



Upcoming Harvest Festival Brings Fun for the Whole Family

By Mikayle Stole, Editor



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TANGENT — The Tangent Harvest Festival returns on Saturday, September 13, and while the roar of tractors and the crunch of metal will headline the evening, the day itself is packed with free, family-friendly activities from dawn to dusk.

The celebration kicks off bright and early with a hot air balloon launch at 6:30 a.m. at Bass Estate and a hearty pan-



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cake breakfast at the Tangent Fire Hall from 6:30 to 9:45 a.m. At 10 a.m., the Harvest Festival Parade rolls through town, preceded by the National Anthem performed by Nina & the Rebel Rockers. The parade route stretches from the Fire Hall to Tangent Elementary, with nearby streets closed from 9 to 11 a.m. The parade begins at 10 a.m.

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Be Part of the Harvest Parade!

The Tangent Harvest Festival Parade rolls out on Saturday, September 13 at 10 a.m. — and you can still sign up to join the fun.

This year's theme is "Headers Up — Supporting Our Ag Community," celebrating farmers, fields, and small-town traditions.

The lineup begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Fire Hall, with the parade stepping off promptly at 10 a.m. and concluding at Tangent Elementary, where the festival will open for a full day of activities.

Bring your creativity! Entries can include:

- Tractors and farm equipment
- Classic cars and trucks
- Bands, dance teams, and walking groups
- Floats or bikes decorated with harvest flair

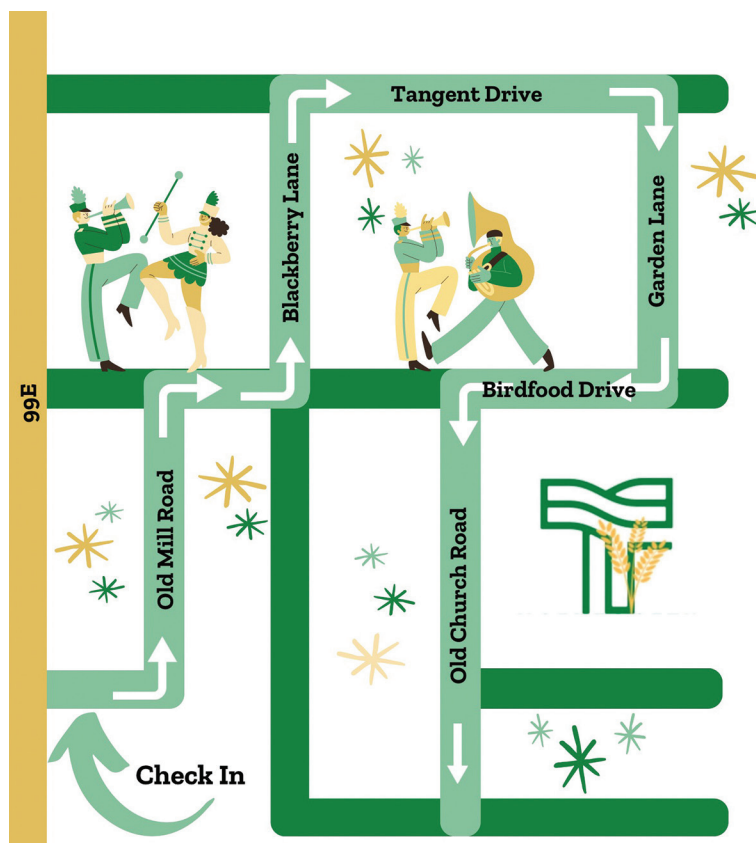
Space is limited, so don't wait. Register here:

<https://forms.gle/NxkuirMBYApJqp5n7>

Questions? Call (541) 270-9859 or email tangentparade@gmail.com.

Let's raise our heads high and celebrate the community that feeds us all! 🌾

Harvest Festival Parade Route



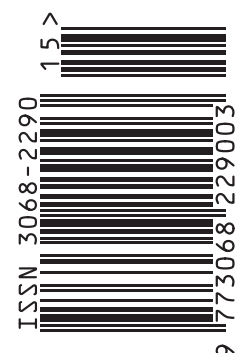
Street Closures During the Parade

Below is the list of street closures and the times closed:

- **Old Mill** for Parade Staging area from 9–10 a.m.
- **D Street** is limited to residential traffic; no through traffic is allowed.
- **Birdfoot Drive, Blackberry Lane, Garden Lane, Old Church Road, Old Oak Drive** will be closed from 9–11 a.m.
- **Tangent Drive** will be closed between Blackberry Lane and Garden Lane from 9–11 a.m. 🌾

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Free Coffee, Donuts, & Fellowship

Wednesdays • 9:30 a.m. at Central Valley Church, 657 American Drive (not a church sponsored event).

Brownsville Thursday Market

Thursdays, 3–6 p.m.

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

<https://www.calapooiafoodalliance.org>

Bryan's Woodshed Fall Event

September 11–13 • 10 a.m.–5 p.m. • 34066 Hwy 228

Book Reading and Signing — “Kobuk Too”

Friday, September 12 • 6:30 p.m.

Community Room above the Brownsville Art Center
Annie Swensen and illustrator Uriah Roth host the launch of Swensen's new book, “Kobuk Too.” Coffee and refreshments at 6:30 p.m.; reading at 7 p.m. followed by a book signing. Copies available for purchase.

Tangent Harvest Festival

Saturday, September 13 • 6:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Bass Estate Park & Tangent Elementary School

6:30 a.m. - HOT AIR BALLOON LAUNCH & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

10 a.m. - PARADE

11 a.m. - FESTIVAL OPENS

Noon - DERBY-PULL GATES OPEN

1 p.m. - TRACTOR PULL STARTS

2:30 p.m. - PIE EATING CONTEST

2:45 - QUILTS of VALOR PRESENTATION

3 p.m. - BINGO

5 p.m. - COMBINE DERBY STARTS

6 p.m. - FESTIVAL ENDS

FREE Family Fun all day: Live music, vintage car and antique tractor show, community booths, and more.

FREE Kids' Activities include: Kids' pedal tractor pull, face painting, kids' village, bounce house and more.

Artisan Market, Food Trucks, & Beer Garden

Brownsville Book Club

September 17 • 7 p.m.

Brownsville Library

Discussion on “The Circle” by Dave Eggers

Widows' Brigade

Thursday, September 18 • 1:30 p.m.

Central Valley Church

Halsey Parks & Library Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 18 • 5:30 p.m.

Halsey Library, 773 W 1st St

Tangent Together Meeting

Thursday, September 18 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.

at Tangent Rural Fire District

Tangent Together is a volunteer-run nonprofit that hosts citywide events. Everyone is welcome to attend and help make them a success

<https://tangenttogether.org>

Estate Planning: Making a Trust

Thursday, September 18 • 7 p.m.

Brownsville Community Library's Kirk Room

Local attorney Danielle M. Myers is donating her time as the guest speaker. The session is FREE and open to the public — no registration required.

Calapooia Food Alliance Harvest Party

Friday, September 19 • 6 p.m.–dark

Community Garden, 185 Main St, Brownsville

Provided: Grilled corn and zucchini, bean medley, salsa, salads, fruit, zucchini bread, dessert. Please bring your favorite dish, chips, or beverage to share. Free to attend. RSVP calapooiafood@gmail.com

Stay connected with Central Linn!

Discover upcoming events or add your own to our community calendar:

<https://brownsvilletimes.org/community-calendar>

HARVEST

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After the parade, the festival grounds open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., offering entertainment, shopping, and activities for all ages. At Tangent Elementary, families can enjoy the Quilt Show in the gym, artisan faire on the playground, food trucks, car show, and live music on stage. At Bass Estate and City Hall, kids will have plenty to do in the Kids' Village, which features bounce houses, crafts, face painting, the always-popular Pedal Tractor Pull, and even a National Guard Flight Simulator.



Other highlights include a Pie Eating Contest at 2:30 p.m., a Quilts of Valor presentation at 2:45 p.m., and Bingo in the gym at 3 p.m. Albany's historic trolley will run continuous loops through Tangent, making it easy to get around and enjoy it all.



The action ramps up in the afternoon when the Tractor Pull begins at 1 p.m. in Glaser Field, followed by the first-ever Combine Demolition Derby at 5 p.m. Gates to the ticketed derby and pull area open at noon, alongside the beer garden.

All parking is provided courtesy of WAHS Trap Club for \$5, with proceeds supporting the program. First aid and lost-and-found are located at Bass Estate.

The Tangent Harvest Festival is organized by Tangent Together, a nonprofit dedicated to fostering community spirit. Proceeds benefit a new Community Endowment Fund to provide scholarships for Tangent students.

Mark your calendars and bring the whole family — whether you come for the parade, the pie-eating contest, or the pounding excitement of the derby, Tangent's Harvest Festival promises a full day of small-town fun. ☼



Fix It Friday crew is entering their 1949 McCormick Farmall tractor in the tractor pull, alongside their combine “Layla” in the demolition derby. The crew rescued the tractor from a field and brought it back to life.

Learn To Square Dance!

Fun, Fitness, and Folk Tradition for the Whole Family

LEBANON — If you've ever tapped your toes to a fiddle tune or watched dancers swing and spin in perfect harmony, now's your chance to join the fun! The Lebanon Square Circlers are thrilled to announce the return of their annual Square Dance Lessons, beginning Sunday, September 14, at the Lebanon Senior Center, 80 Tangent Street.

Whether you're a total beginner or have experience with line or contra dancing, these lessons offer something for everyone. No partner? No problem! All are welcome — singles, couples, and especially families.

Taught by experienced caller Shaun McKamey, the lessons are a perfect blend of low-impact physical activity and mental stimulation. Best of all, they're held in a family-friendly, smoke- and alcohol-free environment that emphasizes fun, laughter, and community.

“Modern square dancing is not only great exercise — it's also a social and mental workout that keeps your brain sharp,” say organizers. And with lively music and a welcoming crowd, it's hard not to leave with a smile.

Classes run every Sunday from 5:30 to 7 p.m., and the cost is only \$6 per person or \$15 for a family of three or more — a bargain for an evening of entertainment. Your first class is absolutely free, so come give it a try!

For more details, visit www.lebanonsquarecirclers.com or contact Kaynor Heineck at 541-401-9780 or kaynorh@gmail.com. ☼

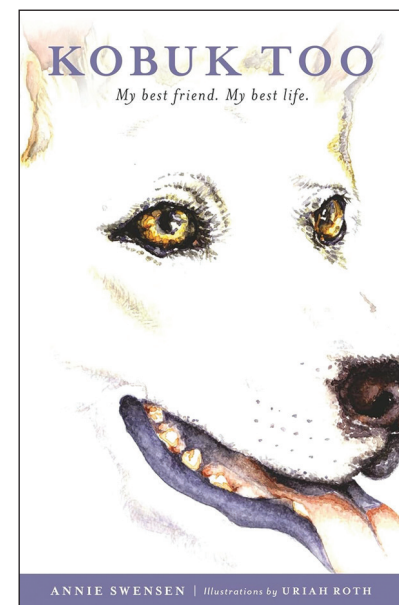


BROWNSVILLE ART ASSOCIATION

Book Reading & Signing Friday

The Brownsville Times staff writer Annie Swensen, along with Brownsville Art Center member Uriah Roth, will host a book launch for

“Kobuk Too” on Friday, September 12, in the community room above the Art Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for coffee and refreshments. Swensen will read a short selection at 7 p.m., followed by a meet-and-greet signing. Copies will be available for purchase. ☼



More September Classes at Tarweed Folk School

CORVALLIS — With its fall season under-way, Tarweed Folk School still has a variety of September classes open for registration.

From Sept. 15–Nov. 3, Kat Edmonds and Nat Stein will guide students through Make a Handcut Dovetailed Bench. This multi-week course fo-cuses on precision woodworking, teaching the timeless skill of cutting dovetail joints by hand to create a functional and beautiful bench.

On Sept. 23, 25, 27, and 30, Kiko Denzer returns to lead Bowls on the Spring Pole Lathe. Students will use a tradi-tional foot-pow-ered lathe to shape wooden bowls, expe-riencing both the rhythm and challenge of this historic craft.



Two popular one-day work-shops take place on Sept. 27: Dairy Goats and Cheese making Basics with Margot Schwarz i n t r o d u c e s participants to goat care and fresh cheese-making, while Introduction to Natural Dyes with Madelaine Corbin offers an exploration into p l a n t - b a s e d color.



Closing out the month, on Sept. 28, Margot Schwarz will teach Acorn

Processing Basics, a practical and seasonal class on preparing acorns for food.

Classes take place at Tarweed’s new home inside Wade Hardware in downtown Corvallis and at partner sites throughout the community. Scholarships are available.

See the full list of fall classes through November at <https://www.tarweedfolkschool.com>. ☼

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IN LOVING MEMORY

Michael G. Murphy
September 22, 1956–September 24, 2021



Healing Gardens Lecture Explores Wabi Sabi

Thursday, Sept. 18, 6–7 p.m.
Boulder Falls Events Center, Lebanon
Free; registration required

LEBANON — The Lebanon Community Hospital Foundation will host a free public lecture on Thursday, Sept. 18, introducing two influential Japanese concepts that shape heal-ing landscapes: wabi sabi — the appreciation of impermanence and natural aging, an immersive practice of mindful presence in nature.

The evening’s presenter is Diane Durston, cu-rator emerita of the Portland Japanese Garden. Durston lived 18 years in Kyoto, long regarded as the historic heart of Japanese garden culture, and is the author of several books on Kyoto as well as Wabi Sabi, a personal meditation on beauty’s transient qualities. Drawing on her scholarship and lived experience, she will explore how these ideas influence Japanese garden design as both an art form and a pathway to well-being.

Durston will also connect these philosophies to Lebanon’s three Healing Gardens, designed by renowned landscape architect Hoichi Kurisu. Kurisu served as garden director of the Portland Japanese Garden from 1968 to 1973 and later used his nature-focused design approach in thera-peutic gardens across the country, including the Lebanon installations. Attendees can expect a simple introduction to the principles behind these spaces and practical ways to engage with them for reflection, calm, and renewal.

The Lebanon Community Hospital Foundation offers the program, supported by generous funding from TMS.



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If you go

- **Date & Time:** Thursday, Sept. 18, 6–7 p.m. (doors open at 5:30 p.m.)
- **Location:** Boulder Falls Events Center, 605 Mullins Drive, Lebanon
- **Cost:** Free; registration required
- **Registration:** <https://samhealth.org/event/healing-gardens-lecture-japanese-philosophies-of-wabi-sabi>
- **Info:** Email Brandy O’Bannon at bobannon@samhealth.org

This event welcomes gardeners, healthcare professionals, and everyone interested in build-ing a deeper bond with nature to discover how deliberate design and focused attention can transform ordinary landscapes into healing spaces. ☼



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Gather at the Garden for Harvest Time

By Melissa Selby, Calapooia Food Alliance

BROWNSVILLE — Are you aware of which lo-cal non-profit operates based on their mission, “to encourage healthy living and community resilience through education and the promotion of sustainable food production”? That’s right, it’s the Calapooia Food Alliance (CFA)! Since 2008, the CFA has been offering enjoyable events like monthly Munch Nights, the seasonal weekly Thursday Market, and the beautiful Community Garden on Main Street.



On Friday, September 19, the CFA invites you to join us at the Community Garden for a Harvest Party to celebrate another successful year of bountiful harvests and farmers’ market delights! We will provide grilled corn and zucchini, a bean medley, salsa, zucchini bread, fruit salad, and dessert. Come on down and bring some chips and/or a dish to share, along with a beverage of your choice (alcohol allowed). This enjoyable event runs from 6 p.m. until dark.

We look forward to celebrating the end of an-other bountiful year with our community and have so much to be thankful for in such a warm place like Brownsville. We are all proud to call this home. See you there!

For more details about the CFA or how to par-ticipate, please visit www.calapooiafoodalliance.org. ☼



Harvest PARTY!
Sept. 19 | 6 p.m. – dark

WE’LL SHARE
GRILLED CORN | GRILLED ZUCCHINI
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LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Counties Seek Clarity from Federal Court

By Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer

ALBANY — During their September 2 meeting, Linn County Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Sherrie Sprenger and Will Tucker agreed to sign onto a joint letter regarding a Complaint for Declaratory Relief filed recently by the Marion County Board of Commissioners in U.S. District Court in Eugene.

The joint letter encourages all the parties in the case to ask the Court to issue a detailed opinion that would provide clarity to help all local governments properly follow federal and state laws.

Marion County is seeking clarification concerning federal immigration subpoenas and asks the Court to resolve the uncertain interpretation and conflicts within and between federal and state laws by declaring whether Marion County is required, prohibited, or allowed to provide responsive records requested by the federal subpoenas.

In its Complaint for Declaratory Relief, Marion County has named Governor Tina Kotek, Director of Homeland Security Director Kristi Noem and Immigration and Customs Enforcement Director Todd Lyons, in its effort to gain legal clarity.

Linn County Attorney Gene Karandy told the commissioners that 34 of Oregon’s 36 county sheriffs have signed onto a similar letter from the Oregon State Sheriff’s Association. Linn County Sheriff Michelle Duncan is among the 34. The sheriffs in Multnomah and Washington counties have not signed on.

Karandy said the need for clarification is two-fold: failure to obey either the federal laws or Oregon’s sanctuary laws may potentially subject individuals — such as law enforcement officials — to personal legal liabilities. Furthermore, failure to follow the federal laws may also result in a reduction or suspension of federal funding to local, county, and state governments.

Karandy said the issue is about clarity and liability.

Commissioner Nyquist said clarity is vital to creating a “better working environment for our employees and the safety of our community.”

In other business, the commissioners:

- Held a public hearing of a Planning Director’s code interpretation to determine whether a 7.13-acre property off Scravel Hill Road, has road access. After a 90-minute hearing, the commissioners decided to leave the written record open for 14 days for further comments; seven days for written responses to comments; and seven days for applicants to submit written rebuttals. The board will review the comments and work toward a decision at the continued hearing at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 30.
- Approved an agreement between the Linn County Sheriff’s Office and the Oregon Department of Transportation. LCSO will use ODOT’s radio building and microwave circuit at the Halls Ridge Communication site near Detroit, Oregon. The cost is \$6,879.723 annually, which is built into the current operating budget.
- Agreed to participate in a national opioid settlement agreement among secondary manufacturers. Allocation of proceeds will be determined once all Oregon subdivisions have submitted participation forms.
- Approved accepting a 2017 Munson landing craft boat from the Oregon State Marine Board for the Parks and Recreation Department. The boat is valued at \$75,000. The boat has a front deck opening that can be raised or lowered. The deck allows the boat to be moved close to shore or a dock for loading or unloading of materials. Estimated cost to transport the boat to Linn County and prep it for use is about \$3,000. The Marine Board also recently provided the Parks and Recreation Department with a grant for \$12,108 to purchase a trailer for the boat. 🌀

CITY OF HALSEY

From Summer Fun to Fall Plans: A Message from the Halsey Mayor

By Jerry Lachenbruch, Halsey Mayor

Well, hello there and welcome to September! I hope you have all been well and stayed cool during the crazy heat wave. Once again, time flies, and I hope you have been having fun. Speaking of fun... I hope everyone enjoyed the Summer BBQ & Movie Night!

Have you had a chance to check out the new rope climbing structure at the park? This latest park playground addition was made possible by a donation from the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund. The city is very grateful for its contributions to our community.

How have your gardens been doing? Have you experienced any pest problems? If so, how did you solve them? I would love to hear your solution. What did you all think of the recipe submission last month? I would heartily urge you all to submit your favorite recipes. I hope to hear from you all.

And with that, I remain your mayor. The Council and I are here to serve you. Please send your comments and concerns to me at Mayor@halsey.or.gov. 🌀



Halsey’s New City Logo Announced

The votes are in — and Halsey has a new logo! Thank you to everyone who took part in helping choose the city’s updated look. Out of three designs, Option B received the most votes and was unveiled at the Annual Summer BBQ & Movie Night on August 22.

Below, you can see the winning logo along with the two alternate designs that were also in the running. 🌀



Home Sales Report

July 15 to August 15 2025 Home Sales in Brownsville, Halsey, and Shedd, OR

Sale Date	Street Address	City	Sale Price	Sq Ft	Year Built	Beds	Baths (F/H)	Acres	Description
Jul 17	34194 Powell Hills Lp	Shedd	\$500,000	1232	1999	3	2	2.55	—
Jul 23	986 3rd St	Halsey	\$200,000	1082	1956	2	1	0.18	—
Jul 28	1415 4th St	Halsey	\$525,000	1094	1920	4	2	1.67	—
Jul 30	21 Blue Heron St	Halsey	\$400,000	1392	2006	3	2	0.23	—
Aug 06	404 French St	Brownsville	\$400,000	1776	1900	4	2	0.1	—
Aug 08	402 Kirk Ave	Brownsville	\$368,000	1035	1973	3	1	0.42	—
Aug 11	240 North Ave	Brownsville	\$514,000	2263	2021	4	2	0.25	—

Market Highlights

- Total Properties Sold: 7
 - Average Sale Price: \$415,286
 - Average Home Size: 1,411 sq ft
 - Average Lot Size: 0.77 acres
- Most Expensive Sale: \$525,000
 - Least Expensive Sale: \$200,000
 - Newest Home: Built in 2021
 - Oldest Home: Built in 1900



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TABLE TALK, DINING IN AND AROUND BROWNSVILLE

Pioneer Villa: Where Breakfast Is Always on the Menu

By Jeff Brown, Staff Writer

Just off Highway 228 near Interstate 5, the Pioneer Villa Truck Plaza has long been a favorite stop for both travelers and locals. Known for hearty meals and steady service, it remains a reliable choice whether you're passing through or making a short drive from nearby towns.

Walking in, I was greeted by Barb, the hostess, who quickly showed me to a table. The breakfast rush was ending, and the relaxed atmosphere gave me time to talk with Barb and my waitress, Amy.

Amy is a familiar face to many who stop at the Pioneer Villa. With 36 years of service, she has worked under three different owners and remains a constant presence. Her friendly, efficient approach set the tone for my visit.

I ordered the link sausage breakfast, which came with eggs, hash browns, and toast. The food arrived quickly. The sausages were flavorful, the eggs were prepared as requested, and the hash browns had a nice crisp. It was a satisfying meal, and the portion was generous.

The menu at Pioneer Villa covers breakfast, lunch, and dinner, all available at any hour. This flexibility makes it popular with truck drivers, shift workers, and anyone with a changing schedule. One item of note is the Villa Garden Vegetable Soup, served around the clock. There's also a Senior Menu with lighter options at reasonable prices.

Though it's a truck plaza, the dining room is clean and welcoming. The mix of locals and travelers gives it a friendly, small-town feel. For regulars, the long-time staff is part of the appeal, creating a sense of continuity that's rare to find.

If you're looking for a dependable meal at a fair price, Pioneer Villa is worth the short drive. Whether you want breakfast in the afternoon, a quick stop on a trip, or a sit-down meal with family, you'll find solid food and service. It's the kind of place that keeps people coming back year after year. ☺



SEASONS EATINGS

Late Summer's Tomato Treasures

Part 2 of 3: The Farmer's Pantry: Mixed Fruit Chutney

By Lisa Keith, Staff Writer

When the late-summer harvest delivers more produce than you can possibly eat fresh, this chutney is the answer. Shared by a farmer friend in 2010, this recipe combines apples, pears, plums, tomatoes, and spices into an intensely fla-

vored preserve that transforms abundance into comfort food. She shared this at this exact time of year to help with ways to use up the insane amount of produce coming in at the same time — NO waste. ☺

Mixed Fruit Chutney

Apples/Pears/Plums/Tomatoes

(makes 4 ½ cups)

- 6 cups diced, cored, peeled tart apples (about 2 ½ pounds)
- 3 cups coarsely chopped, peeled tomatoes (about 1 pound)
- 2 cups diced, cored, peeled pears (about 1 pound)
- 1 cup diced, pitted plums/prunes (about ½ pound)
- 1 cup golden raisins or currants
- 5 cups lightly packed dark brown sugar
- 2 ½ cups apple cider vinegar
- ½ tsp each: ground ginger, ground nutmeg, ground turmeric, ground cloves, ground cayenne pepper, coarsely ground black pepper, and salt

Directions:

- Combine all fruit and raisins in a large stainless-steel saucepan. Add all the remaining ingredients. Mix well.
- Bring to a boil over high heat while stirring constantly. Reduce the heat and gently simmer for 1 hour or until the chutney has thickened and turned golden, stirring frequently.
- Process in a hot water bath. 10 minutes for half-pint jars. 15 minutes for pint jars.

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DON'T AGONIZE, ORGANIZE

The Mount Vernon Method at George Washington's Home

By Sandra Beckwith, Staff Writer

As I started setting up a home after college, I remember feeling very overwhelmed with no real system for maintaining it. What a mystery! My attentions had been in many other areas, but life turns upside down quickly with lots of unnecessary stress when your home is top-sy turvy.

I learned about a book that described the Mount Vernon Method. At George Washington's home, the present-day cleaning crew has a technique for how to tackle any room. The book addressed methods for organizing and cleaning and I took it to heart. It was a game changer! I want to share a central principle that might sound simple, but trust me, when applied, it will allow you to clean better and more efficiently. It will also help you to tackle larger organizational challenges. It goes like this:



- Start at either a corner or side of the entry door to the room and work the perimeter. Do not move forward or crisscross the room for new organizing or cleaning until that spot is done. You will probably need to move while sorting but don't start a new area until that spot is done.
- The concentrated effort gives you a sense of progress and accomplishment which fuels you going forward. What happens, for most folks, is that their efforts get splintered as they move back and forth until overwhelm descends. Stay put until one section is in good shape and either clean or organized.
- With a larger project (like an overstuffed garage,) you will be able to see progress and the bite-size chunk approach means you can chip away at it with results as you go. Keep in mind that at the beginning of a big job, it may feel more disorganized, but that's a part of the process. Keep it concentrated and watch how it changes.
- This method also works for packing and unpacking. Finish one closet at a time. Complete your pantry. Try The Mount Vernon Method in your garden when planting, or pruning, or in Fall clean-up. It works. Remember: Bite-Sized Chunks!
- What about paperwork? Complete one folder at a time, then move forward. One drawer at a time.
- Hint: items with an emotional connection can sidetrack you as you stop to reminisce. That's why working with a friend or pro who has no attachment to the items can truly move things along. It profoundly helps when you're clearing out items from a loved one.



Make it fun by putting on music you love or a movie you can listen to. That also helps me to go much longer and get results. Large projects no longer intimidate me if I break them down into manageable bites. It will work for you, too. If you need help to get going or would like to have a pro working alongside you, please get in touch with me. sbeckwith1@mac.com. ☺

BOOK REVIEW

Ode To Emily

Emily Dickinson Poetry

By Nancy Diltz, Staff Writer

Poetry. There, I said it. I know that many readers have very strong feelings about poetry, and well they should. A poem is a raw, deeply personal expression from one human to another. Often, it can be difficult to understand one another when speaking the same language, but poetry uses a language that changes with each writer and reader. The words and poetic metaphors used can be archaic, unusual, or even "made up."

So, how to understand poetry, let alone actually like it? Whether you are already immersed in verse or hesitant about it, I encourage you to spend time with a full collection of Emily Dickinson's work. Many are available at the Brownsville Library, including audiobooks. Her poems are often brief

and deceptively simple, yet they carry a depth of feeling that can surprise even the most reluctant reader. For example:

HOPE

Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul,
And sings the tune without the words,
And never stops at all,

And sweetest in the gale is heard;
And sore must be the storm
That could abash the little bird
That kept so many warm.

I've heard it in the chilliest land,
And on the strangest sea;
Yet, never, in extremity,
It asked a crumb of me."

—Emily Dickinson, Written 1861

Dickinson (1830-1886) wrote volumes of poetry, much of it published after her death. Most of her work has been meticulously analyzed for meaning and artistic creativity and is offered up for discussion in most literature courses. Dickinson herself was ambivalent toward marriage and instead pursued the highest education offered to women of her time. She wrote nearly 1,800 poems yet only about 10 were published during her lifetime! There is a museum in Amherst, Massachusetts, where she was born and lived, which is dedicated to her life's work. For more about Dickinson's life and work, visit the website <https://www.emilydickinsonmuseum.org>. ☺

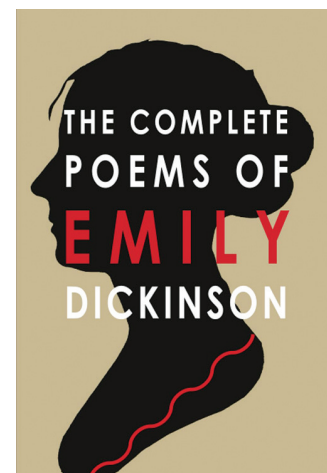
If I Can Stop One Heart From Breaking

If I can stop one heart from breaking,
I shall not live in vain;
If I can ease one life the aching,
Or cool one pain,
Or help one fainting robin
Unto his nest again,
I shall not live in vain.

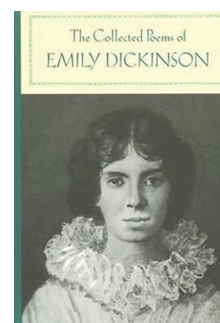
—Emily Dickinson, Written 1864



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Poker Faces at The Break Room

Local Texas Hold 'em game shuffles together players from Brownsville, Eugene, Salem, and beyond.

By Anne Clarke, Staff Writer



So, a gal walks into a poker game. And little did she know just what goes on here in Brownsville every Wednesday evening. About eight years ago, I heard about a retired woman who played poker with a group somewhere in town. I'm not a card-playing kind of person, but I admit to being a bit curious to know more about what, where, and especially WHO this group is.

(Eight years later) and now that we're "reporting" for the Brownsville Times, I found out about Joe Dezurney, who organizes the weekly games, and decided to go pay them a visit. Players from all around — up from Eugene, down from Salem. They're all sitting at a table and are ready to start at 5:30 p.m. on the dot. Up until recently, the games were at Kirk's Ferry, but they've now moved over to The Break Room on Spaulding Avenue, just off of Main Street. The building, at one time, once housed The Brownsville Times. The paper was produced downstairs, and the family lived upstairs. The actual printing press was on the ground floor (there are still cracks in the mosaic tiles from the running of the press!)

Joe and the other players invited me in to have a look. The game is Texas Hold 'em. A quick internet search reveals rules for this game, ranging from easy and simple to an article in "Sporting World" that made me realize I'd never be up to playing poker. So, I decided it was far better just to watch for a wee bit and take a few photos instead.

The games go on until 9 or 10 p.m., with a break for dinner. I chatted with Missi Barrett, who runs the games, doles out poker chips, and keeps track of all the tables. Depending on the number of attendees, the event can award anywhere from one to five or more cash prizes at the end of the night.

Everyone there was fairly serious about playing their hand, but at the same time, it was very friendly, with lots of chatter going on.

Joe is eager to encourage more people to come out and have a go. There is a minimum amount paid to buy into the game at the beginning of the night. Win or lose, it is a great way to see what others are up to in Brownsville during the week. Call Joe at 541-223-3397 or Missi at 541-974-6630 in advance to let them know you're coming. 🎰



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CULTURAL EXPLORATIONS

Creativity

By Stephen A. Brenner, Staff Writer

Creativity can be addictive. When we are living our genuine selves, our life force is our source of creativity. It's where we are tuned in with our potential and able to fine-tune ourselves towards living it. There is nothing like it. It's probably why we are here on this planet, to flower in our own personal evolution. Our creativity is closely tied to our passion, which in turn is influenced by the archetypes that shape our personality. Discovering our love is like finding out who we are and what our life's mission is all about. It's a continual process of becoming more whole and genuine. It could be something as simple as cooking a nourishing and satisfying meal, or developing skills in sport, or writing a song or novel, or crafting a piece of art, whatever medium allows us to express ourselves and our talents.

Please indulge me in the shameless promotion of getting involved with the Times. What a fantastic opportunity for us to explore our creativity and become part of an adventure in community building! We may not even need writing skills to contribute to journalism (although it helps). Still, we have a story that is inspirational or can contribute to our understanding and appreciation of life. Or maybe we would relish being part of something that matters. We are in the early stages of redefining what community journalism is in the digital age, and I encourage anyone with an ounce of creativity in their body to get involved in our community one way or another.



Now about that addiction to creativity... When I find myself in the doldrums, where the creativity is not flowing and I'm not discovering new aspects of myself, there is a certain emptiness and unease. As an introverted personality, I tend to explore the unconscious to rediscover where those passion centers are. I do that via dreamwork. Dreams are a portal into who I am and how the various psychic energy centers (archetypes) within me are playing out in their attempt at harmony and wholeness. Some dream themes tend to repeat themselves. One of mine is when I am in a foreign city and completely lost, and I want to head back home. That is illustrative of creative energy that's stuck. If the dream shows me running and enjoying the journey back home, I know that the flow is back. And when I'm spontaneously singing a song or flying around, that is when I am peaking and my conscious self is dancing with my deeper self, and I am lucidly in the moment.

What if I see my doldrum self as a "prodigal son", the part of me that has lost its way...? If I know where I am lost, then it is so inherently much easier to find my way back. Our most creative act is to be on a journey where we are self-reflectively becoming our natural selves. 🌀

FARMS UP ON SAFETY

Safety on the Line

Senate Bill 592 brings stricter inspections and higher fines to Oregon agriculture.

By Clive Clarke, Staff Writer

Senate Bill 592 took effect on January 1, 2024. Oregon OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) standards now surpass the federal standards. Oregon OSHA pushed back on this, stating the citations were too high, but the Oregon Legislature stood firm. With the passage of 592, the law now requires a comprehensive inspection within a year of any serious injury or fatality. This inspection covers the entire farm, not just the area of the incident. Additionally, penalties are now significantly higher than before. Violations are categorized into two groups: those that are serious and those that are not.

Listed below are the **Top 10 Most Frequently Cited Standards** for Fiscal Year 2024 (October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024). OSHA publishes this list, which can be found at <https://www.osha.gov>. It aims to alert employers and farm owners and help protect workers from preventable injuries, illnesses, and deaths.

1. Fall Protection
2. Hazard Communication
3. Ladders
4. Respiratory Protection
5. Control of Hazardous Energy
6. Powered Industrial Trucks (also called forklifts)
7. Fall Protection Training
8. Scaffolding
9. Eye and Face Protection
10. Machine Guarding

As you can see, most of these are for construction and general industry, but it is still important to be aware of them.

Some other issues include extension cord problems, guardrails and handrails, access to breaker box panels, exits that are unobstructed and clearly marked, and covers needed for wall plugs and switches. Fire extinguishers should be inspected monthly, mounted, marked, and the OSHA 300 log and 300A form should be completed and posted. Reporting of injuries and fatalities, hazard communication, and written plans are also important. Additionally, safety committees or safety meetings and Worker Protection standards should be maintained.

Pesticides and similar chemicals are a big deal. Are they stored properly? Are the restricted-use items locked up? Are they stored separately from general-use items? Are shelves labeled — dry items separated from wet items? Is containment, inventory, and SDS (safety data sheets) on file?

If OSHA visits your farm, they will almost always ask to see the OSHA 300 log. If it's between February and April, make sure that the 300 A summary report is posted for employees to see. Safety meeting minutes are also something they will want to review.

One of the most important things we can do to prevent farm fatalities and injuries is to conduct regular educational training and promote communication among everyone, working toward a culture of safety. Frequent reminders and safety conversations, even during breaks while sit-



Clive Clarke with his grandson, Zodi.

ting on the tailgate, show care for everyone and demonstrate that their well-being matters.

Just like on a sports team, when a player is injured, the whole team suffers, and others have to work harder. Watch and listen — look for unsafe practices, even ‘police’ each other — show you care.

As a group, when you’re all together for your monthly meeting, consider the Hierarchy of Controls. (Google it)

Elimination (physically remove the hazard), Substitution (replace the hazard), Engineering Controls (isolate people from the hazard — guarding), Administrative Controls (change how people work), PPE (personal protective equipment) — all contribute to a safer workplace.

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You do, I watch
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Questions, contact Clive Clarke at 360-424-9443, clive@farmsuponsafety.com or www.farmsuponsafety.com. ☺

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Community Rallies to Support Sharing Hands with Food and Cash Donations

The community once again showed its heart this week, coming together to support Sharing Hands with generous donations of both food and cash.

Volunteers reported a steady flow of giving, from families dropping off canned goods to individuals writing checks to keep the shelves stocked. Every bag of rice, box of cereal, and dollar bill helps extend Sharing Hands’ mission of serving local families in need.

Local grocery stores also played an important role in making donations go further. Shoppers pointed to Grocery Deals in Harrisburg and Grocery Outlet in Junction City as excellent places to stretch every dollar, thanks to their consistently low prices on pantry staples and fresh food.

The support comes at a critical time as many households face rising costs. Sharing Hands leaders say they hope this week’s donations inspire even more community members to join this ongoing effort.

How to Donate to Sharing Hands

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

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



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CLSD Leaders Answer Parent Questions

By Eva Wada, Staff Writer



CLHS Parents are encouraged to model good sportsmanship and find ways to volunteer.

Central Linn School District leaders recently met with parents and students to discuss expectations and new policies on campus.

Central Linn High School Principal Dean Rech announced a new policy on personal technology use, stating that cell phones and other personal devices are not allowed during class and short breaks, except during lunch. According to faculty, the goal is to “encourage face-to-face social interaction and keep students focused on class.” One parent, Donny Harris, agreed, stating, “I think there should be no phones at all. It’s only a distraction... They will survive.”



CLHS Athletic Director addresses parents with guidelines for good sportsmanship.

This year, parents were asked to pay a \$20 school supply fee per student instead of buying a list of supplies. Interim Superintendent Dr. Rob Hess said that “the supply dollars for purchasing additional supplies for students [at this time] will be a need-basis distributed amount, determined by the course topic and the supplies already on hand.” Eighth-grader Lucy Cunningham confirmed that many students received pencils and folders from teachers. At CLES, students received a notebook, ruler, pencil box, pencils, crayons, and markers. Ms. Crowell recommended to ask faculty

if you are still in need of school supplies.

CLHS Principal Dean Rech and the Athletic Director Rodney Baney noted, “We need parent involvement this year. We’d love to have you help out at the school.” Volunteers are needed for game day jobs like PA announcers and scoreboard operators, and without them, activities may begin to diminish. Mr. Baney explained that student athletes are expected to exhibit the “highest level of conduct on and off the field.” He also stressed a “chain of command” in which athletes are expected to “go talk to the coach first” to learn how to advocate for themselves. The Athletic Director added, “That is a skill that will be super important, not just here, but for the rest of their lives.”



(Left to Right) CL Athletic Director Rodney Baney, Varsity Football Head Coach Mike Day, and CLHS Principal Dean Rech were available to answer questions at the CL Athletics Parent Meeting on Aug. 27.

CL BOYS SOCCER PROGRAM

Cobra Boys Split on the Road

By Hans Schneider, Central Linn head coach for boys soccer

The Central Linn High School varsity boys soccer team opened its season on the road over Labor Day week, splitting two tough matches against Salem Academy and Nestucca High School.

Slow Start at Salem Academy

Central Linn traveled on Labor Day to play Salem Academy, which is ranked No. 1 in 3A/2A/1A. The Crusaders were looking to avenge their 4-2 loss at Central Linn last year.

The Cobras were a little sleepy coming out of the gates and gave up a quick goal from the opening kickoff (1-0). They immediately woke up and controlled much of the play for the next 24 minutes, registering five shots on goal to Salem Academy’s two.

The theme of the day was Central Linn dominating possession and shots on goal but not getting its deserved rewards. In the 24th minute, Salem Academy scored off a throw-in near the Central Linn goal (2-0). Central Linn registered four more shots on goal before halftime but could not find the net.

This trend continued at the beginning of the second half as the Cobras pelted the Crusaders’ goal with five more shots, only to give up a third goal in the 54th minute off a counterattack (3-0).

Finally, the Cobras broke through in the 61st minute. Jackson Durringer earned a corner kick and played a short pass to Aren Schneider, who played a give-and-go back to Durringer. He took a couple of dribbles and blasted it in at the near post (3-1).

Salem Academy responded two minutes later with a counterattack goal (4-1). Central Linn finished strong when Salem Academy committed a handball foul in the penalty box. Schneider calmly placed the penalty in the lower left corner to end the game with a 4-2 loss.

Central Linn outshot Salem Academy 17-8, summing up the way a soccer game can go sometimes. A harsh result for an excellent performance.

Strong Showing at Nestucca

Two days later, the Cobras hit the road again to face Nestucca High School in the inaugural game of its

first-year program on a brand-new stadium turf field.

Central Linn got off to a fast start when Schneider played a pass behind the Bobcats’ defense, and Durringer ran onto the ball but narrowly missed his shot wide.

The game then descended into a midfield slugfest as Nestucca looked to stymie the Cobra attack with physical play, compact team defense and grit. Finally, in the 36th minute, Schneider controlled a throw-in and played a short pass to Durringer.

The second team All-State midfielder dribbled horizontally across the field, dancing past five defenders before hitting a low shot against the grain to beat the keeper and take the lead (1-0). Central Linn stayed on the front foot for the first 20 minutes of the second half and held a 5-1 shot advantage.

Nestucca scored against the run of play with a 25-yard shot that just made it over the fingertips of goalkeeper Leif Erickson (1-1).

That stung the Cobras into action. Seven minutes later, sophomore Konner Gaskey picked up a loose ball at the top of the box and dribbled through three defenders before placing a left-footed shot in the upper corner (2-1).

The Cobras had the game by the scruff of the neck. One minute later, Durringer ran onto a pass from Schneider and slotted it past the keeper (3-1).

Now the offense was rolling. Two minutes later, Wyatt Smith was knocked down in the box and Schneider calmly placed the penalty kick in the upper corner (4-1).

Durringer completed his hat trick in the last minute of the game when he finished off a cross from Schneider at the back post.

The defensive back five of Don Ware, Sawyer Kirk, Creed Mast, Bob Cunningham and Erickson gave a strong performance to limit the Bobcats to just a couple of shots all game.

Next Match

The Cobras face another play-off team from last year, the South Umpqua Lancers, on Saturday, Sept. 6, at 2 p.m. at Central Linn Elementary field.

CL FOOTBALL

Cobras Fall to Corbett in Season Opener

By Tony Koontz, Sports Editor

A lack of experience coupled with early season mistakes led to a 44-24 home opener loss against Corbett on Friday night at Central Linn.

Running back Hank Davidson provided the highlight for the Cobras, carrying the ball six times for 167 yards and three touchdowns. On defense, Davidson and Angus Smith each recorded seven solo tackles and seven assisted tackles.

“The game did not go as planned, but on the bright side all the mistakes are fixable,” Coach Mike Day said.

Central Linn will travel to Nestucca this Friday, September 12.

Central Linn Elementary Welcomes Counselor Rodney Baney

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Central Linn Elementary is kicking off the school year with a focus on student well-being, thanks to the support of school counselor Rodney Baney. Baney is available to provide counseling services that nurture both the academic and emotional growth of every student. Elementary school can be a time of great excitement, but also of change and challenge. Baney provides students with a safe, supportive space to talk, be heard, and learn healthy coping strategies. His services include short-term individual counseling, small group sessions such as social skills and self-esteem groups, and support during difficult times like grief, family transitions, or anxiety. All services are free and occur during the school day. For students needing long-term



therapy or more specialized care, Baney can connect families with external mental health professionals. This year, families are also encouraged to share insurance information if they feel comfortable. The state of Oregon now permits school counselors to bill Medicaid for certain services provided during the school day. This won't impact family premiums, copays, or require any additional paperwork, but it helps schools receive funding to enhance student support programs. "I am here to support every child's emotional and academic growth," Baney said. Families with questions or concerns can reach him at 541-369-2851 ext. 1156 or rodney.baney@centrallinn.k12.or.us.

Fall Sports and Activities Kick Off for Central Linn Elementary Students

2025 Fall Registration Closing Soon!

Central Linn's youngest athletes are gearing up for a busy fall season with opportunities in cheer, flag football, volleyball, and soccer. Each program is designed to build skills, teamwork, and confidence while fostering a love for the game.

2025 Fall Sideline Cheer

Open to students in kindergarten through 4th grade, the cheer program introduces age-appropriate motions, cheers, chants, dances, jumps, and stunts. Coaches emphasize safety and positive progression while encouraging teamwork, respect, and self-confidence.

2025 Tri-County Flag Football

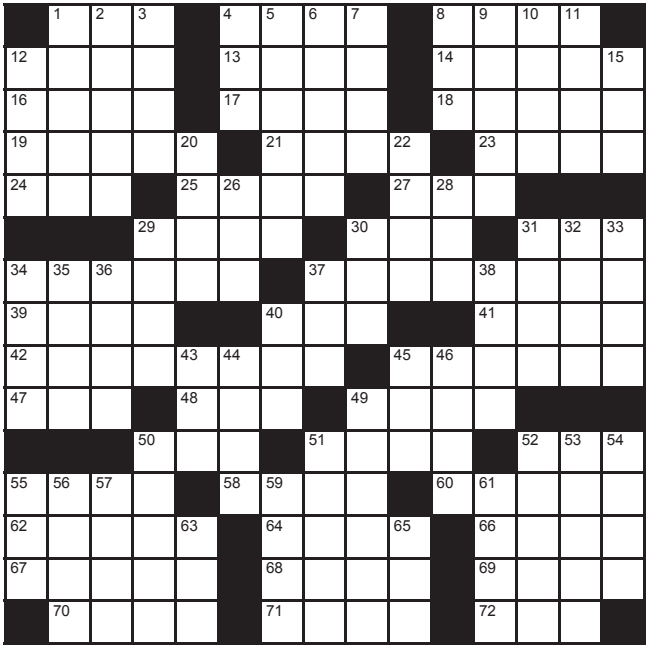
Running from early September through late October, the flag football season teaches fundamental skills, terminology, and sportsmanship. Practices are scheduled two to three times per week, with games held on weekdays and Saturdays, depending on coach availability.

2025 Valley League Volleyball

Elementary volleyball players will focus on basic skills, teamwork, and fun. Practices begin in September and continue through October, with two games per week. Teams will travel to compete in nearby communities, including Philomath, Corvallis, Lebanon, Sweet Home, and Jefferson.

2025 Tri-County Soccer

Soccer season also runs from September through October, offering players a chance to build their skills while working together as a team. Practices are held two to three times per week, with games scheduled on both weekdays and Saturdays. Together, these programs provide Central Linn's elementary students a chance to stay active, learn teamwork, and build lifelong memories this fall. Register at <https://www.clrasports.org>. If you have any questions regarding registration please reach out to vp@clrasports.org.



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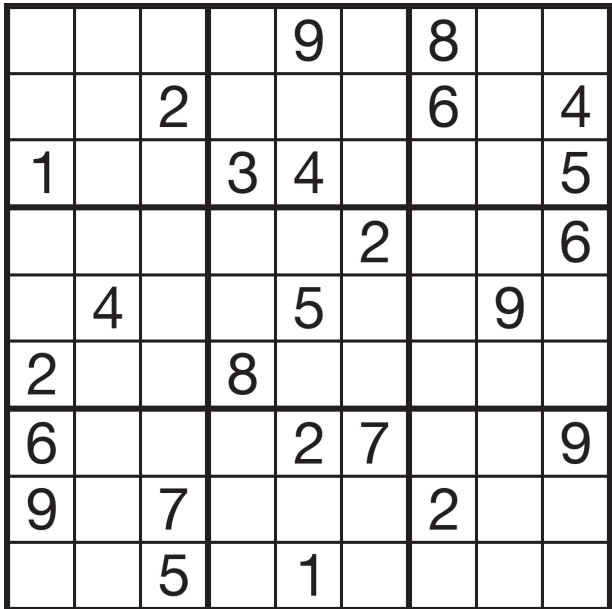
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KIDS’ KORNER

Abundant Crops!

By Nancy Diltz, Staff Writer

We eat each day, and some meals are more to our liking than others. I like to be sure to add fresh, colorful vegetables to my meals whenever I can. The bright yellow color of sweet summer corn, a beautiful orange carrot, some crisp emerald-green lettuces, ruby red beets, yellow squash, and deep green zucchini all demonstrate nature’s beauty and bounty. Not only beautiful but filled with the nutrients that your body needs to grow and thrive, vegetables (and fruits too) grow all around us and are available in farm stands, neighborhood gardens, and markets nearby.

Does your family grow some food plants? For my grandson’s 4th birthday this year, we planted his first garden together. Everything began as a little seed; there were even some pumpkin seeds for Halloween pumpkins. We planted squash, tomatoes, lettuce, onions, carrots, pumpkins, and string beans. He has been so excited to watch many of the vegetable plants leafing, budding, and then ripening into edible foods for the table.

There are many good recipes for vegetables, yet most taste delicious with no special treatment. Many are eaten raw (carrots, celery, and lettuce), and some are excellent steamed, boiled, or pan-seared (corn, peas, and broccoli). What is your favorite vegetable? Do you know how it is grown and harvested?

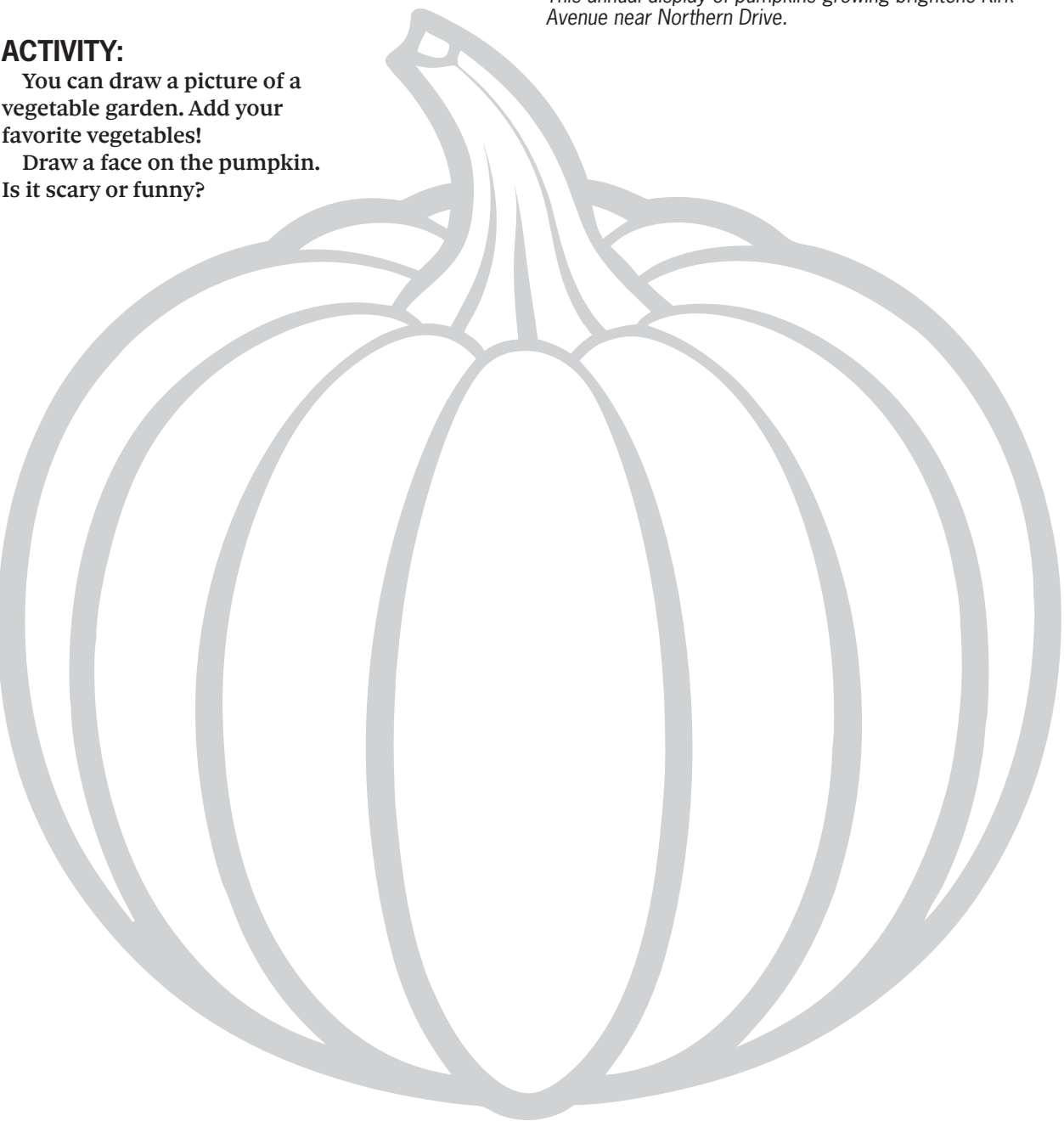
In the fall, it is traditional to find a pumpkin to carve or to make into pumpkin pie. Have you ever been to a pumpkin patch? Do you find a fun pumpkin at the grocery store in October? I am already looking forward to enjoying the abundant vegetables ripening in my grandson’s garden. What do you think we should eat first? 🍂

ACTIVITY:

You can draw a picture of a vegetable garden. Add your favorite vegetables!
Draw a face on the pumpkin.
Is it scary or funny?



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CRITTER CHRONICLES

Sylvie, the Couch Potato (Egg-tato?) Chicken

By Sharon Banks, Staff Writer

Most chickens are perfectly content to lay their eggs in a cozy nest box in the coop. But Sylvie the Blue Copper Marans is not most chickens.

At one year and ten months old, Sylvie has decided that the couch — yes, the living room couch — is the only respectable place to lay an egg.



It all started innocently enough. Raised in a bathtub (don't worry, the water was off) with two other chicks, Sylvie was always a bit... different. When the trio eventually joined the rest of the flock, the others adapted to outdoor life just fine. Sylvie, on the other hand, maintained an air of independence and a fondness for creature comforts.

One day, she appeared at the back door, pecking with the determination of someone who really wanted in. The humans, perhaps sensing the start of something strange and wonderful, opened the door. Sylvie strolled in, hopped up on the couch, and after a few minutes of shuffling about... laid an egg.

Now it's a full-blown routine. Each morning, Sylvie hops onto a handrail to get her people's attention — a sort of "Excuse me, couch time please" look in her eyes. She has her own special blanket on the couch that serves as her nest. And heaven forbid anyone tries to sit on it.

Her owners have accepted that Sylvie is, in essence, a free-range chicken with an indoor egg-laying schedule. She's named after Sylvie Laufeydottir from the Loki TV series, which seems fitting — she's mysterious, unpredictable, and clearly operates by her own rules.

Whether this is a phase or a lifelong commitment to furniture-based agriculture remains to be seen. But one thing's certain: if you're ever visiting, don't be surprised to find breakfast being prepared... right on the couch.

As told by Abe Sword. 🌟

AMERICAN LEGION

Legion Scholarship: Pot of Gold for CL Grads

By An Ordinary Seaman

The first day of school is a lot like the first day of spring — a certain hopefulness hangs in the air, a certain freshness on the newly dressed students. They walk with a purpose to school in their new clothes, their backpacks stuffed with notebooks, and the promise of a future not yet written. Many of them have spent the summer at the hard business of work, of babysitting or lifeguarding or even, for the lucky ones, driving a combine through the wide-open fields. They've earned a little something to put toward those new clothes, maybe, or to slip into the college fund that sits on a shelf in a bank, gathering interest like a good rumor.

The cost of going to college these days is a thing to make a man's hair stand on end. It's a bill that can bust a ham, as they say, for a lot of folks. Parents, since the day their child was born, have been setting aside a little here, a little there, like a squirrel burying nuts for the winter. But when the time comes, they're all looking for a little help with the bill. They're all searching for those pots of gold at the end of the rainbow. We call them scholarships now, and you can find them for almost anything.

I was over at the Tavern the other day with my friend Bill — we'd just finished up a repair on the Post Office roof, and a man's got to get out of the sun. The talk, as it always does, wandered around to the topic of kids. Bill's son, Will, is a senior at Central Linn High School this year. They're both named William, you see, but the family uses Bill and Will so as not to confuse things.

Now Will, he's got a notion to go to college and study AI Ethics. Well, I don't know much about AI or ethics, but I can't help but wonder if a fella can make as good a living at it as he can plumbing or carpentry. Will, he's got his sights set on the University of Oregon, but he's also talking about Stanford, where they've got a whole department for such a thing. A man can get an education at Stanford, I reckon, but it's a difference in price that would make a saint curse.

That's when I told Bill about something that just might help. Our very own Travis Moothart Post 184 of the American Legion, right here in



Brownsville, is offering a \$2,500 scholarship to a graduating Central Linn senior who's heading off for higher education in the fall. Now, to be considered, a student must live in the Central Linn district, have a minimum 2.0 GPA, and be a senior at CL High School. They also need to submit a completed application, a 250- to 500-word essay on their achievements, and give a brief verbal presentation to the scholarship committee. The deadline for all this is April 15, 2026.

This ain't one of those scholarships for the kid who can punt a football the farthest or who can cheer the loudest. It's for a hard-working student, maybe one of those kids who worked all summer and has a little calloused dirt on their hands and some money in the bank. You can pick up an application at the Central Linn High School guidance office or at Post 184 on Main Street.

After all, as my old friend Bill likes to say, there's always a pot of gold to be found if you know where to look for it. But you can't be suffering from that awful affliction known as "senioritis," which I've seen strike down many a good student in their last year, or you might find that pot empty. I told Bill that a good scholarship is a lot like a good joke: a lot of folks might be in on it, but you've still got to be there to hear the punchline. So, get on down to the Post or the school guidance office and fill out that application. It's the least you can do to help a kid get started on the long road ahead. 🌟

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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.

The following is a list of abbreviations that may appear in our log reports: LCSO (Linn County Sheriff's Office); OSP (Oregon State Police); LCCC (Linn County Circuit Court); LCJC (Linn County Justice Court); AMC (Albany Municipal Court); FTA (failure to appear); FTC (failure to comply). A roman numeral listed after a charge means that the charge is that numbered-degree: theft I (first-degree theft).

Monday, September 1

7:15 a.m. — Sten Weld, 30, of Sweet Home was cited for speeding at 25500 block of Hwy 99E, Halsey.

11:42 a.m. — Motorist Assisted at block of 29300 Pine Grove Dr, Halsey.

5:02 p.m. — Jenifer Black, 49, of Brownsville was issued a citation for speed Tandy Ln/Hwy 99E Harrisburg.

Tuesday, September 2

12:12 a.m. — Corey Dean, 51, of Brownsville was cited for a warrant during a traffic stop at Hwy 20 and Dew Rd, Sweet Home.

7:07 a.m. — Kalena Currie, 25, of Bend was issued a citation for speed at Powerline Rd/Hwy 99E, Harrisburg.

1:28 p.m. — Motor vehicle

injury reported at 29800 block of Roberts Rd, Shedd. No public narrative.

6:52 p.m. — Deputies assisted Good Samaritan Hospital by locating next of kin for a patient at 600 Block of Calapooia Ave, Brownsville.

8:03 p.m. — Deputy located a suspicious vehicle near the Tangent Cliffs. Deputy learned it was someone taking their dog to the water. Deputy told the female to move along at block of 32600 block of McLagan Rd, Tangent.

9:22 p.m. — Michelle Renee Kempton, 44, was issued traffic citations for driving while suspended, driving uninsured, and failure to renew vehicle registration at 500 block of Territorial St, Harrisburg.

Wednesday, Sept. 3

7:40 a.m. — David Radu, 48, of Gresham was issued a citation for failure to obey a traffic control device at 3300 block of Hwy 228, Halsey.

3:19 p.m. — A person burning in a backyard was confronted and made to put out the burn at 100 block of N 1st St, Harrisburg.

5:58 p.m. — DHS referral at 32900 block of Diamond Hill Dr, Harrisburg. Deputy conducted a welfare check on two teenage girls. Both have issues that need to be dealt with, but no crimes have occurred.

6:08 p.m. — Deputy conducted welfare check on juvenile at 26900 block of Gap Rd, Brownsville. Juvenile was fine.

Thursday, September 4

8:49 a.m. — Caller reported juvenile complaint at 800 block of W 5th, Halsey. Deputies responded to verbal disturbance.

9:23 a.m. — Caller report-

ed a dog complaint at 39600 block of Hwy 228, Sweet Home. Deputy issued a written warning to dog owner for dog violations.

11:24 a.m. — DHS 307 referral at 33900 Lake Creek Dr, Halsey. DHS is already working with family.

12:55 p.m. — Deputies respond to crash involving two vehicles at 21000 block of N Coburg Rd, Harrisburg.

1:35 p.m. — Caller reported suspicious person at Seven Mile Ln/Tangent Dr, Tangent. Male warned for trespassing. He was given a ride out of the area.

5:09 p.m. — Anthony Neil Warren, 42, of Sweet Home was arrested for driving while suspended. Anthony was issued a citation in lieu of custody. Anthony was also issued a citation for speeding, 53 in a posted 35 mph zone, and failure to use an ignition interlock device at N Main St/North Ave, Brownsville.

5:14 p.m. — Caller reported theft of picture at restaurant at 100 block of S 2nd St, Harrisburg. Deputy investigating.

8:04 p.m. — Deputies responded to a welfare check at 39600 block of Crawfordville Dr, Sweet Home.

9:45 p.m. — Caller reported a theft at 300 block of N 3rd St, Harrisburg.

Friday, September 5

8:43 a.m. — Deputies responded to a trespass call at 38400 block of Glass St, Crawfordville.

9:53 a.m. — Caller reported a suspicious person at 38300 block of Glass St, Crawfordville.

11:48 a.m. — On-going civil dispute reported at 31600 block of Bell Plain Dr, Shedd.

1:35 p.m. — Megan

Hernandez, 40, of Harrisburg was issued a citation for driving uninsured at 900 Block of Territorial St, Harrisburg.

3:57 p.m. — James Turner, 60, of Harrisburg was arrested for driving while intoxicated at 200 block of N 3rd St, Harrisburg.

4:25 p.m. — Deputy followed up to earlier call for trespassing reported at 31600 block of Bell Plain Dr, Shedd.

5:19 p.m. — Caller reported shots heard at the Brownsville Pioneer Cemetery. Deputies warned the individual about shooting in the cemetery during high fire danger and on city and private timber property. No further action.

5:23 p.m. — Animal complaint reported at 100 block of Vroman Ave, Brownsville. Owner notified of his mules moving along the Calapooia River.

5:41 p.m. — Ray Gundy, 30, of Harrisburg was arrested for Assault IV and Criminal Mistreatment I after spanking a child with a belt multiple times which left injuries at 800 block of 800 S 9th Pl, Harrisburg. Report pending.

7:46 p.m. — Caller reported a door-to-door salesman at 32100 block of Old Oak Dr, Tangent. Everything was legitimate and not a scam.

9:50 p.m. — Domestic violence incident reported at 600 block of LaSalle St, Harrisburg. Investigation ongoing.

Saturday, September 6

2:39 a.m. — Deputies assisted OSP with a semi-truck crash on I-5 Northbound near milepost 222, Shedd.

8:43 a.m. — Deputy responded to a domestic disturbance at 32900 block of Diamond Hill Dr,

Harrisburg.

8:48 a.m. — Katharine Hazen, 22, of Junction City was issued a citation for speeding at 26800 block of Hwy 99E, Halsey.

10:44 a.m. — Caller requested a welfare check on an elderly male at 33600 Hwy 99E, Tangent. Deputy gave him a ride home.

10:58 a.m. — Single vehicle motorcycle crash reported at 36400 Northern Dr, Brownsville. Rider and passenger were transported by medics for treatment.

11:53 a.m. — Thomas Bennett, 41, of Portland was issued an arrest citation for a driving while suspended. He was also issued citations for speeding 83 in a 55 mph posted zone, driving uninsured, failure to yield to an emergency vehicle, and failure to install an ignition interlock device at 24700 block of Hwy 99E, Harrisburg.

1:33 p.m. — Deputy investigated disorderly conduct situation reported at Pioneer Park, Brownsville.

4:22 p.m. — Caller reports missing child at 36300 block of Kirk Dr, Brownsville. Child found in the home to be safe and unharmed.

5:39 p.m. — Caller reported a suspicious woman wanting to enter someone's residence at 22400 block of Coburg Rd, Harrisburg. Deputy located the female and trespassed her from the property and gave her a ride out of the county at her request.

6:38 p.m. — Jose Lopez, 31, of Eugene was issued a citation for speeding, 83 in a 55mph zone on Hwy 99E near Shedd Cemetery.

7:50 p.m. — Male with mental health issues and a transient reported at 29700 block of Roberts Rd, Shedd.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Halfway Isn't Enough: Drivers' Duties at Oregon Crosswalks

By Jeff Brown, Staff Writer

You might have heard that the wait time for a pedestrian varies depending on the type of crosswalk — perhaps thinking you can go once the person reaches the halfway point in a simple two-line crosswalk but must wait until they're fully across in a ladder-style one. In small towns, we don't have many crosswalks, but most feature one or both styles: the simple "train track" two lines and the more visible ladder-striped versions. It's natural to wonder if the rules change based on the paint — but under Oregon law, they don't.

Oregon law states that all marked and unmarked crosswalks carry the same obligation. Drivers must 'stop and remain stopped' whenever a pedestrian is in their lane or the adjacent lane. If turning at an intersection, you must wait until the pedestrian has cleared the lane you're entering and at least six feet into the next lane. There is no legal halfway rule — no matter the striping. Both two-line and ladder crosswalks are legal crossings, and both require the same care. Passing a vehicle stopped at a crosswalk is illegal and dangerous, even if the crosswalk is only partially



occupied. And remember: every intersection in Oregon is a crosswalk, whether painted or not.

Pedestrians are most vulnerable when crossing. In small towns like ours, where people often walk and drivers might assume they "know how it works" exercising caution is very important. Misinterpreting the law — even by thinking halfway is enough — can put people at risk. Oregon's rules are clear: your responsibility doesn't end until the pedestrian has safely moved beyond your lane and the next, or when you're turning according to the six-foot rule.

Quick Crosswalk Safety Tips

For Drivers: Come to a complete stop and stay stopped until the pedestrian has fully cleared your lane and the adjacent lane (or your lane and six feet into the next when turning). Never pass a vehicle that is stopped at a crosswalk. Remember: every intersection counts as a crosswalk — even if it isn't painted.

For Pedestrians: Make yourself visible, especially at night or in bad weather. Only step into the crosswalk when it is safe and clearly signal your intent. Stay alert for traffic in all directions, even if you have the right of way. 🚶



SHERIFF'S REPORT

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Deputy provided courtesy ride to location of his choice.

10:47 p.m. — Tanner Goble, 28, of Sweet Home was arrested and issued a criminal citations for reckless driving and reckless endangering. Tanner was issued criminal citations in lieu of custody and issued traffic citations for traveling 100+ miles per hour (with a passenger on his motorcycle), failure to yield to an emergency vehicle, and failure to register a vehicle at Hwy 228/I-5.

Sunday, September 7

5:37 a.m. — Deputy assisted a motorist with getting fuel at Hwy 228/Courtney Creek Dr, Brownsville.

1:28 p.m. — Russell Swanks, 43, of Albany was arrested for his outstanding warrants, Contempt of court, Trespass I, and Escape II at 33600 block of Hwy 99E, Tangent.

6:26 p.m. — Malachi Nickelson, 31, of Harrisburg was arrested for Theft III after he stole a pint of Ben & Jerry's ice cream from the Dollar General, Harrisburg.

Monday, September 8

3:25 a.m. — Domestic dispute was reported between 19-year-olds. Parties were advised to separate for the night. Probable cause was not established for a mandatory arrest at 30000 block of Hwy 99E, Shedd.

7:06 a.m. — Deputies responded to an injured elk at 33500 block of Belts Dr, Harrisburg.

8:00 a.m. — Caller reported unauthorized entry of a motor vehicle. Approx. \$2 removed from vehicle, no other damage or items reported missing at 200 block of S 4th St, Harrisburg.

8:03 a.m. — Caller reported unauthorized entry of a motor

vehicle. Fuse box cover valued at \$40 removed at 400 block of N 7th St, Harrisburg.

10:04 a.m. — Deputies respond to a single vehicle crash at 25300 block of Brush Creek Rd, Sweet Home.

2:53 p.m. — Deputy responded to non-injury crash at Hwy 99E/Lake Creek Dr, Halsey.

5:58 p.m. — Deputy assisted DHS with getting juveniles to medical treatment at 32900 block of Diamond Hill Rd, Harrisburg.

6:03 p.m. — Jason Marlow Eaton, 34, of Corvallis was issued a citation for 80 in a posted 65 mph zone at 22500 block of N I-5, Tangent.

7:42 p.m. — Very large snake escaped home and was located on the road at 700 block of 2nd St, Harrisburg. The snake owner collected the snake. 🐍

TAKING ROOT

Garden Watering Tips for Summer

By Donald Lyon, Staff Writer

With the price of water not going down in the near future, it is important to water effectively and efficiently. Fruit and vegetables require a lot of water to develop into the delicious produce your family craves. Inadequate watering stresses plants, inviting disease and insects. Often, your plants will let you know when they need water. They wilt, and colors become dull. Keep in mind, too, that different crops have different water requirements.

As you think about your successes and failures in the garden this season, start making plans about what you will do differently next year.

You will want to grow crops with similar requirements in the same row or area. Onions, for example, don't need as much water as carrots, and carrots require less than tomatoes, cucumbers, and beans. Lettuce is very particular about receiving regular watering, but peppers will thrive in hot, dry soil.

Young plants require more

frequent watering than mature plants because their root systems are not yet well-developed. Your August garden requires less watering than in June and July. Soil texture makes a huge difference in water requirements. Even a five percent increase in compost or other organic matter quadruples the soil's water-holding capacity. Compost or other mulches, such as straw, are the surest way to keep soil cool and moist — so important at this time of year. Most likely, your August garden is full of mature plants. The idea, then, is for water to penetrate six to eight inches into the soil. This means a long, slow soak with drip or soaker hoses every three or four days rather than a daily sprinkle from the hose. Deep watering encourages deep roots, which provide the greatest drought resiliency. Did you water deep enough? Moisture meters with eight-inch probes are an inexpensive investment.

Do your watering early in the morning, especially if you are using a sprinkler. Wet foliage invites fungal diseases, but early watering gives the plants time to dry off before nightfall. I avoid evening watering because damp soil brings out the slugs and snails. Avoid watering when it is windy. Not only do you lose water to evaporation, but you also stress your plants when water is evaporating directly from the leaves. Try to give your plants extra water after a warm, windy day. Give yourself a drink, too. It is important for all living things to stay hydrated.

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

Donald Lyon is a retired photography tour operator and local volunteer who serves on several community boards. He believes a strong local newspaper is key to keeping Brownsville connected and vibrant.



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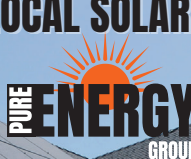
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