



Tangent Harvest Festival Brings Community Together



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Although weather grounded the hot air balloons, festivalgoers were treated to thrilling tether rides that proved an exciting success.

By Sharon Banks, Staff Writer

The city of Tangent came alive Saturday as families, friends, and neighbors gathered for the annual Tangent Harvest Festival. The September 13 event celebrated small-town spirit, local agriculture, and the bounty of the fall season.

The festival began bright and early with a free breakfast sponsored by the Tangent Volunteer Fire Department, paired with a hot air balloon launch that delighted the crowd.

One of the biggest attractions was the Harvest Parade, featuring colorful floats, classic tractors, and school groups marching proudly down the parade route. Community organizations, 4-H clubs, and local businesses showcased their creativity with festive harvest-themed displays as spectators lined the streets to cheer them on.

Following the parade, festivities continued in the field behind Tangent Elementary School. The air was filled with the scent of kettle corn, barbecue, and fresh-squeezed lemonade, while vendors sold handcrafted goods, homemade jams, baked treats, and produce straight from Linn County farms. Children flocked to the play area, while live bands kept music flowing from the festival stage throughout the afternoon. A classic car show also drew large crowds, earning rave reviews from attendees.

Competitions added to the excitement, with a tractor pull and a pie-eating contest that had spectators laughing and cheering. Samaritan Health was on hand with a mobile medical unit, offering basic care and coordinating emergency services to keep the day running smoothly.

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INSIDE



Seven massive combines clash in the debut Combine Demolition Derby at the Tangent Harvest Festival, thrilling a sold-out crowd.

New Tangent Spot Will Serve Up Fresh Fare at Kim's Kafé

By Daniel R. Murphy, Staff Writer

Kim Ellingson will be opening her new restaurant, Kim's Kafé, in October across the street from the Fire Department at 32050 Birdfoot Avenue, Tangent.

She will be serving sandwiches, salads, wraps, and desserts with a plan to tailor things to the local community. Kim's will also offer groceries, especially fresh produce, for sale. You can get an onion on your burger, or you can get the whole onion! They will offer fresh sourdough bread; she already has a baker lined up for that. The cafe will also be selling Leslie Harrison's wonderful honey.

The 'Kafé' will have a self-service coffee bar that will operate on the honor system. They will not be offering any alcoholic drinks.

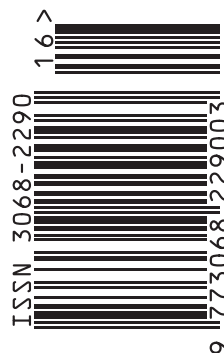
Ellingson said she has always wanted to do something like this after working in the food industry for 23 years. She most recently worked at the No Baloney Sandwich Shop in Albany. Keep an eye out here for opening day information. ☼



Kim Ellingson stands in front of Kim's Kafé, opening this October in Tangent.

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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>

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 pm
Brownsville Community Library’s Kirk Room • 146 Spaulding Ave.
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

Cider Pressing at Thompson’s Mill
Saturdays, Sept. 20, Oct 11 & 25
11 a.m. until apples run out (usually before 3 p.m.)
Thompson’s Mills | State Heritage Site
32655 Boston Mill Dr, Shedd, OR 97377
\$5 per half gallon. Bring a picnic, take a tour, and enjoy fresh-pressed cider.

Brownsville City Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 23 • 7 p.m.
Fisher Hall, Brownsville City Hall 255 N Main St.
The public is always welcome and invited to attend, and opportunities are provided at each meeting for public input. Copies of the materials provided to the City Council and agendas are available at City Hall and online at <https://www.ci.brownsville.or.us/citycouncil>. Please contact City Hall if you have any questions at 541-466-5880.

Sip & Support for Sharing Hands
Saturday, September 27 • 4–7 p.m.
The Cozy Rose Gardens 25672 Gap Rd, Brownsville
\$50 includes wine pairings, raffle, and silent auction. Get your tickets at Sharing Hands, 107 Bishop Way, Brownsville.

Tomato Fest
Sunday, September 28 • 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
Lebanon’s Senior Center • 80 Tangent St.

Lebanon Tomato Fest on September 28

You don’t truly know tomatoes until you attend Tomato Fest in Lebanon, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on September 28.



Discover your new favorite among at least 50 varieties of perfectly ripe tomatoes. Master Gardener Sheryl Casteen plants the tomatoes and passes them to volunteers to raise and deliver to Lebanon’s Senior Center at 80 Tangent Street.
Arrive early on an empty stomach because, besides tasting tomatoes, you can enjoy homemade soups and salsas. Local vendors, unique seeds, canning demos, free produce, and prizes make this a fun event. Free for everyone. ☼

Hands-on Learning Continues at Tarweed Folk School

CORVALLIS — Tarweed Folk School’s fall season is underway, with several September classes still open for registration.
From Sept. 23, 25, 27, and 30, Kiko Denzer will teach Bowls on the Spring Pole Lathe. Students will use a traditional foot-powered lathe to shape wooden bowls while learning the rhythm and technique of this historic craft.
On Sept. 27, two creative one-day workshops are scheduled. Dairy Goats and Cheesemaking Basics with Margot Schwarz offers an introduction to goat care and the art of making fresh cheese. That same day, Madelaine Corbin leads Introduction to Natural Dyes, a hands-on exploration of plant-based color for yarn and fabric.



The month closes on Sept. 28 with Acorn Processing Basics taught by Margot Schwarz. Participants will discover how to gather, prepare, and process acorns into a nutrient-rich food source ready for the kitchen.



Classes take place at Tarweed’s new home inside Wade Hardware in downtown Corvallis and at partner locations. Scholarships are available. See the full list of fall classes through November at <https://www.tarweedfolkschool.com>. ☼

OSU Extension Offers “Living on the Land” Workshop Series in October

LACOMB — OSU Extension’s Working Lands program is offering Living on the Land, a workshop series designed for land-owners new to managing small-acreage farms and properties. Sessions will be held on Wednesdays in October from 6–8 p.m. at LaComb Grange, 34100 E. Lacombe Rd.



The series includes:
• Oct. 1 — From the Ground Up: Planning for Your Property and Managing Your Soil
• Oct. 8 — Rural Water Maintenance
• Oct. 15 — Woodlands, Wildlife, and Riparian Protection
• Oct. 22 — Pasture & Grazing Systems
• Oct. 29 — Weed Management and Soil Test Interpretation
The cost is \$20 for the full series, with scholarships available.

Register online at <https://beav.es/xTy>. For accommodation requests related to a disability, contact Crystal Kelso at 541-730-3539 or by email at crystal.kelso@oregonstate.edu by Saturday, September 19, 2025.
The program is presented in partnership with the Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon Water Resources Department, and Linn Soil & Water Conservation District. ☼

Have a News Tip?

If you’ve got a story idea, community update, or news tip to share, we’d love to hear from you. Contact The Brownsville Times at (458) 266-0511 or editor@brownsvilletimes.org and help us keep our community informed. ☼

Sip and Support

TO BENEFIT

Sharing Hands Food Bank

Saturday, September 27

4–7 p.m.

The Cozy Rose Gardens

25672 Gap Road
Brownsville, OR

\$50 includes:
Wine Pairings
Raffle & Silent Auction

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your own to our community calendar:

[https://brownsvilletimes.org/
community-calendar](https://brownsvilletimes.org/community-calendar)

Hiking Trails to Be Topic of Clear Lake Resort Talk, Slideshow

Outdoor author William Sullivan will talk about the latest update to the guidebook, “100 Hikes: Central Oregon Cascades,” from 1-4 p.m. on Friday, September 19, at Clear Lake Resort.

The event is free and will include a slideshow tour of new or dramatically changed trails around Bend, Salem and Eugene. Books will be available for purchase and to be autographed.

Clear Lake Resort is part of the Linn County Parks and Recreation Department and is four miles south of Highway 20 off Highway 126. The lake is the headwater of the McKenzie River and has multiple popular hiking trails nearby.

Sullivan is the author of seven novels and 18 books about Oregon, including the popular “100 Hikes” series, “Exploring Oregon’s History,” and “Oregon Favorites.”

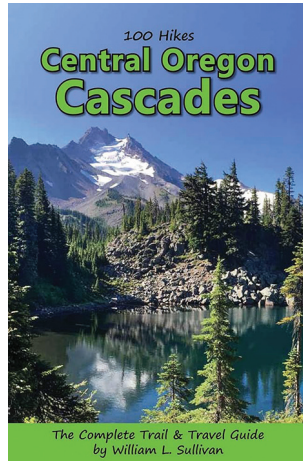
His journal of a 1,000-mile hike that he took across Oregon, “Listening for Coyote,” was selected by the Oregon Cultural Heritage Commission as one of Oregon’s 100 most significant books in the state’s history.

Clear Lake Resort offers a lodge/restaurant, numerous cabins and yurts and hiking trails. Rowboat and kayak rentals are also available.

Trees preserved on the lake’s floor are visible in the crystal-clear and chilly (about 43 degrees) water.

Cabins, yurts and boats can be rented year-round.

Reservations can be made at <https://linnparks.com>. ☼



Meals on Wheels Seeking Volunteer Drivers

Looking for a simple way to give back to your community? Meals on Wheels is seeking volunteer drivers to help deliver meals in the Brownsville area. The program delivers food on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with two routes currently covered by only two dedicated drivers. Organizers hope to add at least two more volunteers so drivers can rotate and provide coverage when someone is unavailable.

If you’re interested in helping, please call Kay at 541-466-5015. ☼



Step Into the Shadows: Albany’s Haunted Tours Return This October



ALBANY — Autumn nights in Albany are about to get a little darker. The Monteith Historical Society is once again inviting thrill-seekers to step into the city’s ghostly past with a series of haunted tours throughout October.

The month begins

with the Trolley of Terror on Thursday, October 3, followed by the ever-popular Ghost Walk in Albany on Thursday, October 10. For those who want a closer look at the unexplained, the VIP Paranormal Investigation takes place late into the night on Friday, October 18.

The season culminates with the Carriage of Shadows, a horse-drawn ride through Albany’s historic streets. Guests will stop at more than 15 haunted sites before concluding inside the famously haunted Monteith House. Tours are offered October 24 and 25 at 6, 7, 8, and 9 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$20 for children.

Proceeds benefit the Monteith Historical Society, helping preserve Albany’s oldest frame house and its collection of pioneer-era artifacts.

Spots vanish quickly each year — reserve your tickets now to be part of this tradition at <https://www.ticketleap.events/events/monteithhouse>. ☼

SafeHaven’s Rescue Roundup Set for September 27

SafeHaven Humane Society invites the community to “saddle up” for its biggest event of the year — the annual Rescue Roundup — on Saturday, September 27, at the Knife River Training Center at 35973 Kennel Rd. SE, Albany. Festivities begin at 5 p.m.

This unforgettable evening will feature live and silent auctions, a dessert auction, and wine pull, with every dollar raised directly supporting SafeHaven’s mission to care for homeless animals and connect them with loving homes. Guests can look forward to good food, lively bidding, and a strong sense of community, all in the name of helping pets in need.

Tickets are available online now through Friday, September 19 at <https://safehavenhumane.org/event/rescueroundup>, and can also be purchased at the door on the night of the event.

Mark your calendars and join SafeHaven in making a difference — one paw at a time. ☼



Community-Wide Harvest Party — All Welcome

By Donald Lyon, Staff Writer

BROWNSVILLE — Come join the Harvest Celebration on Friday, Sept. 19. The Community Garden’s bounty is overflowing, and the Calapooia Food Alliance wants to welcome autumn with all of you. There will be music, games and, of course, food.

Your CFA Board will provide picnic tables, chairs, BBQ corn, watermelon, bean dips, salads, salsa, cider, paper plates and utensils. You bring yourselves, chips and a dish to share if you like. Bring beverages of your choice to share and be prepared to have a good time.

Who, What, Where, When and Why? Free Harvest Celebration, CFA Community Garden at 185 Main St., Sept. 19 from 6 p.m. until whenever, to celebrate our community and welcome autumn. ☼

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

WE’LL SHARE
GRILLED CORN | GRILLED ZUCCHINI
BEAN MEDLEY | SALSA | SALADS | FRUIT
ZUCCHINI BREAD | DESSERT

YOU’LL SHARE
Your favorite dish, chips,
and beverage (adult or otherwise)

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food alliance

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The Community Garden
185 Main St, Brownsville
WWW.CALAPOOIAFOODALLIANCE.ORG
RSVP: calapooiafood@gmail.com

HALSEY CITY COUNCIL

Halsey Council Weighs Street Vacation, Eyes Park and Well Projects

HALSEY — The Halsey City Council met Sept. 9 at City Hall, approving the Aug. 12 minutes and August financial reports in unanimous votes.

Deputy Jenna Sukle briefed the council on August activity: three traffic citations, two warnings, two arrests, and 42 calls for service. Councilors thanked Sukle for focused patrols near the school; she was asked to provide extra patrol at the city park while its pathway project keeps the area closed.

A public hearing opened on a request to vacate a 170-foot segment of West N Street between West 4th and West 5th streets. Written testimony from residents asked that large existing trees be preserved if the area is developed. No decision was made. During public comment, a resident inquired about the city’s compensation for vacating a property and the impact on lot sizes when a property is subdivided; staff invited him to follow up at City Hall.

City Administrator Briana Parra reported that the council’s goal-setting session will be held on Oct. 4 at City Hall, with surveys due by Sept. 30. An Oregon Government Ethics Commission training on public meetings law is scheduled for Oct. 6, with Tangent officials attending. Other upcoming events include the Oregon Main Street Conference in October, municipal fundamentals training for the mayor and two councilors, and a year-long OCCMA Leadership Academy for Parra. Staff will also attend webinars on public records management.

Infrastructure updates included a design contract with Branch Engineering for inflow and infiltration work, targeting construction in spring 2026. For the new well, pump testing in September will complete a state permitting requirement; staff are pursuing funding support through Business Oregon and Energy Trust of Oregon.

Park pathway demolition is complete, and framing has begun. The city will add signage and has requested additional patrols after reports of people entering the construction area. Warranty parts for a damaged climbing-structure net are expected in 10–12 weeks.

Grant applications were submitted for a library pollinator garden, a poured-in-place rubber surface at the park, and the 2026 Library Summer Reading Program. Public Works reported 5.5 million gallons of water produced and 1 million gallons of wastewater collected in August, along with facility maintenance, street-sign vegetation trimming, and park improvements. The library recorded an average daily patron count of 4.7 and 98 items circulated, wrapped up Summer Reading, and is preparing new displays — including a rotating art exhibit featuring local preschool and kindergarten students.

On code enforcement, the council reached consensus to proceed toward abatement for a long-standing inoperable-vehicle case, with a court order to determine whether partial or complete abatement moves forward. Due to October training commitments, the regular October meeting may be canceled. However, Oct. 28 is being held as an alternative if a meeting is needed. The Sept. 9 meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. A recording can be watched at https://www.halseyor.gov/_t29_r138.php. ☼

CONNECT LINN COUNTY

Spice It Up at the Harvest Festival Chili Cook-Off on October 26

Get ready to turn up the heat at this year’s CONNECT Linn County Harvest Festival with the annual Chili Cook-Off fundraiser! Local cooks will be serving up their best creations — from mild and mellow to hot and fiery — all cooked on site for a true taste of fall.

Teams can register for just \$10, with categories for Judges’ Choice, Community Choice, and Juniors. Sampling begins at 1 p.m. in Pioneer Park, followed by judging at 3 p.m. Come hungry, bring your friends, and join in the fun of a flavorful community tradition.

For details or to sign up, visit <https://tinyurl.com/mvnnrnud>, email info@connectlinncounty.net or call Leise at 541-729-3633 or Karm at 541-451-0673.

LINN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners hear Planning & Building report

Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer

ALBANY — Linn County issued 281 total building permits in August, Planning & Building Director Steve Wills told Linn County Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Sherrie Sprenger and Will Tucker at their September 9 meeting.

Wills said 23 of the permits were for dwellings, including two single-family units and three manufactured homes.

There were five commercial permits issued.

Wills said there were 35 permits issued for contracted cities, which included four single-family dwellings.

There were 16 new code enforcement cases opened and seven cases closed in August.

The commissioners approved a conditional use permit for Build Lebanon Trails to construct a multi-use public trail.

Wills said the Greater Albany Public School District has increased its Construction Excise Tax. The tax on new residential property will increase from \$1.63 per square foot to \$1.67 per square foot and the rate for commercial properties will increase from 82 cents per square foot to 84 cents per square foot.

The Linn County Planning & Building Department receives that money from builders and passes it on to the school district, except for a four percent administrative fee.

GAPS uses the funds for capital improvement projects.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Approved a two-year services contract with All Star Cab Company not to exceed \$240,000 to provide transportation for Health Department clients when other transportation options are not available. Costs will be reimbursed through the Oregon Department of Human Services. The Developmental Disabilities program is the primary program that will utilize this service, arranging transportation to work locations and other community activities when public transportation is not available.
- Approved a transfer of \$490,515 within the Health Fund to cover the cost of repairs and maintenance at the Old Armory Building.
- Approved increasing the Health Fund by \$2,133,885 within the Health Services Department for mental health, addiction services and developmental disabilities.
- Amended a Construction Manager General Contractor contract, previously approved by the commissioners, between the Linn County Sheriff’s Office and Gerding Builders. It is for the construction of the female housing renovation project at the Linn County Jail. Undersheriff Micah Smith said the City of Albany has approved project plans and building permits have been issued.
- Approved First-Time Youth Wage Grant agreements with Berkey’s Blueberries, Boshart Trucking and Malpass Heritage Farms.
- Announced that a management staff meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 10, in the courthouse basement meeting room. ☼

TANGENT CITY COUNCIL

Council Greenlights Street Bond; Harvest Festival Sells Out

By Daniel R. Murphy, Staff Writer

The meeting was called to order at 6:48 pm on September 8, 2025 (I was locked out of the meeting until 7:14 p.m.).

There was an extended discussion of bonding for street improvements. Mayor Truelove made a motion to approve the bond. The motion passed.

A discussion followed this year’s Harvest Festival. Tickets are already sold out. The proceeds will all go to scholarships. ☼

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SEASONS EATINGS

Late Summer's Tomato Treasures

Part 3 of 3: Classic Preserves with a Twist: Patti K.'s Chow Chow

By Lisa Keith, Staff Writer

Bright, tangy, and full of crunch, this chow chow recipe is a vibrant way to use green tomatoes, peppers, cabbage, and cauliflower. Modified from Paula Deen's original and lovingly passed down by my dear friend, Patti K., this relish is

the perfect companion to grilled meats, beans, or sandwiches. Do you have cooking questions or ideas for future articles? Contact Lisa Keith by email at iamcheflisa@gmail.com. ☺



Chow Chow

(makes 8 pints)

Ingredients

- 6 cups chopped green cabbage
- 4 ½ cups small cauliflower florets
- 4 cups chopped red bell pepper
- 3 ½ coarsely chopped green tomatoes
- 3 cups sliced sweet onion
- 1 cup chopped, seeded Poblano pepper (Anaheim pepper can be substituted)
- 5 Tbsp canning and pickling salt
- 8 pint jars, lids, and bands
- 5 cups apple cider vinegar
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 3 Tbsp whole mustard seeds
- 2 Tbsp whole celery seeds
- ½ tsp ground turmeric
- 1 tsp fresh grated ginger
- ½ tsp ground coriander

Directions:

1. Toss all veggies and salt in a large bowl. Let stand 4 hours or overnight at room temperature. Then drain, rinse, and drain again.
2. Prepare jars, lids, and rings. Prepare a hot water bath. Combine the remaining ingredients in a large stainless-steel stockpot. Bring to a boil over high heat, stirring occasionally. Reduce the heat to medium and simmer for 5 minutes.
3. Add the vegetable mixture to the vinegar mixture. Return to a boil over medium heat and simmer 10 minutes.
4. Pack mixture into hot jars, leaving ½ inch of head space. Remove any air bubbles with a chopstick. Wipe jar rims. Cover with hot seals and rings. Tighten to “finger” tightness — process in a water bath for 10 minutes. Turn off the canner. Remove the lid. Let it rest for 5 minutes. Remove jars to a clean towel to cool for 24 hours. Store in a cool, dark place for 2-3 weeks before enjoying.

TAKING ROOT

Tree Fruits — When to Pick, How to Store

By Donald Lyon, Staff Writer

Peaches, Pears, and Plums are all threatening to overwhelm the home gardener right now. Learn how to pick at peak ripeness and to store for later enjoyment. Grapes are pretty easy, just taste one and pick when sweet with no acidity. Store uncovered in the fridge and don't wash until consuming. Figs tell you when they are ripe by drooping downward. Lift the fig up, and if it comes away from the stem, it is ripe. Refrigerate on a paper towel to absorb moisture. With plums, the color is a good guide as well as softness. Let them ripen on the tree if you are eating fresh, but pick them a few days early if you plan to store. Blackberries should pull off the vine easily when ripe. They should be chilled immediately and not washed until consumed. The best way to freeze them is to spread them out on a cookie sheet. I store them in quart yogurt containers in the freezer until we make jam in the fall. Pears take some practice because they ripen from the inside



DONALD LYON

out. If you wait until they look ripe on the tree, you are likely to cut into a rotting mess. Bartletts will begin to turn from green to yellow, and some will fall from the tree. Set them on the counter for a few days, and when the flesh yields to gentle pressure around the stem, they are ripe. If you want to spread out the pear-eating season, put some in the crisp-er section of the fridge when you pick them, and they will generally keep for weeks. Take note that each variety of pear has its own ripening pattern. Asian pears are a different story — they should be left to ripen on the tree. As the skin turns yellow, pick and sample one. Some of these tips come from a recent posting by One Green World, a very reliable Oregon nursery with a huge selection of old favorites and exotic newcomers <https://onegreenworld.com>. Got a gardening question? Ask a Master Gardener at phototraveler02@gmail.com. ☺

How to Donate to Sharing Hands Food Bank

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

- **Donate Online:** Visit <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.



Every dollar, every can, every box counts. Thank you for standing with your neighbors in need! Food donations accepted Tuesday–Friday 10 a.m.– 4 p.m.

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- ☐ Canned Beef
- ☐ Complete Meals
- ☐ Canned Spaghetti
- ☐ Canned Ravioli
- ☐ Canned Soup
- ☐ Canned Corn
- ☐ Canned Fruit
- ☐ Pork and Beans
- ☐ Ketchup

Please no expired items.



- ☐ Powdered Milk
- ☐ Spices

Reminder: Oregon's New Recycling Rules Now in Effect

Oregon's updated curbside recycling guidelines, part of the state's Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act, took effect July 1. The rules are designed to make it simpler to know what belongs in your tan recycling cart. By following the accepted items list, residents can reduce contamination and ensure more materials are turned into new products. Officials caution against "wish-cycling" — putting items in the cart that aren't on the approved list — as it can create costly problems for the entire system.

What Goes in Your Recycling Cart

- Always recycle these items curbside:
- **Paper & Cardboard:** newspapers, magazines, office paper, junk mail, flattened cardboard, paperboard (like cereal boxes). No food residue or frozen food boxes. Pizza boxes must be empty with no food residue.
 - **Metal Cans:** aluminum and steel food and beverage cans (empty, rinsed, and dry). Scrap metal less than 10 pounds and 18 inches.
 - **Plastic Bottles, Jugs & Tubs:** plastic containers that are round at the neck (milk jugs, soda bottles, detergent bottles), plastic tubs (yogurt, margarine, etc.) and rigid plant pots. All items must be 2 inches by 2 inches or larger. Caps okay if screwed on.
 - **Glass Bottles & Jars:** remove caps and lids. place in glass-only bin if provided.

Note: Place recyclables directly into the bin, do not pre-bag them. All items must be empty and dry. Pour liquids down the drain and, if possible, compost food waste.

Do NOT Put These in Recycling Carts

- These items cause contamination and must be kept out:
- **Plastic bags and film wrap:** These items tangle in recycling equipment and cause accidents or injuries. You can find options for recycling these plastics online at <https://plasticfilmrecycling.org>.
 - **Styrofoam and foam packaging:** Not all plastics can be recycled. Plastic utensils, straws, and clamshell take-out containers are not accepted in your recycling bin.
 - **Batteries and electronics**
 - **Frozen food boxes:** These boxes have a coating to protect them in the freezer that also reduces their recyclability.
 - **Garden hoses, cords, or rope:** Items like these get caught in recycling machinery.
 - **Clothing, textiles, or shoes**
 - **Food scraps and yard debris**

Tip: When in doubt, check the official state-wide list online at <https://recycleon.org/oregon/what-can-i-recycle>.

Lt. Raymond Everett Templeton Fountain

By Allen L. Buzzard, retired history teacher

Lieutenant Raymond Everett Templeton was an American aviator from Brownsville, Oregon, who was the first serviceman from the Central Linn community to die in World War I. Prior to moving to Pendleton, Oregon, he and his only sibling, Leighton Francis Templeton, had fond childhood memories of a hand-pumped public well in the "Old Town Commercial" zone of Brownsville that served townsfolk and farmers riding into town.



LINN COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Naturally, the first order of business would be to water their horses, but that public well only had a tin cup; presumably for priming the hand-pump.

Enlisting in the US Army as a Private in October 1917, Raymond E. Templeton had the vision to provide in his will a bequest of \$1,000 for the installation of a public drinking fountain in downtown Brownsville with proposed inscription: "Erected to the memory of my Father and Mother and for the Convenience of my Friends, the Horses" (PAST TIMES | The Templeton Fountain | by Patricia Hainline in "The Brownsville Times," Thu., 17 Aug 1978, p. 2). Subsequently earning a commission as a Second Lieutenant and becoming an accomplished aviator, Raymond Everett Templeton was assigned to Selfridge Field near Mount Clemens, Michigan with the US Army as an aerial gunnery instructor. On June 28, 1918, "Lieutenant Raymond Templeton, of Pendleton, Oregon, and Private Edgar Sawyer, of Hartford, Connecticut, of the 830th Aero Squadron, United States Army, were killed... when their machine went into a tail-spin and crashed about 150 feet to the ground." (TWO ARMY AVIATORS KILLED; The New York Times, Sat., 29 Jun 1918, p. 9). Leighton spearheaded the installation of the present drinking fountain at the T-intersection in front of The Brownsville Times' office (343 N Main St) per his brother's wishes. Lieutenant Raymond Everett Templeton is buried in the 1850 McHargue Pioneer Cemetery, which is accessible from near 36643 Courtney Creek Dr.

Incidentally, Raymond Templeton was a grandson of 1847 Oregon trail emigrant and Brownsville settler William Thompson Templeton and Elizabeth Mears Ramsey. Raymond's father, Joseph Holt Templeton, was the 6th of 13 children born in various locations, including Indiana, Missouri, and Oregon. See "Genealogy & History of Our Branch of the Brownsville, Oregon Templetons" from 1682-1982, Wm. Lawrence Templeton, ca. 1982, p. 4, and William T. Templeton, Pioneer Family Genealogy and History, 1710-1828, Dwight & Gladys Templeton, ca. 1978, p. 58, available in the Brownsville Community Library.

Allen L. Buzzard is a retired educator. He especially enjoys sharing local history and traveling the world.



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CULTURAL EXPLORATIONS

Telepathy

By Stephen A. Brenner, Staff Writer

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has amplified research in numerous areas of science and technology. Scientists at Stanford University recently built a brain-computer interface (BCI) that can monitor the intention to speak by measuring the electric signals in the part of the brain that controls speech. They trained AI to learn the neural signals involved in inner speech and translate them into words. This is a huge advancement for individuals who are paralyzed and unable to physically speak, as even attempting to speak was difficult for them. So, the researchers took it a step further, and this is where it gets kind of freaky. They discovered that in addition to being able to monitor and translate attempted speech (via muscle activity,) they were also able to monitor inner thoughts. Right now, the error rate is too high to be reliable, but it's only a matter of time...



Like any technology, there is potential for both good and bad applications. Helping the disabled is miraculous, but used in the hands of a fascist government intent on controlling or brainwashing your inner thoughts, it's not so great. Ironically, this ability to read someone's inner thoughts and feelings is a skill set that all of us naturally have to one degree or another. The Institute of Noetic Science at noetic.org (founded by astronaut Edgar Mitchell) is conducting experiments to learn more about this psychic ability. I experienced mental telepathy myself when traveling overland to India in 1972. I ran into a couple [coming back the other way] who told me that they were able to speak to each other without words. I thought that was pretty interesting, and when I got there, I had the same experience. I think in Asia this is more common because it's a cultural environment where people are more psychically connected, vs. the rugged individualism and separation in Western culture.

Language is an attempt to describe the human experience, but words are merely symbols for an inner, more archetypal experience that we find at the psychic energy [vibe] level. Carl Jung spoke about a collective unconscious and archetypes as universal patterns of the psyche. I've spent over half a century researching this fundamental archetypal language. What it tells me is that all life forms operate within the same ontology of being. People close to their pets know about nonverbal communication and how connected we can get with other species.

Physics hints at a similar truth. In quantum experiments, the observer isn't passive; their observations help shape reality. In human terms, we are all observers, constantly influencing each other through our thoughts, moods, and energy. How we relate, the vibrations we emit, and even the intentions we hold can subtly shape the responses of those around us. Just as AI is learning to read inner signals, we too are naturally reading and subtly influencing each other, moment by moment, on the psychic level. Shall we expand the Golden Rule to "Observing others as we would want to be observed....?" It's the inner "Namaste" thing... ☯

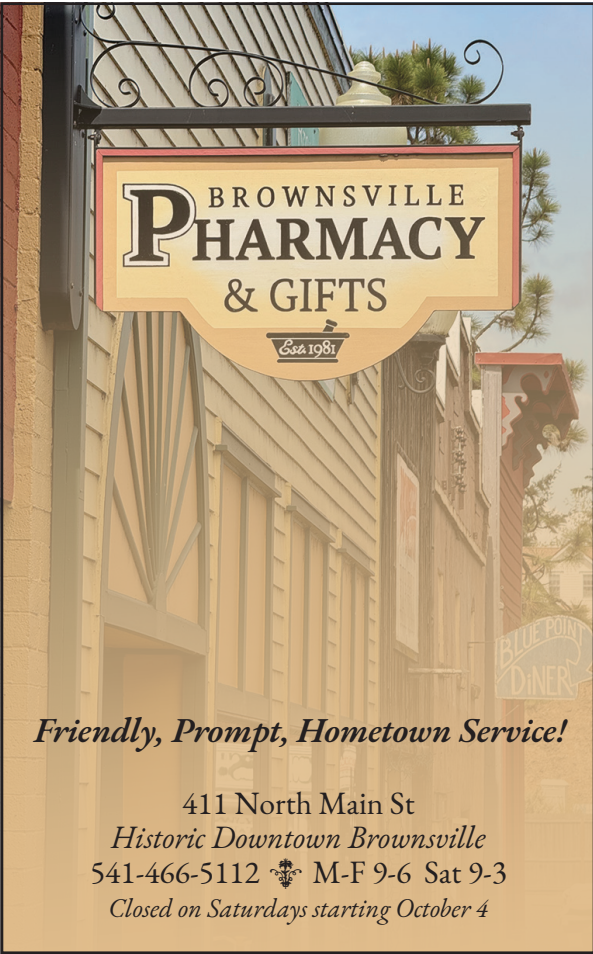
The Silver Screen Cinema Returns

After several months of summer events, the Silver Screen Cinema is back. The American Legion Travis Moothart Post 184 invites the community to Classic Movie Night on Friday, September 26, 2025, at 7 p.m. (doors open 6:30) at the historic Silver Screen Cinema, 339 N. Main Street, Brownsville.



This month's feature is "His Girl Friday," , a timeless classic sure to bring back the magic of the golden age of cinema. Tickets are just \$2, making it an affordable evening for the whole family.

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Boys' Soccer Lose a Close One at South Umpqua

By Hans Schneider, Central Linn head coach for boys soccer

The CLHS boys' soccer team took on South Umpqua last Saturday, September 6, at the CL elementary field. The Cobras started strong, outshooting the Lancers 5-3 in the first 20 minutes. This dominance paid off in the 21st minute when Aren Schneider redirected a long throw-in from Jack Duringer over the keeper into the back corner (1-0). The Lancers then surged, and in the last two minutes before halftime, they capitalized on lax defending from the Cobras and scored two goals (1-2). Even though South Umpqua continued its pressure, the Cobras tied the game in the 54th minute. After Jackson Duringer was taken down in the box, Aren Schneider stepped up and calmly placed the penalty in the lower left corner (2-2). Then the Lancers got their game-winning goal 3 minutes later off a corner kick. The Cobras peppered the opponent's goal with five shots in the final minutes but couldn't find a goal. Goalkeeper Leif Erickson had nine saves on the day! The Cobras take on Taft on Tuesday, September 16, at 4:30 p.m. at the elementary field in Halsey. 🌀

Friday Night Lights at Central Linn: A Community Event

By Tony Koontz, Sports Editor

For those of us in the community with a good deal of gray in our hair (assuming we have hair), Friday night football at CL was and is an event that the entire community can get behind.

In the mid-60s, the football field was in what is currently the high school baseball field, running SW to NE. Games then and now were the culmination of a week of school, practice, and work. As an MS & Jr. High student, I recall very little about the game being played, as my classmates were busy playing their own game behind the bleachers. Boy, did we have a blast!

Last Friday night, when the Cobras hosted the Cougars from Corbett High School, evidence of the community involvement was on full display.

Pep Band



Band director, Larissa Rank, leads the CLHS Pep Band in performing the school's fight song based on the Notre Dame Victory March.

What's a football game without a Pep Band? Although small in number, they were big on sound and enthusiasm! Tucked behind the Cobra banner and led by CL band director Larissa Rank, they pounded out a beat that had feet thumping, heads bobbing, and cheerleaders dancing. Do you



The one-day Youth Cheer Camp, organized by the Varsity Cheer Squad, performed at halftime on Friday with chants, jumps, and energetic dancing

know the Cobra Fight Song? Better get tuned up for Homecoming.

Cheerleaders

Whether those younger leaders of cheer, trimmed in their scarlet, royal blue, and white, or the Varsity ladies in cat print decor, they all did their job to pump up the crowd. Football without cheerleaders... not!

Cobra Student Section



Classmates cheering on classmates. Every school has a student section. Ours were "going wild" with the cat theme and doing their part in support of their team.

The Team



Without the football team, the other players in this performance have no place to perform. Weeks of hard work in the summer sun culminate in the first home game of the season. Win or lose, they always give the best effort.

The Fans

Can't forget the fans... spectators, mom & dad, grandpa and grandma, aunt and uncle, cousins, neighbors, and plain ol' supporters. Not a better spent \$8 on a Friday night in the mid-valley.

If you missed it, your next opportunity is on October 10, 6 p.m. vs Toledo for Homecoming... **don't miss it!** 🌀

PHOTOS: EVA WADA

Cobras Lose to Nestucca, 50-12

By Tony Koontz, Sports Editor

It was a tough night for the CL football team as they traveled to Nestucca HS this past Friday night. Injuries from the past week played a role in the loss as Coach Mike Day was forced to start five first-year football players, three of whom were freshmen.

Highlights of the night include several nice runs from Hixon Lauzon, which included a TD, and Freshman Wade Smith scored his first touchdown ever!

The Cobra staff continues to work on improving each day of practice. A buy this week will allow starters to heal and the inexperienced to get more reps and to fine tune.

The team will face Monroe on Thursday, September 25, at 7 p.m. 🌀

SCHOOL BOARD

Central Linn Board Prepares for Goal Setting, Approves New Hires

HALSEY — The Central Linn School Board met on September 8, 2025, covering a full agenda of personnel updates, policy discussions, and upcoming committee work.

Under the consent agenda, the Board approved August meeting minutes, accepted the resignations of Jesse Lee, Facilities Technician, and Eric Lemerande, Junior High Wrestling Coach, and welcomed the hires of Crystal Priddy as Facilities Technician and Anya Branson as a part-time roving substitute teacher on a temporary contract.

In old business, the Board acknowledged the first reading of Board Policy JFCEB and its administrative rule, both addressing the use of personal electronic devices. A work session was scheduled for September 22 from 6-8 p.m. to focus on board goal setting. The Board also discussed the superintendent evaluation process, appointing Stacey Winter and Mandy Brady to serve on the Superintendent Evaluation Advisory Committee. Superintendent Dr. Rob Hess provided an update on district legal services.

New business included the appointment of Ron Whitted as the Zone 6 representative on the Budget Committee. The Board also voted to join the Community School Boards of Oregon coalition.

Several committee assignments were made: Jason Curtis and Levi Farris to the Policy Committee, which will meet September 22 at 4:30 p.m.; Steve Irwin and Mandy Brady to the Classified Union Negotiation Committee; and Donald Fleckenstein and Jason Curtis to the Facilities Committee. Approval of the Facilities Committee Guidelines was tabled for further review.

District reports included an update from Celeste Van Cleave on the RUS Grant, and Dr. Hess shared a back-to-school report along with his keynote presentation. Associated Student Body representatives Paisley Cervantes and Lindy Dillon also addressed the Board. 🌀

The next meetings will be:

- **Policy Committee Meeting:** September 22, 4:30 p.m., CLES Conference Room
- **Board Work Session:** September 22, 6 p.m., CLES Conference Room/Zoom
- **Regular Board Meeting:** October 13, 6:30 p.m., CLES Conference Room/Zoom

HARVEST

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Samaritan Health Clinic staff members Bryan Stevens, nurse; Michael Duncan, PA-C; and Brandy Skelton, operations manager, coordinated emergency services during the event are joined by The Brownsville Times Board Chair Sharon Banks.

A highlight of the afternoon came when Judy Clay from the local chapter of Quilts of Valor presided over a ceremony honoring eight veterans with handmade quilts. The American Legion Travis Moothart Post 184 from Brownsville proudly posted the colors for the event.

The classic car show wrapped up with awards:

- Ladies Choice – George Van Dyke, 1958 Chevy Spartan 100
- Mayor's Choice – Bill & Susie Watson, 1960 Willys
- Chief's Choice – Carl & Sheri Thompson, 1940 red Chevy
- Harvester Choice – Russ Strohmeyer, 1969 Chevelle Wagon in Hugger Orange
- Tangent Together Choice – Wendy McNitt, 1968 silver Chevelle



Niko Vandekoppel, Isaiah Ropp, and Josiah Borntrager hitch a ride on this 1931 Ford Model AA pickup by Fix It Friday.

The festival was organized by Tangent Together, with key leadership from community members Trina Henderson, president; Garry Pullen, vice president, T-shirt and car show director; Vicki Meyer, treasurer and artisan vendor director; Cheryl Hase, chairman and Kids Village co-director; Anita Neal, secretary and Kids Village co-director; Alicia Pullen, car show director; Kimberly Ellington and Jewel-Anne Strawn, food vendor directors; Marcy Cannell Hermens, combine and tractor pull director; JoAnne McLennan, marketing director; Cassie Skarda and Leslie Harrison, parade directors; Lisa Coon and Audrey Richards, informational booth directors. The IBEW training center also contributed many apprentices who volunteered throughout the day, ensuring the event's success.

Mayor Loel Trulove Jr. praised their work, noting: "The City of Tangent welcomes many across



Tractor Pull, junior division

the Willamette Valley to the annual Tangent Harvest Festival. While many thanked the city, it is truly the effort of a collaborative by special people that made this happen to showcase our city. Tangent Together is a nonprofit that organizes community events for everyone to enjoy and provides scholarship opportunities to students at Tangent Elementary School. Their efforts in collaborating with the businesses around Tangent, the City of Tangent, and the Tangent Rural Fire District made this year's Harvest Festival a huge success. We owe a great deal of gratitude to the team at Tangent Together for their year-round hard work in making the Harvest Festival special to so many families. Thank you."

True to its roots, the festival celebrated Tangent's agricultural heritage. Local farmers demonstrated seed cleaning, hay baling, and equipment operation, while children clambered onto combines and tractors to experience farm life first hand.

As evening fell, families gathered in the bleachers for the debut of a one-of-a-kind spectacle: the first-ever Combine Demolition Derby. Playing to a sold-out crowd, seven massive combines rumbled onto the field to battle for the title of Combine King.

The competitors included 'Complete Annihilation' sponsored by Complete Ag, 'Little Rammie' sponsored by Montgomery Farms and Ram Steel, 'Green Reaper' sponsored by Farmland Tractor, 'Farmers' Nightmare' sponsored by Farmland Tractor, 'Layla' sponsored by the Fix-It Friday Crew, 'Side Chick' sponsored by J&H Auto, and 'Grassassin' sponsored by Riverland Ag.



After a night of metal-crunching action, it all came down to two: 'Side Chick,' driven by Conner Mier, and 'Little Rammie,' driven by Cody Younger, who just wouldn't quit! The crowd roared for peoples' choice, with 'Side Chick' ultimately crowned Combine King. Side Chick's driver, Conner Mier, proudly accepted the Combine King belt.

The evening also honored the late Mac Cannell with the inaugural Mac Attack Award for the best smash of the night. That honor went to 'Complete Annihilation,' with driver Wyatt Wilson and owner Stan Cuzick proudly accepting the award.

Organizers say the Combine Derby is here to stay, promising even bigger thrills in the years to come. 🌀



Linn County Search & Rescue enjoyed a pancake breakfast.



Combine King winner Conner Mier stands with his mother, Heather. Conner's parents, Heather and Jason Mier, are the owners of J&H Auto, sponsor of his winning combine, 'Side Chick.'



Brandon Glaser, 13, won the pie eating contest.



Tangent Parade Grand Champion, Grant Wahl.



Wyatt Wilson, driver and Stan Cuzick, owner of 'Complete Annihilation' receive the Mac Attack award.



Fix it Friday Crew won the Tangent Together Choice Award.



Zach Harrison winner of the Mayor Kitty Kat Spirit Award.



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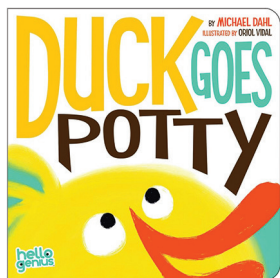
'Sherring' September Books

By Sherri Lemhouse, Brownsville Librarian

The library has shelved the first of this month's new books, with more to come!

Children

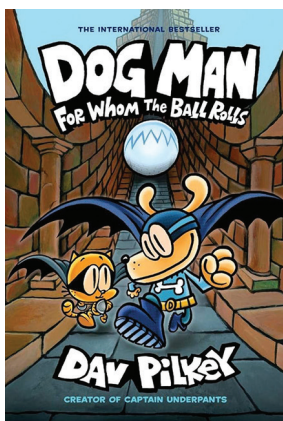
"Duck Goes Potty" by Michael Dahl. A Board Book for our youngest patrons. The children of Kelli Welli, our Summer Reading Program Performer, love this book.



Junior

"Adventures of Tintin" is a terrific graphic novel, replacing our worn-out versions. Who doesn't love Tintin and Snowy's adventures!

"Dog Man: For Whom the Ball Rolls" by Dav Pilkey. This is a replacement of our lost/damaged copy of #7 in the Dog Man Series.



Young Adult

"Nothing Like the Movies" by Lynn Painter is the second book in this romantic comedy series.

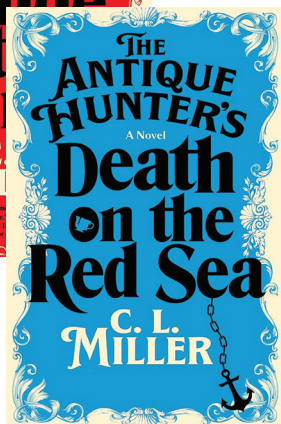


Adult Fiction

"The Antique Hunter's Guide to Murder" and "The Antique Hunter's Death on the Red Sea" are books 1 and 2 in a cozy mystery series that takes place in England.

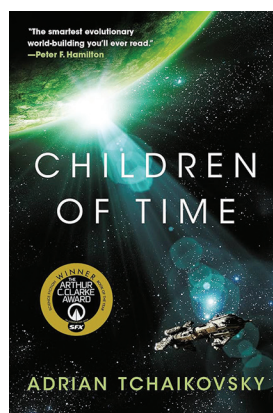
"Apostle's Cove" by William Kent Kruger, #21 in the Cork O'Connor mystery series. A patron favorite.

"Blitz" and "Stiletto", #2 and #3 in



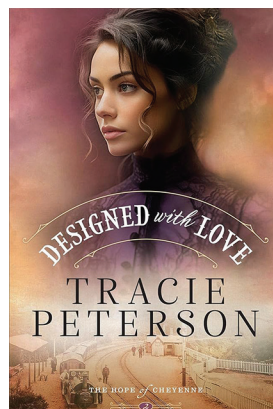
the Rook series, are an alternate history science fiction action adventure.

"Children of Time" Book 1 by Adrian Tchaikovsky is a Science Fiction Space Opera. Book 2 through 4 are coming soon to our library.



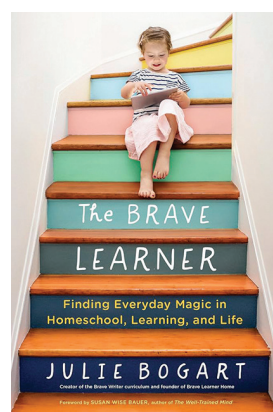
"Designed with Love" by Tracie Peterson is a Historical Christian Romance by a beloved author.

"The Hallmarked Man" by Robert Galbraith #8 in the Cormoran Strike series, about a London PI.



Adult Non-Fiction

"The Brave Learner: Finding Everyday Magic in Homeschool, Learning, and Life" by Julie Bogart is about inspiring and helping parents educate their children.



"Help! My Kid Hates Writing: How to Turn Struggling Students into Brave Writers" by Julie Bogart

This is Ms. Bogart's newest book – wish I had read this when my kids were younger.

"The Feather Detective: Mystery, Mayhem, and the Magnificent Life of Roxie Laybourne" is about the world's first forensic ornithologist. ☼

BROWNSVILLE LIBRARY

Meryl's Marks: A Teen Volunteer's Bookmarks on Display

By Sherri Lemhouse, Brownsville Librarian

During September and October, the Library is pleased to display some of the personal bookmarks of one of our teen volunteers, Meryl Walton. Meryl loves to read, can read quickly, and is very well-read. She is good at giving book suggestions to our young and not-so-young patrons. If she hasn't read the book, give her a couple of days, and she'll come back with a report. Miss Meryl is a delight to have volunteering at the Library! You will find her at the front desk most Friday mornings checking books in and out, putting books away, helping patrons, or helping Mrs. Thea with the craft for Story Time. Stop in and view some of Meryl's bookmarks! If you have a collection and would like to display it, please contact Librarian Sherri.



Meryl Walton and the Bookmark Display She Curated for the Library

Upcoming programs at the Library include: **Parents & Pals** each Wednesday at 10 a.m. **Story Time with Craft** each Friday from 11 a.m. to Noon. **Weekly Stitchery Group** meets each Wednesday from 1-3 p.m. **Book Club** meets the 3rd Wednesday of each Month in the Kirk Room at 7 p.m. **World Cultures & Travel — India Rajasthan**, presented by former professional photographer and tour guide Don Lyon, is on Thursday, October 16 at 7 p.m. Other programs include pictorial tours of France's La Belle Provence, November 20; Turkish Treasure, February 19, 2026; and Florida's Wild Everglades, March 19, 2026.

All programs are free and open to the public. If you would like more information about any of these programs, please contact our Brownsville Librarian, Sherri, at (541)466-5454 or library@ci.brownsville.or.us. ☼

POEM SELECTION

Dusk in the Park

There was a silvery laugh
A taunting laugh and a hearty laugh
Chasing through the breezy air.
Then there was a "Hurry up!"
A clattering of aluminum chairs.
Kids, picnic baskets, bats and balls
Gathered hastily — the place emptied all at once
As if everyone knew it was time to go.
In a moment the park was deserted.
The screaming and laughing, rough and tumble
Chased away by the evening wind.
A moment before sundown
And only the mockingbird left
To mimic the fading calls.

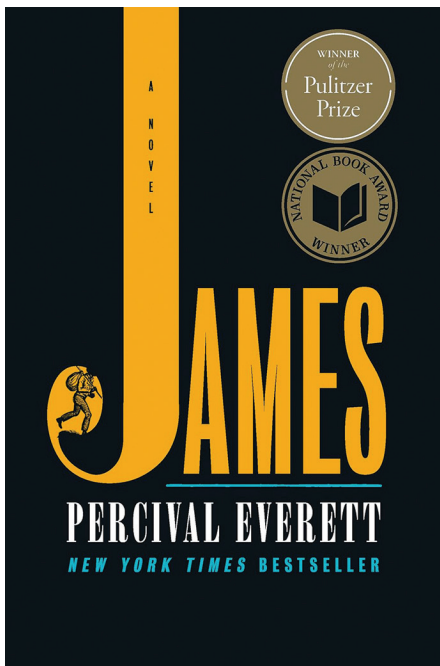
Ira L. White, Author of Enchanted Shores and We Won't Forget You, Mr. McGillicuddy

BOOK REVIEW

"James": A Bold Reimagining of Huck Finn's America

By Nancy Diltz, Staff Writer

"James" by Percival Everett is a Pulitzer Prize Winner, a National Book Award Winner, and Barnes and Noble 2024 Book of the Year. "James" deserves indeed to be a multiple award-winner, yet it is definitely controversial. I read it and I don't know if I loved it or hated it. Assuredly, it invokes many emotions and opinions for most readers. Based loosely on "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain, Jim, the runaway slave, and Huck Finn, the runaway boy, are the main characters in "James". There is a handmade raft and a drunk old Pa, but there the similarities seem to end.



Yes and no! If you are keenly aware that it will be difficult to face the first-person narrative of a slave in Missouri along the Mississippi River in 1861, then you may want to experience for yourself this story of some of the realities of slavery.

A quote from nationalbook.com, Judges Citation, states that the book "... is a surgical disarticulation of the bones that hold American racialism in place—more than physiognomy, our language has been shaped to keep us apart..." The portrayal of society as flawed and hypocritical is shared both by Twain's "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" and Everett's "James". I found

myself reading Twain's work after Everett's, but I would recommend that having "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" freshly in mind could make this reading experience even more meaningful.

Available at the Brownsville Library. ☼

The themes are deep, painful, and dark. Yet, it is well-written, captivating, and worth the immersion into parts of America's difficult history. I wanted to make this book one of a very few in my life that I started reading yet have not finished, but instead I read every word. Do I recommend it?

KIDS' KORNER

What's for Lunch?

By Nancy Diltz, Staff Writer

Lunch time has always been important to kids. A school lunch, a picnic, or a lunch at home are welcomed by kids of all ages. Many past favorites were peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, deli lunch meat sandwiches, tuna fish sandwiches, and even hot dogs. Sandwiches-to-go years ago were usually wrapped in wax paper, foil, or clear wrap and popped into a brown lunch bag or a fun cartoon-character decorated lunchbox with some chips, an apple, and a cookie. Adding a thermos of milk or a milk carton from the school cafeteria made the perfect lunch for a child's busy day.

More modern lunches are likely to be packed in a plastic container with several compartments. One compartment might have diced chicken leftover from the previous night's dinner. Another compartment might be filled with sliced fruit and yogurt dip, string cheese, multi-grain crackers or carrot sticks. Schools with cafeterias usually offer a variety of hot lunch options, including spaghetti, burgers, chicken fingers, and enchiladas.

At home on a winter's day, you might have a steaming bowl of soup or macaroni and cheese. When I went to the beach on a hot summer day, we brought an ice chest with cold drinks, potato

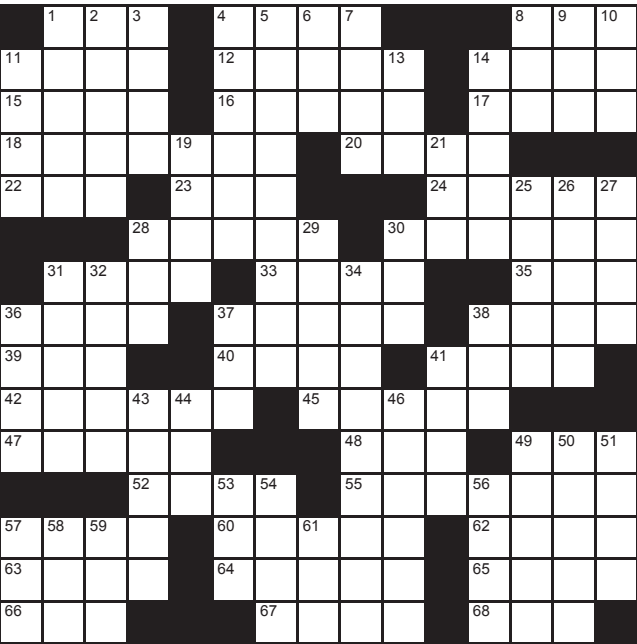
chips, and bologna sandwiches. This is making me hungry! How about you? What is your favorite lunch? Where is your favorite place to eat?

ACTIVITY:

Imagine the best picnic lunch ever! Where will you set up your lunch spot? Do you imagine a blanket on the ground, or are you going to sit at a picnic table? What delicious foods will you have? Will there be dessert? Who will you invite to join you? 🍷



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Call to Christmas Tree Artists

The Brownsville Women's Study Club invites community members to participate as "Tree Artists" in the 2025 Festival of Trees, scheduled for December 5 and 6. Those interested in decorating a tree for this holiday tradition are encouraged to email bvorwscfo@gmail.com for more information. 🌲



Call for Entries: Cai Emmons Short Fiction Contest

Wordcrafters in Eugene, a literary arts non-profit, has launched the inaugural Cai Emmons Short Fiction Contest, open to writers in Oregon and Washington. The contest honors the life and legacy of acclaimed Eugene author Cai Emmons, who passed away in 2023.

with \$700 going to the grand prize winner. Additional \$200 category awards will recognize stories in magical realism, environmental/climate themes, female protagonists, family dynamics, experimental fiction, and the aftermath of loss. Winning stories will be published in an anthology debuting at the Wordcrafters Be Writing Festival in February 2026.



Acclaimed author and University of Oregon writing professor Miriam Gershow will judge the contest. Entry fees are \$7, or \$5 for Wordcrafters members. To keep the contest accessible, fee waivers are available upon request for BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, and disabled writers.

Writers are invited to submit unpublished short stories of up to 3,000 words by October 31, 2025. Stories may explore themes that Emmons often addressed in her work, including grief and loss, family dynamics, environmental issues, magical realism, and women's experiences.

A total of \$1,900 in prizes will be awarded,

Submission guidelines and details are available at <https://wordcrafters.org/cai-emmons-short-fiction-contest>.

In addition to entering, community members can volunteer as preliminary judges to help uplift new voices in Northwest fiction. 🍷

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Surprising Signs of Dementia Beyond Memory Problems

By Nancy Diltz, Staff Writer

My mom lived alone in Florence, Oregon, a lovely, sleepy seaside city. I spent a week with her one summer 25 years ago after a neighbor let me know she was concerned about my mom's memory. She seemed to be fine until she drove the two of us to the Safeway, about two miles away from her home. Me: "Mom! Mom! You went through a stop sign!" My mom: "There was never a stop sign there before."

That sort of confusion is a clear sign of trouble. There were other signs as well. She borrowed a very expensive gold-plated golf club from a friend, then didn't give it back. When the owner of the club asked for it to be returned, she insisted that she had won it in a golf tournament. A pot of soup sat on the stove top the entire week that I was there and was never put in the refrigerator. She reheated it every day, and it remained uneaten (fortunately). When I asked if I could throw it out, my mom said, "Of course not!" She thought she had just opened the can.

These incidents were very concerning and were not your usual red-flag forgetting words or wondering where the car keys had been placed. A trip to the doctor and a battery of tests confirmed the worst. My mom, a retired hospital nurse and a University of Oregon graduate, had Alzheimer's Disease. The journey was tough, and I always wondered if there were signs that friends and family had missed previously. Could we have started her on medication sooner? Would it have helped the family to plan for her care instead of having to make crisis-mode decisions?

Today, there are new ways to monitor cognitive health. One of the first areas of cognitive decline



can be recognized by the mismanagement of finances. If a person forgets to pay bills or make purchases way out of their budget, it can signal cognitive distress. Another area to be aware of is sleep. Drastic changes in the amount of sleep needed or when a person sleeps (all day instead of at night, for example) can signal cognitive decline. Driving problems such as involvement in multiple accidents or suddenly receiving traffic citations are also indications of cognitive decline and need to be addressed. Interestingly, hearing and vision loss have long been thought to be risk factors for dementia, but researchers have now found that an early manifestation of the disease is the loss of smell occurring even decades prior to other symptoms. Researchers feel that in addition to healthy habits such as a good diet, exercise and regular visits to the doctor for health screening, the best thing to do to keep cognitively healthy is to socialize. Eliminating isolation and loneliness is key to decreasing the risk of dementia.

Alzheimer's can be a devastating diagnosis, but with awareness, interventions can help ease the burden. ☺

PET OF THE MONTH

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CRITTER CHRONICLES

The Breakfast Club

By Sharon Banks, Staff Writer

Ginger, the New Hampshire Red, had always been a bold little hen. While the other girls in the coop scratched politely in the dirt for bugs, Ginger was the type to waddle right up to the feed scoop and stick her beak in before it even hit the ground. Bossy, curious, and a little too clever for her own good — that was Ginger.

One morning, Ginger laid a beautiful, speckled egg. She strutted around clucking proudly, as hens do, waiting for applause. But instead of leaving it to sit pretty in the nesting box, she cocked her head, gave it a suspicious look, and thought, Well, if I made it, it must be good. Then she pecked at it. Once. Twice. Crack!

Inside was the most glorious treasure Ginger had ever tasted.



"Why didn't anyone tell me these things were snacks?!" she squawked with glee, yolk dripping from her beak like eggy war paint.

Pepper, the dignified Dominique hen, gasped. "Ginger! That's horrifying!" she clucked. "Eggs are supposed to hatch into babies!"

"Pfft," said Ginger, licking her beak. "Not this one. This one hatched into breakfast."

Angel, the Rhode Island Red, poked her head into the nesting box, wide-eyed. "You mean... they're edible? Like worms? Or corn?"

"Better," Ginger whispered, like a villain sharing a secret recipe.

Within days, Ginger had her two best friends converted. Pepper, once the picture of chicken propriety, was caught smacking her beak after a yolky snack. Angel, who used to guard her nest like a fortress, now strutted out of the box saying, "Fresh from the source, ladies!"

Farmer Woody, of course, was baffled.

"Why aren't there any eggs?" he muttered, scratching his head. "Three hens and nothing to show for it?"

Meanwhile, out in the yard, Ginger and her gang waddled in a row, feathers fluffed and yolk stains on their combs like badges of honor. They had become a feathered mob of cannibals, feared by the rest of the flock.

From then on, the other hens gave Ginger, Pepper, and Angel a wide berth. No one wanted to get too close to The Breakfast Club. ☺

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A Certain Pleasure

By an Ordinary Seaman

Well, I'll be. It seems my last column, about the pot of gold at the end of a long academic rainbow, resulted in a bit of a dust-up. And the ruckus wasn't about the gold itself, or the rainbow for that matter. No, it was all about one little word, a four-letter word I admit, that set a good number of my regular readers, all five of them, scratching their heads.

The word was "hame." I had written that the cost of college tuition was a bill that could "bust a hame". I came across the word in a barber shop magazine and thought I'd slip it into an article, hoping it might trigger a fond memory. You see, a hame, according to Merriam Webster, is one of those curved wooden or metal pieces that fit onto the horse's collar, the very fulcrum of all that power. When it breaks,



the whole pull stops, and the horse is left standing there, magnificent but useless, with a broken piece of gear and a job half-done.

Like I said, several readers objected to the use of a four-letter word in a family column. One of the Brownsville Times readers strong-

ly and anonymously proclaimed, "Don't you know that hame can't possibly be a word if The New York Times says it ain't? The man has a point.

Back in 1942, when The New York Times began publishing crossword puzzles, it created a list of acceptable words for its cruciverbalist. Hame is not on this list. With the passage of years and the decline of draft horses, the situation deteriorated further. The Crossword acceptable list morphed into the Spelling Bee acceptable list and then into the Generally acceptable list. Apparently, the Brownsville Times deems hame acceptable. I'm not sure about cruciverbalist.

There's a certain pleasure in watching language break loose from its moorings, slipping past editors and crossword acceptability lists, rooting itself in places where the soil is rich with memory. Words like "hame" don't announce themselves with trumpets; they settle quietly in the vernacular, sturdy as barn timber, waiting for a moment when they're needed to do honest work. If you grew up with the creak of the harness and the dust of a field at sunset, the word sits easy — familiar, almost neighborly.

Here, the old words and the new ambitions share the same kitchen table. Maybe that's why the conversation about "hame" feels so lively; it's a reminder that every generation finds its own way to pull the load, whether with leather and wood or with laptops and welding torches. ☼

A Home for Veterans

By an Ordinary Seaman

ALBANY — A couple of us from American Legion, Travis Moothart Post 184, drifted up to Albany the other day to see something special: the groundbreaking for a new 38-unit apartment complex for veterans. It was a real good sight. About a hundred folks showed up to lend their support, including representatives from local veteran groups, state senators, and business leaders. It warms your heart to see a community come together like that.

The Mid-Willamette Family YMCA is behind this fine project. It's a testament to their commitment to our veterans. The plan is to have these affordable apartments ready by 2027, providing a permanent home for veterans who need one. The goal is to give them a safe place to land and a community to belong to.

This whole idea got started back in 2024 when the Albany YMCA agreed to take on the project. With \$1 million in predevelopment funds from the legislature and another \$10.5 million on the way from the Oregon Housing and Community Services agency, they're well on their way. Folks like State Senator Sara Gelser, State Representative Shelly Boshart-Davis, and Housing Director Andrea Bell were thanked for their help in securing the funding, as was YMCA CEO Chris Reese.

The project is being headed up by Kerry Johnson, president of the Mid-Valley Family YMCA Veterans Housing Group, with support from a board of local leaders, many of whom are veterans themselves, like Michael Aaron from the Marines, Zachary Draper from the Army, and Alex Johnson from the Navy.

The apartments are mostly



one-bedroom units, fully handicap accessible with an elevator. There will be a few full-time staff on hand to offer support and services. Best of all, every resident will get a free membership to the local YMCA. A similar project in Salem is already a big success, with residents thriving.

How You Can Help

While a lot of funding has been secured, they're still working to meet their goals. You can help by making a contribution to the Mid-Willamette Family YMCA Veterans Housing campaign. The organization is seeking 501(c)(3) nonprofit status, so contributions made now will be tax-deductible once that's finalized.

For a donation of \$1,000, you can have a brick with your name on it placed in the courtyard, a lasting tribute to your support. For those who can do more, naming rights for various parts of the building are available, from the elevator for \$75,000 to the entire building for \$3,000,000.

For more information, you can visit their website at midvalleyvetshousing.com, give them a call at 541-974-2344, or send an email to kerry@kerryjohnson.org. ☼

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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).

Tuesday, September 9

10:24 a.m. — Anna Rochelle House, 41, of Brownsville was arrested on an outstanding warrant. Anna was issued a citation in lieu of custody at 1000 block of Pine St, Brownsville

10:35 a.m. — Caller reported missing wallet at 800 block of Centennial Ct, Halsey.

11:37 a.m. — Deputy observed suspicious vehicle at 27400 block of Ogle Rd, Halsey.

11:40 a.m. — Deputy responded to a juvenile complaint at 400 block of S 9th St, Harrisburg.

11:49 a.m. — Caller reported a suspicious person at Peoria Rd/Harvest Dr, Albany. Deputy asked male

to move along after stopping on a bridge about to take a nap.

12:52 p.m. — DHS referral at 600 block of LaSalle St, Harrisburg. Deputy reports this is historical and none of the parties currently have injuries.

Wednesday, Sept. 10

12:10 a.m. — Deputy took report of stolen Dodge Caravan at 33800 block of Seefeld Dr, Halsey. Suspect was identified.

12:53 p.m. — Deputy removed traffic hazards at 800 block of S 3rd St, Harrisburg.

4:56 p.m. — Deputy spoke with individuals about a civil situation at 200 block of S 6th St, Harrisburg.

Thursday, Sept. 11

1:23 a.m. — Caller reporting hearing noises outside of his home at 500 block of Fisher St, Brownsville. Deputy checked area and was unable to locate.

7:36 a.m. — Deputy dispatched an injured deer at 23100 block of Gap Rd, Harrisburg.

11:01 a.m. — Deputy checked on safety of resident at 26800 block of Gap Rd, Brownsville. Resident was contacted and advised deputy that he was fine.

11:59 a.m. — Deputies responded to non-criminal domestic disturbance at 600 block of 2nd St, Halsey.

6:05 p.m. — Caller reporting concerns with transient male in the area of 300 block of S 3rd St, Harrisburg.

7:34 p.m. — Caller reported a dog complaint at 400 block of D St, Halsey. Owner gathered their dog.

8:47 p.m. — Deputy came upon a couple people lost in the woods near 25100 block of Little Valley Ln, Brownsville. He gave them directions to get where they

were trying to go.

10:06 p.m. — Caller requested a welfare check for unknown person found sitting outside and seemed in distress at 100 block of Main St, Brownsville. Area was searched and person was not located. No additional calls on this.

11:31 p.m. — Caller reported a domestic disturbance at 200 block of W Blakely Ave, Brownsville. Adult brother got into intoxicated physical scuffles. Parties separated. No victim.

Friday, September 12

9:53 a.m. — Caller reported \$3,500 stolen from account after receiving phone call from people impersonating her bank at 800 block of S 9th St, Harrisburg.

3:26 p.m. — Caller requests statements documented made from past employee at 000 block of W 1st St, Halsey.

4:59 p.m. — Deputy observed suspicious vehicle at 1000 block of W 1st, Halsey. Operator stated they were a door-to-door salesperson. Deputy informed they needed to a permit within city limits to preform door-to-door sales as per the city ordinance.

5:40 p.m. — Justin Miller, 26, of Sweet Home, cited for using a cellphone while driving and expired tags at N Main St/Kirk Ave, Brownsville.

6:39 p.m. — Deputy responded to an injury motor vehicle crash at 22400 block of Powerline Rd, Harrisburg.

Saturday, Sept. 13

8:42 a.m. — Deputies and LCSO SAR participated in the Tangent Harvest Festival Parade at 32000 block of Birdfoot Dr, Tangent.

2:02 p.m. — Single motorcycle injury crash at 24200 block of Gap Rd, Brownsville.

2:14 p.m. — Deputies responded to crash involving parked car at 700 block of Templeton St, Brownsville. No one injured, report pending.

2:25 p.m. — Deputy responded to a city code violation of chickens free roaming onto other people's property at 100 block of North Ave, Brownsville. According to Brownsville City Code 6.10.060, chickens must be properly penned and/or contained. The chicken owner was warned for the code violation.

4:20 p.m. — Caller requests extra patrol in area due to pet deer walking in roadway at Gap Rd, Belts Dr, Harrisburg.

8:51 p.m. — Caller reported hearing a male ask for help when he was hunting. Deputies checked the area but couldn't find anyone in need of help at Courtney Creek Dr/Hwy 228.

Sunday, September 14

7:41 a.m. — Deputy observed suspicious vehicle at 27500 block of Ogle Rd, Halsey.

5:40 p.m. — Caller reported various unfounded things, which she has previously also reported, and has a documented history of mental health issues and hallucinations at 34000 block of Priceboro Dr, Harrisburg. Info documented.

5:43 p.m. — Suspicious person related to an ongoing investigation reported at 600 block of LaSalle St, Harrisburg. Primary investigator was advised of circumstances.

7:17 p.m. — Deputy made contact with a male regarding a dispute in a neighboring jurisdiction at 32900 block of Diamond Hill Dr, Harrisburg. The male

understood it was another agencies jurisdiction.

11:13 p.m. — Deputies responded to a fight disturbance at Pioneer Saloon, Halsey. Report pending, Investigation ongoing.

Monday, September 15

4:27 a.m. — Deputy checked on a suspicious circumstance at N Main/Locust Ave, Brownsville.

7:29 a.m. — A two vehicle collision on North Lake Creek Dr/Meadowlark Ln, Tangent. The at-fault driver was issued a citation for careless driving.

9:35 a.m. — Caller reported fraud at 32700 block of Belts Dr, Harrisburg. Deputy began fraud investigation. Report pending.

10:46 a.m. — Caller reported a domestic disturbance at 31900 block of North Lake Creek Dr, Tangent. Deputy reported non-criminal.

11:51 a.m. — Motor vehicle injury occurred at 31500 block of Diamond Hill Dr, Harrisburg. No public narrative.

1:30 p.m. — Caller reported an internet scam attempt using the city of Harrisburg logos and information at 400 block of N 7th St, Harrisburg. Victim did not lose anything monetary.

2:32 p.m. — Deputy investigated a hit and run at 500 block of LaSalle St/6th St, Harrisburg.

2:42 p.m. — Reporting person wanted it documented that somebody is dumping unusable rock and dirt on her property at 100 block of S. Main St, Brownsville. No further action.

4:25 p.m. — Bobby Wagoner, of Harrisburg, was criminally cited for illegal parking and camping at 300 block of S 3rd St, Harrisburg.



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Deputies Arrest Eugene Man in McKercher Park Privacy Case

CRAWFORDSVILLE — A Eugene man was arrested Sept. 8 following a Linn County Sheriff's Office investigation into a hidden camera discovered in a McKercher Park restroom.

Sheriff Michelle Duncan said deputies first responded July 23 after receiving a report of the camera at the park, located along Highway 228 near Crawfordsville. Over the following weeks, investigators developed Timothy Lawrence O'Brien, 66, as a suspect.

A search warrant executed at O'Brien's residence led to the seizure of evidence and his arrest. He was lodged at the Linn County Jail on multiple counts of first- and second-degree invasion of personal privacy.

Investigators also discovered evidence suggesting O'Brien may have secretly recorded juveniles at other, unidentified locations. The Sheriff's Office is working with the Eugene Police Department to identify additional victims.

Anyone with information regarding O'Brien or his contact with juveniles is asked to call Sgt. Steven Frambes at 541-967-3950. ☎

FEMA Seeks Input on Floodplain Development Plan

CORVALLIS — The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is inviting public comment on its updated draft plan for the National Flood Insurance Program, which could affect development in Special Flood Hazard Areas across Oregon, including the Willamette Valley.

The proposal adds new environmental standards to protect fish and habitat in floodplains, including "no net loss" requirements for development and additional vegetation rules within riparian buffer zones. The changes are intended to align the program with the Endangered Species Act and other federal laws.

Residents, businesses, and agencies may submit written comments through Oct. 6, or attend one of several virtual public meetings scheduled in September. More information and links to register are available at <https://www.fema.gov/about/organization/region-10/oregon/nfip-esa-integration>. ☎

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CLHS FFA Hosts Successful Petting Zoo and Raffle

By Eva Wada, Staff Writer

The Central Linn High School (CLHS) Future Farmers of America (FFA) held a petting zoo at the September 5 varsity football game against Corbett, raising funds and introducing the organization to the community.

Darrell Parker noted the event was primarily a way "to get younger kids excited about the FFA activities." The FFA also held a 50/50 raffle, and the winner generously donated the prize back to the organization.

Allison Williams, CLHS FFA Advisor, described the FFA as "a youth organization to promote leadership and personal development in agriculture." Treasurer Elle Glaser, added that being in the FFA has "built a lot of character and shown me that nothing is free in life." Elle is excited to be representing Central Linn in the



Future Farmers of America members at CLHS brought livestock to the September 5 Varsity Football Game for successful a fundraising event.

talent competition at the national convention in Indianapolis this year. ☎

Book Signing Celebrates "Kobuk Too"

The Brownsville community gathered Friday, September 12, to celebrate the release of "Kobuk Too," the latest work by local author Annie Swensen. Friends, neighbors, and book lovers turned out for a signing that honored both Swensen's heartfelt storytelling and the evocative illustrations of Portland artist Uriah Roth.



Annie Swensen reads from "Kobuk Too" as community members gather to celebrate her latest release.

A lifelong writer inspired by her father, Swensen moved to Brownsville two decades ago, where she found the peace and inspiration to focus on her greatest loves — dogs and writing. "Brownsville has given me the space to grow as a writer," she shared.

Illustrator Uriah Roth, who grew up in Brownsville and studied graphic design at LBCC, contributed the book's cover and interior artwork. A member of the Brownsville Art Association, Roth now works as a fine artist specializing in acrylic, watercolor, and pen-and-ink illustration. "Kobuk Too" is his first published book project.

Fans praised the way Swensen's words and Roth's illustrations capture both the spirit of her canine companions and the landscapes that inspire her. One attendee summed up the community's pride: "It's wonderful to see a story that was born here, illustrated here, and now shared with readers everywhere."

With "Kobuk Too," Swensen continues her journey of sharing stories rooted in family, dogs, and the creative spirit of Brownsville. ☎



"Kobuk Too" collaborators Annie Swensen and Uriah Roth meet readers and autograph books during the community signing.

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