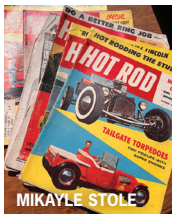




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Top row: Organizers Dayna and Lisa, plus a vintage toy tractor find. Middle: Sippin' Soda and some of the 2024 food vendors. Bottom: Recycled metal art, shoppers with a wagon full of goodies, and a sleek 1967 Camaro.

## Antique Treasures and Classic Cars Fill Pioneer Park This Saturday

2025 Brownsville Antique Faire returns Saturday, August 2

Whether you're searching for vintage kitchenware, heirloom jewelry, rusty tools, or that quirky collectible you never knew you needed, you'll surely find it at this antique fair. Over 70 vendors will gather beneath the tall trees of Pioneer Park on Saturday, August 2, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., offering everything from antiques and memorabilia to handcrafted items and one-of-a-kind treasures.

New this year: a Farmers and Artisan Market at the Pavilion Dance Hall, offering fresh produce, baked goods, and locally crafted items.

This popular annual event draws vendors and visitors from across the region, providing a fun-filled day of shopping, snacking, and relaxing in the shade. Admission is free, and breakfast and lunch will be available on-site — with plenty of tables and seating to stay and enjoy the day.

Food options include Sweet Sugar Shenanigans, Zeek's Shaved Ice, Twisted Trolley Softserve, Oregon Kettle Korn, 3 Potato More, Chef Bo's Gourmet, and Sharing Hands' BBQ burgers and dogs. The American Legion will serve lemonade, The Sippin' Soda Shop has custom sodas, and Good Grindz Coffee will be open early to energize everyone.

One of the highlights of the day is the Brownsville Antique Car Show. Vintage and classic cars will be on display from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with trophies awarded at 2 p.m. Interested in showing your car? Register on-site between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. Call Carine Jeffery with any questions at 541-990-8504.

Don't miss this fun-filled day of vintage finds, classic cars, great food, and small-town charm — all in the shade of our beautiful Pioneer Park.



MIKAYLE STOLE  
Twisted Trolley Softserve

Scenes from Stand By Me Day page 8



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## Fire Information Update: July 23, 2025 — Gap Road and Belts Drive Fire

Zach Lincoln, Training Captain, Brownsville Fire District

Wednesday, July 23, 2025, a brush fire broke out approximately six miles south of Brownsville, near the intersection of Gap Road and Belts Drive. Firefighters were dispatched at 12:26 p.m. and arrived to find a fast-moving fire in a field advancing toward timber.

Nine agencies responded to the incident, including departments from Harrisburg, Brownsville, Halsey, Coburg, and the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF). ODF deployed a helicopter from Eugene, which assisted by dipping water from a nearby pond. Lebanon, Scio, and Monroe fire agencies provided additional support, mop-up, and relief to the initial crew.

The Linn County Sheriff's Office helped identify hotspots and map the fire perimeter, which was about 30 acres. According to the landowner, the fire started when a spark from mowing brush in rocky terrain ignited it.

Many of these agencies were able to respond quickly thanks to the Oregon State Fire Marshal's summer staffing grants. This program provides smaller agencies with funding to increase staffing levels during the peak fire season, helping to ensure rapid and effective response. All the initial responding agencies had personnel funded through this grant.



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Drone capture of the almost thirty-acre fire shown from Gap Road just north of Belts Drive.



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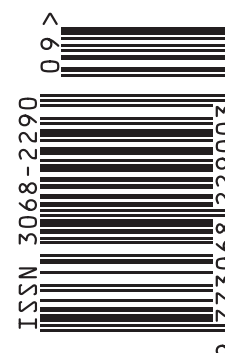
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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>

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  
611 W 3rd St, Halsey

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

Past, Present, and Future Relics – Museum of Techno Art Exhibition

August 1–31, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. (Mon–Sat)  
Janky Bird, 134 Spaulding Ave., Brownsville

A month-long exhibition showcasing imaginative, industrial-inspired art from the Museum of Techno Art collective. **Opening reception on Saturday, August 2, from 1–4 p.m.**

[www.museumoftechnoart.org](http://www.museumoftechnoart.org)

Melodies & Masterpieces

Sunday, Aug. 3, 1–3 p.m. • FREE

Boulder Falls Events Center, 605 Mullins Dr, Lebanon

Enjoy live chamber music, koto demos, and hands-on art classes including origami and kokedama.

<https://samhealth.org/event/melodies-masterpieces>

Dinner at the Park

Wednesday, August 6, 13, & 20

Serving starts ~ 5:30 p.m. • Pioneer Park

Connect Linn County invites you to a free dinner with neighbors and friends on Wednesdays at Pioneer Park. Everyone is welcome. While supplies last. Sponsored by Kirt M. Glenn, DMD PC

Tangent Farmers Market & Hot August Nights Cruise-in

Saturday, August 9 • 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Riverland Rentals, 33935 Hwy 99E Tangent

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. ALL DAY: Cider pressing, grinding wheat, panning for gold, spinning wool, making a candle, making a nail, cross-cutting logs, and more.

MUSIC: Truman Price 10 a.m.–noon | Crazyed Weasels Noon–2 p.m. | Songs of Antiquity 2–4p.m.

STORYTELLING in the Kirk Room: Kalapuyan Stories 10:15 a.m., 12:15 & 2:15 p.m. | Tales of Oregon’s Black Pioneers 11:15 a.m., 1:15 & 3:15 p.m.

Museum of Techno Art Exhibition Comes to Janky Bird in August

Janky Bird, located at 134 Spaulding Avenue in historic Brownsville, will host “Past, Present, and Future Relics, an exhibition by the Museum of Techno Art (MTA),” throughout the month of August.

The Museum of Techno Art is a collective of artists, dreamers, and makers exploring the intersection of human experience, technology, and post-industrial design. Their traveling exhibitions feature work inspired by retrofuturism, mechanical innovation, and the imagined relics of alternate histories and speculative futures. Through sculpture, assemblage, and graphic art, MTA presents pieces that are both contemplative and whimsical — evoking the remnants of a machine age reimaged through the lens of possibility.

Featured artists include Jud Turner, Renee Mahni, Rob Bolman, Barbora Bakalarova, Steve La Riccia, Max Rink, Allen Ott, Joe Mross, and Ralf Huber.

An opening reception will be held Saturday, August 2, from 1–4 p.m. Visitors are invited to meet the artists and explore their work firsthand.

Janky Bird is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with extended hours on Wednesdays from 6–8 p.m.



Steve La Riccia's "Babbage~Lovelace's Machination"

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



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY TANGENT FARMERS MARKET

Hot August Nights at the Tangent Farmers Market

Cruise in for Fresh Finds and Classic Rides!

TANGENT — The Tangent Farmers Market invites you to cruise into Hot August Nights on Saturday, August 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Riverland Rentals (33935 Hwy 99E, Tangent). Bring your ride — classic cars, cruisers, or motorcycles are all welcome — and shop from more than 20 local vendors offering fresh produce, baked goods, handmade items, and more.

This new monthly market is currently being piloted on the second Saturday of each month, with the goal of expanding to a full weekly season next year. Organizers are still welcoming new vendors, including food trucks and community information booths.

Admission is free and open to all. Come enjoy fresh air, local flavor, and a celebration of community spirit.

Vendor applications for the August market close August 1, and produce and egg vendors are especially needed. Food trucks and informational booths are also welcome. Interested in becoming a vendor? Contact the organizers at [tangentfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:tangentfarmersmarket@gmail.com).

historicbrownsville.com/antique-faire

Saturday, August 2 ✦ 8 am - 4 pm ✦ Pioneer Park

FREE ADMISSION ✦ FOOD TRUCKS ✦ OVER 80 VENDORS

BROWNsville Chamber of Commerce

[www.historicbrownsville.com](http://www.historicbrownsville.com)

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

# City Works to Guard Against Cyber Threats as Sheriff Recaps ‘Train Wreck’ Month

by Staff Writer, Sravya Tadepalli

At the 35-minute July Brownsville City Council Meeting, the Council heard an update from City Manager Scott McDowell on the city’s efforts to maintain cybersecurity.

McDowell said that staff take many steps to mitigate cyber threats, including calling vendors to double check the veracity of bills and avoiding using Microsoft 365 products on smartphones.

“The only person that does that is [Public Works Superintendent] Karl to make sure that he is in play on the 811 calls and such, but he is also very careful about how we go about that,” said McDowell.

McDowell shared a chart from Panda Security showing that the top cybersecurity threats of 2025 were artificial intelligence (AI)-driven malware and AI-enhanced password cracking.

“I can’t believe what we’ve seen in the last eight months to a year with how AI impacts our day to day in terms of breaches of tech,” said McDowell. “They’re getting more sophisticated in the way email looks.”

McDowell said that the city’s computer system is strong, but they have seen an increase in attempted zero-day vulnerability attacks, cyber-attacks that involve malicious actors exploiting unknown security flaws in software.

“With those zero-day vulnerability attacks, your computer is only as good as the software you’re running,” said McDowell. “If you’re on the internet and you have software that can be exploited, believe me, with AI, it will be exploited.”

McDowell announced several upcoming events, including the Brownsville Antique Fair and Car Show on August 2 and the Festival of Tents from August 29-31. Every Wednesday starting July 23 and ending on August 20, Connect Linn County will be hosting a free dinner at Brownsville Park at 5:30.

Sergeant Steve Frambes said that June was a “train wreck” for the Linn County Sheriff’s office, with several high-resource calls each week. A recent incident took place on July 15, when the sheriff’s office received a 911 call about a woman lying in the road with blood on her head in the Washburn Heights Drive area of Brownsville. Deputies arriving at the scene had an encounter with Oliver Mercer, 67, of Lebanon. Deputies and law enforcement officers from other departments had to pursue Mercer when he fled the scene. After they surrounded him, Mercer shot himself and died from the self-inflicted injury.

“When something like that happens near Brownsville, it takes resources from all around the county,” said Frambes. “When we have an incident like that, it’s all hands-on deck, and there’s a bunch of areas in the county that’s not covered well.”

There were no legislative items. The Council authorized staff to award and execute an agreement with a contractor for the repainting of City Hall.

The planning report provided in the Council Packet reported several new permits issued, including exterior remodel approval for the Brownsville Assembly of God. City librarian Sherri Lemhouse reported that in June, the library held four children’s programs with 73 participants.

The Council’s next meeting will be on September 23. This will be followed by a closed-door Council retreat.

# Linn County Commissioners Approve Transportation Funding

by Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer

ALBANY — Tuesday morning, July 22, Linn County Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Sherrie Sprenger and Will Tucker approved agreements with area providers who will use Statewide Transportation Improvement Funds (STIF) for area public transportation services.

Linn County Special/Rural Transportation Coordinator Reagan Maudlin said the commissioners approved the 2025-2027 Linn County STIF Plan on January 14 and have also approved an agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation to receive STIF funding.

Linn County’s STIF funding is passed on to subrecipients in local communities for the 2025-2027 biennium.

The commissioners approved the following agreements using STIF Population funding: Albany Paratransit/Call-A-Ride, \$48,000; Lebanon/LINX, \$190,000; Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments vouchers, \$30,212; Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments seniors, \$9,600; Oregon Mennonite Residential Services, \$14,400; Sunshine Industries Unlimited, \$54,000; Senior Citizens of Sweet Home Dial-A-Bus, \$46,486; Senior Citizens of Sweet Home, Linn Shuttle, \$170,000; Volunteer Caregivers, \$115,200.

**The following agreements using STIF Payroll funding were approved:**

- Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments, bus tracking software: \$49,000.
- City of Albany, Albany Transit System, \$1,276,850.
- City of Albany Loop Expansion Project that will maintain Loop and expansion services that began in December 2021 and operating assistance for the LB Loop, \$872,000.
- Lebanon LINX, maintaining existing program at expansion levels, \$1,598,000.
- Contracted services with Senior Citizens of Sweet Home/Linn Shuttle, an ongoing Linn County commuter project, \$820,000.
- Contracted services with Senior Citizens of Sweet Home/Dial-A-Bus, \$467,000.
- Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments match for Mobility Hub, construction phase, \$82,398.

The commissioners also approved an agreement to receive up to \$75,475 in COVID funding for transportation programs.

**In other business, the commissioners:**

- Were told by Juvenile Director Torri Lynn that in June, there were four youth from Benton County held for seven days; 26 youth (21 males and five females) from Linn County held for 249 days; and one male from Lincoln County held for 22 days. There were 60 referrals in June and there are 173 youth in the probation program. Lynn said the Victim Advocate made 142 contacts. The Tier 1 work crew of 11 youth completed 178 hours of community service and the Tier 2 work crew of 18 youth completed 346.5 hours in 23 project days.
- Approved a personal service contract with Grace Wellness to provide two social workers who support the Time 4 Change program, specializing in Hispanic youth and families. The contract is not to exceed \$80,000 over two years.
- Approved a two-year contract not to

exceed \$83,472 with Dr. Daniel Mosher dba Veritas Director Primary Care. Dr. Mosher is the medical director for the Linn Benton Juvenile Detention Center, providing medical services two days per week and on-call. He also supervises the Center’s Licensed Practical Nurse, who is on-site five days per week.

- Approved an intergovernmental agreement with the Oregon Youth Authority for \$25,872 for Individualized Services which is typically used to pay for treatment services that are not covered by other funding sources.
- Approved an amendment to a personal service contract with Karen Cox Counseling, which provides sexual offender mental health treatment services. The county agrees to pay for some new certification requirements and Karen Cox Counseling will provide services for the next five years, or reimburse Linn County on a prorated basis.
- Approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Youth Authority for \$681,170 for the biennium. The funds are used to provide Diversion Services and Basic Services to aimed at keeping youth out of correctional facilities and to support department infrastructure. Funds help pay for a probation officer position, psychological assessments, drug and alcohol evaluations, mental health evaluations, clothing, clubs and pro-social activities for young people.
- Approved a 3.5 percent Cost of Living Adjustment for members of the Service Employees International Union and Juvenile Detention Association.

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## 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**  
LAFAYETTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
3122 SE Madison St, Albany, OR 97322

**TUES 26**



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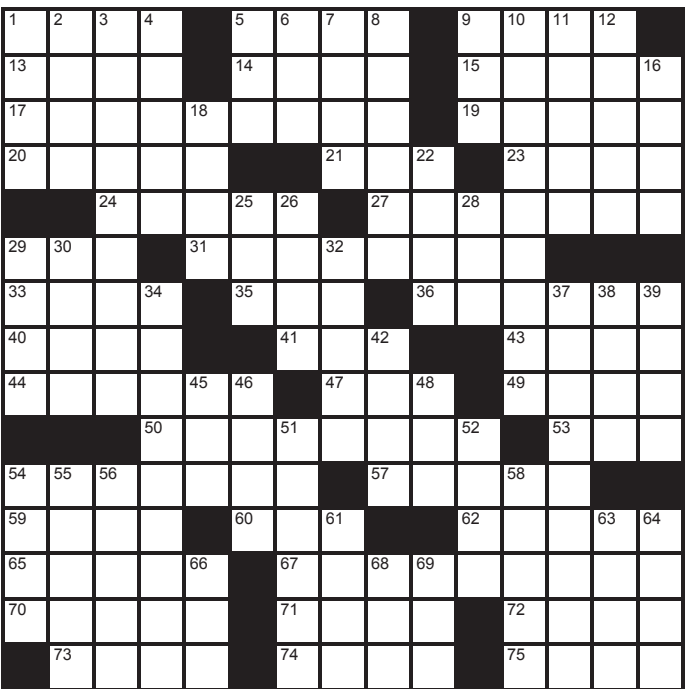


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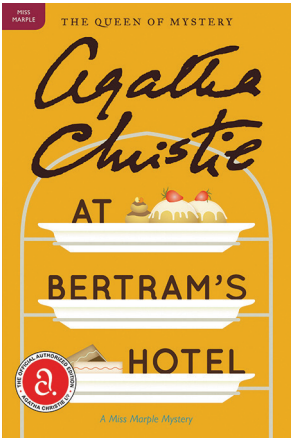
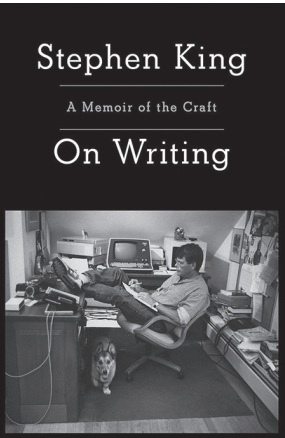
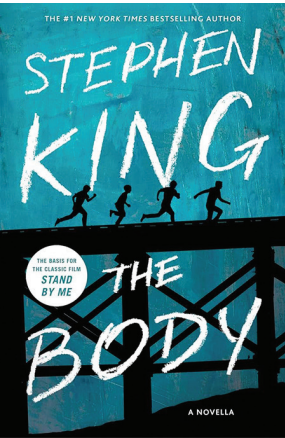
BOOK REVIEWS

From Brownsville to Bertram's Hotel: A Reader's Journey from Stephen King to Agatha Christie

by Staff Writer, Nancy Diltz

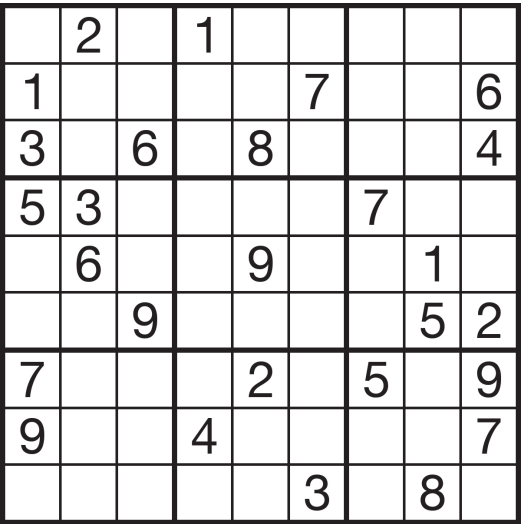
“Stand by Me“ is a familiar phrase in Brownsville. The book, the movie, and of course, The Day are all favorites! We can look back at the story’s originator, Stephen King. His 1982 novella, “The Body”, is the basis of the movie “Stand by Me,” directed by Rob Reiner, released in 1986 and, of course, filmed primarily in Brownsville. King is a prolific award-winning writer of mainly thrillers and spine chillers. His style is unique among the authors of what I describe as ‘scary’ books (those of a suspenseful nature, including psychological horror and even evil themes). He develops his characters, generally focusing on character even over plot line. His characters typically have comfortable, relatable dialogue and are often flawed human beings that evoke empathy from the reader. All of this said, I can’t read his books. Haven’t read one. How can this be? I’m a reader of Agatha Christie mysteries. Miss Marple is one of Christie’s most popular characters. She was introduced in 1930 and is as scary a sleuth as I want to experience. Marple is an amateur detective who often solves mysteries that baffle the police. An elderly, white-haired British woman, usually seen sipping tea, frequently goes unnoticed and thus has plenty of opportunities to observe criminal behavior unfolding around her.

Well, back to Stephen King. He has written, among over 60 published books, “Stephen King On Writing, A Memoir of the Craft,” published in 2000. There you will find many bits of advice on how to write well, such as “Read a lot and write a lot.” King states he generally writes 2,000 words per day, or about ten pages, every day, and he reads about 80 books per year as well! Many of his novels have been made into movies. If you are a fan of the thriller, you are sure to find many of King’s books and movies readily available. I will be reading “At Bertram’s Hotel, a Miss Marple Mystery” by Agatha Christie.



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HALSEY LIBRARY

Summer Reading Program

Halsey’s Summer Reading Program “Level Up @ Your Library,” continues each Saturday. Kids of all ages can still sign up 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:

- 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@halsey.org](mailto:library@halsey.org) or call (541) 369-2705. Let the adventures continue!



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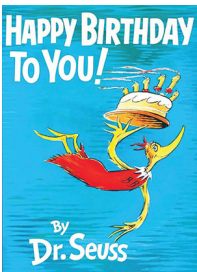
Birthday Fun Facts, Traditions & a Little Dr. Seuss Magic

by Staff Writer, Nancy Diltz

Happy Birthday! Aren’t those the best words ever? Did you know that there are more birthdays in August than in any other month? My birthday is in August! When is yours? Did you know that on your birthday, you will only need to wait about 31,536,000 seconds until your next birthday comes! The most popular song in the English language is “Happy Birthday to You”. The song was written by two American sisters, Patty and Mildred Hill, in 1893. Birthday recognition began with the ancient Egyptian Pharaohs, and the Ancient Greeks invented the birthday cake with candles. I want to thank them personally! Here are some fun ways birthdays are celebrated within cultures.

- In Jamaica, the birthday person is covered in flour for fun!
- In Japan, turning 60 years old is called ‘Kanreki’ and is considered a rebirth after completing a cycle through all the signs of the zodiac.
- In Denmark, the birthday person has a flag flown outside their home on their special day.
- In China, special ‘longevity noodles’ are eaten to celebrate.
- In Korea, people eat seaweed soup to bring good luck and health.

Did you know that the famous physicist Albert Einstein’s birthday is March 14, or 3/14, the mathematical Pi Day (3.14)? Dr. Seuss wrote a fun book called “Happy Birthday to You” in Dr. Seuss’s fashion, with wonderful drawings and fun rhyming. “...and today you don’t have to be tidy or neat. If you wish, you may eat with both hands and both feet. So, get in there and munch. Have a big munch-er-oo! Today is your birthday! Today you are you!”



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BROWNSVILLE LIBRARY

Stuffed Animal Sleepover Caps Off a Super Summer of Reading

LEVEL UP @ YOUR LIBRARY!

by Sherri Lemhouse, Brownsville librarian

The final event of the Brownsville Community Library’s Summer Reading Program was nothing short of spectacular. Participants dropped off their stuffed animals for a very special Library Sleepover, and the fun began!

The stuffed animal friends gathered in the Kirk Room for a night of adventure, starting with pizza and root beer. Coordinator Mrs. Sarah Glenn, Librarian Sherri and helper Tia Wood helped the group create fabulous superhero masks to take home. Librarian Sherri led a lively story time followed by a game of hide and seek. The stuffies then paraded through the Library and settled in for a movie with popcorn. After all the excitement, they piled up for a cozy group snooze.

The next morning began with a breakfast of donuts and tea, followed by photo viewing and more superhero fun. It was a magical experience — and it went by all too fast. Everyone is already looking forward to next year!

The Summer Reading Program is made possible through a Ready to Read Grant from the State of Oregon, a gift from the Brownsville Women’s Study Club, support from the Friends of the Brownsville Community Library, and, of course, the City of Brownsville.

A special thank you to everyone who helped, donated, or participated — especially our dedicated coordinators Mrs. Glenn and Mrs. Humphreys. With the support of our volunteers and community, the Library continues to be a fun place to learn and grow.

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

Thursday, July 31 | 1– 7p.m. | 2nd Annual Stuffed Animal Sleepover Drop off your stuffed animal so they can enjoy a special Library Campout.

Friday, August 1  
10 a.m.–5 p.m. – Pick up your stuffed animal  
11 a.m.– Noon – Songs, Rhymes & More Story Time: Farms

- Craft with Ms. Thea
- Guest Reader: Kathryn Henderson

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## AMERICAN LEGION

# Ed Allworth, Quiet Man, Thunderous Deeds

by An Ordinary Seaman

You can almost picture him, can't you? A steady man, Ed Allworth, the kind you'd see at Randy's on a Tuesday morning, perhaps discussing the merits of this year's sparse rainfall or the health of the local hazelnut crop. He was, by all accounts, a quiet sort, and for nearly four decades, he was the unflappable steward of Oregon State University's Memorial Union. A true administrator, the kind who kept the ledger balanced and the lights on, never a whisper of fanfare about him. He just got things done, precisely and without fuss, a regular heartbeat in the grand old building's daily rhythm.

Edward Allworth, born in Battle Ground, Washington, found his way to Corvallis, where he graduated from Oregon State University, formerly known as Oregon Agricultural College, in 1916. A few short years after tossing his cap in the air, he came back to his alma mater, not to farm or teach, but to become the very first administrator of the Memorial Union. And what a run it was, some 38 years, from 1925 until his retirement in 1963. He was, they say, the "father of the MU," overseeing its very genesis, raising the funds that built its neoclassical grandeur, and then, day in and day out, ensuring it served its purpose as a gathering place and a solemn tribute. He was a man who seemed to embody the calm, collected spirit of an institution.

He managed the building with quiet competence, keeping budgets trim and spirits high, earning the respect of both students and faculty. He was that rare bird, an executive who never felt the need to trumpet his own horn. You might even say he never did anything truly "extraordinary." And if you did say that, well, you'd be wrong. Dead wrong.

The story of Ed Allworth, the quiet administrator, takes a turn, like a river that flows serenely for miles before plunging over a waterfall. It was November 5, 1918, mere days before the Armistice would quiet the guns of the Great War. Captain Allworth, with the 60th Infantry of the 5th Division, found himself in Clery-le-Petit, France. His company was crossing the Meuse River, then a canal bridge, when German shellfire ripped the world apart, destroying the bridge and scattering his men, some on one bank, some on the other.

He recalled those days in a radio address years later, a voice from the past telling of "tremendous and harrowing activity," of "terrific shell fire" and the "wild look on the faces of the boys." He spoke of mud so thick men fell, exhausted, and of days and nights without sleep or food, pushing on through a landscape alive with bursting shells and crackling machine gun bullets.

Then came the canal. Allworth's account is stark, almost detached: "Germans, suspicious, and firing constantly, puncture pontoons across the canal, and the

bridge sinks, leaving part of our outfit on the German side alone." He omitted, in his humble telling, what happened next. But the Medal of Honor citation does not.

It reads: "While his company was crossing the Meuse River and canal at a bridgehead opposite Clery-le-Petit, the bridge over the canal was destroyed by shell fire and Capt. Allworth's command became separated, part of it being on the east bank of the canal and the remainder on the west bank. Seeing his advance units making slow headway up the steep slope ahead, this officer mounted the canal bank and called for his men to follow. Plunging in, he swam across the canal under fire from the enemy, followed by his men. Inspiring his men by his example of gallantry, he led them up the slope, joining his hard-pressed platoons in front. By his personal leadership, he forced the enemy back for more than a kilometer, overcoming machine gun nests and capturing 100 prisoners, whose number exceeded that of the men in his command. The exceptional courage and leadership displayed by Capt. Allworth made possible the re-establishment of a bridgehead over the canal and the successful advance of other troops."

A quiet man, yes. An ordinary man, perhaps, in the everyday cadence of life. But there are moments, you see, when the quiet ones reveal a fire that burns brighter than any artillery flash. Edward C. Allworth was one such man. His heroism, truly cinematic in its scope, earned him not only the Medal of Honor but also the French Croix de Guerre with two palms, the French Chevalier Legion d'Honneur, and the Italian War Cross, among others.

He returned from that maelstrom, a survivor, and carried the weight of what he had seen. When asked if the war was worth the cost, he said, "As far as we personally are concerned, it was well worth the struggle, but we cannot speak so blithely for those we left on the other side. They paid the price for our peace."

Today, Edward C. Allworth's name graces the Oregon Veterans' Home in Lebanon, a testament to a life that, in its quiet, unassuming way, contained a moment of extraordinary courage. And soon, another sign on U.S. Highway 20, designated the Medal of Honor Highway, will be unveiled at OSU, recognizing the man who was both a steady administrator and, when the world demanded it, a true hero. It's a reminder that sometimes, the most profound depths of character lie beneath the calmest surface.



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Captain Edward C. Allworth wearing the U.S. Medal of Honor, the WWI Victory Medal, the French Ordre national de la Légion d'honneur in the degree of Knight, the Italian Croce al Merito di Guerra, the French Croix de guerre with bronze palm and two WWI commemorative medals Official U.S. Army Photo .Public domain, via Wikimedia Commons.

## BROWNSVILLE BOOK CLUB:

## A Book Club Disappointment Sparks Deeper Reflection

by Barbara DeRobertis

July's book pick, "The Promise," by Damon Galgut, did not hold up to its promise to be as good a read for our book club as I had hoped. Despite winning the 2021 Booker Prize for literature and being billed as "the most important book in the last ten years," not one person in the Book Club liked the book. Most attending members didn't even finish it. It's hard to like a book with no likable characters and a bummer of a storyline, but it leaves me pondering its significance, because I know it exists. And gee, not all books are meant to be liked.

This tragic story is set in South Africa, spans 40 years, taking place in the dying days of Apartheid and the years that follow. Concurrently, it follows the disintegration of a privileged white family, whose matriarch's dying wish was for the family to promise to deed the servant's house on their land to their black housemaid, Salome, and her son.

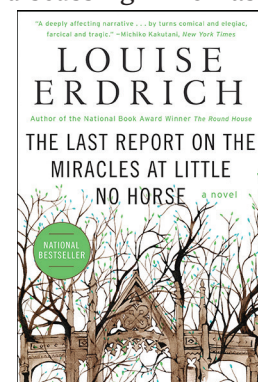
It is not so much about apartheid as it is a sad family tale. Three more family members depart this life over the years (each chapter is a family member's passing and funeral), leaving Amor, the youngest, the sole survivor. She had been Salome's loyal advocate over the years and the only family member who ever intended to honor her mother's wishes. Ultimately, it ends up being "too little, too late."

I understand why none of us in the group cared for it. It was uncomfortable to read about all these unfortunate deaths and the injustices that were taking place in South Africa at the time. There was much to decipher. The writing style is unconventional, often leaving the reader wondering who is speaking. I, personally, was hoping to learn more about Apartheid. (Maybe if I had a better understanding of that time in history, I would be able to recognize the intended parallels between this family and the events of the period.) Amongst the themes of broken promises, racial inequality, religion, and loyalty, club members were left uncertain of the book's intent. Much like the character, Anton, who commits suicide in the book, we were left questioning, "What's the point?" The more I contemplate this question, the more I realize that the central theme of the book (the failure to live up to promises) simply IS the point of the book. No more. No less. This book made for some good discussion, but it doesn't make for a pleasant Book Club article. Sometimes we need to address life's unpleasant-ries and ponder the meaning behind a book.

Following our discussion, members shared books that we have recently read. Several members mentioned the joys of a good mystery. Recommendations this month include: "The God of the Woods" by Liz Moore; "The Housemaid" by Freida McFadden; and "the Stella and Lyndy Mysteries," a cozy series by Clara McKenna.

Next month, we will be discussing "The Last Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse," by Louise Erdrich. Book Club meetings take place on the third Wednesday of every month, at 7 p.m. in the Kirk Room of the Brownsville Library. New members are always welcome.

Questions? Email me at [bderobertis@yahoo.com](mailto:bderobertis@yahoo.com)



## TAKING ROOT

# Beware Bush Bean Blight

by Staff Writer, Donald Lyon

Green beans are one of the many joys of summer. Fresh from the garden and lightly boiled so that they are still crisp — yum. However, the hot weather we experienced in July, combined with some common growing practices, may be setting you up for bean blight and a few other problems. I noticed in mid-July that some of my bush bean leaves were turning brown and curling up before disintegrating like 2000-year-old mummies suddenly exposed to light. Maybe you are seeing brown spots with yellow halos (bacterial blight) or whitish patches of Powdery mildew.

There are a number of bacterial problems, as well as insect problems, that beans are subject to. Rather than go into all the different issues, I'll simply talk a bit about some gardening practices that will help you avoid the common diseases. Watering — use a drip system or soaker hoses that soak the ground and not the foliage. Weeding or harvesting your beans when the leaves are wet can also spread disease. When planting, follow the proper spacing suggestions usually found on the seed packet. A dense jungle of plants prevents air circulation.



Bush bean blight

Weeds also prevent the air from circulating. Use improved resistant bean varieties. When you select bean seeds from the catalog, you may have your heirloom favorites, but try some of the disease-resistant varieties that are available. Edison, Oregon, 91G, Malibu, and Blue Lake are a few to consider. Rotate crops because many bacterial and insect pests overwinter in the soil. It may be too late to employ all of these suggestions this year, so clip this article and save it for next May, but for right now, here is my favorite way to enjoy green beans — as an appetizer.

Harvest your green beans before the seeds begin to swell. Cut the ends off and blanch by adding them to boiling water for 5 to 7 minutes. Toast a handful of sesame seeds in a dry frying pan until golden brown. Put an inch or two of soy sauce in a glass, and add the sesame seeds to another glass. Dip a chilled bean in the soy sauce, then into the sesame seeds, and take a bite. Forget about the main course, this is dinner. Got a gardening question? Ask a Master Gardener at phototraveler02@gmail.com

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## WIDOWS BRIGADE

# When the Yard Work Becomes Yours Alone

by Mary Canady

It was a nice summer day, and the yard needed weed eating, edging, and trimming... and Mrs. X needed to move on with her new responsibilities. It was time to tackle the yard work! It has been six months since Mr. X passed away after a long illness, and Mrs. X had been his primary caregiver. Now the weeder needed to be restrung! After 45 minutes of trying, it is still not done. Flinging the weeder across the yard, she asks herself, "Why didn't I ask him to show me his tricks last summer when he was restringing this? Why didn't I ask him instead of just walking off? After all, I should have known... he had cancer and most likely wouldn't be here to help."



Does your mate know shortcuts to life's challenges? Will this be you? Let's think about the lawn mowers, weed eaters, chain saws, and sprinkler systems — anything you use in the yard. We often don't consider that those kinds of equipment being used by the other person may be something we may need to know how to use or maintain. Make sure you share your lawn and yard work routine with one another. If you use riding lawn mowers or have acreage and use a tractor for some of the work, do both of you know where the key is and how it operates?

Case number two, why one should learn... Widow B's automatic sprinkler system needs to be connected and reconnected every spring and fall. Disconnecting was no problem, but connecting the wires to the timer proved to be a challenge. So, she was setting her kitchen timer and watering her yard manually. One night, she forgot the timer and watered one spot all night. She was accustomed to her husband managing the water system, and now she wishes she had learned the process before he passed away. Her son-in-law, who lives out of state, will come and help her connect to the master timer this spring, and he will teach her how to do it for herself next spring.

The next time you are preparing to do the outside work, see if both of you are capable of pulling the string on the hand mower, restringing the weed eater, and knowing where all the equipment keys are and what they belong to.

Do you want more tips or have questions for me? If you're a widow and need help or need friends, you can join the Widows Brigade on the third Thursday of the month in Halsey at Central Valley Church at 1:30 p.m. We'd be happy to welcome you.



# Vet Net Radio Is Back!

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# Brownsville's Tribute to Timeless Friendship Draws Thousands

by Staff Writers, Jeff Brown and Linda McCormick

"I was 12, going on 13, the first time I saw a dead human being." This iconic line greets viewers at the start of the classic 1986 film "Stand By Me," which was largely filmed in Brownsville, Oregon. For the past 18 years, the town has celebrated the legacy of this beloved movie, which has helped put Brownsville on the map as a notable movie location.

Last weekend, thousands of visitors from near and far flocked to Brownsville to attend the annual Stand By Me Day festival, where guests visited numerous scenes from the movie.

According to Stand By Me Committee Chairperson Linda McCormick, this year's festival was a "smashing success." McCormick, along with many dedicated community volunteers, spent months organizing the event.

A highlight of the festival was the guided walking tours led by local volunteers, who enthusiastically pointed out various filming locations while sharing trivia and anecdotes about the movie. One of the day's standout moments was the appearance of the "Four Boys," who charmed attendees by walking through town dressed as Gordie, Chris, Vern, and Teddy. Following their success last year, their return was highly anticipated.



Classic cars line up outside of Napa Auto parts, just west of the Linn County Museum.

Bend DJ, Chris Ossig, hosted the popular Fan Forum at the new Recreation Center, where he shared various aspects of the film and interviewed the local casting director and a stand-in, as well as shared recorded pieces by Wil Wheaton and Thomas Del Ruth.

To cap off a memorable day at the festival, one cannot overlook the infamous pie-eating contest

in the park. This lively event is a reenactment of the classic Great Tri-County Pie Eating Contest, more intimately known as the "Complete and Total Barf-O-Rama" scene from the film, involving local and enthusiastic participants of all ages, assisted by the Central Linn Lions Club. Yes, some of the Benevolent Order of Antelope were there to cheer them on as well.

As fans enjoyed the festivities, they were also delighted by the sight of the PEZ girls, who roamed the grounds distributing cherry-flavored PEZ candies to everyone. After all, according to Vern, "If I could only have one food for the rest of my life? That's easy. PEZ. Cherry-flavored PEZ. No question about it."

This movie has touched lives, and fans feel empowered when they stand in the footsteps of the actors and see the locations featured in the film. One fan who came from England shared, "Brilliant day. It's one that will live long in my memory. Huge thanks to Linda and all the volunteers for making such a special day, and giving us all such special memories. This is small town America at its very best".

This year's festival would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of the Stand By Me Planning Committee and the Friends of the Museum. A heartfelt thank you goes out to



A fan takes a selfie with Ima Blueberry, Oregon Blueberry Commission's mascot.



Volunteers Lauren Sinz, Natalie Wade, Mellouise Curry, and Heidi Winklepleck

all who contributed to making this event such a resounding success.

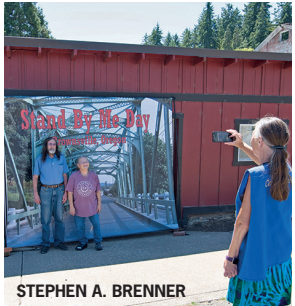
In closing, let us reflect on the timeless sentiment of friendship that "Stand By Me" embodies. As the movie reminds us, "I never had any friends later on like the ones I had when I was twelve. Jesus, does anyone?"



Dressed as the beloved "Stand By Me" crew, Kerry Travis, Kevin Hahn, Isaiah Jeffrey, and Ansel Karo stroll down Park Avenue like they've stepped right out of the film.



Blueberry pie and ice cream was served up by Sandy Sayer and Norm Simms at the American Legion.



Fans pose in front of a "Stand By Me" themed backdrop.

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# Step Into the Story: Fans Walk the Path of “Stand By Me”

by Staff Writers,  
Jeff Brown and  
Linda McCormick

Last Saturday, Brownsville, Oregon — often called Castle Rock — was lively as fans gathered for the popular Stand By Me Day Festival. This year's walking tours, led by local guides Doug Hubbard, Jeff Brown, and Tim and Laurie Stoll, were a highlight of the event, letting locals and visitors explore scenes from the classic 1986 film.

Running from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., the walking tours took participants to various filming locations throughout downtown Brownsville. Each guide set out every 15 minutes, with some famously starting their tours with the line, “You want to see a dead body?” For 30–40 minutes, the guides shared engaging stories and trivia about the film, often discovering that fans had a wealth of knowledge to share in return. Those who answered trivia questions correctly were rewarded with packs of Cherry Pez.

Initially attracting just 12 to 16 paid participants, the tours quickly gained popularity, drawing crowds of 30 to 50 enthusiastic, yet unpaid, attendees. It was rewarding to see fans bonding over their shared appreciation for the film while visiting the memorable locations depicted on screen. “I loved seeing the looks of excitement and nostalgia when a fan would come face to face with one of their most beloved scenes in the movie,” mentioned Jeff.



Walking tour participants discovered the body of Ray Brower — portrayed by a very convincing dummy.

Among the highlights was a stop at Vern's Penny in the roadway — a scene that holds special meaning for many fans. Attendees eagerly took photos and reminisced about their favorite parts of the movie. A special thank you goes to our crossing guards and the understanding and patient travelers who had to stop while those on the tour took pictures of the “penny” in the street.

Another favorite moment occurred during the reenactment of the iconic pistol shooting scene behind the Blue Point Diner. Participants joined in the fun, adding their flair to the improv, while laughter and applause filled the air.

Despite the long hours on their feet, the local guides found the experience energizing. “We may have finished the tours barely

able to walk, but every conversation and smile made it worth it,” said Tim Stoll. His wife, Laurie, added, “It's incredible to see how much the film means to so many people. Their excitement fuels our passion to share these stories.”

The Stand By Me Festival continues to grow each year, strengthening community bonds and attracting fans from all over. The walking tours have become a cherished part of the event, demonstrating that the impact of a beloved film can resonate in the heart of a small town like Brownsville.



The PEZ Girls — Sloan Leach, Ellye Basye, and Mari Ciullo — served up smiles and only one flavor: classic Cherry!



Fans spun the trivia wheel for a chance to win prizes from SetJetters and the Oregon Film Trail — if they answered correctly!



The Stand By Me Day Singers roamed around town performing a capella renditions of 1950s pop hits.

## Central Linn Cheerleaders Raise Spirits — and Funds — After Unfortunate Mouse Mishap

by Staff Writer, Nancy Diltz

Amid the Stand By Me Days festivities, the Cheerleaders of Central Linn High School were busy washing cars to raise funds for their team. They have a strong reason for fundraising this year. Apparently, a family of mice enjoyed munching on the stored cheer uniforms and gear, rendering everything useless for the upcoming football season.

One of the many fundraisers they are hosting this summer to help replace their uniforms was the car wash last Saturday in front of the Brownsville Dari Market. It was a donation-based exterior wash with an opportunity to purchase \$1 raffle tickets for filled gift baskets donated by local businesses. Raffle tickets can be purchased through August 9 by contacting the school to connect with Coach Heidi Donahue at Heidi.donahue@centrallinn.k12.or.us.

An additional raffle for baskets will be held at the start of the fall football season. Cheering, stunts, and pep rallies aren't the only activities for this busy group.

On August 2, they will assist the Equestrian Club with an event in Pioneer Park.

In winter, they will host a Family Dance with nail art, cupcake decorating, and of course, dancing!

One cheerleader who stood out as a dedicated and hardworking young lady is Coach Heidi Donahue mentioned that team



Members of the Cheer Team and friends working at the July 26 car wash fundraiser: (alphabetically) Adeline, Bailey, Chloe, Kamie, Sienna, Zechariah and Coach Heidi Donahue

member Kamie shows exceptional dedication to the team. She was the first to raise enough money to replace her uniform. She attends every fundraiser and recently worked a twelve-hour shift at the Monster Truck Concession stand. She has also participated in door-to-door requests for donations from the community.

This year, the team will have Sponsorship T-shirts made. Businesses and individuals who sponsor the team have an opportunity to have their logo placed on the back of the T-shirts.

From leading the sports crowd in cheers and chants, encouraging the teams by boosting team spirit, and performing choreographed dance routines and complex stunts, the Cheerleading team brings excitement to every game. Let's all help the Central Linn High School Cheerleaders replace their gear!

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DEAR GERTRUDE

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

by Jaime Flynn

Dear Mrs. Gertrude,

I run a local business here in town, and now that we are gettin' into late summer, the usual problem has cropped up — people are leaving late summer squash everywhere you can see. Not just on my doorstep... but in open carriages, vehicles, and even nestled around babies in their buggies! A mother cannot glance away without someone surrounding her young 'un with vegetables? What is this town coming to...

Sincerely,

Zounds! Unending Crops Cause Hysteria In Neighbors Inappropriately

Dear ZUCCHINI,

I must say, I am overly familiar with this mass hysteria, which recurs every year, so I must ask: if this late summer abundance turns people into desperate gifters instead of grifters annually, how do you have cause to complain? An economy of gifting may seem an annoyance when it is limited to a single crop that makes continuous rounds, and people cannot give it away without



groans. Yet I do believe a lesson for the rest of the year may be found. What if we gave more freely of that which we have in abundance, or see a neighbor requires? What is the worst that may happen, and what may be the best outcome? In my mind, the worst is not terrible — they show no appreciation, take without reciprocating, or break an item that is loaned. The best is indescribably beautiful — we invest goodwill in our neighbors and, instead of expecting anything in return, we gain a bit of trust and kindness between the two parties. The more that cycle continues, the more they may be able to help others more freely, or when we are in dire need, help comes from an unexpected source.

These tiny transactions expand our small circle into a larger scale of good standing within the community, potentially allowing us to make friends with nearly the entire town. Do you need to purchase a new tool? No, borrow one from your neighbor after they have learned to trust that you will take care of it and return it in pristine condition. Do you need an extra pair of hands? Instead of paying for labor, host a work party where everyone is well-fed with a home-cooked meal using up excess from the larder. We save more time and money investing in our community than can be calculated by any human on this earth; we instead feel the richness of the connections that come with this beloved economy. Alas for the gourds making the rounds... perhaps we need to share openly the recipes we have collectively created to deal with them? Or shall we have what the first peoples of this region call a “potlatch” in Pioneer Park, celebrating this prolific produce?

CRITTER CHRONICLES

Chicken Butt

by Staff Writer, Jodi Gurtov

There is a small, drop-down door at the back of our new chicken coop that provides access to the nesting crates. This is where we collect the day's “catch” of eggs. As a rookie with chickens, I've only ever seen the end result of their straining and those low, insistent “buk, buk, buk” noises.

But yesterday was different.

I opened the door to the nest and, instead of the usual accumulation of eggs and poo, I was greeted by a small, pink orb embedded in an aura of soft, white, down feathers. I leaned in close because I couldn't quite figure out what part of the chicken this was. No other orienting bits of anatomy were within view, just a wall of feathers and that flushed sphere becoming more engorged by the second. Ack!

I didn't have to wait long. I've seen enough childbirth among friends and family to know

when something is crowning. I instinctively took a step back, feeling like I was looking down the business end of a lit cannon.

An egg, caramel brown and perfect by any standard, fell with an anticlimactic plop! into the straw. Lacking in even the most basic of maternal instincts, the hen abandoned ship without so much as a backward glance. She landed on the floor of the coop to raucous squawks of approval from the rest in her coterie of clucksters.

I remain awestruck. And no, I haven't been able to eat an egg since, but I'm sure I'll get over it. Um, soon. Maybe?



COMMUNITY VOICES

Boston?

NO, it's Shedd!

Do you drive by Shedd often? Shedd is located between Halsey and Tangent on Highway 99E!

By William 'Bill' Looney

SHEDD — Did you know that in 1858, a community and gristmill were located a mile and a half east of Shedd? It was called Boston Mills. Imagine! Boston, Oregon. The Celtics, the Red Sox, and the Patriots could come once a year for a preseason game! But it was not meant to be, Cherie!



Thompson's Flouring Mills today.

In Boston Mills, Thompson's Mill was born. Thompson's Mill is one of four existing gristmills in Oregon. Only two are operational, including Thompson's! The mill is on the National Register of Historic Places. In 1861, the New England-style town square became a stagecoach stop and Boston Mills post office was established in 1869.

The Oregon-California railroad was as far south as Albany. By the way, Halsey was named after the vice-president of that railroad!

Coming south, the railroad could not run as far east as Boston Mills.

In 1871, Civil War Captain Frank Shedd donated the land to the railroad, and the town called Shedd's Station was born. Boston Mill's post office moved there shortly after. In 1915, the name of the post office was changed to Shedd. The 175-year-old United Presbyterian Church exists seven miles northwest of Shedd, in the community of Oakville.

The Brassfield-Porter House, in Shedd, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

It's 2025! Shedd's in-town population has decreased from 176 in 2010 to 86. Many have Shedd addresses outside of town.

In Shedd, a grocery store, fire department substation, post office, small museum, a fertilizer plant, two to three seed companies, and numerous storage buildings exist today.

Shedd's middle and high schools closed many decades ago. Shedd's elementary school now houses Teen Challenge, a worthy charity that helps young teens find their way in life.

Halsey has the elementary school, while Central Linn Schools has the middle and high schools!

Goodbye Boston, Hooray for Shedd!

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

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An individual's arrest or citation reported here does not imply guilt. Guilt or innocence is determined only through the judicial process. The Brownsville Times makes every effort to follow cases as they progress through the court system.

Monday, July 21

7:51 a.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 32900 Linn West Dr and Ogle Rd, Shedd. Warning issued for speed.

8:54 a.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 33500 Linn West Dr, Shedd. Warning issued for speed.

9:05 a.m. — Mental health reported at block of 1100 W 2nd St, Halsey. Deputy responded to female having a mental health crisis. She was transported by the deputy to a nearby hospital.

9:47 a.m. — Child Protective Services assessment of reported concerns for child abuse referral reported at block of 33100 Fuchsia Ln, Tangent. DHS 307 cross referral.

10:19 a.m. — Violation of order reported at block of 33100 Fuchsia Ln, Tangent. Deputies respond to a violation of order call, nothing was noted indicating the restraining order was violated. Information documented.

1:33 p.m. — Child Protective Services assessment of reported concerns for child abuse referral reported at block of 33100 Fuchsia Ln, Tangent. DHS 307 cross referral.

Tuesday, July 22

3:14 a.m. — Mental Health reported at block of 500 Fisher St, Brownsville. Deputy responded to mental health call.

5:42 a.m. — Motorist assist reported at block of 22000 S I-5, Shedd. Deputy conducted motorist assist.

6:30 a.m. — Assist other agency reported at block of 100 E Bishop Way and Templeton St, Brownsville. Deputy and medics responded to a female that was intoxicated and had tried to walk home from the bar after closing last night. She had stopped and fallen asleep in the grass on the side of the road. A family member responded and walked her the rest of the way home.

7:30 a.m. — Report pending. Original call type DUII reported at block of 35100 Oakview Dr and Brownsville Rd, Brownsville. John Thompson, 36-year-old Lebanon resident, was arrested for DUII and Reckless Driving. John provided a breath sample after a search warrant was obtained and had a 0.088% BAC.

12:21 p.m. — Report pending. Original call type Dog Complaint reported at block of 41000 Upper Calapooia Dr, Sweet Home. Issue citation to dog owner of Loyd Weatherly of Holley for a dog as public nuisance.

12:25 p.m. — Trespass reported at block of 33100 Hwy 228, Halsey. Deputies warned transients for trespassing at Pioneer Villa.

1:55 p.m. — Civil dispute reported at block of 800 Centennial Ct, Halsey. Deputies conducted a welfare check for an elderly female.

2:16 p.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 100 W A St and W 1st St, Halsey. Oksana Gornichar, 59 of Portland was issued a citation for Fail to Obey Traffic Control Device and Violation of Basic Rule 11-20 mph over for going 41 in a 25 mph zone.

9:04 p.m. — Neighborhood dispute reported at block of 700 Weber Ave, Brownsville. Deputy responded to neighborhood dispute, non criminal.

Wednesday, July 23

1:52 a.m. — Suspicious ve-

hicle reported at block of 100 Spaulding Ave, Brownsville. Deputy checked on suspicious vehicle and found it was an employee.

11:27 a.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 32400 Hwy 99E, Tangent. Driver warned for speed.

1:52 p.m. — Suicidal subject reported at block of 31900 North Lake Creek Dr, Tangent. Deputies were unable to locate a reported male with history of suicidal ideations.

2:25 p.m. — Motorist assist reported at block of 27300 off 216 N I-5 Ramp, Halsey. Deputy assisted motorist with flat tire.

3:14 p.m. — Report pending. Original call type suspicious circumstance reported at block of 27800 Hwy 228, Brownsville. Deputies responded to a camera found in the bathroom of a park. Investigation is ongoing.

3:36 p.m. — Welfare check reported at block of 25100 Little Valley Ln, Brownsville. Non-criminal report, being addressed in LCSO event number 2025137223

5:04 p.m. — DHS 307 Referral reported at block of 35600 Courtney Creek Dr and Hwy 228, Brownsville. Non-criminal report, being addressed in LCSO event number 2025137223

7:18 p.m. — Report pending. Original call type: dog bite reported at block of 000 W 1st St, Halsey. Two dogs create disturbance at local business establishment.

Thursday, July 24

12:21 p.m. — Suspicious person reported at block of 200 N Main St, Brownsville. Deputy spoke with a citizen in front of Brownsville City Hall.

2:39 a.m. — Extra patrol reported at block of 200 W Park Ave, Brownsville. Deputies conducted an extra patrol.

4:16 a.m. — Traffic stop reported at block of 100 W Bishop Way and Washburn St, Brownsville. Operator warned.

5:11 a.m. — Traffic stop

reported at block of 800 N Main St and Depot Ave, Brownsville. Dakota Rose Row, 32, of Lebanon was issued a citation for speeding; 58 in a posted 35 mph zone.

7:07 a.m. — City ordinance violation reported at block of 200 E Washington Ave, Brownsville. Complaint of an occupied RV from a neighbor. Occupant has a legal permit.

12:35 p.m. — Report pending. Original call type: MVC non injury reported at block of 33100 Hwy 228, Halsey. Deputy responded to a non-injury crash that occurred in a public parking lot.

1:00 p.m. — Suspicious circumstance reported at block of 32200 Old Hwy 34, Tangent. Deputies responded to a possible road rage incident. After interviewing the reporting party, no criminal activity was discovered.

1:17 p.m. — Suspicious circumstance reported at block of 30400 American Dr, Halsey. Civil issue between employee and employer.

1:26 p.m. — Suspicious circumstance reported at block of 25200 Hwy 99E, Halsey. Deputies responded to civil call over furniture dispute at rental property. No signs were present that the furniture in question had been removed.

8:18 p.m. — DHS 307 referral reported at block of 33100 Geranium Ln, Tangent. DHS cross report. Non criminal.

9:51 p.m. — Firework complaint reported at block of 27300 Fisher Rd and Hwy 228, Brownsville. Deputies checked the area for fireworks.

Friday, July 25

1:23 a.m. — DHS Referral reported at block of 33900 Lake Creek Dr, Halsey. DHS cross report. Non criminal.

1:39 a.m. — Civil dispute report reported at block of 200 E G St, Halsey. Caller called asking for a deputy to call him regarding a civil issue. However, when called, he just wanted a deputy to

give him a ride to Albany. He was advised to seek other options for a ride.

10:22 a.m. — Animal complaint reported at block of 38400 Hwy 228, Sweet Home. Deputy conducted a welfare check on horses in Crawfordsville.

12:22 p.m. — Threats reported at block of 37000 Courtney Creek Dr and Little Valley Ln, Brownsville. Deputies respond to a threat made, threat was third-person information.

3:28 p.m. — Civil dispute reported at block of 25200 Hwy 99E, Halsey. Deputy spoke to citizen about a civil dispute that was already investigated.

9:32 p.m. — Report pending. Original call type: Assault reported at block of 38300 Crawfordsville Dr, Sweet Home. Douglas Baxter Jr, 19, of Sweet Home was arrested and transported to the Linn County Jail for a Harassment Domestic Violence charge.

Saturday, July 25

1:50 a.m. — Suspicious circumstance reported at block of 35400 Washburn Heights Dr, Brownsville. Six adults just hanging out not drinking, smoking, or committing crimes. No Law Enforcement needed.

7:52 a.m. — Suspicious vehicle reported at block of 33500 Hwy 99E, Tangent. Deputy contacted citizen parked at business who just got off work and needed to rest before going home.

11:09 a.m. — Report Pending. Original call type: Motor vehicle crash non-injury reported at block of 29600 Peoria Rd and Abraham Dr, Halsey. Deputy investigated a non-criminal motor vehicle crash of a combine that tore down a power line to a residence near Shedd.

11:46 a.m. — Animal complaint reported at block of 36100 Hwy 228, Brownsville. Deputy checked on cows that appeared to not have food. Cattle were okay.

Fatal Crash on Highway 99E Claims Life of Corvallis Woman

Oregon State Police

HARRISBURG — A two-vehicle crash on Sunday evening, July 20, resulted in the death of a Corvallis woman and closed a section of Highway 99E near Harrisburg for several hours, according to the Oregon State Police.

At approximately 9:13 p.m., a green Toyota Tacoma driven by 48-year-old Laura Marie Howard of Corvallis failed to stop at a stop sign at the intersection of Cartney Drive and Highway 99E. The vehicle was struck on the driver's side by a southbound white Freightliner semi-truck and trailer.

Howard was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the Freightliner,

31-year-old Barret E. Morrison of McMinnville, was not injured. A passenger in the semi, 56-year-old Eric Sean Fisher of Newberg, also escaped injury.

The highway was closed for approximately three hours during the investigation.

Oregon State Police were assisted at the scene by the Oregon Department of Transportation. The investigation is being led by OSP's Collision Reconstruction Unit, a specialized team that analyzes fatal and serious injury crashes across the state.

# Don't Leave Pets in Hot Cars

As summer temperatures rise, it's critical to remember that parked cars can quickly become deadly for pets — even on cloudy days or during quick errands. The interior of a car can reach dangerous temperatures within minutes, even with the windows cracked and water available.

Many pet owners bring their animals along for errands, but leaving them alone in a vehicle — no matter how briefly — puts them at serious risk of heatstroke or death.

Oregon's Good Samaritan Law allows anyone, not just law enforcement, to enter a vehicle to rescue an unattended pet in distress, without fear of civil or criminal liability. However, certain steps must be taken.

## If you see an animal in distress inside a vehicle:

- Call the Linn County Sheriff's dispatch at 541-967-3950 to report the situation and provide your location, a description of the vehicle, and a description of yourself.
- If you believe the animal is in imminent danger and help is not immediately available:
  - Notify law enforcement before or immediately after entering the vehicle.
  - Use only the minimum force necessary.
  - Stay with the animal until emergency personnel or the owner arrives.



# Volunteer at The Brownsville Times Office

Are you looking for a way to get more involved in the community? The Brownsville Times is seeking friendly, dependable volunteers to help in the front office. Shifts run from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Volunteers will be trained and follow a clear procedure manual. Tasks include greeting walk-in visitors, answering the phone, logging visitor activity, processing subscriptions, and taking classified ads.

If you can spare a few hours each week and want to support your local newspaper, sign up at <https://volunteersignup.org/Q7XPJ>

## CLASSIFIEDS

**Devlin Auto Detail:** Transform your ride! Excellent interior and exterior auto detailing right in Brownsville to keep your car looking its best. Visit [devlinautodetail.com](http://devlinautodetail.com) to view our services and get your free quote!

### FOR SALE

**Hand Truck**, 880 lb. capacity. Hitgrand 3-in-1 aluminum model (very versatile), new, paid \$170, yours for \$120. 541-654-2052.

**Chalkboard**, 5' X 4', beige color, free to good home. Call Don at 541-654-2052.

# All ODF Districts Now in Fire Season

All districts managed by the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) are now officially in fire season, following several early wildfires and the ongoing risk of hot, dry summer conditions.

With fire season in effect statewide, restrictions may apply depending on where you live or travel. These measures are designed to reduce the risk of human-caused wildfires as activity across the state intensifies.

"We have already experienced several large fires in the state this year and anticipate fire behavior to be progressively more volatile," said Michael Curran, Chief of ODF's Fire Protection Division. "RIGHT NOW is the time to practice fire prevention and preparedness."

As Oregonians prepare for summer travel and recreation, officials are reminding the public that fireworks and forests do not mix. Private use of fireworks is prohibited on all forestland in Oregon—including state, federal, and private lands protected by ODF. Additional restrictions may be in place at the county or city level.

"Prevention is our number one tool to reduce property loss, firefighting costs, and risk to the lives of our firefighters," Curran said. "We can't prevent lightning fires, but we can prevent human-caused fires."

ODF offers the following wildfire prevention tips:

- **Know before you go.** Campfires may be banned or only allowed in approved campgrounds.
- **Extinguish campfires properly:** Drown, stir, and repeat until the fire is cold to the touch.
- **Debris burning restrictions:** Burning may require a permit or be prohibited entirely. Revisit old burn piles to ensure they haven't reignited.
- **Avoid careless behavior:** Don't flick cigarettes, idle or park on dry grass, or drag tow chains.
- **Stay informed:** Always check local fire danger levels and restrictions.

ODF protects over 16 million acres of private, county, state, and federal land from wildfire. Fire season is declared at the district level when weather and vegetation conditions indicate increased risk.

For updated fire restrictions and fire danger ratings in your area, visit ODF's website at <https://keeporegongreen.org>.

# 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>

# State of Emergency Declared as Wildfires Spread —Officials Urge Travel Caution

*Oregon Department of Emergency Management*

**SALEM** — With wildfires continuing to affect areas across Oregon, Governor Tina Kotek has declared a State of Emergency effective July 16 through December 31, 2025. The declaration highlights growing concern for public safety as smoke, road closures, and unpredictable fire behavior pose serious risks to travelers throughout the state.

State agencies are urging Oregonians to take precautions before hitting the road. Smoke from active fires can reduce visibility and worsen air quality, creating hazardous driving conditions. In some regions, fire activity has resulted in road closures or detours.

"If you're planning a road trip this summer, make sure your car is ready," said Erin Zysett, spokesperson for the Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM). "Start your trip with a full tank of gas or electric charge, check your tires and air conditioner, and know your route. Conditions can change quickly during wildfire season."

**OEM also encourages travelers to keep a well-stocked emergency kit in their vehicle. Recommended supplies include:**

- Jumper cables
- Flares or reflective triangle
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Blanket
- Map or printed directions
- Cell phone and charger
- Backup power supply
- Hand-crank weather radio
- N95 mask (for smoke protection)
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape (for sheltering in place)
- Wet wipes, garbage bags, toilet paper
- Whistle
- Water and non-perishable food
- Cash or traveler's checks
- Portable shovel

"Smoke affects visibility as well as air quality and can lead to sudden changes in driving conditions," said Chris Varley, spokesperson for the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). "If visibility is poor or the air is hazardous, consider delaying your trip. Your safety comes first. If you must drive in smoky conditions, close all the windows and set your vehicle's air system to recirculate."

Before you travel, officials recommend checking conditions and staying informed:

- **Road closures and traffic conditions:** TripCheck: <https://tripcheck.com>
- **Air quality updates:** Oregon Smoke Information: <https://www.oregonsmoke.org>
- **Active wildfire maps and evacuation notices:** [https://oralert.gov/Emergency alerts:](https://oralert.gov/Emergency%20alerts%20OR-Alert) OR-Alert
- **Enable Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) on your mobile device:** [https://www.fcc.gov/sites/default/files/weatest\\_opt-in\\_instructions.pdf](https://www.fcc.gov/sites/default/files/weatest_opt-in_instructions.pdf)
- **Pack an emergency kit:** <https://www.ready.gov/car>

To learn more about how to prepare for wildfire season, visit <https://wildfire.oregon.gov>.

# How to Stay Informed When Communications Go Down

## Tips from the Oregon Department of Emergency Management

When disasters hit, power, internet, and cell service may go out. Here's how to stay informed and connected when that happens:

- 1. Have a Battery or Hand-Crank Emergency Radio**
  - Radios pick up emergency broadcasts even when cell service is down.
  - Pre-tune to your local AM/FM or NOAA weather stations.
  - Radios do not receive Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA).
- 2. Turn on WEA Alerts on Your Phone**
  - These send evacuation and weather warnings — but only work if towers are working.
  - Find settings under “Emergency Alerts” on your phone.
- 3. Charge Devices & Have Backup Power**
  - Charge phones, flashlights, and power banks in advance.
  - Keep solar chargers, car chargers, or a generator on hand.
- 4. Know Your Evacuation Routes**
  - Download or print maps.
  - Most map apps offer offline access.
  - Don't wait for alerts — if you feel unsafe, leave early.
- 5. Write Down Key Contacts & Info**
  - Family phone numbers
  - Emergency shelter locations
  - Medical and veterinary contacts
  - Keep printed copies of your emergency plan and important documents.
- 6. Update 9-1-1 Emergency Address if Using Wi-Fi or Satellite**
  - Wi-Fi/satellite calls may not show your location.
  - Always tell the dispatcher exactly where you are.
- 7. Sign Up for Alerts Now**
  - Register for OR-Alert and your county's alert system.
  - Bookmark wildfire.oregon.gov and TripCheck.com.
- 8. Understand Evacuation Levels**
  - Level 1: Be Ready
  - Level 2: Be Set
  - Level 3: Go Now. If you see fire or others evacuating — don't wait for an alert.
- 9. Share Info in Your Community**
  - Check on neighbors.
  - Post paper notices at mailboxes or community boards.

## Once Online Again:

Check official sites like <https://www.oregon.gov/oem>, your county emergency site, and TripCheck at <https://tripcheck.com>. Share only verified info.

## REMEMBER:

Only call 9-1-1 for life-threatening emergencies. For general info, use local non-emergency numbers or visit local info centers. For more tips, see OEM's Be2WeeksReady toolkit at <https://www.oregon.gov/oem/hazard-sprep/pages/2-weeks-ready.aspx>.

COMING NEXT WEEK:  
What to include in your “Go Kit.”

# Oregon State Parks Expand Access for E-Bikes

## New rules open more trails and beach access for electric-assist bicycles



SALEM — Electric-assist bicycles (e-bikes) are now allowed on most trails in Oregon State Parks where traditional bicycles are permitted — unless specifically posted otherwise.

E-bikes are also welcome on the ocean shore's wet sand, with some exceptions. Previously, e-bikes were limited to trails at least eight feet wide. The new rule expands access while emphasizing safety and respect for other trail users.

Clear signage will indicate where e-bikes are not allowed, and those restrictions are also listed online at <https://stateparks.oregon.gov>.

## Where e-bikes are not allowed:

- On the dry sand along the ocean shore, including soft sand, dunes, and areas above the high tide line
- On the wet sand in snowy plover habitat during nesting season (March 15–Sept. 15)
- On all trails at Elijah Bristow State Park
- On equestrian trails and the Vision Trail at Willamette Mission State Park
- On the Riverside Trail at Clyde Holliday State Recreation Site
- On the Lewis and Clark Trail at Emigrant Springs State Natural Area

The updated rules also introduce stronger

language around safety and trail etiquette, especially in areas shared with hikers, children, pets, and equestrians.

“We ask that all riders ride responsibly, stay on designated trails, and yield to others,” said Aaron Raines, park manager at Stub Stewart State Park. “Keep speeds low — many people don't realize how quickly an e-bike can approach.”

## Know your e-bike class:

- **Class 1:** Pedal-assist only, with a top assist speed of 20 mph
- **Class 2:** Can operate without pedaling, but assistance stops at 20 mph
- **Class 3:** Pedal-assist with a top assist speed of 28 mph, includes a speedometer

Only Class 1, 2, and 3 e-bikes are permitted. Anything outside these definitions is considered a motor vehicle and not allowed on trails.

## Safety tips for e-bike users:

- Yield to pedestrians, horses, and slower trail users
- Announce yourself when passing (“On your left”)
- Ride at a safe, controlled speed — especially around corners or in crowded areas
- Slow down near children, pets, and horses
- Stay on designated trails
- Maintain a safe following distance — e-bikes are heavier and may need more time to stop

While education is the primary approach to enforcement, park rangers do have the authority to issue citations for repeated or serious violations. Fines start at \$100.

To learn more and view specific trail restrictions, visit the Oregon State Parks website at <https://stateparks.oregon.gov/index.cfm?do=v.page&id=131>

# Be Ready, Be Safe: What to Know Before and During a Wildfire Evacuation

As wildfire activity rises across Oregon, especially in Linn County, officials are urging residents to review their evacuation plans and be ready to leave their homes at a moment's notice.

The Linn County Sheriff's Office has issued several evacuations alerts due to fires like the Pyramid Fire, which led to Level 3 “GO NOW” orders for parts of the Sweet Home Ranger District in July 2024.

View the latest fire conditions, evacuation zones, and safety alerts on the Linn County Wildfire Live Updates page at <https://gis.co.linn.or.us/portal/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=d6e004605543438b8a4036d6e8e30d52>. This site offers a live fire map, links to official state dashboards, and an explanation of Oregon's evacuation alert levels.

## Understand the Three Levels of Evacuation:

- **Level 1 – BE READY:** A potential threat is present. Stay alert and begin preparing to evacuate, especially if you are elderly, have a disability, or need extra time to move pets or livestock.
- **Level 2 – BE SET:** Conditions are worsening. Be packed and ready to leave. Authorities may issue a GO NOW order with little notice.

- **Level 3 – GO NOW:** Leave immediately. Your safety is at risk. Do not delay by packing or trying to protect your property.

## How to Prepare Before an Emergency:

- **Sign up for the Linn-Benton Alert System** Get local emergency texts and calls at <https://sheriff.bentoncountyor.gov/linn-benton-alert>.
- Keep a “Go Kit” prepared, including medications, important documents, food, water, clothing, pet supplies, and chargers.
- Map out your **evacuation routes** and find multiple exits from your neighborhood.
- Make a **list of contacts** and set a **meeting place** with loved ones outside the affected area.
- Prepare to evacuate early, especially if you have limited mobility or need to transport animals.

Authorities emphasize: Only call 9-1-1 in an emergency. This ensures phone lines remain available for life-threatening situations.

Whether you're at home, work, or traveling, take a moment now to review your emergency plans. A few minutes of preparation can make all the difference when seconds count.

CULTURAL EXPLORATIONS

Needs and Gratitude

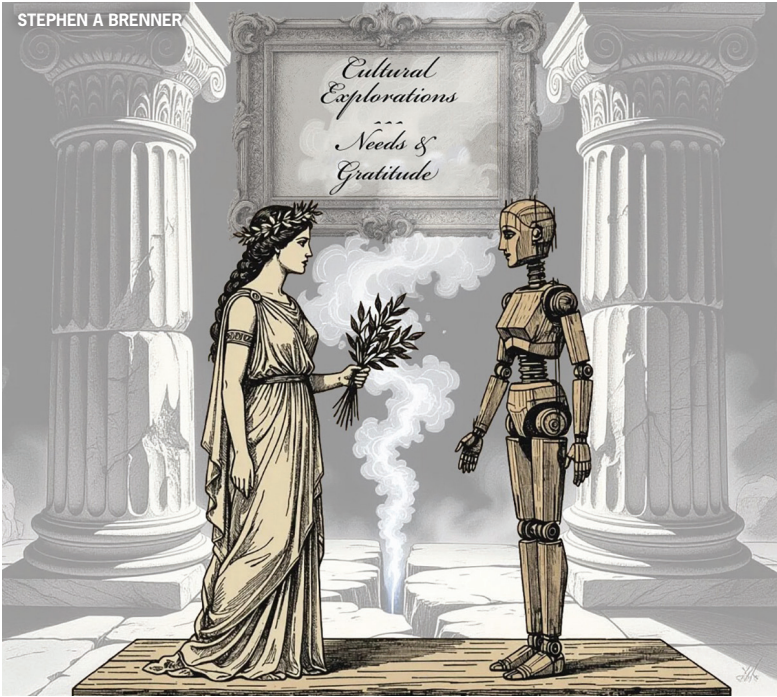
Stephen A. Brenner

I look at my beautiful property, my circle of friends, and my ability to sustain myself, and I wonder why I still tend to focus on what I don't have. There are so many people in this world who are truly suffering from either material deprivation or psychological distress. Do we have to compare our lives with others to determine our own sense of fulfillment?

On a theoretical level, I believe that life itself is pure magic. If I truly believed that, why wouldn't I have gratitude for every minute of my life...? Of course, it's human nature to focus on our needs rather than our fulfillments, but how do we distinguish between what we really need and what is just trying to fill an unknown void...?

Abraham Maslow introduced the concept of a hierarchy of needs in his 1943 paper, "A Theory of Human Motivation." This hierarchy is often depicted as a pyramid with five levels: 1. Physiological Needs, 2. Safety Needs 3. Love and Belonging 4. Esteem Needs 5. Self-Actualization

I think Maslow was suggesting that if our core needs are not met, it becomes challenging to progress to deeper and more nuanced levels of fulfillment. However, sometimes it works the other way. Suppose our self-esteem or self-awareness is not developed. In that case, we may seek fulfillment on a more material level, buying shiny new objects or becoming addicted



to one thing or another.

However, I generally believe that habituation is a key factor in our lack of gratitude. We take for granted what we have always had. Who truly appreciates the taste of water — the city dweller with a constant supply from their faucet or someone stranded in the desert finding a little moisture from a cactus? We can confidently say that part of our fulfillment and appreciation depends on the extent of our need. Beyond physical

needs, we also have psychological and spiritual needs. When we are suffering, it often feels like a consolation prize—telling us we'll feel better once it passes. The truth is that our journey toward fulfillment depends entirely on addressing our core needs and problems. When we have conflicting needs and uncertainty about how to resolve them, we get stuck. That blocked energy fuels the healing process that re-connects us with our most genuine, natural selves.

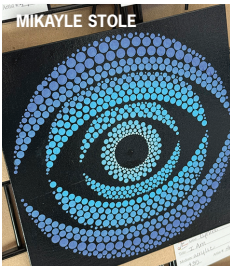
The same process applies to the body politic. Over time, we tend to take the benefits of democracy for granted. It's only when we start to lose it that we realize how precious it truly is. Currently, this country is at a critical turning point, having lost its way. What core needs are being met by the country's division and polarization? Which fundamental human values are being ignored in the process? In America, have we forgotten that if we don't work to build a healthy, life-affirming democracy, we risk losing it altogether? The eternal optimist is listening at [stephenabrenner@gmail.com](mailto:stephenabrenner@gmail.com)

BROWNSVILLE ART CENTER

New Artists Bring Fresh Energy to the Art Center Gallery

by Editor, Mikayle Stole

The Brownsville Art Association has welcomed three new artists whose unique works are now on display, each showcasing their distinct style and perspective.



Lynlee's "I am" acrylic mandala.

**Lynlee Bischoff**, a resident of Brownsville, is a lifelong creator who has spent years working with pottery and gardening. Her newest artistic endeavor, however, is in the intricate beauty of dot mandalas — geometric paintings created with acrylics. "The art of dot mandalas is my first

adventure with acrylics, and I'm thoroughly enjoying the happy place it takes me," she says. For Lynlee, mandalas are more than just visual art; they are meditative symbols of harmony, unity, and the interconnectedness of all things. Her colorful, circular designs now adorn the wire grid at the front of the Art Center, inviting viewers into a world of vibrant balance.

**Kathy Schartner**, who lives in Sweet Home, adds a gentle, spiritual element to the gallery with her collection of Angel Pins and mixed-media artwork. Her pins, also displayed on the wire grid, are small but full of sentiment. Her other work, shown alongside Colleen's metal art, demonstrates a thoughtful and layered approach that enriches the gallery's eclectic mix.



a vibrant splash of color and serenity. Sherri also has a series of "Stand By Me Day" watercolors on display as part of the event's featured exhibit.

Each of these artists offers something unique to the gallery, and their works are important parts of the Art Center's rotating exhibits. Visitors are encouraged to stop by, take a closer look, and discover the new creative voices shaping Brownsville.

Open Art Night

Tuesday Night Open Art Nights  
Tuesdays • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Join fellow artists for a casual and inspiring evening of artmaking! Open Art Nights focus on learning new techniques, honing skills, sharing ideas, and enjoying the creative process together.



Summer Plein-Air Sessions:

During the warmer months, we gather at scenic spots around the Central Linn area — from grassy fields to hilltop views like Washburn Heights.



Sherri's "Hideout" watercolor.

Winter Sessions:

When the weather changes, we gather at the Brownsville Art Center, 255 Main St., Brownsville.

Special Wednesday Morning Session:

On Wednesday, July 2, the group gathered at Rhoda's house at 8:30 a.m. to enjoy the unique morning light — these sessions usually ending around 10 a.m.

All skill levels are welcome. Bring your usual gear. Each week's group helps choose the next painting location.

To join the email list for weekly updates, email Rhoda: [flashpointart.works@icloud.com](mailto:flashpointart.works@icloud.com).



PUZZLE KEY

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### 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.cvhalsey.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.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://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

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](mailto: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

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Sunday Service 10 a.m. & Wednesdays 7:15 p.m.

# 175 Years of Faith and Community in Oakville

## Oakville Presbyterian Church Celebrates Founding with Quilts, Cars, History, and Homecoming

By Staff Writer,  
Craig E. McKern

Oakville is a community where people who have lived in the area for 20 years still might consider themselves “newcomers”.

At the heart of this close-knit place stands the Oakville Presbyterian Church, located at the crossroads of Oakville and Church Roads. For 175 years, it has served as the spiritual and social hub of the community.

On the weekend of July 6 and 7, church members hosted neighbors, friends, and visitors from near and far for a celebration of the church's founding.

### Celebrating History



picnic and continued exhibits.

Church members hosted the quilt, cemetery, and historical displays and were eager to share stories and answer questions. Many remembrances were shared as “newcomers” were filled in on Oakville history by its “oldtimers.”

In the sanctuary, a quilt show filled the pews with 56 examples of the textile art, contributed by 25 individuals. The oldest quilt dated to 1832 and was made in Germany. Helpers in the show were Pam Dannen and Charlotte Hall.

### Historical Exhibits

Numerous items from the Church's early days were on display.



Floyd Smith, patriarch of a family here since nearly the beginning, takes another look at McCoy, Smith, and other family heirlooms. Included are a bag of marbles, clay, and glass; ten-gauge brass shotgun shells; shoes found in a wall of the old McCoy house; and a belt buckle from a relative who served in the Blackhawk War.

ALL OAKVILLE CELEBRATION PHOTOS BY CRAIG E. MCKERN



Gretchen Dickason, right, shows Dave Douglass, center, and his son-in-law Sam and daughter Karen Tai of Portland, pews full of historic quilts.



Visitors got a close-up look at this really nice trio of early 1930s Ford vintage restored sedans and a rarely seen pickup truck.

### A Vintage Vehicle Showcase

The car show may not have boasted the size of other valley shows, but every vehicle on display was appreciated.



Jeremy Ott's unrestored 1931 Ford Model AA farm truck was a crowd favorite. Originally a barn find, Ott generously gave folks rides up and down Church Road. Kennedy Gerber, visiting family, took the wheel. With no power steering, a non-synchromesh transmission, and an au-oogah horn, it was a drive straight out of 1931.



Martin Swartzendruber restored his 1974 International and added a tilting flatbed; it features four-wheel drive, a dual rear axle (a modification), and other enhancements. It has been in the family since 1974; you will have to ask him (or his dad, or his brothers) about it, as there is too much history to recount here.

### Honoring the Past

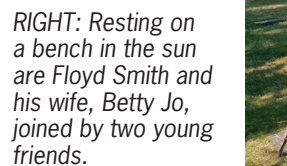
Just up the Oakville Road to the north of the Church, about a half mile, and off to the west toward Muddy Creek, reposes the well-kept Oakville Cemetery, established in 1853. Many ancestors of present Oakville families are at final rest here.



Members of the Coon family, whose forebearers were part of the 1845 wagon train, gather around the headstones of their kin and write down or photograph the dates and names.



Dr. Washington Mealey, considered the founder of the “Muddy Creek Settlement”, later to be renamed Oakville, is at peace on a part of the land he originally donated from his land claim to become the cemetery. A small fraction of his history is noted on the headstone.



RIGHT: Resting on a bench in the sun are Floyd Smith and his wife, Betty Jo, joined by two young friends.



LEFT: Ruth Hammond Meyer, a member since 1945, and June Barner Miller, “a member my whole life,” explained the music and worship artifacts, including hymnals, a triangle, cymbals, and tambourines.



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