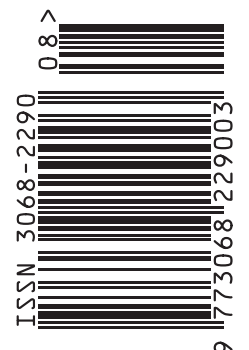




THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2025



The event will be held in downtown Brownsville on Saturday, July 26, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Headquarters will be in front of the Linn County Historical Museum on Park Avenue.



**Key**

- Information Booth
- Parking
- Restrooms
- Food Trucks
- Filming Location
- ATM

**All Day Activities**

- Guided Walking Tour
- Stand By Me Singers
- Blueberry Pie & Ice Cream
- Car Show

**Scheduled Events**

- Fan Forum**  
1 to 2:30 p.m.  
Rec Center
- Pie Eating Contest**  
3 to 4 p.m.  
Pioneer Park Stage
- 50/50 Raffle Drawing**  
approx. 4 p.m.  
Pioneer Park Stage

**Map Labels:**

**Streets:** Averill St., Main St., Spaulding Ave., Stanard Ave., Park Ave.

**Businesses and Landmarks:** Carlson's Hardware, Post Office, Jenna Stutzman Homes, Brownsville Public Library, Brownsville Fitness Center, Brownsville Stitching Parlor, Armando's Mexican, NAPA Auto Parts, Linn County Historical Museum, Pioneer Picture Gallery, Randy's Main Street Coffee, Brownsville City Hall, Brownsville Art Association Community Center, Brownsville Recreation Center, Willamette Valley Insurance Services, Danielle Myers Attorney, American Legat Senior Center, The Times, 7th Heaven, Main St. Reflections, Main St. Saloon & Spa, Mema's Kitchen, Brownsville Pharmacy & Gifts, The Brownsville Saloon, Wilamette Valley Insurance Services.

**Other Features:** A compass rose indicating North (N), South (S), East (E), and West (W). A large 'Welcome to Castle Rock' sign with 'known as Brownsville, Oregon' below it. A 'Dari Market' sign with an arrow pointing right. A 'Pioneer Park' sign with a list of activities: 1. Brownsville Recreation Center, 2. Pioneer Park Stage, 3. Pioneer Park Stage.



## 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>**Yankee Dutch Quilting's Christmas in July 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](http://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 &amp; drink trucks. Lemonade, blueberry pie &amp; 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

Seed saving tips and tricks Registration is required: <https://www.adaptiveseeds.com>**Dinner at the Park**

Wednesday, July 30 • Serving starts around 5:30 p.m.

Connect Linn County invites you to a free dinner with neighbors and friends on Wednesdays at Pioneer Park. Everyone is welcome. While supplies last.

**Oregon's Trail of Tears Exhibit**

Friday, August 1 • 5 p.m.

Albany Regional Museum

**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>**Ice Cream Social**

Saturday, August 2 • 3–6 p.m.

The Spirit of the Valley Methodist Church

Ice cream, pie, crisps, cowboy stew, and hot dogs.

**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.

**Hands on History**

Saturday, August 23, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

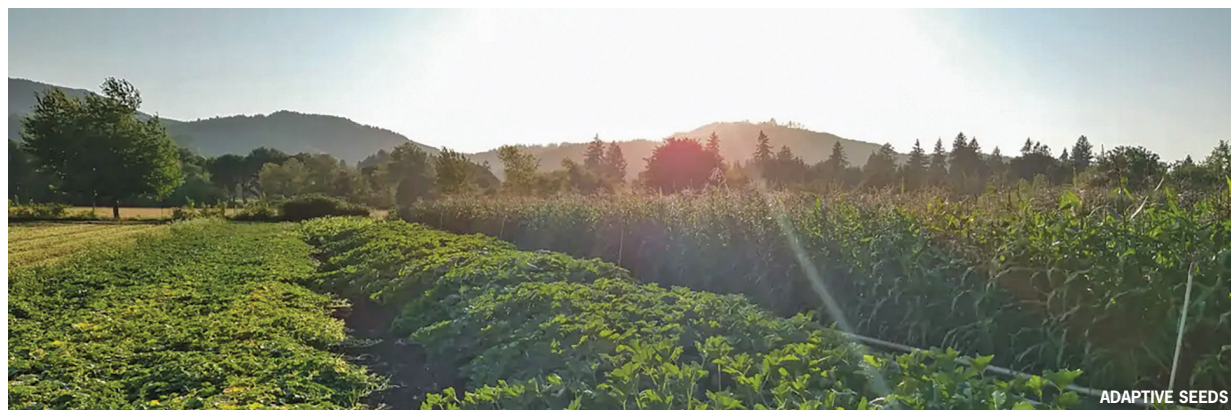
101 Park Ave., Brownsville

Linn County Museum Friends presents a family-friendly day of historical experiences: cider pressing, grinding wheat, panning for gold, listening to stories, singing along with songs, spinning wool, doing some chores like handwashing laundry, making a candle, crosscutting logs, and more.

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

# Tour a Local Seed Farm Focused on Biodiversity and Resilience at Adaptive Seeds on Saturday, July 26

by Editor, Mikayle Stole



ADAPTIVE SEEDS

CRAWFORDSVILLE — Gardeners and growers — register right away for this limited tour this Saturday, July 26 from 10 a.m. to noon. This is a special behind-the-scenes look at Adaptive Seeds, a certified organic seed company dedicated to preserving biodiversity and strengthening local food systems.

Farm owners Sarah Kleeger and Andrew Still will lead a guided tour of their operation, highlighting the seed-saving methods they use on the many unique crop varieties they grow. Adaptive Seeds produces over 75% of the seeds they sell, specializing

in open-pollinated, regionally adapted varieties well-suited to the Pacific Northwest.

Founded with a mission “Bring Biodiversity Back,” Adaptive Seeds offers a refreshing look at what it means to farm with intention, sustainability, and long-term resilience in mind. This tour offers practical tips for home gardeners, seed savers, and anyone interested in supporting healthy, local food systems.

Admission is \$5. Find more information and register at <https://www.adaptiveseeds.com>.



Andrew Still of Adaptive Seeds discusses seed production for cucumbers (left) and zucchini (right).



Andrew Still demonstrates the Winnow Wizard seed cleaning machine, invented locally by Mark Luterra, which is used to clean all of Adaptive Seeds' seed crops.



Linn County Master Gardeners view a seed trials and production field while on a tour in late August, 2023.

## Stand By Me Day July 26, 2025 11 a.m.–5 p.m.



Headquarters  
& Merchandise  
on Park Avenue

**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 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

## MOBILIZE SUMMER IMMUNIZATION EVENT SCHEDULE

AUGUST 2025

**TUES 12**  
**BACK-TO-SCHOOL JAMBOREE**  
 CENTRAL LINN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
 239 W 2nd St, Halsey, OR 97348

**SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY BY GAPS**  
**TUES 26**  
 LAFAYETTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
 3122 SE Madison St, Albany, OR 97322



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## Albany Regional Museum Hosts 'Oregon's Trail of Tears' Exhibit



ALBANY — The Albany Regional Museum will open a powerful new photography exhibit, Oregon's Trail of Tears, by local artist Nolan Streitberger, with a free public reception on Friday, August 1, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Streitberger's haunting landscape photography traces the 1856 forced march of hundreds of Indigenous men, women, and children who were relocated from Southern Oregon to a reservation in the Mid-Willamette Valley, over 263 miles away. A special lecture by the artist will begin at 5:30 p.m. during the opening event.

Oregon's Trail of Tears will remain on view through January 31, 2026, at the Albany Regional Museum, 136 Lyon St. SW in Albany. Admission is free. For more information, visit <https://www.armuseum.com> or call 541-967-7122.

## Native American Cultural Encampment at Waterloo County Park

July 25-27 | 10 a.m. to 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](mailto:petersdietz@gmail.com). <https://naculturalencampment.org>.

## Commissioners Approve Public Health Agreements

by Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer

ALBANY — Public Health program agreements were front and center at the July 15 meeting of the Linn County Board of Commissioners.

Public Health Administrator Todd Noble presented the commissioners with four requests, all of which were approved.

The county approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with the city of Lebanon. Linn County will pay for public transportation services for individuals with disabilities. Linn County will reimburse the city \$23.18 per eligible ride.

The agreement is contingent on Linn County receiving funding from the Oregon Department of Human Services. The total is not to exceed \$500,000 for the contract which runs from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027.

The commissioners approved an agreement with the Oregon Health Authority for the Intoxicated Driver Program Fund. Linn County will provide services to individuals who have been adjudicated in local courts for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. OHA will provide Linn County funding not to exceed \$100,116 for services provided between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2027.

The commissioners approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Health Authority to provide Problem Gambling Prevention Services to increase public awareness of problem gambling. OHA will provide Linn County with funding not to exceed \$403,000 for services from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027.

The commissioners approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Health Authority to provide services for the CHOICE Model Services program. OHA extended the original expiration date from June 30, 2025 to December 31, 2025 and added funding, not to exceed \$170,214.85.

**In other business, the commissioners:**

Approved an agreement to provide 21 beds at the Linn County Jail for Oregon Department of Corrections inmates. The bed rate will increase from \$103 per day to \$110 per day per bed. The agreement will run through June 30, 2027.

Learned there were 45 births in June, 22 females and 23 males. There were 93 deaths, one of which was of a person more than 100 years old.

Were told there were 77 land use permits and 324 total permits issued in June. Of those, 38 were for dwellings — six single-family units and seven manufactured units. There were 14 permits issued for dwelling additions/alterations. Planning & Building Director Steve Wills told the commissioners there are four openings on the Planning Commission.

Were asked by Troy Jones, a member of Friends of Gap Road, to pass a local resolution that would ban commercial solar facilities and large-scale battery storage operations on farmland zoned Exclusive Farm Use, much like neighboring Marion County has done. Friends of Gap Road is a grassroots group that opposes development of a proposed solar facility near Harrisburg.

Announced that all three commissioners will be at the Linn County Fair at 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 17, as they serve ice cream to senior citizens at the Sponsor Pavilion, a fair tradition.

Appointed James Page to the Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee.

Reappointed Hans Coon to Position 2 on the Historic Resource Commission. For more information contact: Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer, 541-967-3825 or email [apaul@co.linn.or.us](mailto:apaul@co.linn.or.us).

## Back-to-School Supply Drive Still in Need of Donations

Ends August 8 — Drop Off in Brownsville or Halsey

Georgia-Pacific's Back-to-School Supply Drive is underway, but with just two weeks to go, donations have been slow to arrive. The drive, which runs through August 8, supports Central Linn Elementary and Central Linn Jr./Sr. High students with the supplies they need to start the school year strong.

Organizers are asking the community to step up and help fill local backpacks. "So far, we've received far fewer donations than we hoped," said Larissa Gangle, assistant city recorder. "We know people care about our students — and there's still time to show it."

**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

**Drop-off locations:**


**Brownsville:** Dollar General, 178 S. Main St.

**Halsey:** City Hall, 100 W. Halsey St.

Let's work together to give every Central Linn student the tools they need to succeed. Georgia-Pacific reminds the community: "Let's fill those backpacks and fuel futures one pencil at a time."

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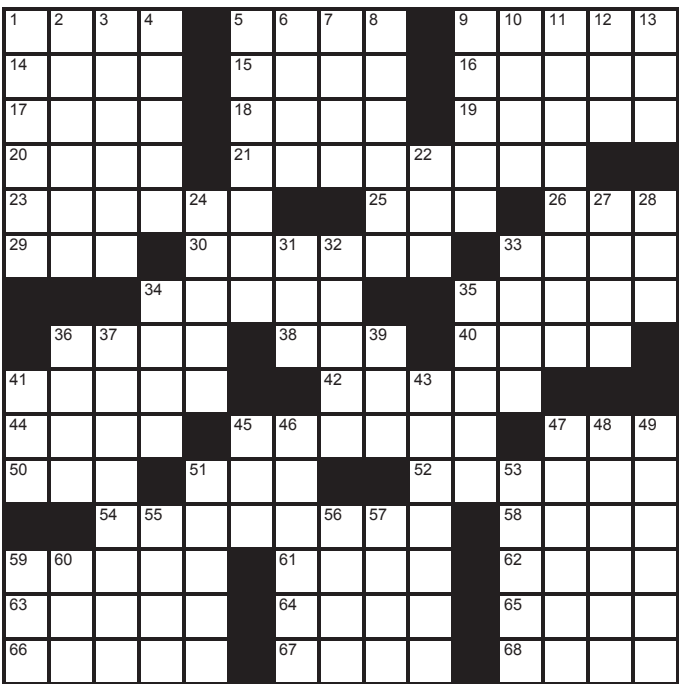
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- 17 Repose
- 18 Regret feeler
- 19 Cyphers
- 20 Pocketbook
- 21 Meliorating
- 23 Tibetan mountaineer
- 25 Consume
- 26 Gr. letter
- 29 Not him
- 30 Residential fringe
- 33 Booted
- 34 Bricklayer
- 35 Long narrow inlet
- 36 Malevolent
- 38 Beverage
- 40 Breakfast dish
- 41 Alert
- 42 Terra firma
- 44 Ravine
- 45 Acid forerunner
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- 45 Dandy
- 46 Arctic resident
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- 53 Opus
- 55 Ritual
- 56 Thought
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- 59 Japanese capital
- 60 Russian fighter jet

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- 2 Foam
- 3 Distributor
- 4 Up and about
- 5 Chests of drawers
- 6 Grad
- 7 Leg part
- 8 Breadwinner

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BOOK REVIEWS

Keep Your Brain Young: A Fun Summer Book Pick

by Staff Writer, Nancy Diltz

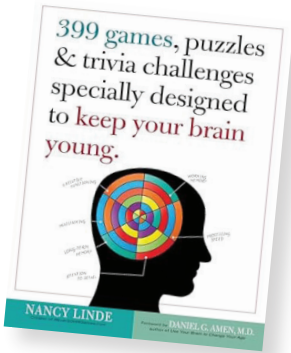
Are you looking for something a little bit different to read this summer? “399 Games, Puzzles & Trivia Challenges, Specially Designed To Keep Your Brain Young” by Nancy Linde is an excellent choice for adults of any age. This isn’t Grandma’s Word Search!

As promised, there are hundreds of unique puzzles and quizzes to exercise and test your long-term memory, working memory, executive function, attention to detail, multi-tasking, and processing speed while you’re having fun!

Most of the games can be read aloud to a friend while you take turns answering the challenges, or you can choose to tackle them alone. There are trivia quizzes, language quizzes, word definition games, picture puzzles, and more!

If you love trivia questions, these are some of the best I’ve ever seen. The puzzles in this book range from easy-peasy to diabolical.

“Should you choose to accept this mission,” you can also try the sequel: “417 MORE Games, Puzzles & Trivia Challenges Specially Designed to Keep Your Brain Young,” also by Nancy Linde, Creator of Never20ld4Games.com, Happy Summer and beyond!



POEM SELECTION

Facing Challenges

Be strong and do it,  
You have to face this one too,  
Not only one, not only two  
There are hundred of challenges  
Just waiting for you,  
You will be beaten  
You will be discriminated  
You may also be taunted  
But you have to be strong

Show it to yourself that you  
can do it well,  
So stop thinking, and start focusing  
On challenges lying over here,  
You can be the inspiration  
for the one who are hiding themselves.  
So stop hiding and start  
facing the challenges over here.  
People may abuse you  
For your stand but  
You have to be the one

To face this  
As this one is a challenge.  
Not only for you but for many.  
Show the world you can do any,  
Stop running, stop hiding,  
Stop fearing the world.  
It is your life,  
Your challenge and hence you have  
to start.  
Be it a tough one or the easier one too,  
You just have to face it.  
Because you have to do.

Who stands till the end...  
You have to face the next one too,  
Not only one, not only two  
There are hundred of challenges  
Just waiting up for you

—Ajita Pandey

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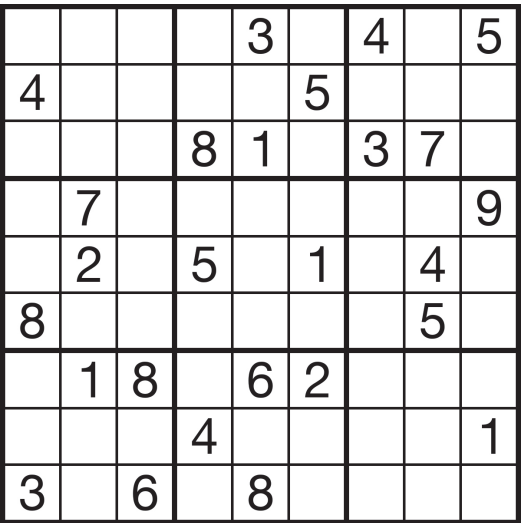
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BROWNSVILLE LIBRARY

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

Thursday, July 24, participants tried their hand at the Library Slalom course in the children’s room. Our Professional Shushing contest was a hoot! This program has been one of our favorite activities for Summer Reading. Mrs. Chandra Evans did not disappoint as our guest reader. Have you had a chance to play Hopscotch on the Menafee Path yet? This is a summer-permanent activity for all ages!

We awarded more prizes of Library Swag this week. Week 5, Thursday, July 31, drop off your stuffed animal and let them join in the 2nd Annual Library Stuffed Animal Sleep-Over! Our theme this summer has been all about having fun at the library, but why should you have all the fun? Drop off your stuffed animal any time on Thursday, July 31, and they’ll have a campout experience of their own overnight. We will carefully match them with a unique bracelet (they get one, you get one). Don’t worry about them — they will be in good hands. Please pick them up on Friday, August 1, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and check out some pictures of their experiences. They might even share their take-home item with you.

Librarian Sherri and Guest Craft Lady Lisa Jager team up for Friday Story Times from 11 a.m. to noon. Come moo, baaa, and quack along with us!

Have you found Waldo at the Library yet? 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!

Librarian Sherri continues to hold Story Time on Fridays with guest craft lady Lisa Jager during these summer months. Drop into this free program and see what we are making!

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

THURSDAYS 4–5 p.m.	Summer Reading Program
Thursday, July 24	Library Olympics
Friday July 25 11 a.m.–Noon	Songs, Rhymes & More Story Time: Horse! Guest Craft Lady – Lisa Jager
Wednesday July 30 10 a.m.	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!
Wednesday, Aug 6 10 a.m.	Parents & Pals – Story Time followed by Playtime at Pioneer Park
Friday, August 8 11 a.m.–Noon	Songs, Rhymes & More Story Time: Mouse Craft Lady – Ms. Thea

Library manners are expected. No childcare provided. Programs are free of charge. 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 <https://www.brownsvillecommunitylibrary.org> or <https://www.facebook.com/BVORLibrary>.



Making I-Spy bottles at the Summer Reading Program at the Brownsville Library on July 17.

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 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 will 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>

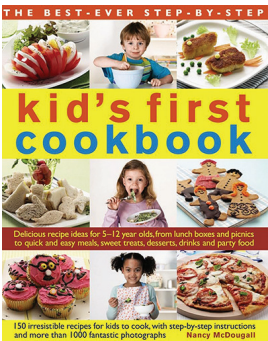
Questions? Email [library@halseyor.gov](mailto:library@halseyor.gov) or call (541) 369-2705.

Let the adventures begin!



KIDS’ KORNER

by Staff Writer, Nancy Diltz



Kids everywhere love mud pies! But how about baking real pies? Cupcakes, pizza, sandwiches, and more! For ages 5–12, “The Kid’s First Cookbook” can teach you step-by-step how to create simple meals and treats with little or no help. Be sure it’s okay with your parents first, and follow all safety rules in your kitchen. There are many cookbooks available for kids of all ages. Our library in Brownsville offers a wide selection, including a variety of cookbooks on Libby eBooks online. What will you make first?

Here is an idea from Taste of Home:

Fruity Peanutbutter Pitas

INGREDIENTS

- 1/4 cup peanut butter
- 1/8 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/8 teaspoon allspice
- Whole Wheat Pita Pocket halves
- 1/2 medium apple, thinly sliced
- 1/2 medium firm banana, sliced

DIRECTIONS

In a small bowl, stir peanut butter and spices. Spread the mixture inside the pita bread halves. Fill with apples and bananas. Enjoy! See more about this recipe at <https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/fruity-peanut-butter-pitas>.

170 fun recipes are waiting for you to sample in: “The Best-Ever Step-by-Step Kid’s First Cookbook: Delicious Recipe Ideas For 5-12 Year Olds From Lunch Boxes And Picnics To Quick And Easy Meals, Sweet Treats, Desserts, Drinks And Party Food.”





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Sunday Services 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Classes Wednesday 7 p.m. all ages

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117 N Main St • 541-466-3273  
<https://brownvillechristianchurch.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.crawfordsvillecc.org>

Sunday Service 10 a.m.

### First Baptist Church of Brownsville

27910 7 Mile Ln • 541-642-3000  
<https://www.fbcbrownvilleoregon.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://harvestrbc.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](mailto:holytrinitybrownsvilleor@gmail.com)

Weekday Mass Wednesday Noon  
Sunday Service 11:30 a.m.

### Oakville Presbyterian Church

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## MOUNTAINTOP REFLECTIONS

### Debt Free Living The Joy of Forgiving

by Jacquie Hoekstra

‘Forgiveness’ can be a triggering word. The purpose and definition of the term are often misunderstood and feared. Usually, forgiving is seen as saying the crime against us was okay, when it was not. How can we just let it go? Should we let it go? How do you forgive what has caused deep trauma? Can there be justice in forgiveness? Yes, the word can be a trigger, because too many people have experienced atrocious acts committed against them. I will say by experience that it is possible, restores life, and releases healing. This old saying explains why forgiveness is essential: “Unforgiveness is like drinking poison and waiting for the other person to die.”

The Lord's Prayer is arguably the most famous prayer of the Bible and the best-known words of Jesus. When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, one line in his prayer says, “Forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors” (Matthew 6:12 WEB). ‘Debts’ is a translation for ‘sins.’ Yet ‘debts’ gives us a clearer picture of what we release. We are not letting go of justice; we are merely placing it in the hands of the one who knows best how to handle it. Scripture instructs us to forgive, and since God is more intelligent than we, maybe there is a benefit for us in releasing forgiveness. He does not want us to drink the poison. He has a better, life-giving plan.

God is not forgetting the wrongs done to us. He says, “Don't seek revenge yourselves, beloved, but give place to God's wrath. For it is written, ‘Vengeance belongs to me; I will repay, says the Lord’” (Romans 12:19 WEB). There is comfort in knowing God will not sweep the damage done to us under the rug when we release forgiveness. We merely acknowledge His wisdom in justice while knowing his purpose is always redemption for us and those who sin against us. He knows how best to bring vengeance and redemption to both parties in a painful situation.

Jesus took every sin on himself on the Cross (1 Peter 2:24; John 3:16). When we hold the debt against someone, we carry a weight we were not designed to carry. Jesus already purchased the debt, and we must find a way to return it to him. One way is in prayer. See yourself giving the debt to Jesus or laying it at the foot of the cross. Tell him you trust him to know what to do with the debt. Then, ask him if there is anything he would like to give you in exchange. Wait for his reply and write it down. Conversely, if you have debts (sins) you would like to have forgiven, here is a verse for you: “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us the sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9 WEB). Isn't this good news? Let us know the joy of debt-free living through forgiving.

## Halsey Church to Host Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social August 2

HALSEY — The Spirit of the Valley United Methodist Church invites the community to cool down and enjoy a nostalgic afternoon at its annual Ice Cream Social, taking place Saturday, August 2, from 3 to 6 p.m. at the corner of 3rd and F Streets in Halsey.

This beloved summer tradition features hand-cranked ice cream, along with pie, crisps, cowboy



stew, and hot dogs. Guests of all ages are welcome to gather for good food, friendly faces, and old-fashioned hospitality.

Donations are appreciated and will help support the church's local outreach and programming. Whether you

## CENTRAL LINN SCHOOL DISTRICT

### School Board to Meet August 11 in Halsey and Online

The Central Linn School District Board of Directors will hold its next regular meeting on Monday, August 11, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend, either in person at the Central Linn Elementary School conference room in Halsey (239 W 2nd St) or remotely via Zoom.

In-person meetings this year will continue to be hosted in the CLES Conference Room to provide a consistent, accessible location for district stakeholders. For those unable to attend in person, the district offers a convenient remote option through Zoom.

To join the meeting online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4480365537?omn=83927036120>

Meeting ID: 448 036 5537

The agenda typically includes updates on curriculum, district finances, facilities planning, and public comment opportunities. Parents, students, staff, and community members are encouraged to tune in or attend to stay informed and engaged in the governance of local schools.

For more information about upcoming agendas and past meeting minutes, visit the Central Linn School District website at <https://www.centrallinn.k12.or.us>.



### 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 graders: 9–11 a.m. (\$30)
- 6th–8th graders: 9 a.m.–12 p.m. (\$40)
- 9th–12th graders: 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](mailto:courtney.gardner@centrallinn.k12.or.us).

come for the ice cream or the company, this is a summertime celebration not to be missed.



## Young Entrepreneur Steals the Show at Brownsville Garage Sale

Lucus Neddeau, 11, Draws a Crowd with Cool Treats on a Hot Day

by Staff Reporter, Sharon Banks

As temperatures climbed into the mid-80s on Saturday, one stand at the Brownsville City Wide Garage Sale wasn't selling antiques or used books — but something far more refreshing.

At just 11 years old, Lucas Neddeau became the highlight of the day, serving up fabulous homemade snow cones to a steadily growing line of customers eager for a cool treat and a smile.

Set up on Kirk Avenue under the covered porch of his grandparents' home, Mike and Joanne Neddeau, Lucas's snow cone stand offered a vibrant splash of color — and flavor. With hand-written signs, a hand-cranked machine, and a cooler packed with ice, the young vendor turned heads and won hearts. "I thought I'd sell a few," Lucas said modestly. "But then the line just kept getting longer."

Word spread quickly across town, and by midday, Lucas had a full-blown operation going: scooping ice, pouring syrup, and handing out snow cones nearly non-stop. Popular flavors included tiger's blood, piña colada, and the ever-classic blue raspberry.

His parents, Ethan and Brianna Neddeau, watched proudly from nearby. "We figured it would be a fun way for him to learn about hard work and money," said Ethan. "We didn't expect he'd sell so many snow cones."

By the end of the day, Lucas had sold over 50 snow cones, made a tidy profit, and learned a thing or two about customer service. Asked what he planned to do with his earnings, he smiled and said, "I might save up for a bigger machine — or maybe a snow cone cart for next year."

With his determination, charm, and frosty flavors, Lucas Neddeau may have just started a summer tradition in Brownsville.

"Garage sales are fun," Lucas said, "but everyone's happier with a snow cone in their hand."



Lucus Neddeau sells over 50 snow cones during the Brownsville City Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, July 19.



The enlarged teardrop style 1949 Zimmer "Wee Zim." is unique — when you lift the roof, the bottom center floor drops down automatically, and vice versa when lowering the roof.

## Rare 1949 Zimmer "Wee Zim" Draws Attention at Rally on the River

by Editor, Mikayle Stole

One of the most talked-about trailers at this year's Rally on the River was a gleaming, aircraft-inspired 1949 Zimmer "Wee Zim," brought all the way from Ventura, California, by Curtis and Laurie Richards. The aluminum-bodied trailer, just 15.5 feet long and 6 feet 2 inches tall inside, was originally built as a display model — it had never even been on the road until the Richardses hauled it home from Quebec.

Zimmer Trailer Manufacturing Company was founded in Detroit, Michigan and operated from 1947 to 1951. Known for its sleek, aerodynamic designs and aircraft-style riveted aluminum construction, the company produced over 3,500 trailers annually, with most models falling between 26 and 33 feet. The "Wee Zim" was the smallest of the line and remains one of the rarest. It originally sold for \$995 when new.

The Richardses discovered the trailer in Quebec, Canada, and hauled it back home to California — without a spare tire on a warped rim. "It blew out all the rivets and the window on the way back," Curtis recalled. "The back door window fell off. It had never been on the road before." The trailer's unusual proportions made it tricky to restore. It rides on 1946 Chevy truck rims, and Curtis tracked down two replacements at Sewer Flat Salvage in Utah. He also replaced an incorrect propane tank with a certifiable 1949 model — a lucky \$100 find — and sourced an original jack. In a pinch of ingenuity, the jack handle now comes from an old meat grinder.

A full frame-off restoration was completed by respected trailer restorer Wayne Reynolds of New York. Today, the trailer gleams with polished aluminum, faithful detailing, and a story as memorable as its looks.

Among a field of beautifully restored vintage trailers at Brownsville's Pioneer Park, the Richardses' Wee Zim stood out not only for its rarity, but for the journey that brought it here — and the craftsmanship that brought it back to life. Find out more about Curtis and Laurie's restoration adventure at <https://www.zimmerregistry.com/zimmer-history.html>



Curtis shows his \$505 porch light that he got at the Powerland Park in Brooks, Oregon, it cost him \$500 to get there from Ventura!



Interior showing the floor that rises for transport.



# Annual Trailer Rally Draws Vintage Trailer Community to Brownsville

by Staff Writer, Sharon Banks

Pioneer Park was transformed into a hub of nostalgia and community spirit from Wednesday, July 16, through Sunday, July 20, as the annual Rally on the River hosted a special reunion of Spartan vintage trailers and other classics.

Organized by Wade and Lisa Long, the event welcomed over 145 fully restored trailers — from early 1940s teardrops to 1970s motor-homes — making it Oregon's largest showcase of classic campers. The rally was family-friendly and free to the public, drawing crowds who strolled through parade-lined aisles beside the scenic Calapooia River.

This year's highlight was the inaugural Spartan trailer reunion, with a meadow section roped off to spotlight these iconic mid-20th-century aluminum trailers. Organizers aimed to host about 50 Spartans and reported a strong turnout.

Throughout the festival, attendees enjoyed themed activities — including street bowling, s'mores nights, a kids' pie-eating contest, the Amazing Race, a karaoke/open mic evening, and a family movie night — all of which reflected the warm, community-first spirit of the Tin Can Tourists club.

Saturday, July 19, saw a large crowd, as curious visitors flooded the open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to peek inside lovingly restored vintage trailers and chat with their owners.

Each rig was restored with care, many adorned in vintage décor, neon signs, and era-specific memorabilia that transported visitors back in time.

Local vendors brought festival fare to the park, where families picnicked on the grass and children roamed safely under the shade of riverside oaks. The lack of assigned campsites and self-picked parking spots added to the charming, laid-back atmosphere that has become Rally's trademark.

The event's volunteer staff ensured full amenities — including showers, restroom facilities, power hookups, and water — while preserving the park's natural beauty and maintaining dog-friendly policies.

Rally on the River once again celebrated craftsmanship, nostalgia, and community — putting Brownsville squarely on the map as a must-visit destination for vintage camper lovers.



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"Pontina," a 1954 Kenskill mounted on a pontoon boat, turned heads at this year's Rally on the River. Owned by Bill and Laura McKee of Marcola, the one-of-a-kind rig made its magazine debut on the September 2024 cover of Vintage Camper Trailers Magazine. Since their first rally appearance last year, the McKees have added an upper deck to the floating trailer. They've been enjoying boating with her the last four years.



Pippie, a Chihuahua-Dachshund mix, returns each year to her birthplace in Brownsville for the rally. She makes the journey from St. Helens with her parents and cats in their Argosy trailer.



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Spartans take over the lawn at Pioneer Park



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Steve "Booger" and Paula "Sugar" Mickens of Omak, Washington and their 1946 Spartan "Spartini." This originally bullet-riddled beauty was shortened by 10 feet during restoration (to remove most of the holes).



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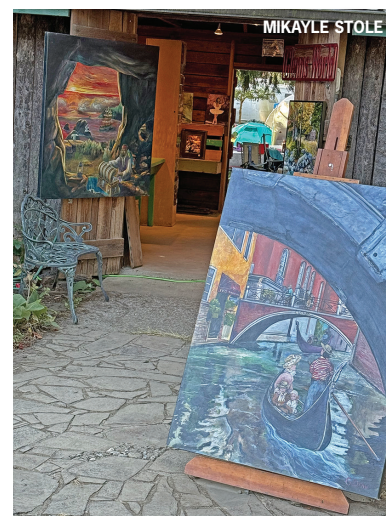
Larry and Diane of Utah rolled in with their 1947 Coronado — complete with a clawfoot tub for vintage camping in style.



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Rally attendees gather in front of Bob Head's 1956 17-foot Dalton. His son Rob recently restored his trailer. Bob's dog, Keisha, joins the conversation.

Rob Head's memory table features different trailers he's rebuilt and stickers from trips.



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Glenn Dow, artist from Springfield, takes over the Flower building at Pioneer Park during the rally.



Glenn Dow hosts a rock painting event for rally attendees.

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## Camping Like the Good Old Days

### Where Kids Can Just Be Kids

by Editor, Mikayle Stole

At Rally on the River, childhood feels like it used to — unplugged and unforgettable.

Here, kids trade screens for swimsuits, spending their days splashing in the Calapooia River, hunting for agates, and roasting marshmallows as the sun goes down.

Year after year, families return and kids pick up friendships right where they left off — riding bikes through camp, organizing their own games, and eating watermelon in the shade. No apps needed — the kind of freedom their parents and grandparents grew up with.



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Ozzy (left) and friend find an agate in the Calapooia River.





MIKAYLE STOLE



SHARON BANKS

1966 Pink Terry Trailer, owned by Justin and Chelsea Zerwekh from Vintage 55 Restorations of Roseburg.



SHARON BANKS

1963 Aloha "Gypsy Hotel", owned by Terry Bruso of Shelton, Washington



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1959 Shasta Areoflyte, owned by Mary Corrington of Eugene.



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1956 Yellowstone, owned by Steve & Rita Babcock of Wapato, Washington



SHARON BANKS

1962 Shasta Astrodome, owned by Terry & Tom Wyatt of Tacoma, Washington



SHARON BANKS

1963 Kencraft, owned by Ed & Kathy O'Malley of Hoodport, Washington



SHARON BANKS

1964 Field & Stream, owned by Jeff & Cindy Wilson of Boise, Idaho



SHARON BANKS

1963 Silver Streak Clipper, owned by Eric & Kathy Swanson of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho



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1965 Aladdin, owned by Dave & Sheila Radford of Spanaway, Washington



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1962 Aloha, owned by David & Jerilyn Northcraft of Battleground, Washington

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# Blueberry Pie, Ice Cream & Lemonade — A Sweet Way to Support Local Students

## American Legion Serves Up Summer Favorites on Stand By Me Day

BROWNSVILLE — Nothing says small-town summer like a slice of homemade blueberry pie, a scoop of creamy vanilla ice cream, and a tall glass of ice-cold lemonade. On Stand By Me Day, Friday, July 26, the American Legion Travis Moothart Post 184 invites you to enjoy all three — and support a worthy cause while you’re at it.

The pies, made with fresh-picked blueberries from Birkey Farm in Crawfordsville, are baked to perfection by local volunteers and served with a generous helping of vanilla ice cream. Paired with a frosty glass of lemonade, it’s the perfect way to cool down while celebrating Brownsville’s cinematic claim to fame.

But this isn’t just about delicious desserts. Every \$5 slice and ice and \$2 sip sold goes directly toward the American Legion’s Travis Moothart Post 184 Scholarship Fund, which awards a \$2,500 scholarship each year to a graduating senior from Central Linn High School. The scholarship helps local students take the next step in their education while honoring the memory of veterans and supporting the values of community, service, and opportunity.

“People come for the pie, but they leave knowing they’ve helped a student chase their dreams,” said one Legion member. “It’s a win-win for everyone.”

So while you’re soaking in the nostalgia and fun of Stand By Me Day, make sure to stop by the American Legion for a sweet treat that’s truly making a difference.

**Where:** American Legion Post 184, 339 North Main Street, Brownsville

**When:** Friday, July 26 — during Stand By Me Day festivities

**Why:** Because pie, ice cream, lemonade, and supporting local grads are always a good idea.

## UNEARTHED MEMORIES

### Artifacts from Schoolyard Tell Quiet Stories of the Past

By John Kvanduch

CRAWFORDSVILLE — Behind the old Crawfordsville Elementary School — founded in 1853 in Crawfordsville, Oregon — the field once echoed with the sounds of children laughing, playing tag, tossing balls, and trading stories under the shade of old oak trees. Although the school closed in the early 2000s, the land still bears traces of the generations who passed through it, growing up together in a small town filled with tradition and strong community roots.

While metal detecting in that field recently, I uncovered three historic artifacts that offered a quiet but powerful connection to the past.

One was a Victorian-era copper button, dating back to the late 1800s, with its ornate design still visible after more than a century underground. It may have once fastened the coat of a student, lost during a lively game of tag or a run through the tall grass, as laughter filled the air.

The second was a brass U.S. Navy uniform button, marked with a raised anchor and dating to the mid-to-late 1800s. Perhaps it belonged to a local sailor or was brought to school by a child who proudly carried it as a keepsake.

The third was a copper U.S. large cent, minted between 1793 and 1857, found near a small creek on the edge of the property. It’s easy to imagine children playing in the water, the coin slipping from a pocket during an afternoon of fun.

Each of these finds tells a story — not of famous events or names in history books, but of ordinary life. Children growing up in a small town, learning in wooden classrooms, playing beneath the open sky, and unknowingly leaving behind pieces of themselves. These aren’t just objects — they’re glimpses into the lives of people who once stood in the very same field. History isn’t always distant. Sometimes, it’s buried beneath our feet, waiting patiently to be uncovered — reminding us of who we are, where we come from, and just how connected we still are to those who came before us.

*John Kvanduch is a lifelong Oregon native with a deep passion for local history and the forgotten stories buried beneath our feet. When he’s not spending time with family or exploring the outdoors, you’ll likely find him walking old homesteads, schoolyards, and riverbanks with his metal detector in hand — searching not for treasure, but for tangible connections to the past. For John, metal detecting isn’t about value — it’s about preserving the legacy of the people who came before us.*



## TAKING ROOT

### The Weeding Dilemma

by Staff Writer, Donald Lyon

Sometimes it seems that the more you weed, the more weeds you have. I’m not really looking for an excuse to stop weeding. I sort of enjoy my mindless therapy periods of pulling up the field bindweed, prying up thistles and dandelions, and tearing out that ubiquitous birdsfoot trefoil (yellow pea-like flowers with three-lobed clover-like leaves) that spreads over the ground and climbs up through my tomatoes. It has been soaking up my water, MY WATER, and growing bold from my chicken manure pellets meant for the tomatoes. I know that the more I weed, the more bountiful my harvest will be. However, there is the fact that every time I pull up a clump of trefoil or shiny geranium weed (reddish green foliage with small pink flowers) I am bringing up weed seeds that may have lain dormant for many years. Weed seeds may number in the tens of thousands per cubic foot of soil. Weeds, being by nature survivors, expose them to light, even for a moment, and they will germinate and start to grow.

*Donald Lyon*

Invasive Birdsfoot Trefoil threatens to engulf summer squash.

I have heard non-gardeners remark that the little pinkish-white flowers of the field bindweed are quite pretty, how I shudder when I hear that. Shudder along with me, now, as we discuss this pernicious and persistent plant that gives all other Morning Glories a bad name. Field bindweed spreads outward up to ten feet per year. The roots may extend six feet down, but are concentrated in the top two feet of soil. The seeds survive in the soil for many years, waiting for the right conditions. Instead of just pulling them up, it is best to cultivate the soil deeply and pull up every bit of root. Even a two-inch section will resprout in about two weeks and establish a new plant. Do not try to compost them. Throw them in the gray yard waste bin. Keep after them — once bindweed invades your peas or beans, it is very difficult to remove. Pulling out the bindweed will also pull out the pea or bean plants, so don’t let it get established. Got a question? Ask a Master Gardener at phototraveler02@gmail.com.



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# Pursuit Ends in Lebanon Man Taking His Life

News Release from Linn County Sheriff's Office

BROWNSVILLE — Linn County Sheriff Michelle Duncan reports on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 8:41 p.m., Linn County Dispatch received a 911 call of a suspicious circumstance in the area of Washburn Heights Drive. Washburn Heights Drive leads to the top of a hill that is frequented by the public for the view overlooking the Willamette Valley. The caller reported a female lying in the road with blood on her head.

Deputies responded to the area and found an elderly female with blood on her face, hands, arms and knees. Deputies learned from witnesses her son, Oliver Mercer, 67 of Lebanon, was at the top of Washburn Heights Drive and reported to be suicidal. Deputies began to drive up to the viewpoint at the top of the hill, when they encountered Mercer driving back down towards them. Deputies stopped and contacted Mercer in his vehicle and saw he had a bottle of alcohol between his legs. Mercer then displayed a pistol and held it to his head.

Deputies began attempts at de-escalating the situation, which was overheard by several witnesses, but Mercer would not cooperate and drove away from the scene. Deputies and multiple other law enforcement agencies responded to the area in pursuit of Mercer. Mercer attempted to elude law

enforcement, driving toward Lebanon, where he struck two law enforcement vehicles and continued to attempt to elude. With the help of Oregon State Police, Mercer's vehicle was safely redirected to the ditch near the intersection of Denney School Road and Highway 34. As law enforcement began to surround Mercer, he fired one round to his head, resulting in life threatening injuries. Mercer was transported by paramedics to Corvallis Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center but died from his self-inflicted injuries. Mercer's mother was also transported to Lebanon Community Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Linn County Sheriff's Office continues to investigate the event to include the initial report regarding the female, her injuries, and Mercer's actions leading up to the incident. It's likely additional witnesses were in the area and have information on this incident. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact Detective Scott Tennant (541) 967-3950.

Linn County Sheriff's Office was assisted by Oregon State Police, Albany Police Department, Corvallis Police Department, Lebanon Police Department, Brownsville Rural Fire District, and Lebanon Fire District.

## 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.*

### Monday, July 14

11:41 a.m. — Traffic hazard reported at block of 33500 Tangent Dr and Seven Mile Ln, Tangent. Deputy responded to bale in roadway. Farmer was able to move bale. No longer a hazard.

12:16 p.m. — Report pending. Original call type: Assault. Reported at block of 38300 Crawfordville Dr. Deputies investigated a harassment between two roommates.

1:18 p.m. — Trespass reported at block of 25300 Powerline Rd, Halsey. Caller reported possible trespass. No suspect information at this time.

1:23 p.m. — Suspicious circumstance reported at block of 32200 Old Hwy 34, Tangent. Woman was trespassed from business and warned for telephonic harassment.

1:36 p.m. — Parking complaint reported at block of 37900 Hwy 228, Brownsville. Parking citations issued at McKercher Park for vehicles parking along highway in obviously well-marked no

parking zones.

7:53 p.m. — Domestic disturbance reported at block of 900 Washburn St, Brownsville. Deputy responds to verbal dispute.

7:54 p.m. — Motorist assist reported at block of 32900 Hwy 228, Halsey. Motor assist, occupants did not need assistance.

10:49 p.m. — Extra patrol reported at block of 200 W O St, Halsey. Extra patrol at Halsey Park. No suspicious person or activity found.

### Tuesday, July 15

2:04 a.m. — Report pending. Original call type: Hit and run reported at block of 33100 Hwy 228, Halsey. Caller reports hit and run, damage estimated at \$50.

5:40 a.m. — Traffic hazard reported at block of 29600 Hwy 99E, Shedd. Deputy removed trash from roadway.

8:20 a.m. — Harassment reported at block 25500 Gap Rd, Brownsville. Caller reported being verbally harassed. No crimes were reported.

12:30 p.m. — Report pending. Original call type: Sex offense reported at block of 39200 Crawfordville Dr and Scott Mountain Rd, Sweet Home. Deputy investigates sex offence.

3:26 p.m. — Dog complaint reported at block of 26300 Hwy 99E and Lake Creek Dr, Halsey. Transported stray dog to Animal Control.

4:54 p.m. — Harassment reported at block of 400 N Main St, Brownsville. Deputies made contact with caller for harassment. No criminal charges.

5:28 p.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 25200 Hwy 99E, Halsey. Ryan Batacandolo, 35, of Albany

was issued a citation for speed, 85 in a 55 MPH zone.

7:11 p.m. — Assist other agency reported at block of 31100 Hwy 99E and Bell Plain Dr, Shedd. Angle of Advantage for Oregon State Police crash.

8:41 p.m. — Report pending. Original call type: Suspicious circumstance reported at block of 35300 Washburn Heights Dr, Brownsville. No public narrative.

### Wednesday, July 16

5:08 a.m. — Disturbance reported at block of 33100 Hwy 228, Halsey. Deputy responds to disturbance.

12:34 p.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 27300 Keeney Rd and Hwy 228, Halsey. Buck Nightwalker, 42, of Philomath was cited for speed.

12:44 p.m. — Threats reported at block of 33100 Geranium Ln, Tangent. Juvenile reported that another juvenile threatened him over Tom Clancy's Rainbow Six online.

8:27 p.m. — Criminal mischief reported at block of 200 Galbraith St, Brownsville. Neighborhood dispute that turned into a broken window. At this time this is for information only. No further action.

### Thursday, July 17

4:41 p.m. — Illegal camping reported at block of 27300 Oble Rd and Hwy 228, Halsey. Deputies responded to an illegal camping complaint. Male was found taking a nap and left when asked.

7:28 p.m. — Welfare check reported at block of 31900 Rolland Dr, Tangent. Welfare check on a family member per request. The family

member was fine.

9:49 p.m. — Attempt to locate possible DUI reported at block of 28600 Seven Mile Ln and Linn West Dr, Brownsville. DUII called in. Attempted to locate but was unable to locate or gone after arrival.

### Friday, July 18

12:42 p.m. — Motor vehicle collision reported at block of 31800 Lake Creek Dr and Hwy 99E, Halsey. Deputy responded to a non-injury, non-reportable crash. Drivers exchanged info.

3:26 p.m. — Report pending. Original call type: Minor in possession reported at block of 200 North Ave, Brownsville. Marijuana found in juvenile's possession by parent.

5:01 p.m. — DUII reported at block of 28500 Brownsville Rd and Cochran Creek Dr, Brownsville. Information documented regarding driving complaint.

7:36 p.m. — Suspicious person reported at block of 200 W O St, Halsey. Caller reports suspicious person at the park, suspicious person was a juvenile. Parents came to scene to transport juvenile back to their residence.

9:25 p.m. — Animal complaint reported at block of 30500 American Dr and Creek Bend Rd, Halsey. Call reports struck deer.

10:41 p.m. — Suspicious vehicle reported at block of 1000 Oak St and Hausman Ave, Brownsville. Deputies search area for suspicious vehicle, deputies unable to locate.

11:01 p.m. — Extra patrol reported at block of 200 W Park Ave, Brownsville. Deputy preforms extra patrol at Pioneer Park during

event, no suspicious activity discovered.

11:17 p.m. — Report pending. Original call type: Traffic hazard reported at block of 34900 Harrison Rd and Brownsville Rd, Brownsville. No public narrative.

### Saturday, July 19

1:29 p.m. — Child abuse reported at block of 400 Washburn St, Brownsville. Reported child abuse. Investigation revealed child was uninjured and the parent lawfully exercised their parental right to physically discipline.

9:42 p.m. — Welfare check reported at block of 36200 Courtney Creek Dr and Timber Rd, Brownsville. Deputy conducts welfare check on campers.

### Sunday, July 20

4:00 a.m. — DHS 307 referral reported at block of 3200 Birdfoot Dr, Tangent. LCSO received a DHS cross report of a non-criminal matter. Information documented.

10:44 a.m. — Illegal camping reported at block of 28800 Peoria Rd, Halsey. Deputy unable to locate suspicious vehicle.

8:02 p.m. — Juvenile complaint reported at block of 600 Robe St, Brownsville. Unable to locate any evidence of fireworks in the area.

Monday, July 21

12:26 a.m. — Suspicious circumstance reported at block of 26900 Walker Ln, Brownsville. No Public Narrative.

3:18 a.m. — Suspicious vehicle reported at block of 900 Pine St, Brownsville. Deputies respond to suspicious vehicle. No crimes observed.



DEAR GERTRUDE

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

by Jaime Flynn

Dear Mrs. Gertrude,

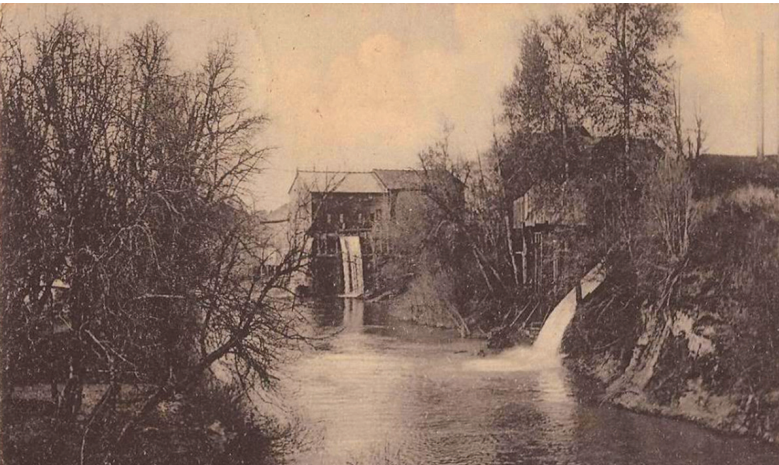
What would you say to a fella whose own brother will not tell him where his secret fishing hole is? Seems like ya cannot trust anyone these days, even yer own kin. He gets to come home with a bucket of blue trout and I get nothin'. Now that's a fine kettle o' fish for treating yer family!

Yours,  
Slippery Keister Underhands Next  
(of) Kin Evading Duty



given that they must... I wonder if, in this case, the gulf has widened due to some kind of breach of trust? Or falling out betwixt you? Think back on your own doings, then on his own doings, the long history of mis-haps that is usual amongst brothers and brethren. I assume, in pondering old shenanigans, that clarity will arise as to why he may choose not to share all the details and secrets of his life with you at this time. If this is the case, then rejoice, for now it will begin the journey (if you choose to go on it) to building back that trust and righting the wrong of the past. *Bonne chance!*

P.S. Alas, Charlie Pepper, my husband does have some gripings about how you tend to run your mouth when you get your drink on. Seems to me that a reckoning is due, and only until that is settled betwixt you two brothers will he even consider sharing anything of note. John says you ruined the last three decent fishing spots he shared with you by telling the whole town about it! I do not know the full truth of that, albeit he does seem to go further and further up the Calapooia to go fishing nowadays. It would be polite to set aside differences and prove to him that you can indeed be the soul of discretion. Let us start with small middling particulars, and then if that seems alright maybe he will share more. It never hurts to try and I would love to see you two bonded again once more dear CP.



Boston Flouring Mill from the downstream end of the Calapooia River, near Shedd, Oregon. Also known as Thompson's Mill. Today this mill is a state park. <https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:WV-boston-mill-calapooia-c1905-1200.jpg>

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Community Bulletin Boards Available for Local Announcements

Got something to share with the community? Whether you're promoting a local event, offering a service, or simply spreading the word about a good cause, there are now two public spaces in Brownsville where your message can be seen.

The Calapooia Food Alliance (CFA) invites residents to make use of the new community bulletin board at the Thursday Market site. It's a great place to post information about upcoming activities, classes, fundraisers, or volunteer opportunities. In addition, CFA also maintains the original bulletin board located next to the Key Bank ATM on Main Street.

And don't forget: if you'd like wider coverage, The Brownsville Times welcomes press releases and announcements for publication. Send your submissions to [editor@brownsvilletimes.org](mailto:editor@brownsvilletimes.org) and help us share your news.



Don Lyon posts information about Thompson's Mills State Heritage Site at the new bulletin board at the Thursday Market site.

REAL ESTATE LINE

Rising Prices Bring Good News for Sellers

by Jenna Stutsman, licensed Real Estate Principal Broker in OR

If you've been thinking of selling your home, I may have some good news. In June, the average price per square foot in Linn County was the highest it has been since August 2024. The number of new listings is increasing, and the number of closed sales stayed the same compared to May 2025, but the value per square foot increased (\$290 compared to May's \$277). For a 1500 square foot house, that's a \$19,500 difference. Of course, there are many other factors, but an increase in the overall average may be a good sign for homeowners. Home sales often taper off in the fall, although last year my fall business was just as busy as my spring business, so we will see. I'm choosing to stay optimistic about our real estate market.



304 Spaulding Ave, Brownsville, \$470,000

And now for your nugget of real estate info. Have you ever heard of an escalation clause? It's something that a buyer can add to their offer for a home when they are in a multiple-offer situation and want to beat out the competition without paying more than necessary. It basically tells the seller that the buyer is offering a certain amount but is willing to increase that in order to get the home if needed. For example, you (the buyer) could offer \$400,000 but say you are willing to beat any other offer by \$3,000 up to \$430,000. If there are no other offers that are higher than \$400,000, then the escalation clause doesn't come into play. But if there are, the seller can show you the competing offer and raise the sales price accordingly. A seller still may not choose to take the offer that comes with the escalation clause. There are many other factors to consider in an offer. But it can make your offer more attractive. What's the downside for the buyer? You are essentially telling the seller that you are willing to pay more for the house. Even if they don't have a competing offer, they may decide to counter you higher. Your agent should be communicating with the listing agent to see how many offers are on the table. They will have the best advice for your specific situation.

Happy buying and selling! I look forward to connecting with you again next month.

PUZZLE KEY

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## Pets Affect Our Health

By Staff Writer, Nancy Diltz

We love our pets, and they love us! As animals interact positively with people, they can bring us not only joy but also many benefits. In exchange for our care, animals enhance our lives in many surprising ways.

In therapy, animals can support individuals with injuries, disabilities, and mental health conditions. Pets improve their owners' cardiovascular health and reduce stress through playtime and regular exercise routines. They can assist in search and rescue missions during natural disasters by finding missing persons or locating cadavers.

Dogs are trained to become essential members of military or crime teams, able to track elements undetectable to humans. They have been invaluable throughout time immemorial as herders and protectors of livestock alongside their owners.

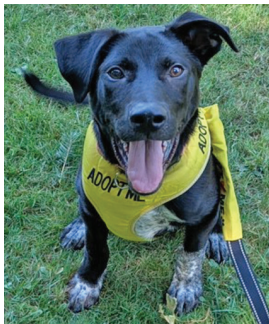
We gain a sense of purpose and establish routines while caring for a pet, and we benefit significantly from the unconditional love and affection our pets show us. We can learn many life lessons while interacting with our pets. They can teach us empathy and compassion. Our emotional intelligence and social skills are enhanced when we decipher and respond to the sounds and body language of animals. We learn responsibility as we consistently care for a pet. We become more patient as we take time and effort to train a pet. We gain resilience as we learn to adapt to our pets' illnesses and the sadness of their eventual death.

These examples illustrate how we can develop character and gain a deeper understanding of our world. Animals we love can provide us with an essential element contributing to a much richer and more fulfilling life.

### PET OF THE MONTH

#### Meet Alvin

Alvin is a 6-month-old mixed breed who has quickly become a staff favorite at SafeHaven Humane Society in Tangent. With his eager-to-please attitude and sweet disposition, Alvin is the perfect combination of smart and affectionate.



Though he only recently arrived at the shelter, Alvin already knows basic commands like “sit” and “down,” and he’s eager to learn more — especially when treats are involved. He’s also been on several Doggy Day Out adventures and done wonderfully, getting along well with the people and dogs he met.

Alvin is looking for a loving, active home where he can continue to grow and thrive. If you’re looking for a loyal companion, he might be your perfect match.

SafeHaven Humane Society, located in Tangent, is dedicated to finding permanent, loving homes for animals entrusted in their care. As a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, SafeHaven’s mission is to help residents of their communities be the best humane beings they can be by providing compassionate, temporary shelter care, adoptable animals, information, understanding, education, and spay/neuter programs.

SafeHaven is open seven days a week, Noon–5 p.m. at 32220 Old Hwy 34, Tangent, Oregon 97389. They can be reached at (541) 928-2789 or [info@safehavenhumane.com](mailto:info@safehavenhumane.com).

## Dry Brushing and Reflexology

by Lynlee Bischoff

Today, let’s continue our exploration of a few more self-care and stress reduction methods that you may or may not know about.

**Dry brushing**

Dry brushing helps detoxify the skin by stimulating blood flow and assisting the flow/drainage of lymph. It can also aid digestion when brushed in slow clockwise circles over the abdominal region.

Dry brushing feels incredible! But if you haven’t tried it, this is what you need to know. You want to use a natural bristle brush (vegetable fiber or boar works well). Start with the extremities and work towards the midline of the body. Play around with the pressure — it should feel good and in no way painful. As the name implies, your skin should be dry when you brush.

This practice is wonderfully relaxing. I dry brush every night before bed. It is a soothing way to rid your body of the stresses of the day. If you decide to give this a try, you can find dry brushes at most natural grocers. And as a strange side note, the outside ring of your eye corresponds to your skin. If you dry brush consistently, over time, this outside ring will take on a deep blue color. If you want proof that your dry brushing is having a positive effect on your body, keep an eye on your eyes!

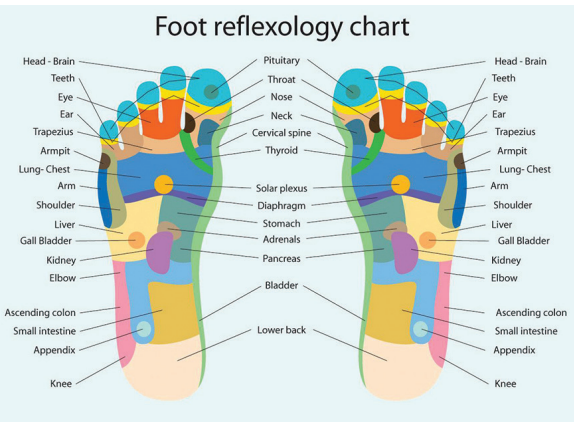
### Reflexology — aka, ‘a really good’ foot massage

While the art of reflexology actually encompasses pressure points on the feet, hands, and ears, the most commonly known are those on the feet. This practice has very long roots, going back over 5,000 years in both India and China. Does it work? Absolutely. Is there science to back that up? There absolutely is! If you’d like a deeper dive, simply hop on the Internet. But here are the basics.

Reflexology works on reflex or pressure points. Each pressure point corresponds to specific organs, glands, and body parts. By applying pressure to these reflex points, it’s believed that blockages or imbalances in the body’s energy flow can be released or corrected, thereby facilitating improved health and well-being. In addition to being incredibly relaxing a good reflexology session feels wonderful!

This is an incredibly easy modality to learn with readily available charts online. There are even socks you can buy that have the reflex points on them! So grab your partner, scrub your feet clean, and take turns working on each other! Your whole body will thank you for the time and attention.

So there you have it. Two more ways to take care of yourself and your loved ones. Both are inexpensive, easy to do and provide benefits that go much deeper than the skin. So until our next exploration into the vast variety of self-care options, be well.



### THE LAWYER’S CORNER

## No Will? Here’s How Oregon Divides Your Estate

by Danielle Myers

A Reader asks, “is it true that if I die without a will, the State of Oregon gets my stuff?” The short answer is yes and no. While the possibility exists that a Decedent’s (the person who died) real and personal property may escheat (be claimed by) to the State, this is a rare occurrence. And while it is always best to plan ahead and create an estate plan during one’s lifetime, things happen, and sometimes people do die without having memorialized their wishes in writing, duly executed and notarized. This week, we will discuss what happens to this reader’s stuff if he did not make a will before his untimely death and explore what is known as “Intestate Succession.”

Let us assume the reader died, leaving assets consisting of a personal residence on two acres titled in his name alone, a checking and savings account without a co-owner or designated beneficiary, and a hefty Edward Jones account also in his name alone and no designated beneficiary. The reader is divorced, but he has three living children from that marriage. Oregon has a series of statutes (ORS 112.015-112.055) that prescribe a specific order of distribution in differing scenarios. In this reader’s case, his three living children will each take one-third of his estate at the close of probate.

Now consider how complicated things get if one of the reader’s three children predeceased him. What happens to that kid’s third? Again, Oregon has figured this out. If the dead child had children, his one-third is distributed to his children (the reader’s grandchildren) in equal shares. If the reader’s dead child had no children, his two surviving children will take half each of the reader’s estate.

Let us switch things up a bit. Now, assume this reader and his ex-wife only had two biological children and the ex-wife entered their marriage with a child from a previous marriage. The reader raised this child from a very young age and considered her as his own, but the reader never adopted his stepchild. The reader’s relationship with the stepchild continues after his divorce because the stepchild is just part of the family. When the reader dies intestate, how will his estate get divided? If you guessed one-half to each biological child and stepchild gets nothing, you are correct! With intestate succession, children by blood or adoption count, while stepchildren do not. Adding children by birth or adoption creates a legally binding relationship between parent and child, whereas adding children through marriage does not. This seems unfair, right? Imagine how complicated things get if the reader died intestate with no spouse, no children, no parents, and no grandparents.

Again, it is exceedingly rare for the State to end up with an intestate Decedent’s property. The State has an incredible database with the ability to find hidden relatives, such as third cousins twice removed. The State would only end up with an intestate Decedent’s property if absolutely no relative exists and this just never happens!

The takeaway should be clear: make your will now. And guess what? Anyone can make a will — you do not need an attorney.



## CULTURAL EXPLORATIONS

## Rediscovering the Inner World Through Dreams

Stephen A. Brenner

Materialistic cultures — especially those shaped by consumerism and social media — encourage people to focus on how they appear rather than who they truly are. This emphasis fosters a kind of “externalized identity,” where self-worth is measured by status, image, and performance. Our deeper self becomes buried beneath layers of ego and cultural conditioning.

Yet we have a quiet ally: dreams. They offer a direct window into the soul, revealing parts of ourselves that often remain hidden. As Carl Jung once observed, “People will do anything, no matter how absurd, to avoid facing their souls,” — and he was speaking of people actively trying to grow. So, while dreamwork is probably the “road less taken,” it offers meaningful insights for those willing to listen.

Sometimes that insight is surprisingly practical. As a young man, I had several dreams warning me about milk. Intrigued, I got tested and discovered that I have an allergy. On a deeper level, dreaming helps the psyche integrate conflicting desires and archetypal drives, leading toward a more balanced and whole self. Our most vivid dreams often involve lucidity — moments when consciousness and unconsciousness merge in a playful interaction, producing an intense burst of spiritual harmony. Joy felt in a dream can energize us in waking life. Conversely, nightmares often highlight unresolved inner tensions needing attention.

Dreams have also inspired remarkable creativity. Friedrich Kekulé, a German chemist, dreamed of a snake devouring its tail — an ancient symbol called the ouroboros — and awoke with the idea for benzene’s circular structure. “Let us learn to dream, gentlemen,” he later said, “and then we may perhaps find the truth.” Dmitri Mendeleev claimed he dreamed up the

periodic table’s structure. Niels Bohr envisioned electrons orbiting a nucleus, much like planets, which shaped his atomic model. Paul McCartney said the melody for Yesterday came to him, fully formed, in a dream.

You might consider altered states as a “waking dream”. In indigenous cultures, a “vision quest” is a rite of passage, typically for young people transitioning into adulthood. The seeker goes into isolation — often without food or water — for several days. They may fast, pray, and stay awake to enter an altered state. The resulting visions are treated as deeply sacred, sometimes involving power animals, ancestral spirits, or mythic beings. Elders or shamans interpret these visions to determine life paths, names, or missions. In essence, the vision quest is a focused disruption of normal consciousness designed to pierce the veil. Two thousand years ago, some biblical scholars suggest Jesus may have helped Lazarus undergo a similar process involving altered states of consciousness. This would echo widespread initiatory structures in mystery traditions (Greek, Egyptian, Persian) where a person symbolically “dies,” undergoes transformation, and is reborn with gnosis (spiritual insight).

Other altered states can also reveal profound truths. Entheogens — used for millennia by shamans — induce waking dreams for healing. In 2023, Oregon became the first state to legalize psilocybin for adult use. Early studies suggest it helps veterans process trauma (PTSD) by re-framing emotional memories. Like dreams, entheogens can awaken hidden values. At 21, I took morning glory seeds at my brother’s birthday. During that experience, I held a turkey drumstick in my hand and instantly knew that eating animals was not for me. There was no external



influence; it came entirely from within. That one moment made me a vegetarian for life: 56 years and counting.

As people move away from institutional religion, many are seeking new forms of spiritual connection. One such path is dreamwork, shared in small, personal peer-to-peer groups. These gatherings offer a chance to interpret dreams collectively, learn from multiple perspectives, and discover ourselves through one another’s stories. If that feels too vulnerable, try sharing dreams within your own family. What a great way to connect with and get to know the people you cherish the most.

So, are there any BVTimes readers willing to share a dream? Have you had one that felt prophetic — or changed the course of your life, or just inspired you? The eternal optimist is listening at [stephenabrenner@gmail.com](mailto:stephenabrenner@gmail.com).

## Deputies Arrest Disorderly Male Damaging Vehicles

News Release from Linn County Sheriff's Office

BROWNSVILLE — Linn County Sheriff Michelle Duncan reports on Friday, July 18, 2025 at 11:15 p.m., deputies responded to the report of a man walking in the middle of Brownsville Road, north of Brownsville, striking vehicles with rocks, causing damage.

Additional calls were received and included statements the male was continuing his disorderly behavior and, at one point, threw a bicycle into a vehicle. The man then ran into a field near the intersection of Brownsville Road and Harrison Road where he lit harvested hay on fire before fleeing into the field.

The fire was extinguished by the Brownsville Rural Fire Protection District as deputies and Oregon State Police troopers began searching for the man. Additional resources to include a Corvallis Police Department K9 unit and an Albany Police Department Drone Operator. The male, identified as Kenneth Helfrich, 44 of Lebanon, was located hiding in the nearby field.

Helfrich was lodged at the Linn County Sheriff's Office jail on multiple charges related to damaging vehicles to include Unlawful Use of a Weapon, Criminal Mischief in the First Degree, Criminal Trespassing in the Second Degree, Reckless Endangering, Giving False Information to a Police Officer, and multiple warrants. Additional charges are expected relating to the fire.

Anyone with additional information, call the Linn County Sheriff's Office at 541-967-3950.

## Lebanon Cars &amp; Coffee Cruises into Brownsville

by Editor, Mikayle Stole

Car lovers rolled into Brownsville in style on Saturday, July 19, as Lebanon Cars & Coffee took their popular meetup on the road for a special summer edition. The event was hosted at Randy’s Main Street Coffee where car enthusiasts gathered from 9 to 11 a.m. to share their love of all things automotive over a fresh cup of coffee.

Participants met earlier that morning at Shari’s in Lebanon and cruised together into town, creating a casual parade of classic cars, custom builds, and everything in between. Once in Brownsville, Main Street buzzed with conversation, admiration, and the sound of engines as locals and visitors mingled in front of the café.

The Cars & Coffee event brought a lively, community-focused atmosphere to downtown Brownsville and offered attendees a chance to enjoy a beautiful morning, showcase their vehicles, and meet fellow auto aficionados in a friendly, small-town setting.

A huge thanks goes out to Randy for letting Lebanon Cars & Coffee take over his parking lot on a busy Saturday.

Lebanon Cars & Coffee is a casual, inclusive event series where all vehicle types are welcome — no registration, no judging, just good coffee and great company.



1965 Malibu in front of Randy's Main Street Coffee.



Jeff, of Brownsville shows off his beautifully restored 1939 Chevrolet pickup.



Three Datsun Fairlady 1600 Roadster's line up in front of Randy's.



## CRITTER CHRONICLES

# Buddy the Great Escape Artist

by Staff Writer, Sharon K. Banks



There are smart dogs. There are clever dogs. And then... there's Buddy. Buddy the wolf dog — rescued from the local dog pound and currently living a happy life where he opens doors like a seasoned locksmith and sleeps wherever he pleases, including our bed, couch, and occasionally the kitchen table (he thinks we don't know).

But before Buddy became the four-legged Houdini of our household, he staged a canine coup at the local pound that's still spoken about in hushed, awe-struck tones.

You see, Buddy wasn't just smart — he was calculating. A wolf-dog hybrid with mismatched eyes and a suspiciously smug expression, Buddy knew how to open his kennel door. Not like a nose nudge or lucky paw swipe. No, no. He studied the latch. Waited for the night shift to leave. And clicked his way to freedom like a furry ninja.

But did he escape into the night, howling at the moon? No. Buddy had plans.

One by one, he trotted down the rows, opening every cage with the precision of a lockpick artist on a caffeine high. By dawn, the dog pound was less a facility and more a post-apocalyptic pet park.

The dog catcher arrived bright and early, coffee in hand, only to be greeted by a blur of tails, barking, and a shrieking tabby named Mr. Whiskers clawing his way to the top of the supply cabinet like it was Mount Everest. Dogs were playing tug-of-war with leashes, forming conga lines, and one Chihuahua had managed to open the fridge and was helping himself to hot dogs.

And there was Buddy. Sitting calmly at the center of the chaos, tongue lolling out in what can only be described as a proud smirk.

Now, lesser dogs might have found themselves in serious trouble, and Buddy was scheduled for what the pound folks diplomatically called "behavioral reassessment," aka: the last walk. But that's when we stepped in — drawn by his story, his spirit, and possibly his ability to do our taxes if given the chance.

We brought him home and haven't looked back since. We don't need a doggie door — he lets himself out. And in. And sometimes the neighbor's dogs, too.

So, if you ever hear a knock at your back door and it opens by itself, don't worry. It's probably just Buddy. And he brought friends.

## BROWNSVILLE ART CENTER

## Art, Sales, and Stand By Me Spirit Fill the Season

by Lori Garcy

Brownsville Art Center had a wonderful Saturday on July 19; Connie Swindoll taught how to water felt bowls and vessels out front on the lawn of the Art Center. Her students had fun using wool and water to form a unique and colorful bowl or vessel to take home. Stop by and see some of Connie's bowls that are for sale in the Art Center.

Also on Saturday, July 19, the Art Center held its annual "Grandma's Attic" sale as part of the Citywide



Uriah Roth and Lisa Taylor at the City Wide Garage Sale in front of the Art Center

Garage Sale. There were numerous used art and craft supplies, along with unique art items, for sale. As in the past, our sales were great, and many folks went home with some wonderful art and/or art supplies.

**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.

Our following classes start on August 2. Weldon Olivier will be starting a series of beginning oil painting classes called "Adventures in Oil Painting". The classes will be held on August 2, 9, and 16 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Art Center. The cost is \$120 for all three sessions, which includes all necessary supplies. If you're interested, please



Felted bowls by Connie Swindoll.

visit our website at [www.brownsvilleart.org](http://www.brownsvilleart.org) to register.

On August 23, from noon to 4 p.m., Connie Swindoll will teach another of her wonderful painting with felt classes. This one is called "Sunflowers." All materials are provided. Learn to "paint" with wool using colorful fibers and felting needles instead of brushes. This fun and tactile technique creates soft, expressive artwork. Great for all skill levels,

with a focus on the joy of creativity. The registration form is also on our website.

The Art Center is open on Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and on Thursdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



"Treehouse" watercolor by new Brownsville Art Association artist, Sherri Neighbor.

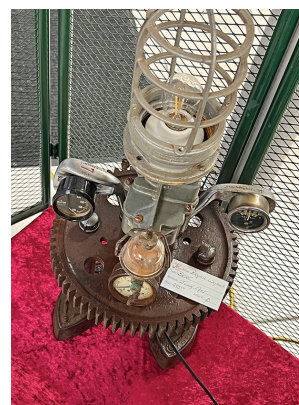
## Call for Entries: Junk Art Show Returns in August

It's time for the annual Junk Art Show at the Brownsville Art Center. The show will be up the months of August and September. Take a fresh look at your metal, plastic, wood, paper, etc. that you might dump in the trash and repurpose it into artistic, exciting, or humorous pieces of art. And be sure to have fun with the process. Then bring your pieces to the Brownsville Art Center, 255 Main Street, Brownsville anytime between




"Zeus" made from recycled cardboard and a recycled rafia table skirt by Avery Anderson, Winner of the Chris Kostol Memorial Award in 2023

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"Bert" by Bryan Wyant



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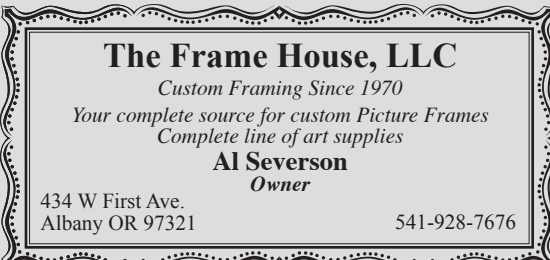
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