipis and tents, sharing their individual cultures and traditional knowledge with the community. Visitors can learn about Native traditions, daily life, and the historic role of encampments as places for gathering, trading, and celebrating life.

Admission is free. Children are welcome—please keep pets leashed and under control. This is an alcohol- and drug-free event. A complimentary meal will be served on Sunday afternoon (one plate per person).

For details about what to expect, visit the Encampments page online or contact event organizers: 541-570-5950, petersdietz@gmail.com. <https://naculturalencampment.org>.

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 – 5:00/50 Raffle / Pioneer Park Stage

Guided Walking Tours

leave every 15 minutes from Park Ave.

On Going / Stand By Me Singers, Old Cars, Food & Drink Trucks, Blueberry Pie & Ice Cream at the American Legion

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

Linn County Fair Brings Music, Fun & Family Traditions

ALBANY — Get ready for three days of hometown fun at the Linn County Fair, July 17–19. Enjoy live music, 4-H and FFA showcases, carnival rides, local vendors, and free activities for all ages.

This year's **daily themes** are:

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

The 4-H barns and exhibit halls are a favorite stop for many fairgoers. Youth from across Linn County will showcase their hard work raising animals, growing gardens, and creating projects in arts, foods, sewing, photography, and more.

Visit the barns to see livestock up close and cheer on local kids during showmanship and judging events. Don't miss the 4-H Master Showmanship and Livestock Auction on Saturday at 8 a.m. (times may vary). visit <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/linn/linn-county-4-h-fair> for more information.

FamilyLand is open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. with shows like Jump! The Ultimate Dog Show, Rhys Thomas' JuggleMania, magic, circus acts, face painting, and more.

Friday is also **Wild N' Woolly Day!** Kids ages 3–13 can enjoy events like Mutton Bustin', Stick Horse Barrel Racing, Goat Tail Untying, and Steer Riding at the Calapooia Arena. Events start at 6 p.m. It's free with fair admission.

Headliners hit the stage nightly at 8:30 p.m.:

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

Kids 12 and under get in free. For tickets, concert seating, and info, visit <https://www.linn-countyfair.com>.



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

Restoring History Step by Step at the Moyer House

by Mandy Cole

BROWNSVILLE — The 1881 Moyer House, owned by Linn County and managed by Linn County Parks, is a favorite destination for visitors. Tours of the Italianate-style home are led by volunteer guides who tell the story of John and Elizabeth Moyer, early Brownsville pioneers. For many years, thousands of visitors have enjoyed climbing the steep front stairs and entering the unique and beautifully decorated home; however, over time, the stairs and front porch deteriorated to a condition requiring repair. Currently, a complete restoration of the porch and stairs is underway by Henry Ryals of Henry Ryals Design/Build Co. Christy Pierce, Linn County Parks’ Museum supervisor, says, “When searching for a contractor, we reached out to as many local contractors with experience in historic building restoration. With Ryals’ knowledge and experience, the County is excited to be able to work with him and his team.”

Staying true to the historic design by consulting original house photographs is important to the County, which manages several other historic properties such as CCC buildings at Clear Lake and Longbow Campground on the South Santiam River. “The County always tries to keep our properties in good repair,” says Pierce. With popular Moyer House tours, visitor safety, and historical integrity in mind, County Parks focused on the Moyer House porch/stairs, hoping to complete restoration as quickly as possible. Moyer House tours are available on the hour starting at noon on Saturdays and Sundays. “Buy your tour tickets first at the Museum, then walk a short block to the lovely Moyer House,” advises Pierce.



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Volunteers Needed at Linn County Historical Museum & Moyer House

BROWNSVILLE – The Linn County Historical Museum and Moyer House are looking for volunteers to help preserve and share Brownsville’s rich history!

The Museum and the beautifully restored 1881 Moyer House both need friendly, community-minded individuals to assist in several areas:

Tour Guides: Lead visitors through the historic Moyer House and share stories about our local heritage. We will train you!

Historical Research Assistants: Help community members with genealogy and local history questions. No experience necessary — just curiosity and a willingness to learn.

Facility Support: Volunteers are also needed to help with gardening and light cleaning at both sites to keep them beautiful and welcoming.

Whether you have a few hours a week or just a couple a month, your time can make a lasting impact. Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds are welcome.

To learn more or sign up, contact the Linn County Historical Museum at: 541-466-3390 or lchm@co.linn.or.us

Come be part of the team that keeps Brownsville’s story alive!



MIKAYLE STOLE

Halsey Council Renews Sheriff Contract, Advances Logo Project

by Editor, Mikayle Stole

HALSEY — The Halsey City Council met Tuesday, July 8, approving a new three-year law enforcement contract, moving forward with a city logo redesign, and hearing updates on key community projects ahead of the city’s busiest summer season.

Councilors unanimously approved renewing the intergovernmental agreement with the Linn County Sheriff’s Office, ensuring dedicated patrol hours and city ordinance enforcement through 2028. The new contract allows the city to adjust service hours in future years if needed to manage costs. Deputies reported they were about 10 hours short for June due to a series of major countywide emergencies, but they expect to make up the hours in coming months.

The council also approved renewing Halsey’s participation in the Rural Economic Alliance, which supports regional partnerships to attract and retain local businesses.

The city’s well project continues to move forward despite recent funding setbacks. The City Administrator reported that while Halsey did not receive state-directed grant funding this year, the city is still in the running for a federal earmark of \$700,000 to help complete well operationalization and upgrades to the water treatment plant. Additional grant opportunities, including an Oregon Business Development Block Grant, are being pursued before the August 30 deadline.

Public Works staff reported multiple water line leaks in June, which

are typical during the summer but highlight the age of the city’s infrastructure. Crews repaired a recent pump issue without interrupting service and continue to monitor system pressure.

Councilors discussed the ongoing logo redesign project, noting that the current logo’s detail makes it difficult to reproduce on digital platforms, signs, and merchandise. Updated designs are being refined, with a final community vote expected during the Halsey BBQ and Movie Night or online.

The annual BBQ and Movie Night is set for Friday, Aug. 22. City Hall will be closed all day so staff can prepare food and supplies. The city is considering adding a food donation box at the event to support Sharing Hands Food Bank.

In other updates, the city continues to host a school supply drive supported by Georgia-Pacific as well as a donation box at City Hall for Sharing Hands.

Ordinance enforcement remains a priority this season, with the city working with property owners to resolve violations related to overgrown vegetation, junk vehicles, and nuisance issues. Some chronic violations may require abatement.

The next regular council meeting was tentatively moved from Aug. 12 to Aug. 19. An executive session for the City Administrator’s annual review is planned following that meeting.

For city updates, events and more, visit <https://www.halseyor.gov>.

CORRECTION

In the article titled “Commissioners Adopt \$279.9 Million Budget for FY 2025-2026” published on page 5 last week, we would like to clarify two points:

Statistics about food boxes distributed were for the months of January through April in each year (2022 and 2025), not for the entire year.

Additionally, Ryan Vogt serves as Executive Director of both the Cascades West Council of Governments (COG) and the Community Services Consortium. The report referenced was for both organizations.

We regret any confusion this may have caused.

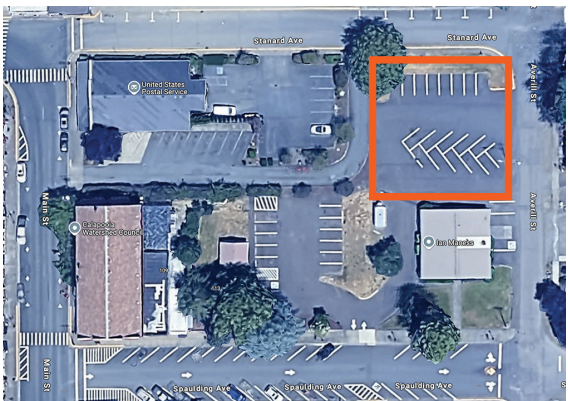
What to Do with Your Leftovers After the City Wide Garage Sale

BROWNSVILLE — When the City Wide Garage Sale wraps up, don’t let those unsold items pile up! Teen Challenge will be accepting donations at Saturday, July 19, at the end of the sale, from 4–6 p.m. in the parking lot behind the Post Office at Stanard Avenue and Averill Street.

Please do not leave items at Sharing Hands during non-donation hours.

This is a great opportunity to clear out extra clothes, household goods, and other usable items while supporting Teen Challenge’s mission to help individuals break free from life-controlling issues.

Gather your leftover treasures and drop them off — your donations can make a real difference!



WORSHIP DIRECTORY

Brownsville Assembly of God

313 Washburn St · 541-466-5030

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Services 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Classes Wednesday 7 p.m. all ages

Brownsville Christian Church

117 N Main St · 541-466-3273
<https://brownsvillechristianchurch.com>

Sunday Service and Children’s Church 11 a.m.
Adult classes 10 a.m.

Brownsville Community Church

198 Washburn St · 541-936-9131
<https://hislifeinbrownsville.com>

Brownsville Mennonite Church

34795 OR-228 · 541-466-5622

Central Valley Church

657 American Dr · Halsey · 503-602-6796
<https://www.cvchalsey.com>
Sunday Corporate Service 8 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. (during school year)
Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.
Monday Prayer 7–8 p.m.
Wednesday Community Coffee and Donuts 9:30 a.m.

Crawfordsville Calvary Chapel

38353 Glass St · 541-730-4519
<https://www.crawfordvillecc.org>
Sunday Service 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Brownsville

27910 7 Mile Ln · 541-642-3000
<https://www.fbcbrownsvilleoregon.org>
Sunday Services and Nursery 9 and 10:45 a.m.

Halsey Mennonite Church

910 E 1st St · 712-432-8773
<https://www.halseymennonite.org>
Sunday Service 10 a.m.
1st & 4th Sunday evening 6 p.m.
Prayer meeting 1st & 3rd Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.

Harvest Reformed Baptist Church

411 W 2nd St · Halsey · 541-220-1902
<https://harvesttrbc.org>
Sunday School 9 a.m.
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Fellowship Meal Noon

Holy Trinity Catholic Church

104 W Blakely Ave · Brownsville · 541-367-2530
holytrinitybrownsvilleor@gmail.com
Weekday Mass Wednesday Noon
Sunday Service 11:30 a.m.

Oakville Presbyterian Church

29970 Church Dr · Shedd · 541-758-0647
<https://oakvillechurch.org>
Sunday Service 10 a.m.

Riverside Christian Fellowship

(360) 880-4734
Sunday Prayer 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service 10 a.m.
Sunday School 11 a.m.

**Spirit of the Valley
United Methodist Church**

611 W 3rd St · Halsey · 541-654-8144
spiritofthevalleyumc@gmail.com
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

**The Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter-day Saints**

1111 North Main St · 541-570-2903
Sunday Service 10 a.m.

Valley Christian Fellowship

690 W 2nd St · Halsey · 732-434-3592
<https://vcfhalsey.com>
Sunday Service 10 a.m. & Wednesdays 7:15 p.m.

AMERICAN LEGION

More Than Just Fabric: When Good Flags Retire

by an ordinary seaman

It was a warm, late afternoon on Flag Day, June 14, when a small gathering assembled behind the old oak near the library. No grand parade or formal color guard, just a handful of folks from the Legion, some with a bit of gray in their hair, and a keen group of local Boy Scouts, all there for a quiet, heartfelt purpose: to respectfully bid farewell to Old Glory.

You see, a flag, after serving its time, fluttering proudly in the breeze over our homes or decorating the graves of those who served, eventually gets a bit tattered. Faded by the sun, frayed by the wind, it reaches a point where it’s no longer fit to fly. And in a town like ours, where the rhythm of life might be a bit slower, but the respect for our nation runs deep, we understand the importance of sending off these symbols with the dignity they deserve.

This tradition, this ceremony of retiring un-serviceable flags, isn’t some newfangled notion. The American Legion formalized it way back in 1944. They recognized that a flag isn’t just a piece of cloth; it’s a living symbol of all we hold dear. As Commander Norm put it during the ceremony, “Its real value is beyond price, for it is a precious symbol of all that we and our comrades have worked for and lived for, and died for — a free Nation of free people, true to the faith of the past, devoted to the ideals and practice of Justice, Freedom and Democracy.”

This year’s ceremony was a simple affair, but no less profound. A small, clean fire glowed in a metal drum. Legionnaires, some with a quiet nod, presented the flag to the “inspector” — in this case, our Post Adjutant. There wasn’t any marching or elaborate formations, just a shared understanding of the moment. One of the Boy Scouts, an intelligent boy, listened intently as Jeff



“Local Boy Scouts Wyatt Ramshur and Mason Rathsack with Legionnaires Jeff Brown, Norman Simms, Jim Weger, Jerry Patton, and Carl Frank in front of the ceremonial burning of a retired flag.

Brown spoke of the flag’s service, noting how the flag may have “become faded and worn flying over the light poles on Main Street.”

“Or perhaps it had spent its days decorating a private home on National holidays.” It was a reminder that this flag, in its quiet service, had borne witness to countless moments in our community, both public and personal.

Then came the solemn moment. With the Commander’s quiet words about this flag having reached its “present state in a proper service of tribute, memory, and love,” the un-serviceable flag was gently, reverently placed into the flame. The flames, clean and bright, consumed the fabric, and as they did, a quiet understanding settled over the gathering. Chaplain Jim Weger offered a simple, heartfelt prayer, thanking “Almighty God, Captain of all hosts and Commander over all,” for our Country and its Flag.

As the last embers faded, a sense of completion prevailed. Not a sad end, but a respectful transition. It was a powerful lesson for the folks present that even in retirement, the spirit of Old Glory and all it represents continues to burn brightly in our hearts. It was a meaningful afternoon, a testament to the enduring respect for our flag in this little corner of the world.

WIDOWS’ BRIGADE

Renaissance Faire & Unbirthday Party — July Outings

by Mary Canaday

We had a busy month in June. We had 12 ladies go out for dinner in Sweet Home at the Point. Fifteen of us went to a play at ACT (Albany Civic Theater), “Dial M for Murder,” and went to dinner beforehand.


We also went on a friends and family hike at Iron Mountain, just east of Sweet Home. One of our local widows used to give tours up on the mountain, and she kidded us on the hike and named many species of flowers along the way.

We had a lively sequence of games of cards during our regular meeting in June.

Our next meeting will be July 17, at 1:30 in Halsey at Central Valley Church. All widows are invited to come to the meetings and join us for upcoming activities and outings.

July 19, the Renaissance Faire in Silverton
July 26, outing to Corvallis for an unbirthday party.

As always, you can call or text Mary at 541-491-4738 with questions and more information.



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CRITTER CHRONICLES

Buzz Comes Home

by Staff Writer, Sharon K. Banks

Buzz was a bright-eyed yellow Lab with a tail that wagged like a metronome set to “joy.” He loved his people — Jess and Mark, who had raised him from a floppy-eared pup in their cozy little house with a tiny backyard. Every morning, they would scratch behind his ears, whisper, “Be good, Buzz,” and head off to work. Buzz would sit by the window for hours, watching the world and waiting for their return.

But as he grew, so did his energy. The little yard just wasn’t enough for a dog who dreamed of chasing butterflies and sniffing the wind on open fields. Jess and Mark saw it in his eyes — the longing, the restlessness. They wrestled with the decision for weeks before finally doing what they believed was right.

One Saturday morning, a kind family from a farm forty miles away came to take Buzz. Their land stretched across hills and meadows, perfect for a dog who needed space to run free. The goodbye was tearful. Jess knelt beside him, burying her face in his fur, and Mark’s voice cracked as he said, “Be good, Buzz. We love you.”

Buzz tilted his head, sensing the sadness, but wagged his tail anyway, trying to be brave.

The farm was everything his people had promised — chickens to herd, kids to play with, and more space than he knew what to do with. But something was missing. Every evening, as the sun dipped low, Buzz would sit by the fence and look toward the horizon. The smells were different here. The voices. The laughter. They weren’t his.



The next morning, Buzz was gone. No one saw him leave, but he went with purpose. Forty miles was far, but Buzz didn’t measure distance. He followed his heart — and his nose. He slept under trees and in ditches, snuck scraps from trash bins, and drank from streams. Some nights, he shivered in the cold. Some days, he limped from sore paws. But he kept going.

Two weeks later, on a gray morning just before sunrise, Jess opened the front door to fetch the paper. She froze.

There, on the porch, lay a skinny, filthy yellow Lab. His ribs showed. His coat was a mess. But his tail thumped the second he saw her.

“Buzz?” she whispered. At the sound of her voice, he struggled to his feet and wagged harder.

Mark came running. The tears they had cried the day they let him go came back — but this time, they were tears of disbelief and joy.

Buzz had come home. They fed him gently, bathed him with care, and held him close as he drifted into a deep, safe sleep.

He had chosen them again — and this time, they knew he would never leave.

CULTURAL EXPLORATIONS

Gender Archetypes

Stephen A. Brenner

From the beginning, life can be seen as the interplay of light and matter — a sacred animation of form via spirit, reflected in our consciousness. Over time, this continuum expressed itself in the differentiation of gender. Generally, females became more aligned with the mysteries of creation — intuition, emotion, and the dream world — while males responded to the material world through logic, boundaries, and problem-solving. Yet, these are not absolutes, but rather parts of a spectrum. Each person holds a unique balance of the conscious and unconscious; the broader and more integrated this span, the more luminous the being.

Ancient cultures honored this balance. The Greeks saw dreams as sacred gateways. In Asclepian temples — most famously Delphi — pilgrims would undergo ritual purification and sleep in the temple, guided by priestesses trained in the language of dreams. These women were spiritual midwives, bridging the worlds of the visible and the invisible. Such places honored feminine wisdom and viewed illness as a misalignment between the soul and body, rather than just a physical issue.

Roman civilization, by contrast, emphasized conquest and control. In this material world, a figure like Jesus challenged both the empire and a worldview disconnected from inner life. He reminded people that the divine lived within them — that the temple was one’s state of being. His teachings called for a return to balance: compassion, presence, and spiritual integrity alongside reason and law.

But this challenge was soon absorbed by the very powers it threatened. As the church grew, it mirrored patriarchal systems. Women’s early spiritual roles were erased, and the male-dominated church suppressed the feminine mysteries — dreams, symbols, and the sacred body — cutting humanity off from its deeper spiritual bridge.

This cultural arc — from honoring inner wisdom to its suppression — sheds light on today’s gender divide. Gender is not just a social role, but an expression of ancient archetypes within us. Denying the feminine — its intuition, emotion, and visionary depth — creates imbalances both in society and within ourselves. Ultimately, it weakens our connection to our divine nature and to one another.

This imbalance extended into systems of power. As cultures elevated rationality over empathy and control over communion, political systems



followed suit. Monarchies and dictatorships arose, reflecting a masculinized worldview: rigid hierarchies, centralized authority, and suppression of spiritual and emotional wisdom.

Yet history also contains turning points of renewal. The rise of democracy in ancient Greece was not just a political phenomenon — it was also a spiritual one. It affirmed that every person carries divine insight, and truth emerges through open and honest dialogue. The agora was more than a marketplace; it was a sacred space for shared understanding.

Centuries later, the American Revolution reignited this spirit. It rejected monarchy not just as a form of governance, but as a spiritual oppression. Thomas Jefferson insisted on a separation of church and state, not to reject spirituality, but to protect it. He believed spiritual life must be freely discovered and expressed. By refusing to establish a national religion, Jefferson created space for spiritual diversity to thrive.

In a healthy democracy, this ideal lives on through compassionate dialogue and shared responsibility. It mirrors the deeper spiritual work of integrating our whole human experience — the rational and intuitive, the material and transcendent, the masculine and feminine.

So, let’s hear your voice. With so much division in the world, how can we each contribute to restoring balance? If you disagree with any of this, that’s welcome too — it can spark the kind of dialogue we need. Send your thoughts to stephenabrenner@gmail.com, and we’ll share them in this space.



Breaking News Volunteers Wanted

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East Linn Christian Celebrates Students on Honor Roll

High School — 4.0 GPA

9th Grade

Madi Coleman
Rachel Hatch
Kaylyn Kauffman
Madison Kauffman
Dailey Kirkpatrick
Grady Knurowski
Liam Medford
Ella Stutzman

10th Grade

Erin Davey
Audrey Garber
Anna Henry
Ian Schlabach
Maya Van Dyke

11th Grade

Brison Edwards
Chase Fenerty
Tati Manner

12th Grade

Kamden Bierly
Claire Devlin
Daisy Lalonde
Blake Presley
Gabe Schlabach
Katelyn Williams

Middle School — 4.0 GPA

6th Grade

Serenity Dixon
Eric Miller
Titus Schlabach

7th Grade

Isabelle Brubaker
Jada Kauffman
Levi Puentes
Kylie Schrock
Westin Walesby
Cora Wolgamot

8th Grade

Ian Miller

High School — 3.99–3.5 GPA

9th Grade

Madison Adams
Savannah Baker
Charli Burns
Parker Caddick
Marshall Darwood
Anderson Kropf
Casey May
Maci Modderman
Karter Nofziger
Cole Pennington

10th Grade

Josi Davidson
Abby Garber
Allison Gilliam
Noah Medellin
Allison Presley
Avery Runyon
Tessa Salvage
Piper Sewell
Kai Wallace
Demetrius Wilke

11th Grade

Isabella Albert
Isaiah Blount
Ally Hatch
Randy Holmes
Lexy Kauffman
Bailey Kramer
Owen Nofziger
Bain Pool
Angus Smith
Audrey Smith
Asher Taylor

12th Grade

Parker Adams
Ben Baer
Bella Devlin
Olivia Garber
Josie Grunerud
Bekah Hatch
Tanner Henry
Mia Jones
Blake Knurowski

Lily McDowell
Arianna Pirtle
Greysen Sewell
Janessa Stevens
Paige Warren

Middle School — 3.99–3.5 GPA

6th Grade

Henry Branham
Roman Howard
Grayson Kropf
Claire Miller
Bryson Modderman
Malachi Nixon
Cash Nofziger
Jr Smith

7th Grade

Boaz Angelford
Ryan Baker
Lucas Davey
Kylie Freeman
Wesley Geib
Tanu Githura
Jonah King
Ava Leverich
Peyton May
Christopher Means
Erika Pape
Logan Pennington
Clyde Ruckert
Cora Teschner
Ean Waid

8th Grade

Hadassah Albert
Lily Boschee
Ryder Cummings
Jordan Gilliam
Njoki Githura
Annie Kizer
Morgan Lalonde
Ava Mitchell
Ezekiel Wells
Harry
Yanke-Knurowski



Georgia-Pacific Organizes Back-to-School Supply Drive

Georgia-Pacific is hosting a Back-to-School Supply Drive now through August 8 to support Central Linn Elementary and Central Linn Jr./Sr. High students as they head back to class this fall.

Community members are encouraged to donate essential school supplies to help fill local students’ backpacks and set them up for a successful year.

Donations can be dropped off at the following locations:

- Brownsville: Dollar General, 178 S Main St
- Halsey: City Hall, 100 W. Halsey St

The most requested items include:

- Ticonderoga #2 pencils
- Crayola crayons, colored pencils, and markers
- Glue sticks
- Pink Pearl erasers
- College- and wide-ruled notebook paper
- Black Expo markers



Georgia-Pacific encourages everyone to pitch in and “fuel futures — one pencil at a time.”

Central Linn Youth Sports Offer Plenty of Opportunities this Season

Local youth have plenty of ways to stay active this summer and fall, with multiple programs open for registration now.

Central Linn Volleyball Camp | August 12–14

Players from grades 3–12 can sharpen their skills and have fun at the Central Linn Summer Volleyball Camp, held August 12–14 at the CLHS Gym.

- 3rd–5th grade: 9–11 a.m. (\$30)
- 6th–8th grade: 9 a.m.–Noon (\$40)
- 9th–12th grade: 5–8 p.m. (\$40)

Older players can even attend camp for free by volunteering to help with the younger sessions each morning. To register email Coach Courtney Gardner at courtney.gardner@centrallinn.k12.or.us.



Fall Sideline Cheer | Grades K–4

This fall, young cheerleaders in grades K–4 can learn age-appropriate cheer skills and support local flag football teams. The Sideline Cheer program focuses on building teamwork, confidence, and responsibility. Registration includes a shirt, bow, and poms; participants need to provide their own pants and shoes.

Tri-County Flag Football | Grades 1–6

Open to students in grades 1–6, this program runs from early September through October and teaches football basics, teamwork, and game terminology. Practices will be held 2–3 days per week, with games on weekdays and Saturdays.

Whether you’re aiming to perfect your serve, learn a new cheer, or take the field with friends, there’s a program waiting for you. Don’t miss out—register soon and make the most of the season! Register at: <https://www.crasports.org>



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Central Linn JBO Place 2nd at State

by Sports Editor, Tony Koontz



Junior, 5th and 6th grade team pose their second place trophy.

Cobras Junior National Defeated by Oregon City 11-6 on Sunday

Oregon City (OC) got on the board in the top of the first when OC put together three singles, a double, and a Cobra error to take the lead, 5-0.

Central Linn (CL) Cobras scored five runs on six hits in the bottom of the first inning. Aiden Riel singled, scoring one run, Arlo Hubbard singled, scoring two runs, Axel Sedlecek singled, scoring one run, and Will Rogers grounded out, scoring one run.

A hit by a pitch gave CL Cobras Junior National the lead, 6-5, in the bottom of the third.

OC took the lead in the top of the fourth, scoring two runs to give them a 7-6 advantage. CL gave up four more runs in the top of the 6th, succumbing to several errors.



Jack Martinez on the mound.



Landon Gaskey's homer

Landon Gaskey started on the mound for the Cobras. The hurler surrendered 10 hits and seven runs over three and two-thirds innings, striking out five and walking none.

CL tallied 10 hits in the game. Arlo drove the middle of the lineup, leading CL with two runs batted in. The third baseman went 1-for-2 on the day. Landon led CL with three hits in three at-bats. Aiden collected two hits.

This was the Cobra's second year in the championship game. They placed first in 2024.

"As I reflect on the season, as a team, we have come a long way. At the very first of the season, I wasn't sure we would even make state.

As weeks went on, I realized we had a group of boys who were dedicated, hard-working, and determined.

A group that was coachable, which, in my opinion, is more important than talent by itself.

As a coach, it's hard when you lose a game against a team you've beaten multiple times, in the state championship. However, that's baseball; anyone can beat anyone on any given day. When you have two very talented teams, the team that makes the fewest mistakes typically wins. Our pitchers in the state championship did very well, and we also hit well enough to win; however, our defense was just not there.

Second place, out of nearly 100 teams, is something to be proud of, and the boys had an amazing season because of hours of hard work. Back-to-back league champs, back-to-back district championships, and back-to-back state championship game finalists are something to be proud of. Thanks to my coaches, parents, fans, and players for a great year.

ALL PHOTOS IN THIS ARTICLE PROVIDED BY THE TEAM PARENTS & FANS



Aiden redies to hit

CL Junior Minors Lose a Close One in the JBO State Championship Game, 7-5



Coen Kinder pitching

A walk-off left Central Linn (CL) JBO Minor Nationals on the wrong end of a 7-5 defeat to Country Christian on Sunday in Gladstone.

Tristan Williams drove in four runners in the loss. The infielder went 2-3 on the day.

A home run to center field by Tristan put the Cobras on the board in the top of the first.

CL added one run in the second. Luke Droback singled down the left field line on the sixth pitch of the at-bat, making the score 3-1.

Country Christian tied the game up in the bottom of the fourth thanks to two singles.

CL took the lead in the top of the sixth. Tristan singled, scoring two runs, to give the Cobras the lead, 5-3.



Junior Minors, 3rd and 4th grade team pose their second place trophy.

Country Christian jumped into the lead in the bottom of the sixth on a single and two doubles.

Coen Kinder and Tristan each collected two hits. Central Linn ran wild on the base paths, accumulating 16 stolen bases for the game. The Cobras played an error-free game.

"The kids came out on Friday and battled through the heat, winning both games to secure our spot for Saturday. Luke Droback made his pitching debut on Saturday for us and pitched a great game, but unfortunately, we came up short with a loss to the undefeated team, Country Christian. The boys came back Sunday and fought their way through every inning played and every at bat. Tristan Williams started our first inning strong with a two-run home run that cleared the fence at right center. The kids continued to

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Michelle Smith Harper

by Lauren Sinz

BROWNSVILLE — Joie de Vivre is defined as “a French phrase often used in English to express a cheerful enjoyment of life, an exultation of spirit and general happiness.” If you’ve ever been to



Harpers Wine House on Main Street and met Michelle Smith Harper, you will experience the definition of that phrase. Growing up in Brownsville as a descendant of Pioneers who came across on the Oregon Trail, Michelle has fond memories of all her grandparents and their farm in Halsey. Traditions run long in Michelle’s family. While her grandparents didn’t talk much about their Pioneer heritage, their family did have a homestead off Gap Rd. But it was the farm in Halsey where Michelle spent a lot of time. “My Mom and Dad and all my grandparents always had a garden in addition to the farm so growing up with fresh foods was just the way it was. I remember when I was 9 and we lived up on Oakview, I got to walk down into town; it was a trek. I loved going to the general store. They had bins of food so I’d always get almonds or papaya. But my favorite treat was Nancy’s yogurt. I LOVED that store. Being able to walk there by myself and getting all the yummy foods, especially Nancy’s

yogurt, I remember thinking it was the coolest thing.”

“I still like to shop the way I experienced foods when I was young... natural, healthy food.”

“I have always enjoyed cooking”, Michelle shared. She currently owns, operates, and is the chef of Harpers Wine House, one of Brownsville’s finest restaurants that is listed on Oregon’s Mid-Willamette Valley Food Trail.

Michelle says she just fell into everything and never planned anything; creativity is the string that binds it all in her life. Whether she is writing and journaling, composing songs and singing, drawing, painting, gardening, or preparing healthy dishes, she is living creatively.

For many years, Michelle was a singer/songwriter. She got started when asked to sing at a friend’s wedding. “I couldn’t find anything that fit my lower range voice, so I just wrote them a song. It just kind of blossomed from there.” When asked about the subject matter of her songs, Michelle said, “I sing a lot in first person; I like my music to be your story.” Search on YouTube, Amazon, Spotify or Reverb Nation and you will find her music...some live from her days performing in wineries and some studio work also.

It was while she was performing in the wineries that she and her late husband often thought it would be wonderful to have something like a wine bar. They loved wine and good food. When they lived in Albany, her husband had many raised beds

growing organic foods. They loved having people over and their entertaining revolved around food... including hosting whole pig roasts! After Michelle’s husband unexpectedly passed away, Michelle honored their dream to open a wine bar. So Harpers came into being in her parents’ former office on Main St. in Brownsville. Tradition runs long in Michelle’s family.

Family is Michelle’s true joy. Whether it is being grandma or aunt, daughter, or sister, Michelle LOVES being around family. “Grandpa was a master fly fisherman and he taught my brother and me how to fly fish when we were kids.” She and her brother, who is a world-renowned fly tier, get together every year to fish at their favorite (no, you won’t find out where it is from them) spot on the river. “Fly fishing is seasonal, but it is a passion.”

“When I retire, I just want to get back to my music.” While the little wine shop she planned is heartfelt, Harpers turned into much more than she expected. She is thankful and doing it to the absolute best of her abilities. What is in Michelle’s future? Travel is something she wants to do. “There’s a lot of places in the United States I’d like to see. And I haven’t written a song in years; I’d like to get back to that too.”

Michelle’s story is still being written. Each chapter in the past is filled with family and creativity. New chapters yet to be written will include both as well and all of it is done with a true Joie de Vivre.

Meet the New Caretakers of Pioneer Park!

by Staff Writer, Sharon Banks

BROWNSVILLE — Please join us in welcoming Bob and Pat Brawley, the new caretakers at Pioneer Park.

Bob is a retired administrator for the City of Pasco, Washington, and Pat is retired from her role as purchasing manager for the State of Washington. Together, they bring a wealth of experience, professionalism, and heart to our park.

Bob is also a published writer of novels and memoirs, and both he and Pat have extensive experience as camp hosts, having served in Tillamook County Parks and several others throughout the western United States.

We are thrilled to have Bob writing articles this summer in the Brownsville Times!

Bob and Pat look forward to meeting the community and helping to keep Pioneer Park a beautiful and welcoming place for all.

You can reach them by phone at 509-628-6596 or by email at RobertL.Brawley@hotmail.com

Welcome, Bob & Pat!



Why Sourdough Is Good for You

by Editor, Mikayle Stole

Sourdough bread isn’t just tasty — it’s good for you, too! The natural fermentation process helps break down gluten and phytic acid, making sourdough easier to digest than many other breads. It can also support a healthy gut by encouraging good bacteria.

Even better, you can keep it local. Fresh sourdough is available right here in town at Mema’s Country Kitchen and the Brownsville Thursday Market. Pick up a loaf and enjoy the taste — and the benefits!



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SENIOR CENTER

Where Neighbors Gather to Play, Share, and Connect

by Marilee Frazier



The Brownsville Senior Center is a welcoming place for conversation, games, and community connection.

- Weekly Activities:** Join us for pinochle every Wednesday and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to Noon—whether you’re a seasoned player or want to learn, everyone is welcome!
- On the second Wednesday of each month, we host a **potluck lunch** at Noon. Bring a veggie, salad, bread, or dessert to share—there’s always a delicious main entrée provided.
- Game Night:** Play with us on the third Thursday evening of each month at 6 p.m. Recent favorite: Mexican Train Dominoes—but other games are welcome, too!

We also support special activities throughout the year. Drop in for a cup of coffee, friendly conversation, and check out our calendar, posted on the bulletin board by the door.

We are located at 339 North Main Street (shared with American Legion Post 184) and open Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to Noon.

We’d love to see you there!

AMERICAN LEGION

Our Summertime Shenanigans

By John Morrison

Well now, folks around Brownsville know summer ain’t just for sippin’ sweet tea and swattin’ flies. While some dream of ocean breezes, our valley hums a different tune — more like the joyful racket of commerce.

Just when I thought I might catch a snooze, my backfield started a-rattlin’. Three monstrous combines rolled in, chugging across the land like a metal parade, turning tall grass into neat stubble. Down the road, golden mountains of straw are already piling up, waitin’ for their big trip overseas. Yep, that’s our kind of summer, a busy, buzzing testament to hard work.

Our little town’s been jumpin’ with happenings, too. We’ve had the delightful chaos of “Carriage Me Back,” the good ol’ Pioneer Picnic, and fireworks that lit up the whole sky for the Fourth! And before summer packs its bags, we’ll be diggin’ for treasures at the City-wide Garage Sale, huntin’ for antique gems, and enjoying the heartwarming “Stand by Me Day” Festival. All this fun ain’t just magic, mind you; it’s the fruit of tireless hands and big hearts, a real testament to what folks can do when they pull together.

And speaking of pullin’ together, you gotta tip your hat to the fine folks at Travis Moothart Post 184 of the American Legion. They live by a phrase in the Legion constitution charging them to “inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community.” You see it in the flags proudly flying on holidays and the quiet respect they show our veterans in the cemetery. But their service goes way beyond that. They’re shaping our future leaders at Boys State, sponsoring speech contests, handing out scholarships, and bringing smiles to the faces of veterans at the vet’s home.



Teamwork in the fields.

Within the Post, leadership’s a lively affair. Our own Norm Simms, the Post Commander, recently stepped up to be District Commander, wrangling fifteen Legion posts across three counties! But don’t you worry, Norm’s still our beloved Bingo caller at heart. Then there’s Sharon Banks, our 1st Vice Commander, who’s got our monthly movie nights hopping. And get this: Sharon’s also the head honcho for our recently revived newspaper, The Brownsville Times. And we can’t forget Carl Frank, our Sgt. at Arms, whose job it is to keep us rowdy bunch in line (we’re not that rowdy). Carl, a man who once fished Apollo astronauts out of the ocean, now finds his peace taking disabled veterans fishing — a different kind of rescue, but just as important. If you ask me, this is the very essence of the word “inculcate” — to institute, to nourish, to bring forth the best in us.

So no, our summer at Post 184 isn’t about kicking back and doing nothing. It’s packed with purpose, with the lively energy of folks committed to their community and each other. Maybe the real measure of summer is not in quiet days after all, but in the lively, dusty, purposeful hustle that makes our small town tick, and the unwavering spirit of those who make it so.

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Fourth of July Breakfast
Great fun for everyone!!

by Kathleen Swayze

This year's Friday morning Fourth of July Breakfast had perfect weather for our annual celebratory breakfast down in the park. And who woke you up with the traditional morning call? You can blame Jeremiah Schones and Drew Funk, great job, boys!

Our July 4 birthday cashier, Christie, got a rousing birthday song as we opened the gates for breakfast. She says it is her favorite way to celebrate her birthday!



'Raging Roy' Houtz was flipping like a madman, and catcher Jason 'The Magnetic Plate Man' caught almost every pancake. Chief Kevin's hot pants got the sausage sizzling on the griddle. We had our rookie catcher, Tika Harrison, on the scene doing her share of catching, too.

There were some dandy rafter flips. One pancake that landed on the rafter may stay up there for a few years.

There's no flipping without the pancake batter, and our 'Better Batter Boy', Brian Wyant, was in rare form, whipping like a whirling dervish! He has mastered this creative form, indeed an artist at work!



In the Eggette department, it was all business. Not much time for dancing to great old tunes as the girls got the eggs into the pans. Frying eggs 'over easy' like a champ, it was Lawrence Stutsman, 'the Eggman' on the grill.



Wendy Parker and Linda Spear scrambled while Jenna Stutsman and Mary Brown served them up with a smile, and Tika placed a little Flag flying on top! Barbara Anderson took on the cracking and whipping of the eggs with her usual flair.



Over in the juice department, Tricia Thompson was making and pouring the juice. Keeping the maple syrup bottle filled and warm

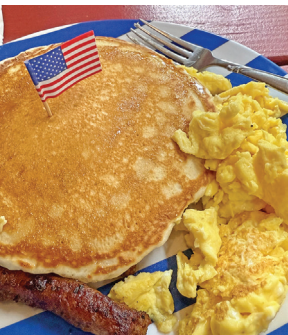
was newbie Karmel. She was so good that she's hired!

Coffee King, Don Lyon, is always appreciated as people stumble toward the coffee pots half asleep and get their cup of Jo. The King got the cups flowing, and all was well.



Wendy Alsman and Don Ware have clearing and scraping down to a science; it's a thankless job, but we thank them anyway.

The 'Back Sink Boys' got their hands wet and soapy. Our lead 'Dish Pan Handies', Jeff Brown and Jack Alsman, took on the dishes and silverware washing, rinsing, and drying. But wait! He



had able help from an unnamed fireman, and Swayze pitched in too... They did a dandy job on the massive collection of washables... Those boys had dishpan hands!

Those who stayed late to help with the cleanup and storage are golden. Special honors to Michael Moshofsky, Jenna and Lawrence Stutsman, Wendy and Jack, Dee and Nate Swayze.

And how about those decorations! Swayze put them up on Thursday while I set up the kitchen. So that's our great Fourth of July 2025 Breakfast Village!



With more than 350 customers served — We made the most significant donation, \$3,185, to the fireworks fund ever. All of this from my amazing crew, the Friends of the Fireworks!

Thank you to all our community for coming out for the fun!!!

The fireworks were fantastic this year, as always!! I hope all of you enjoyed them too. Thank you to our bombardiers and our volunteer fire crew. It all proves again that when we work together, magical things can happen! We are a great, fun, and caring community when we come together!

Same time, same place next year: Right ?!

TAKING ROOT

Keeping Ahead of Your Garden

by Staff Writer, Donald Lyon

The summer heat is really pushing the plants in the vegetable garden. You may be wilting along with the lettuce. Solution: Use that timer to water at 3:00 a.m., then get out there early in the morning while the air is still cool, but plants have dried off. Working with wet plants spreads disease from one to another. By mid-July, there is still time for one more sowing of leaf lettuce and other leafy greens, as well as some root crops like radishes and carrots. Radishes mature very quickly, but carrots do not, so choose short-rooted varieties such as Speedo, Napoli, or Adana. With carrots, it is critical to keep the soil moist, at least until the plants are an inch or two tall. How are those tomatoes coming along? If your plants are producing more flowers than fruit, pinch off some of the new flowers. This will direct more energy and food reserves to existing fruit. Sometimes we are advised to prune off tomato stems that have no flowers. That is generally good advice for earlier in the season, but by mid-July, sun scald is a concern, and those leaves will protect the ripening tomatoes.

Mid-July is the ideal time to side-dress your long-season crops with a high-nitrogen natural fertilizer. Using a wheelbarrow of well-rotted, mature compost, apply a band around each plant or along a row. Avoid using high-nitrogen fertilizers on tomatoes and squash, as this can result in mostly green, leafy growth rather than developing fruit. Probably your squash and cucumbers are producing heavily now. Place a handful

of straw underneath the fruit so that they are not touching bare soil. This will keep slugs and other pests off the developing fruit. Cover cucumbers with a layer of straw to prevent sun scald — white spots — on your cucumbers. J&S Supply sells bales of straw. Also, continue harvesting these bountiful plants to encourage them to keep producing. This is true of beans and many other vegetable, too. Remember, Sharing Hands will appreciate your donations on Wednesdays and Fridays, and so will the families that depend on Sharing Hands for fresh produce. Strawberries: Time for a dressing of high-nitrogen fertilizer.

Squash blossom omelet: Squash blossoms are either male or female. The slight swelling at the base of the flower can identify the female blossoms. That is the ovary that will develop into the squash fruit. Male flowers are found at the end of a thin, straight stem. I hate to break it to you fellas, but female flowers produce just as many squash fruits with just one or two male flowers per plant. This leaves most of the male flowers available to harvest for breakfast omelets. Pinch off the stems in the morning while they are fully opened. Break a few eggs into a bowl, stir them with a fork, and thoroughly dredge the flowers in the egg batter. Drop them into a medium-hot frying pan with some butter and let them cook for just a minute. Tasty and pretty at the same time. Got a question? Ask a Master Gardener at phototraveler02@gmail.com



Spotted Cucumber Beetle – give 'em the pinch of death.



Squash blossom Omelet

Keeping the Lines Open

By Staff Writer, Nancy Diltz

Socializing can be one key to a healthy and balanced life. Positive interactions with others support mental, emotional, and even physical health for people of all ages. There are strategies you can employ to develop and maintain a quality and impactful social network. Friends, family, and co-workers can be an excellent source to find connections and expand your social circle. It takes effort to move beyond daily, “Hi! How are you?” interactions.

My husband and I invited a dozen casual acquaintances to have dinner with us. We planned to initiate a Dinner Group. We included our yoga teacher and spouse, a single friend we didn’t see very often, single friends, and those we hadn’t seen in years. Everyone responded with a “Yes!” All enjoyed a lively table of chatting, laughing, and getting to know one another. Stepping out of our comfort zones wasn’t easy, but the resulting ‘Friends Dinner Group’ developed into a monthly gathering and continued over many years.

Remaining connected is another strategy. After retirement, many of my friends and co-workers slowly dwindled from my life after decades of child-rearing and career focus left little time for social connections, which we once took for granted. It can be quite simple to keep in touch with old friends via text and email. The rewards and benefits to well-being are tremendous! We moved to a new home, a thousand miles away from our ‘Friends Dinner Group.’ I reconnected with old friends from childhood, Paula and Chris, who had also moved here recently. We got together and immediately began to enjoy again the close connection we had as kids. The key was keeping in touch over the years via telephone, text, and swapping photos. When we moved, our next-door neighbor, Norma, and I had just begun to connect after we had grandchildren born within weeks of each other. We each watched our respective new grandchild on days when their mom had to work. Norma saw me out walking one day and sensed something was wrong. I opened up and shared with her that my grandchild and family were unexpectedly moving out of state, and I was crushed. She felt my pain



‘The Friends Dinner Group’ 2024

and stood nearby like an old friend.

As my husband and I decided to relocate to be closer to our kids and grandkids after their move, Norma and I continued to text. She kept me in the loop about our old neighborhood, and I introduced her to the wonderful town of Brownsville. She loves photos of the beauty here and has even subscribed to The Brownsville Times! A socializing strategy many people use now involves social media, not just scrolling by yourself, but connecting with groups of individuals who may share an interest and choose to meet safely in a group environment. One such approach is Meetup.com. There are many others. Although I have not tried them personally, they are worth investigating. While it can take some effort, the mental, emotional, and physical benefits of social interaction with others are essential to a healthy and happy life. And, most importantly, it can be terrific fun!

Don’t Agonize, Organize!

Episode One

by Staff Writer, Sandra Beckwith

I’ve been a professional organizer for several years. Trust me, I have the same challenges as anyone else, and I’m not a minimalist. I like my nice things and have a collection or two. Having a lovely home that nurtures you is important. I’ve acquired many skills and techniques that help keep a home pleasant, and I’d like to share them with you in this series.

The modern person has more “stuff” than we’ve ever had. We’re living longer, have inherited other people’s “stuff”, own lots more clothes than our ancestors, have much more memorabilia, and have had lots of access to inexpensive foreign goods. If you have kids or grandkids, the volume of stuff multiples quickly. How do we get out from under this burden?

Understand that part of the real challenge is recognizing and reckoning with the meaning behind the things; the emotional tethers to close relationships, losses, past chapters in our lives, and, in some cases, broken dreams. It’s complicated and can be tricky to unravel, so the first point I want to share is to be gentle with yourself. The objects in question might be simple and not of much monetary worth, but it’s what they represent.

When I have a hard time giving away or even throwing out an object, I first notice my reluctance and then ask,

- Who or what does this object represent?
- Does it still serve me to own it?
- Am I ready to let it go?
- Is there someone else who could benefit from this?

One of the most significant points to share with you is that holding on to belongings often represents unresolved grieving. Our lives can become very chaotic when we’ve suffered a substantial



loss. Many day-to-day tasks can be overwhelming, and it doesn’t take long for life to overwhelm our ability to process significant events emotionally. Again, be gentle with yourself, but also start asking the bigger questions: What does this object represent to me?

It might be prudent to ask for help. An outside friend or professional doesn’t have the emotional attachment, so it’s easier for them not to become overwhelmed. The process might go a lot faster than you think. You need to find someone who can balance the sensitivity of your attachment to an object and the clarity to help you discern when the right time to transition things is. If you’ve lost a parent or spouse, getting help can make all the difference to your peace of mind and ability to move forward.

Task One: Simply walk around your home and notice. Are there piles of paperwork? Broken items? Too many shoes, coats, or hats by the door? Duplicates of cleansers, pantry items, and out-of-date food? Out-of-date technology in corners? Piles of mail or unread magazines? Repair projects are never completed. Piles of clothes waiting to be washed or put away? Lots of bags? All this tells a story and weighs you down. Take heart, there are solutions for all those issues, but first,

you must “see” it.

In future articles, we’ll address various skills to take bite-sized chunks out of your organizing that’ll bring you more peace, and where ownership can be fun. Having too much stuff often means you don’t really enjoy what you do have and comes with unnecessary stress. It doesn’t have to be that way. Be gentle with yourself, notice what feelings come up, and ask for help.

Need help? Contact author, Sandra Beckwith, at sbeckwith1@mac.com.

PUZZLE KEY

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Missing Hiker Found Deceased in Snow Peak Area

SWEET HOME — After three days of continuous searching, Linn County Search and Rescue crews have recovered the body of 63-year-old David Winter, who went missing in the Snow Peak area on July 1, 2025.

Winter was found on July 10 at the base of a 300-foot cliff. Searchers used a rope system to safely recover him from the rugged terrain. The Linn County Sheriff's Office said no foul play is suspected.

"Our thoughts are with Mr. Winter's family during this difficult time," the Sheriff's Office said in a statement. Officials also expressed gratitude for the public's support and the dedication of search teams, K-9 units, partner agencies, and volunteers.

Multiple agencies assisted in the search, including search and rescue teams from Linn, Lane, Benton, and Marion counties, Albany Police Department, Region 3 K9 Search Dogs, and the Oregon Army National Guard.

For more information, contact Undersheriff Micah Smith at msmith@linnsheriff.org or 541-979-5884.



David Winter of Albany was reported missing on July 1.



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.

Saturday, July 5

5:48 p.m. — Lost dogs reported at block of 30300 Boston Mill Dr, Shedd. Caller reported two lost dogs — one German shepherd and one dachshund.

6:53 p.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 30500 Hwy 99E, Shedd. Wade Christopher Jacobus, 24, of Corvallis, was cited for speeding 73 in a 55 mph zone.

7:12 p.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 33800 Linn West Dr and Powell Hills Loop, Shedd. Kimmie Sue Daniels was cited for speeding 74 in a 55 mph zone.

7:40 p.m. — Extra patrol reported at block of 200 W Park Ave, Brownsville.

8:22 p.m. — Suspicious vehicle reported at block of 33500 Hwy 99E, Tangent. Deputy checked on a suspicious trailer.

8:51 p.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 200 E Bishop Way, Brownsville. Operator cited for speeding 60 in a posted 35 mph zone.

9:20 p.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 100 W Bishop Way, Brownsville. Operator warned for a moving violation.

9:32 p.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 100 W Bishop Way and Washburn St, Brownsville. Malique Michael Foster, 26, of Eugene, was cited for speeding 57 in a 35 mph zone.

10:23 p.m. — Suspicious vehicle reported at block of 600 W 3rd St and W G St, Halsey. Occupants were having vehicle issues and moved along.

11:54 p.m. — Extra patrol reported at block of 200 W O St, Halsey.

Sunday, July 6

12:36 a.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 900 N Main St, Brownsville. David Jason Skranak, 51, of Brownsville, was cited for speeding 57 in a 35 mph zone.

3:30 a.m. — Traffic hazard reported at block of 33400 Hwy 99E, Tangent. Deputies assisted Oregon State Police with a motor vehicle versus pedestrian crash on Hwy 34.

3:35 p.m. — Animal complaint reported at block of 33500 Tangent Dr and Seven Mile Ln, Tangent. Caller concerned about condition of sheep.

5:43 p.m. — Stolen vehicle recovered at block of 29800 Hwy 99E, Shedd. Deputies recovered a stolen vehicle from Portland.

7:13 p.m. — Theft reported at block of 32900 Hwy 228, Halsey. Tanner Nantz, 43, of Eugene, was arrested for Theft III and transported to the Linn County Jail.

8:19 p.m. — Suspicious vehicle reported at block of 32900 Hwy 228, Halsey. Deputies checked a suspicious vehicle.

Monday, July 7

6:05 a.m. — Traffic hazard reported at block of 32400 Hwy 228, Halsey. Deputy observed a large box in the lane of travel. Box was removed.

9:24 a.m. — Dog complaint reported at block of 27900 Seven Mile Ln, Brownsville. Dana Tate of Brownsville was cited for dog as public nuisance for trespass.

12:30 p.m. — Motor Vehicle Injury crash reported at block of 100 W Halsey St, Halsey. Deputies responded to a crash that occurred in the parking lot of Halsey City Hall involving one vehicle. No injuries were sustained by the driver. The crashed resulted in minor damage to the city hall building and the vehicle involved.

6:03 p.m. — Welfare check reported at block of 32100 Old Hwy 34, Tangent. Deputies conducted a welfare check.

Tuesday, July 8

6:13 a.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 33500 Glaser Dr and Seven Mile Ln, Tangent. Darrin Hostetler, 43, of Brownsville, was stopped and cited for driving 79 in a posted 55 mph zone.

6:51 a.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 100 Depot Ave and N Main St, Brownsville. David Briggs, 24-year-old Brownsville resident, was stopped and cited for driving 50 in a posted 35 mph zone.

7:03 a.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 100 Depot Ave and N Main St, Brownsville. Hannah Meola, 25, of Lebanon, was cited for driving 50 in a 35 mph zone.

7:56 a.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 800 N Main St, Brownsville. Virginia Long, 60, of Lebanon, was cited for driving 53 in a 35 mph zone.

8:09 a.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 100 Depot Ave and N Main St, Brownsville. Justus Hard, 20, of Lebanon, was cited for driving 54 in a 35 mph zone.

8:28 a.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 100 Hausman Ave and N Main St, Brownsville. Ronald Paden, 69, of Turner, was cited for driving 49 in a 35 mph zone.

8:37 a.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 100 Depot Ave and N Main St, Brownsville. Geoffrey Davis, 48, of Albany, was cited for driving 63 in a 35 mph zone.

9:08 a.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 100 Locust Ave and N Main St, Brownsville. Daniel Pena, 22, of Albany, was cited for driving 44 in a 25 mph zone and no insurance.

10:04 a.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 800 N Main St and Depot Ave, Brownsville. Jakob Bowyer, 30, of Lebanon, was cited for driving 54 in a 35 mph zone.

11:34 a.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 100 Depot Ave and N Main St, Brownsville. Jack Morris, 48, of Eugene, was cited for driving 56 in a 35 mph zone.

12:50 p.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 100 Depot Ave and N Main St, Brownsville. Christina Matlock Delphie, 37, of Albany, was cited for driving 58 in a 35 mph zone.

1:19 p.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 800 N Main St, Brownsville. Diane LaRose, 67, of Brownsville, was cited for driving 54 in a 35 mph zone.

1:42 p.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 1000 N Main St, Brownsville. Meggan Graton, 30, of Eugene, was cited for driving 50 in a 35 mph zone.

1:55 p.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 28200 Hwy 99E, Halsey. Caleb Christner, 21 of Lebanon was cited for speeding 79 in a 55 mph zone.

2:12 p.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 800 N Main St, Brownsville. Jill Jones, 85, of Brownsville, was cited for driving 55 in a 35 mph zone.

2:35 p.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 30900 Seven Mile Ln, Tangent. Deputy warned two operators of ATVs on Seven Mile Lane near Boston Mill Rd.

2:36 p.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 900 N Main St, Brownsville. Christopher Hood, 30, of Brownsville, was cited for driving 48 in a 35 mph zone and no insurance.

2:56 p.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 900 N Main St, Brownsville. Michaela Caruso, 28, of Lebanon, was cited for driving 51 in a 35 mph zone.

4:33 p.m. — Found property reported at block of 33800 Hwy 99E, Tangent. Credit cards and a driver's license were found and returned to the owner.

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

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5:29 p.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 31500 Seven Mile Ln, Tangent. Moving violation warning given.

6:32 p.m. — animal complaint reported at block of 38200 Courtney Creek Dr, Brownsville. Deputies responded to an animal complaint

6:37 p.m. — Domestic disturbance reported at block of 800 W 5th St, Halsey. Deputies responded to a verbal altercation among siblings. No law enforcement intervention needed.

7:18 p.m. — Event detail reported at block of 000 Halsey St, Halsey. City Council Meeting

7:26 p.m. — Civil dispute reported at block of 100 E St, Halsey. Caller purchased a faulty dishwasher on marketplace and wanted to know if there was anything that could be done.

Wednesday, July 9

12:36 p.m. — DHS referral at E and C St. Halsey. Deputy conducted welfare check and investigation for allegations and found the children were doing well. Nothing criminal.

5:00 p.m. — Mental Health issue reported at block of 38100 Courtney Creek Dr, Brownsville. Deputies responded with Linn County Mental Health related to a call for service.

5:44 p.m. — Suicidal subject reported at Block of 37800 HWY 228 Brownsville. Deputies responded to a woman that was severely under the influence of drugs and or alcohol and was possibly trying to drown herself in the river. Bystanders physically fought with her to remove her from the water before deputies arrived. Medics responded and transported her to the hospital for a medical health and mental health evaluation.

9:11 p.m. — Trespass reported at 37800 Courtney Creek Dr, Brownsville. Officers checked the area.

11:05 p.m. — Suspicious vehicle reported at 200 W. Park Ave, Brownsville. Deputies warned late night park goers for trespassing.

Thursday, July 10

2:37 a.m — Prowler reported at 500 Fisher St, Brownsville. Deputies contacted a person regarding prowler that had already left.

7:47 p.m. — Traffic stop reported at Block of 500 E Bishop Way and Hume St, Brownsville. Emma Kelley Simons, 27, of Eugene was issued a citation for speeding 53 in a posted 35 mph zone.

Friday, July 11

4:10 a.m. — Traffic stop reported at Block of 200 S, Main St, Brownsville. Operator warned for improper lighting.

5:03 a.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 100 W. Bishop Way, Brownsville. Richard Glenn Leslie, 59, of Springfield was issued a citation for speeding 54 in a posted 35mph zone.

2:26 p.m. — DHS referral reported at Block of 1000 Oak St, Brownsville. Historical information will be documented about a parent's and child's alcohol use.

5:54 p.m. — Domestic disturbance reporteb at lock of 31200 Tangent Rd, Tangent. Report of an assault between two individuals in vehicles. Information was documented due to lack of information of names and vehicles.

Saturday, July 12

8:29 a.m. — Littering violation reported at block of 33100 HWY 228 and Ogle Rd Halsey. No campers were located.

5:00 p.m. — Suspicious vehicle reported at block of 33600 Linn West Dr, Shedd. Vehicle owners were told to leave private property.

6:43 p.m. — Juvenile complaint reported at block of 37800 HWY 228, Brownsville. Crude behavior being displayed by juveniles. Unable to ascertain who the culprit was.

7:15 p.m. – Traffic Hazard reported at block of 29800, Brownsville Rdand Harrison Rd, Brownsville. Cow on the road. Owner had cow secured back in its field when deputy arrived.

7:26 p.m. — Trespass reported at Block of 33600 Linn West Dr, Shedd. Angela Skelton, 40, and Corey Marker, 38, were cited for their active warrants.

7:34 p.m. — Suspicious circumstance reported at Block of 37400 HWY 228, Brownsville. Mother and Wife reported Missing. After getting the information, it appears the subject left on their own and is not in any immediate danger.

8:48 p.m. — Harassment reported at Block of 400 N Main St, Brownsville. A Saloon customer who has been trespassed continues to verbally harass workers at the establishment. The behavior does not constitute a crime at this time.

Sunday, July 13

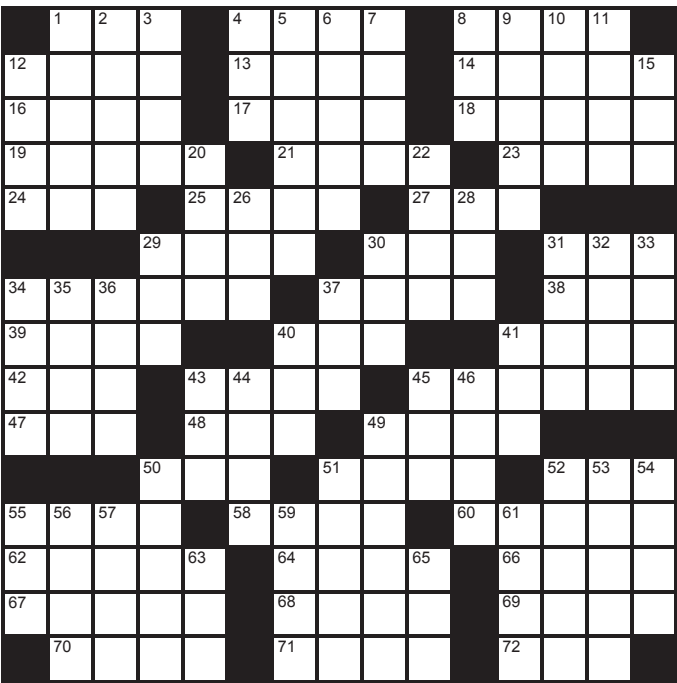
2:34 p.m. — Dog Complaint reported at Block of 200 Holloway Heights, Brownsville. Welfare check on dogs. I checked on the dogs and although caller believes it to be criminal, it does not constitute a crime at this time. Dogs have food and water, a little shade, and appeared happy and healthy

5:26 p.m. — Citizen Contact, Reported at block of 100 W Park Ave, Brownsville. Citizen wanting to know my ability to help him care for a neighbors animals.

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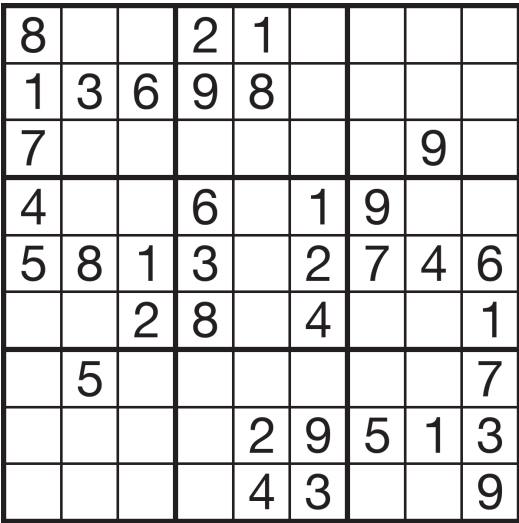
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I-5 Exit 209 Nighttime Ramp Closures August 3–8

Crews are working to pave and stripe the I-5 Exit 209 ramps to Diamond Hill Road. Expect nighttime closures from August 3 through 8

Only one ramp will close at a time, and ramps will remain open during the day. Use the exit before or after 209 as a detour.

What to expect:

- Night work, Sunday–Thursday, 6 p.m.–6 a.m.
- Single lane closures, 7 p.m.–5:30 a.m.
- Possible daytime work
- Construction noise and delays
- Work zone speed limit reduced to 55 mph
- No lane changes where double white lines are marked

Learn more at the I-5 Paving: Halsey to Lane County Line project page at <https://www.oregon.gov/odot/projects/pages/project-details.aspx?project=22508>

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put pressure on Country Christian, forcing the game into extra innings, where we gave up two runs in the bottom of the 6th to end the game with a score of 7-5. Every kid on our team battled their way to end in 97-degree heat against a team that was undefeated and should be very proud of themselves! Every kid on our team played a pivotal role in our success throughout the entire season.” — Coach JP

This was the second straight year for CL to be in the title game. They placed first in 2024.



Tristan Williams, Preston Bays, and Josh Kennedy conference on the mound



3-4 group huddle

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READ & REFLECT

BOOK REVIEWS

Your Summer Book List

by Staff Writer, Nancy Diltz

Summer is officially Reading Season! Delving into a great new novel can encourage leisurely enjoyment this time of year. Whether you're an indoor or an outdoor sort of reader doesn't matter as much as having a great new book in your hands.

To help us choose, several publications have listed brand new releases for this summer. I've selected a few here for your review in addition to some highly recommended 2025 publications. To obtain these new releases, you may need to purchase a new hardcover book from sources such as Barnes & Noble in Eugene, Powell's Books in Portland, Amazon.com online, or ThriftBooks.com. (I can't leave the ThriftBooks.com site without a stack of great deals shipping directly to me.)

The Brownsville Library will also have wonderful selections and new books when they become available. Patrons are encouraged to suggest books for purchase at the library.

The cost of purchasing your new book can be addressed creatively. Find a few friends, and each person buys just one book. Read and swap! It's a great way to have access to new releases on a budget. My former book club once did it, and all members were able to read ten new books over the year while investing in the cost of only one.

I wish you many happy leisure hours this summer!

Released June 2025:

- “The First Gentleman” by Bill Clinton (yes, our former President) and James Patterson. A thriller, the third book written by Clinton and Patterson, which chronicles the murder of an NFL star who is also the president's husband. Wow!
- “So Far Gone” by Jess Walter. The grandchildren of a recluse in Spokane, Washington, are kidnapped, and he will stop at nothing to find them.

- “El Dorado Drive” by Megan Abbot. Three sisters are involved in a women-led pyramid scheme, reversing their fortunes. What could go wrong?
 - “I'll be Right Here” by Amy Bloom. Bloom's many fans will be intrigued by her newest novel set at the end of World War II and including the writer Colette in the cast of characters. ‘A multigenerational tale of love, compassion and found family.’ Listed in The New York Times May 22, 2025 By Miguel Salazar and Laura Thompson
- Released previously this year:**
- “Homeseeking” by Karissa Che. A Shanghai to Los Angeles romance spanning 60 years.
 - “Death of the Author” by Nnedi Okorafor. A futuristic sci-fi novel, complete with a battle of robots and AI vying for control of human civilization.
 - “Great Big Beautiful Life” by Emily Henry. Another great Henry romance! Fun and funny! List from Harper's Bazaar, Chelsey Sanchez
 - “Farewell Amethystine” by Walter Mosley. An “Easy Rawlings Mystery” combining edgy mystery and romance. If you enjoy this one, check out others in the Easy Rawlings series.
 - “Pearl” by Sian Hughes. The story of a woman's reckoning of the effects of her mother's disappearance when she was young. List from The New York Times, Kate Dwyer
 - “Don't Let Him In” by Lisa Jewell. A Mystery-Thriller where three women are connected by a man who is not who he claims to be.
 - “The Listeners” by Maggie Stiefvater. A spy story and historical novel set in World War II. List by Goodreads, posted by Cybil December 16, 2024

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

by Jaime Flynn

Dear Mrs. Gertrude,

May a lady smoke in her own home if no gentlemen are present? I ask only for the reason that my sister has taken up smoking as a “restful activity” after a long day's work at the telephone exchange office. I was scandalized when I unexpectedly poked my head in her door on my way home from town (I attended an educational speech on morals and respectability in our modern age, a rapturously enthralling subject that had me all in a fizz), only to find her smoking in the privacy of her room! How shall I endure this blatant disregard for decorum? What is next, gambling halls, and talking with strange men?

Sincerely,
I Need (to) Hear About Ladies' Etiquette

Dear INHALE,

Now we must be careful not to judge lest we be judged, my dear, for we may be living in a house of glass ourselves. I do frown upon the act of smoking in general, I must say, yet I do not find that I can find much fault in what a young woman does in the privacy of her own home. The only exception is inviting a man into her apartments while she is unmarried, of course. Now that would prove a scandal indeed!

I do detect a hint of “holier than thou” in the



tone of your question, leading me to believe that there is perhaps a deeper rift in your sisterly love? It is not easy being either the elder or the younger, as well, I know from my own siblings and family of ten children. Is it that you are married and constrained in your freedom at home, versus her single-hood lending her more independence? The grass is always greener, alas. Your sister may see you with green-eyed envy in her own right, surrounded by family love and settled bliss. Or merely that one parent adores you over the other? Or the other way around? My advice is to take a step back, reflect on the deeper well of emotion that builds when you think of her smoking alone in her room, wafting clouds up to the rafters with her feet kicked up in nonchalance. *That* is the real issue at hand, my dear. *Bonne chance!*

P.S. Prissy, it is none of our business what your sister Claire does in the privacy of her room. She does not need us snuffling our snouts like rooting pigs into her affairs when they hurt no one. She works long hours so that people are connected by these telephone lines, a thing of which I do not understand; however, I do approve of a young woman being able to support herself for a time before choosing when to have a family. If only I had that choice as a young girl!

BROWNSVILLE LIBRARY

Kelli Welli Kicks Off a Fun Summer

Local support makes summer fun possible with guest readers, free crafts, and swag giveaways.

by Sherri Lemhouse, Brownsville librarian

Our first program was a hit! We had lots of children and adults in the Library and Library Park with local performer Kelli Welli. She was super fun and entertaining. The Brownsville Women’s Study Club sponsored this program. The Library appreciates their dedication to our programs and the children in our community.

We drew two names for our weekly drawing for a bag of Library swag each. We would love to see your photos. Please find us on Facebook @ BVORLibrary. Parents are an integral part of our Summer Reading Program. Without the help of parents and volunteers our Library would not be a success. Thank you!

Next week we will be playing ‘I-Spy with My Little Eye’. Our guest reader will be Jeanna Graham. Please keep reading and turning in your weekly Reading Log for a chance to win one of our fabulous baskets or bags of Library swag! Librarian Sherri continues to hold Story Time on Fridays with a free craft during these summer months. Drop into this free program and see what we are making!

Join in the fun at your local Library! The Friends of the Brownsville Community Library have a gift for each child who participates! Come down to the Library Park and join in the fun!

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

Summer Reading Program Every Thursday from 4-5 p.m.

Thursday, July 17	I -Spy With My Little Eye Guest Reader – Jeanna Graham
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 10 a.m.–5p.m.	Pick up your stuffed animal from the library
Friday, August 1, 11 a.m. – Noon	Songs, Rhymes & More Story Time: Farms Craft Lady – Ms. Thea is back!

Library manners are expected. No childcare provided. Programs are free. Join us each Thursday and participate in our weekly activity, then stock up on books to read. For more info, call the library at 541.466.5454 or visit us at www.brownsvillecommunitylibrary.org or facebook.com/BVORLibrary.



Left to right: Kelli Welli, Daphne Abel, Tim, Eunice Henshaw, Holly, Amy, Daphne, Alyssa and Jasmine Abel; Eunice, Abby, Gladys and Edith Henshaw. Daphne Abel with chicken puppet. Gladys Henshaw one excellent reader and winner of duct tape basket!

KIDS' KORNER

by Staff Writer, Nancy Diltz

Do you know that May 24 is Escargot Day (pronounced Ess-car-go) in France! Escargots are specially grown snails (not our outdoor garden snails, but similar-looking creatures) that are eaten as a delightful treat or meal traditionally in France. The idea for eating these special snails goes as far back as the Paleolithic Period, 170,000 years ago! Later, Ancient Romans raised snails and fed them milk, honey, spices, and even wine to make them juicy and delicious. The French began using snails for food in about the year 1400. They are popular today and are usually made with butter and garlic. I have actually tasted escargot snails while visiting Paris, France. Personally, for me, once was enough, but if you find yourself in France one day, you might want to order some escargot and see for yourself why these little morsels have been a popular dish for 170,000 years.

THE SNAIL

by William Cowper (1731-1800)

To grass, or leaf, or fruit, or walk,
The snail sticks close, nor fears to fall
As if he grew there, house and all
Together.

Within that house secure he hides,
When danger imminent betides
Of storm, or other harm besides
Of Weather...



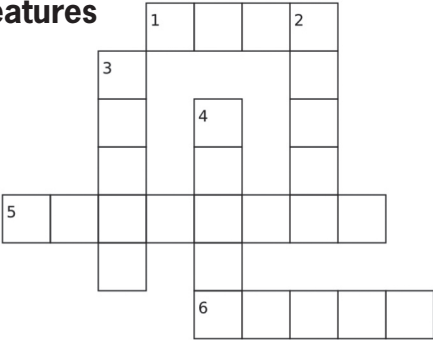
CROSSWORD: Brownsville Creatures

ACROSS:

- 1. Workers among the flowers
- 5. Grey or brown, found in trees around town
- 6. Woolly farm animal

DOWN:

- 2. Slithers in the field
- 3. A favorite catch in lake or stream
- 4. Can you hear their tweeting?



HALSEY LIBRARY

Summer Reading Program

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 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>

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