



Calapooia Food Alliance Harvest Party Celebrates Food and Community

By Sharon Banks and Donald Lyon, Staff Writers



Donald Lyon
The Community Garden Band entertains at the CFA Harvest Party in Brownsville

BROWNSVILLE — The Calapooia Food Alliance (CFA) welcomed neighbors and friends Friday evening for its annual Harvest Party, a tradition that has brought the community together for two decades.

The Community Garden glowed with strings of lights and new red canopies as families and friends filled the space to share a potluck feast. Tables were piled high with casseroles, grilled corn on the cob, lasagna, homemade breads, pies,

and cakes, many made with ingredients grown in local gardens and farms. Fresh apple cider and other beverages kept the evening lively.

Music was central to the celebration. The Main Street Band: Joe Fletcher, Steve Posovatz, Mary Parker, and Mike Purkerson, played a mix of classic rock, country favorites, and bluegrass. The group, affectionately known as the Community Garden Band, was joined by local musician Mo Robeson, whose soulful rendition of “Desperado” was a highlight.

A moment of gratitude honored Natalie Wade for 11 years of service to CFA, marking her final season with the group. Event or-

ganizer, Kathleen Swayze, expressed hope for the tradition to continue, saying, “We hope to do this again next year.”

Guests praised the evening’s atmosphere. “Lovely,” said attendee Sue Geeting. “Good food, good people, and perfect placement.” Laurie Stoll echoed the sentiment, calling it “a lovely evening with some really nice people.”

Now in its 20th year, the CFA continues its mission of “build-
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Apple Cider Time at Thompson’s Mills

By Donald Lyon, Staff Writer

Visitors to Thompson’s Mills State Heritage Site near Shedd on Saturday, September 20, enjoyed fresh apple cider and a look into the hard work and resilience of Oregon’s pioneer ancestors. The Model A Fords from Albany’s Enduring A’s Club looked almost modern compared with the 1848 grist mill, Oregon’s only surviving water-powered mill.



Donald Lyon

Members of Albany’s Enduring A’s Club parked their Model A Fords in front of Thompson’s historic silos, a modern contrast to the 1848 grist mill.”

If you missed it, two more pressings remain this season: Saturdays, October 11 and 25, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. or until the apples run out, as they did this weekend. ☼



Mikayle Stole

Crisp autumn apples are the star of the cider pressings at Thompson’s Mills.

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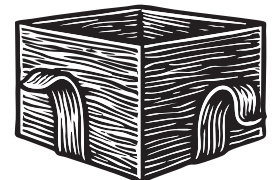
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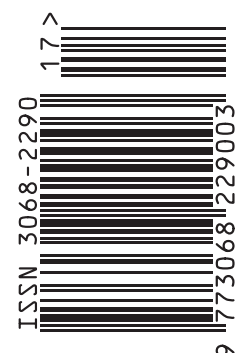
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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>

Classic Movie Night: “His Girl Friday”
Friday, September 26 • 7 p.m. (doors 6:30)
Silver Screen Cinema | 339 N. Main St, Brownsville
\$2 admission. Concessions available: hot dogs, popcorn, soft drinks, candy & ice cream. Hosted by American Legion Travis Moothart Post 184.

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.

Rescue Roundup Fundraiser
Saturday, September 27 • 5 p.m.
Knife River Training Center | 35973 Kennel Rd SE, Albany
Enjoy dinner, live and silent auctions, dessert auction, and wine pull. Proceeds support SafeHaven Humane Society’s mission to care for and rehome homeless pets. Tickets available online or at the door.

Lebanon Tomato Fest
Sunday, September 28 • 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
Lebanon’s Senior Center • 80 Tangent St.
Taste 50+ tomato varieties, enjoy homemade soups and salsas, browse local vendors, seed sales, canning demos, and prize giveaways. Free admission for all.

Albany Haunted Tours
October 3–25 • Times vary by event
Monteith House & Downtown Albany
Thrill-seekers can join the Trolley of Terror (Oct. 3), Ghost Walk (Oct. 10), VIP Paranormal Investigation (Oct. 18), or Carriage of Shadows (Oct. 24–25). Tickets required. Proceeds support the Monteith Historical Society.

Linn County’s Black Pioneers
Thursday, October 9 • 7–9 p.m.
Brownsville Library | Kirk Room
Join Mariah Rocker of Oregon Black Pioneers for an illuminating talk on the lives and legacy of Linn County’s earliest Black pioneers. Free admission.

Cider Pressing at Thompson’s Mill
Saturdays, October 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.

CONNECT Linn County Harvest Festival
Sunday, October 26, Pioneer Park, Brownsville
Sampling 1 p.m., Judging 3 p.m.
Chili Cook-off & Fall Dessert Taste-offs, Craft & Food Vendors, Trunk or Treat. Watch for more details soon.

Trick or Treat Street
Friday, October 31 • 3–6 p.m. • Downtown Brownsville
Look for black and orange balloons marking participating businesses. Includes a costume contest and the American Legion Travis Moothart Post 184 Haunted House. Hosted by the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce.

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Central Linn County CROP Hunger Walk Set for September 27

Proceeds benefit both global programs and local neighbors in need

HALSEY — The Central Linn County CROP Hunger Walk takes place Saturday, Sept. 27, beginning at Spirit of the Valley United Methodist Church, 611 W. 3rd St., Halsey. Registration opens at 9:45 a.m., with the walk starting at 10 a.m.



Don Ware is ready to walk.

Participants will walk 10 kilometers (6.3 miles) in solidarity with people worldwide who must travel that distance daily to reach clean drinking water. For those unable to complete the whole walk, shorter options including the “miracle mile” ensure everyone can join in.

Funds raised support both global and local needs. Church World Service uses donations to provide lasting solutions to hunger by expanding access to clean water, nutritious food, and sustainable energy. Locally, 12.5% of proceeds stay with Sharing Hands in Brownsville and 12.5% with Junction City Local Aid, directly helping neighbors in need.



After the walk, participants will return to the church for lunch and fellowship. Last year, 39 walkers, two dogs, and many supporters raised over \$8,400 on what turned out to be a beautiful day.

Register in advance at [https://events.crophungerwalks/event/halsey](https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/event/halsey) or sign up on the morning of the event. For assistance with pledge envelopes or registration, contact Karen Scranage at 541-602-3099.

Fifty Flavors of Fall at Lebanon Tomato Fest

LEBANON — Get ready to celebrate all things tomato at Lebanon’s annual Tomato Fest, happening Sunday, Sept. 28, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lebanon Senior Center, 80 Tangent St.

Sample more than 50 varieties of vine-ripened tomatoes grown by Master Gardener Sheryl Casteen and local volunteers. Come hungry — alongside tomato tastings, you’ll find homemade soups, fresh salsas, and plenty of ways to savor the harvest.



The festival also features local vendors, unique seed varieties, canning demonstrations, free produce giveaways, and prizes. Admission is free, and everyone is welcome to join in this flavorful fall tradition.

Classic Movie Night Brings Neighbors Together this Friday

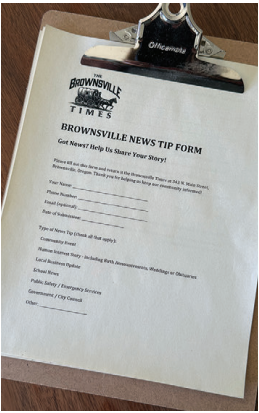
BROWNSVILLE — After a summer of outdoor fun, the community is heading back indoors together. The American Legion Travis Moothart Post 184 invites friends and neighbors to Classic Movie Night this Friday, Sept. 26, at 7 p.m. (doors 6:30) at the historic Silver Screen Cinema, 339 N. Main St.



This month’s feature is “His Girl Friday,” a newsroom comedy that still crackles on the big screen. Tickets are \$2 — an easy, family-friendly night out close to home. Concessions include hot dogs, popcorn, soft drinks, candy and ice cream. For tickets or questions, call or text Sharon Banks at 541-915-9322.

Have a News Tip to Share?

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October at Tarweed Folk School: Hands-On Learning in Traditional Crafts

CORVALLIS — October at Tarweed Folk School: Hands-On Learning in Traditional Crafts

Tarweed Folk School invites the community to dive into traditional craft this October with a series of hands-on classes led by skilled instructors. From woodcarving and basketry to furniture making and needle felting, these offerings provide a chance to learn time-honored techniques while creating beautiful, functional pieces.



The month begins with Greenwood Stools, a four-week course with Duncan Ellinwood and Rose Holdorf held Tuesday and Thursday evenings, October 7–30, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Students will help furnish the Tarweed Folk School space by building shop stools while learning the fundamentals of staked furniture construction. The course covers carving legs, sculpting a concave seat, mortise and tenon joinery, and finishing techniques such as milk paint.

On Wednesday evenings, October 8–29, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Holdorf also leads Woodcarving Week to Week. Over four sessions, students will work with green wood to carve spoons, chopsticks, spreaders, and more. Instruction includes safe use of axes, knives, and gouges, along with processing logs into usable carving material — an excellent introduction for beginners and a skill-building opportunity for more experienced carvers.



For those drawn to fiber arts, Needle Felting with Anne Marie Cole takes place on Sunday, October 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. In this all-day workshop, participants will learn how to sculpt wool and other natural fibers into elemental

beings using barbed needles, pipe cleaners, and found objects. While geared toward intermediate makers, the class is open to enthusiastic beginners as well.

Rounding out the month is Willow Basketry: Shopping Basket, a two-day class with Eli and Ben Goodwin on October 18–19, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students will weave a durable shopping basket suitable for the market, grocery store, or garden harvest. The course covers a variety of traditional weaving techniques and concludes with the addition of a sturdy handle. Both beginners and seasoned weavers are welcome.

Whether you're interested in wood, fiber, or willow, Tarweed Folk School's October classes offer an opportunity to deepen your craft, connect with community, and create something lasting with your own hands. ☼

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Albany's Haunted Season Returns With Ghostly Tours and Chilling Rides



ALBANY — October in Albany means more than falling leaves and crisp evenings — it's the season when the city's haunted history comes alive. The Monteith Historical Society is once again opening the door to the supernatural with a month of spine-tingling tours.

The thrills begin with the Trolley of Terror on Thursday, Oct. 3, followed by the crowd-favorite Ghost Walk on Thursday, Oct. 10. For those eager to dig deeper into the unexplained, the VIP Paranormal Investigation will carry brave guests late into the night on Friday, Oct. 18.

The season finale is the Carriage of Shadows, a horse-drawn journey through Albany's historic streets. Guests will pause at more than 15 haunted sites before stepping inside the famously haunted Monteith House. Tours run Oct. 24–25 at 6, 7, 8, and 9 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$20 for children.

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

Tickets sell out quickly each year. Secure yours now at <https://www.ticketleap.events/events/monteithhouse>. ☼

CONNECT LINN COUNTY

Spice It Up at the Harvest Festival Chili Cook-Off



BROWNSVILLE — Get ready to turn up the heat at this year's CONNECT Linn County Harvest Festival with the annual Chili Cook-Off fundraiser, October 26! 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.

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. ☼

Sharing Hands Seeking Gift Donations for Sip & Support Silent Auction

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer

BROWNSVILLE — Sharing Hands is calling on the community to help make their upcoming "Sip & Support" Charity Benefit a success by donating items for the evening's silent auction.

The benefit will be held Saturday, September 27, from 4–7 p.m. at Cozy Rose Gardens, 25672 Gap Road, Brownsville. Guests will enjoy an elegant evening of gourmet appetizers paired with fine wines, all while supporting Sharing Hands' mission of providing food, clothing, and essential resources to families throughout Linn County.



The silent auction is a key feature of the event and helps raise vital funds for the nonprofit. Organizers are looking for donated gift baskets, unique experiences, artwork, gift certificates, and other items that would spark bidding excitement.

"Silent auction items add energy and fun to the evening while directly increasing the amount we can raise," said Debra Gruell, Director of Sharing Hands. "We hope local businesses, artisans, and community members will step forward with donations to support this important cause."

Tickets for Sip & Support are \$50 each, which includes courses of fancy appetizers and fabulous wine pairings. Proceeds and auction funds go directly toward sustaining and expanding Sharing Hands' services. ☼

To donate auction items or purchase tickets:

- Call Sharing Hands at 541-466-3003
- Visit <https://sharinghands.org>
- Or stop by their office at 107 Bishop Way, Brownsville (facing Hwy 228)



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Meals on Wheels — More Than Just a Meal

By Daniel R. Murphy, Staff Writer

BROWNSVILLE — For over 30 years, the Meals on Wheels program has ensured nutritious meals for Brownsville's seniors and shut-ins. Despite its success over the years, the program is facing a serious problem: a lack of volunteers, especially delivery drivers.

Grants fund Meals on Wheels. Meals cost over \$12 each to prepare and deliver, but seniors often pay much less than that. They can pay as little as \$3.50 per meal if they cannot afford to pay more.

Locally, the meals are prepared in a kitchen in the First Christian Church, up on the hill just north of the bridge.



DANIEL R. MURPHY
Jack Sayer preparing for a delivery



DANIEL R. MURPHY
Volunteers: Sandy Sayer, Charlotte Bates, and Kay Prim

Kay Prim is the project manager, but because of a lack of volunteers, she also drives a delivery route. Additional volunteers include Sandy Sayer, Jack Sayer, Charlotte Bates, Jimi Nousen, Mark Chavnetzi, and Judie Whitfield. They tell us stories about elders who are having a difficult time caring for themselves, about people living alone who crave conversation. They benefit from the visits by the drivers and if a problem needs addressing the drivers can seek help.

The program badly needs at least two additional volunteers to be drivers. The more people who volunteer, the less work there will be for those who are on the job. It is an opportunity to make a difference for many people who are all alone.

You can contact Meals on Wheels at 541-466-5015. It is located at 117 N Main Street at the Brownsville Christian Church. ☎

HARVEST

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DONALD LYON
Mo Robeson performs a heartfelt rendition of "Desperado," a highlight of the evening's entertainment.

ing community one bite at a time" through programs such as the community garden, Munch Night, and efforts to promote healthy, locally grown food. Market director Melissa Selby reflected, "Yes, it's a great party, with excellent food and music, but it's also about building friendships. Every time we gather like this, we strengthen the bonds that make our community stronger."

As the September sun set and guests carried home their empty dishes, the Harvest Party again reminded Brownsville that while the food is plentiful, the true harvest is community. ☎

Landowners, Managers, Plan for Your Land

Are you interested in discovering new ways to care for your land? The Calapooia Watershed Council is partnering with other local Watershed Councils to offer a free 5-part workshop series to learn about conservation planning, getting guidance on land management, and to learn about funding sources that could help kickstart projects on your land if you own or manage more than five acres here in the central Willamette Valley. Applications are accepted now through November. Visit <https://www.calapooia.org> to save your spot. Classes are taught by subject matter experts who live in Linn and nearby counties, with locations to be announced. Participants have the option of attending classes in person or virtually. Contact Fiona Julien at 541-583-3626 or operations@calapooia.org ☎



CALAPOOIA WATERSHED COUNCIL

Call to Christmas Tree Artists

BROWNSVILLE — 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 bvowscfo@gmail.com for more information. ☎



MIKAYLE STOLE

OSU Extension's "Living on the Land" Workshops Return This October

LACOMB — This October, OSU Extension's Working Lands program will offer Living on the Land, a five-part workshop series designed for landowners who are new to managing small-acreage farms and rural properties in Linn County.

Classes meet Wednesday evenings, Oct. 1 through Oct. 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. at LaComb Grange, 34100 E. Lacombe Rd. The schedule 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

An optional field day on Saturday, Oct. 11, will take participants to local farms that are putting these practices into action.



The cost is \$20 for the full series, with scholarships available. Space is limited, and participants are encouraged to attend all sessions for the best experience.

Register online at <https://beav.es/xTy>. The program is presented in partnership with the Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon Water Resources Department, and Linn Soil & Water Conservation District. ☎

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- 6.5" — \$15
- 8.5" — \$35

To order, contact Don Ware, reach out to any Central Linn Lion, or stop by The Brownsville Times office, Monday–Saturday, 9 a.m.–noon—orders must be in and prepaid by Tuesday, September 30. ☎

Linn County's Black Pioneers: An Evening with Mariah Rocker

The Brownsville Library's Kirk Room will host a special presentation, Linn County's Black Pioneers: An Evening with Mariah Rocker, on Thursday, October 9, 2025, from 7-9 p.m. Admission is free.



Mariah Rocker of Oregon Black Pioneers will share powerful stories of Linn County's earliest Black residents and the challenges they faced under Oregon's exclusion laws. Her talk will highlight lives

such as that of Cora Cox — the first recorded Black resident of Linn County, who journeyed west as an enslaved woman, later became one of Oregon's earliest Black landowners, and whose legacy endures in Brownsville.

The presentation will also place local history in the broader context of Oregon's Black pioneers, who defied legal barriers and social hostility to carve out lives of resilience and dignity. While the Oregon Trail is often remembered through a romanticized lens, the reality for Black Americans was one of exclusion from land grants and civil rights. Yet pioneers such as Cox, Minor Jackson, and Amanda Gardner Johnson persevered, leaving an indelible mark on Oregon's history.



This evening promises to shed light on extraordinary lives and deepen appreciation for the strength of ordinary people who overcame tremendous obstacles. 🌟

Sharing Hands Receives \$25,000 Grant for Walk-in Freezer/Refrigerator — Still Need \$12,000 More!

BROWNSVILLE — Sharing Hands, a long-standing charity dedicated to meeting the food and resource needs of Linn County residents, has received a generous \$25,000 grant from United Way to help purchase a much-needed walk-in cooler/freezer. However, rising material and installation costs — primarily driven by the increase in steel prices — have pushed the total project cost to \$37,000, leaving a \$12,000 funding gap.

The new walk-in cooler/freezer is vital for the organization's ability to safely store perishable foods, especially during the holiday season when food donations increase and storage capacity is stretched to its limit. The unit would allow Sharing Hands to serve more families, reduce food waste, and accept larger donations from local grocery stores and farms.

"We are so grateful to United Way for their incredible support," said Debra Gruell, Director of Sharing Hands. "Unfortunately, the cost of materials and installation has gone up dramatically since we applied for the grant. We simply don't have the extra funds to make up the difference without risking our day-to-day operations."

Operating on a modest budget, Sharing Hands puts nearly every dollar toward providing food, clothing, and essential supplies to those in need. Diverting money to cover the cooler shortfall would mean cutting back on services that many local families rely on.

To avoid that, the organization is reaching out to the community for help. Any designated contribution, large or small, will go directly toward completing the walk-in cooler/freezer project and ensuring that Sharing Hands can continue its mission without compromise.

How to Donate:

- **Online:** www.sharinghands.org
- **By Mail:** Sharing Hands, PO Box 335, Brownsville, OR 97327
- **In Person:** 107 W Bishop Way, Brownsville, OR 97327

For more information, contact Sharing Hands at 541-466-3003. 🌟

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! Donations accepted Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 107 W Bishop Way, Brownsville.

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NOTICES OF ESTEEM

In Appreciation of Nick Droback

I want to give a heartfelt shout-out to Nick Droback of Brownsville. Nick serves as an elder at the First Baptist Church on Seven Mile Lane and has dedicated much of his life to service as a chaplain. For the past year and a half, he has worked with an Albany-based organization, and he is now raising support to extend his chaplaincy to outlying fire halls that serve our area.

At home, Nick and his wife, Erika, are the proud parents of seven children — five adopted and two biological children — and are currently fostering four more. Their commitment to family and community is an inspiration.

On August 25, when a fire broke out in Holley just a mile from my home, Nick reached out with concern for our safety. Throughout the evening, he sent messages to check on us and keep us informed. His care and thoughtfulness meant so much.

Thank you, Nick, for your kindness, your faith, and your steadfast service to others.

— Submitted by Rosemary Whitmore

Do you know a neighbor who deserves recognition?

The Brownsville Times is pleased to open this new column, Notices of Esteem, as a place for readers to honor the kindness and good works of fellow citizens. To contribute, please send a brief note to the editor. ☼



How (Not) to Sell an Old Kayak

By Anne Clarke, Staff Writer

Helping my sister-in-law prepare to move, Clive and I agreed to drag home a vintage kayak my brother had found at some point along his wheeling and dealing days. Apparently, this was the one thing he never quite figured out how to sell, trade, or bargain away before he passed. Avid campers and paddlers, we felt certain we would have the kayak sold in no time. It was a beautiful piece of craftsmanship, a Folbot, hand-made from a kit purchased sometime in the 60's or early 70's. The company was located on the East Coast, where Folbot clubs still gather today to paddle together and admire these kayaks. I felt certain that someone would jump at the chance to own this one. How wrong I was.

It took two years, by which time we had transported this 200-pound lug FROM Vancouver, just over the Columbia River from the Portland Airport, down to Brownsville. Parked it at fairs, on Facebook, on Craigslist, alongside the road, in front of our house. Drug it up to north Washington, where we paddled it around Lake Whatcom with a For Sale sign attached. Left it up there for months. Drug it back home to Brownsville (again!) Posted it in our inaugural Brownsville Times classified ads. Just as I was getting ready to drill holes in the bottom of it to turn it into a raised bed for plants or vegetables, Clive suggested calling Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB) to find out if they would accept it as a donation.

After much decision-making on their part (as they, unlike ourselves, had serious doubts about whether or not this kayak was even marketable), they agreed. On one condition: that we haul it back up I-5 AGAIN and deliver it to an auto auction dealer. Lo and behold, guess where it was located? Directly across the Columbia River from where we had picked it up in the first place! WHAT a shauri (as we say, in Swahili, a great word for just about anything which turns into much ado about nothing.)

It has now been over two weeks since we made the delivery, giving it the requisite pat on the bow as we said goodbye. When the old girl gets sold, the auctioneer notifies OPB, who then will provide us with a tax donation. And who doesn't



want to lower their tax bill, right?

In these times of need, with budgets being cut drastically to charities and services that we all depend on, I am glad to make a contribution and give this kayak a chance at one more chapter. The whole experience was pleasant, from beginning to end. If only we had thought of this first!

If you have vehicles or boats that you no longer have use of, I highly recommend donating to a charity such as OPB at <https://www.opb.org/support/ways-to-give>. Or, directly, call Speeds Towing Donations at 503.270.5356 or email them at donations@speedstowingpdx.com. ☼

BROWNSVILLE ART CENTER

Make Art This October: From Canvas to Wool

The Brownsville Art Association is offering two creative workshops this October, perfect for celebrating the season and exploring new techniques.

On Saturday, October 4, from 1 to 3 p.m., instructor Brynn Carter will lead an Acrylic Painting class for ages 10 and up. Students will learn how to transfer an image onto canvas, handle brushes, apply and remove paint, mix colors, and create textures. Everyone will go home with a fin-



ished painting. Class size is limited to 10 students, and the fee is \$40 per person.

Then, on Saturday, October 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fiber artist Connie

Swindoll will teach Painting with Wool: Pumpkin with Locks. Participants, ages 12 and up, will use colorful wool and sheep locks to create a festive fall pumpkin design. This beginner-friendly project is both forgiving and fun, with all supplies provided. Class size is limited to 4-8 students, and the fee is \$40 per person.

All paid registrations are nonrefundable. Please register at least one week before the class date.

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MOUNTAINTOP REFLECTIONS

Love and Fruit

By Jacquie Hoekstra, Staff Writer

Jesus made a statement recorded in the Book of John 13:35, about how people would recognize his disciples. He said their love for one another would be the sign of their commitment to Him. Unfortunately, it seems Christians are known more for what they are against than for who and how they love. One perspective: this narrative is more about a vocal minority than it is about the reality of those who follow Christ sincerely. Another perspective: it is a stereotype more than a common reality. It is a deep disappointment to see God's children do anything without the love and compassion of Jesus attached to their purposes.

Jesus said, "Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you" (Matthew 5:44). Paul wrote, "Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse" (Romans 12:14). What does this look like? A Christ follower will display the fruit of the Spirit in all they say and do. Paul wrote in his letter to the Galatian church, "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, and self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23a). This is the mark of one who lives for Christ.

While perfect people do not exist, we experience moments of excellence, and then our fallen nature wrestles for the limelight. Christ-followers are held to a standard, but we have not yet been perfected. Paul, who wrote most of the New Testament and is a highly regarded figure in the dawn of the Church Age, said, "Not that I have already obtained, or am already made perfect; but I press on, that I may take hold of that for which also I was taken hold of by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:12). We are all in a different place on this walk toward the fullness of what Christ died to release in us. We will be in varying degrees of being perfected, taking steps forward and backward in the maturing process.



Yet, Jesus said Christians would be known by their love for one another. Paul said they would be marked by the fruit of the Spirit. How it must grieve Jesus when his followers do not get along with each other, or promote what they are against, rather than finding the right fruit for the occasion, so to speak. Paul also wrote, "For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth" (Ephesians 5:9).

The best way to cultivate good fruit is to be deeply rooted in the good soil. There is no room for part-time Christianity. It is time to be fully in, fully committed — a living sacrifice. It is not about doing enough to escape hell and get into heaven. It is about a transformed life, knowing one's identity in him. This comes only by surrender to Jesus, being rooted in the Word, and living a life of obedience through His Holy Spirit, to reflect Jesus. ☸

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OBITUARY

Diana Lee Thompson

April 30, 1943 – September 9, 2025

Diana Lee Thompson, 82, of Gladstone, Oregon, passed away unexpectedly at Providence Hospital, Portland, on September 9, 2025.

Diana was a devoted daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, and friend whose life was marked by compassion, grace, and unwavering dedication to those she loved. She is survived by her beloved husband, Larry M. Thompson, of Shedd, OR, and her five children: Troy F. Miller (Elena), R. Todd Miller (Katharine), Trevor B. Miller (Brenda), Schalani D. Atlemora f.k.a. Lisa M. Thompson (Jason), and Laird M. Thompson (Emily). Diana also leaves behind five cherished grandsons: Justin Miller, Ben Miller, Logan Miller, Levi Thompson, and Isaiah Thompson, all of whom brought her great pride and joy.



She was preceded in death by her parents, Bernard Gillaspie and Edith Garrett Gillaspie, and brothers Kenton Gillaspie and Layton "Cork" Gillaspie.

Diana was in the graduating class of 1961 at Wilson High School. She was also a Jantzen Swimwear model in her teen years. Diana took business classes at P.S.U. to better serve her career goals.

Professionally, Diana served the agricultural community with distinction during her 25-year tenure at the Oregon Wheat Commission, where she built lifelong friendships and made meaningful contributions to the state's farming legacy.

Beyond her career, Diana was deeply engaged in community service. A proud and active member of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America since 1990, and a devoted member of the Elks Club #142 in Oak Grove/Milwaukie, she lived a life rooted in service, connection, and generosity.

Diana will be remembered for her passionate love of family, her steadfast support of her children and grandchildren, and the dignity, class, and warmth she brought to every interaction. She was a pillar of strength and radiant light, always ready with a kind word, a helping hand, or a listening ear.

A Celebration of Life honoring Diana will be held on Thursday, October 16, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Milwaukie-Portland Elks Lodge #142, located at 13121 SE McLoughlin Blvd, Oak Grove, OR 97222. Family, friends, and all who knew Diana are warmly invited to attend and share.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the VA can be sent online at <https://www.va.gov> or mailed to Healthcare Systems 3710 S.W. U.S. Veterans Hospital P 5 CDCE Portland, OR. 97239. ☸



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AMERICAN LEGION

That Old Film Magic Called "His Girl Friday"

Friday night at the Legion brings wit, charm, and silver-screen sparkle.

By an Ordinary Seaman

The shadows will lengthen just so across the worn linoleum of the Travis Moothart Post 184 hall this Friday night, September 26, as the projector whirrs its familiar, comforting song. We'll gather, as folks often do, for the picture show — a simple pleasure, like a good cup of coffee on a cool morning. This time, the window marquee promises "His Girl Friday." And let me tell you, when Cary Grant and Rosalind Russell flicker up there on the screen, it's not just a movie, it's a visitation.

Now, I've seen a few years pass by, seen a good many things come and go, from the first sputter of a desktop computer to the drone of a tractor that drives itself. And I've learned that some things just stick with you. "His Girl Friday" is one of those things. Released back in 1940, the year of my birth, a year that feels like a lifetime ago yet, in the stubborn way of memory, feels just like yesterday, this picture didn't bring home any golden statues. But it earned something better: a place in the National Film Registry, a sort of whispered immortality for those tales that truly capture the American spirit, wild and free.

Rosalind Russell, playing Hildy Johnson, that newspaper dame with a wit sharper than a honed axe, wasn't the first choice for the part. Seems a good many of Hollywood's darlings gave it a pass. But sometimes, the best things in life find you when you least expect them. Russell took to Hildy like a duck to water,

though the whispers say she and director Howard Hawks had their share of friendly skirmishes, a kind of spirited give-and-take that only added spice to the stew.

And then there's Cary Grant, playing Walter Burns, a man who could charm the scales off a snake. Watching him, you realize that some folks are just born with a silver tongue and a mind that moves like a hummingbird's wings. They say much of what he spat out on screen was born of the moment, pulled from the air like magic. Why, at one point, his character even tips a hat



to Grant's own birth name, "Archie Leach," a sly wink to those who know, a little private joke shared with the audience, like a whispered secret in the quiet of the night.

It's that kind of detail that makes you feel like you're not just watching a film, but sharing a moment, a truth, with those flickering shadows up on the screen. It reminds you that life, for all its grand pronouncements and weighty matters, often reveals its truest self in the quick glance, the sudden laugh, the unexpected turn of phrase that catches you unawares, like a sudden burst of sunshine after a long rain. ☀

HEALTH & WELLNESS

COVID-19 Vaccines Now Approved Without Prescription; Availability Pending in Linn County

Governor Tina Kotek joined the governors of California, Washington, and Hawaii this week in announcing coordinated winter virus vaccination recommendations through the West Coast Health Alliance (WCHA). The guidance covers the 2025–26 COVID-19 vaccine, seasonal influenza vaccine, and RSV immunizations.

"Our states are united in putting science, safety, and transparency first — and in protecting families with clear, credible vaccine guidance," the governors said in a joint statement.

The recommendations mean Oregonians ages six months and older are eligible to receive the updated COVID-19 vaccine without a prescription. Pharmacists are now permitted to vaccinate anyone age 7 and older. Medicaid, Medicare, and most private insurers will continue covering the cost.

In Linn County, shipments of the updated COVID-19 vaccine have not yet arrived. As of this week, Brownsville Pharmacy has not received supplies, and other local providers are awaiting updates from the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). Samaritan Health Services has ordered doses from Moderna and says its pharmacies will begin offering vaccines as soon as shipments arrive.

The WCHA advises vaccination for those at highest risk of severe illness, including:

- Children under 2
- Adults 65 and older
- Pregnant individuals
- People with underlying health conditions
- Those in congregate living settings
- Anyone who has not previously been vaccinated

Still, health leaders emphasized that access should not be limited. "Everyone who wants a COVID-19 vaccine should have access to one," said Dr. Elizabeth Powers, a family medicine physician and public health officer in Wallowa County.

Dr. Sejal Hathi, director of OHA, added: "Vaccines remain a critical tool to prevent severe illness and death. In a void of federal leadership, our four states are stepping forward to provide clear, consistent recommendations our communities can trust."

Public health officials warn that hospitalizations from COVID-19, influenza, and RSV this fall and winter could mirror last season's, when hospitals across Oregon faced heavy strain. Vaccination remains the strongest available protection against severe illness and hospitalization.

Linn County residents can:

- Call 211 or visit 211info.org to find statewide vaccine locations
- Check with their provider or local pharmacy about availability
- Follow Linn County Public Health channels for local updates

For more information:

- **Oregon Health Authority vaccine guidance:** <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/preventionwellness/vaccinesimmunization>.
- **Linn County Public Health:** <https://www.linncountyhealth.org>.
- **West Coast Health Alliance recommendations:** <https://doh.wa.gov/newsroom/west-coast-health-alliance-announces-vaccine-recommendations-covid-19-flu-and-rsv>. ☀



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SEASONS EATINGS

A-Maize-Ing Corn Creations

By Lisa Keith, Staff Writer

Hello everyone! This week, I will be sharing some recipes for Corn. All of them are very simple with ingredients we keep on hand. But first, I need to start by giving you a little “shuckle!” Corn jokes are so appropriate for the season, Dad’s, kids, grandparents... “What did the baby corn ask the mama corn? Where is popcorn?” Hahahaha! “This corn salad recipe is just great... in fact, it’s A-Maize-Ing!” I hope I got at least a “shuckle” or two from you! You can always tell me I’m a little too “corny!” lol.

As always, dear readers, please don’t hesitate to reach out to me with questions or requests. I am always available at iamcheflisa@gmail.com.

Spicy Corn Chowder

Sean brought home this recipe in 2012, when we had a bumper crop of corn and needed new ways to use this golden summertime treat.



Please try this as the recipe reads. Make sure you have all ingredients. No substitutions! It is a magical combination, and the garnishes take it to a whole new level.

Ingredients:

- 2 Poblano chiles (Blackened, peeled, seeded, and chopped)
- 12 oz chorizo sausage (cooked, drained, crumbled)
- 4 cups fresh corn off the cob (approximately 3 ears)
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1 cup heavy cream (NO substitutions!)

Garnish:

- ¼ cup slivered red onion
- ½ cup finely ribboned fresh basil
- Fresh lime wedges

Place crumbled chorizo and corn into the pan with broth. Boil until corn is cooked, 3–5 minutes. Reduce to a slow simmer and add cream and peppers. Cook 2 minutes more to blend flavors.

Garnish each serving with a pinch of each, onion, basil, and fresh lime juice.

Notes I wrote to myself after making this soup for the first time: Very nice amount of heat and an excellent punch of flavor — a bright and wonderful soup to enjoy on a lovely, late summer afternoon.

Elote (Mexican Street Corn) Salad

I decided to concoct this years ago after my husband bought me “street corn” and I couldn’t get enough of it!



Ingredients:

- 3–5 ears of fresh grilled corn
- 1–3 finely minced Jalapeno or Serrano peppers
- Cotija cheese, crumbled
- Zest and juice from one lime
- Dollop of mayo
- Half a bunch of fresh, rinsed, chopped cilantro or parsley
- Cayenne pepper, salt, and cumin to taste

Remove corn from ears. Mix all ingredients and sample. The amounts vary, depending on your personal preferences. I like mine spicy!

Creamed Corn

This recipe came from my Uncle Greg in 1984. So thick and luscious. A decadent way to eat corn. It can very easily be made into a corn chowder.



Ingredients:

- 3–5 ears of fresh corn, off the cob
- 2–3 cloves of garlic, smashed
- 1 tsp fresh ground pepper
- 3+ Tbsp Wondra superfine flour
- Whole milk

Place corn in a deep saucepan. Add just enough milk to come to the top, but not cover, the corn. Add remaining ingredients and simmer until thick.

TAKING ROOT

September in the Garden

By Donald Lyon, Staff Writer

Autumn officially begins on September 22 as the Earth tilts on its axis so that the sun is directly above the Equator and the night is the same length as the day. From here on out, at least until the winter solstice, the days become shorter. There’s less time to work in the garden, but plenty to do in preparation for winter. If you are growing winter squash, harvest them when the “ground spot” (where the squash is touching the ground) changes from white to cream or gold. Store in a cool, dry spot until ready to consume. Carrots, beets, and parsnips can be left in the ground for a while but give them a protective layer of mulch — straw is good. Keep an eye on your weather app and harvest tomatoes to ripen indoors if frost is forecast. The average date of first frost here in the Willamette Valley is October 23. Tomatoes will spoil quickly if touched by frost. Watch for heavy rain, too. Tomatoes will split open if they absorb too much water too quickly. Those little yellow shooting star-shaped tomato blooms that are hoping to become tomato fruits don’t stand a chance of maturing at this date. Pinch them off to redirect the plant’s energy to growing and ripening the fruits that are already well on their way.



Tomato Blossoms: It’s too late to produce fruit; pinch them off.

Stop watering your lawn to suppress crane fly infestations. It’s also time to divide peonies and iris: plant daffodils, tulips, and crocuses for spring bloom. The critical first step here is to do a thorough weeding and work in calcium and phosphorus into the soil just below the bulb depth. If you have not already done so, spread well-rotted manure over your rhubarb and asparagus. Plant garlic cloves for next summer’s harvest. If you have chives, now is a good time to dig them up, divide the clump, and choose one to put into a pot for indoor winter use. You can also replant the other clumps or share them with neighbors.

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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CRITTER CHRONICLES

Eva Goes to the Vet

By Sharon Banks, Staff Writer

Hi. My name is Eva. I'm a Siberian Husky, part-time opera singer, full-time squirrel hunter. And I need you to know one thing: the veterinarian is out to ruin my life.

It all began with the cone. Oh yes, the "Cone of Shame." Two weeks of pure humiliation. They strapped that lampshade to my head after surgery, and suddenly, I was useless. Could I dig glorious craters in the yard? No. Could I pounce on critters in the bushes? Also no. Could I even lick my own paws dramatically? Double no.

Instead, I crashed into furniture, scraped door frames, and nearly took out the coffee table three times. My humans laughed and called me "satellite dish." SATELLITE DISH! I am a wolf descendant, thank you very much, not a household appliance.

So now, whenever they say the word "vet," I know it means danger. I flop to the floor. I scream my people's song. I transform into a furry pancake who cannot, under any circumstances, be moved. Yet somehow, they always scoop me up and shove me into the car. Traitors.

But then... they gave me this little pill. Trazodone, they call it. I call it "The Chill Button." One nibble, and suddenly my paws feel like marshmallows. Instead of screaming at the top of my lungs, I sigh and stare at the clouds. The humans think this makes me easier to handle. Hah. Joke's on them. I'm just biding my time.

The vet's office itself is... suspicious. Everyone there tries too hard to be nice. "Hi Eva!" They squeal, handing me treats. I glare at them. I know their tricks. You don't hand out cheese sticks unless you're planning something evil.

But the weirdest part? They have a giant flat-screen TV. And do you know what's on it? SQUIRRELS.

At first, I thought it was a miracle. A whole forest of squirrels, right there in front of me. My tail went up, my paws tensed, and I prepared for the hunt. "Stand back, humans — I was born for this!"

I lunged. I howled. I told those squirrels exactly what I thought of them. But no matter how many times I barked, they didn't move. They just kept twitching their tails and chattering from inside the magic window.

Fake squirrels. FAKE. And yet... I can't look away. Every visit, I find myself staring, hypnotized. ☺



Dr. Amber Schofield, The Mobile Vet, Makes House Calls for Pets

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer

For many pet owners, a trip to the veterinarian can be one of the most stressful parts of caring for their animals. From coaxing reluctant cats into carriers to calming dogs who fear the waiting room, the process can be overwhelming for both pets and their people. That's exactly why local veterinarian, Dr. Amber Schofield, decided to take a different approach — bringing care directly to the homes, farms, and communities she loves.

After nine years working as an emergency veterinarian, Schofield launched her own mobile practice to provide a more personal, low-stress option. "I wanted to create a way for pets to receive care in a setting where they feel safe at home," she explained.

Her practice now serves a wide range of areas, stretching from Brownsville, Sweet Home, and Lebanon to Halsey, Junction City, Harrisburg, and beyond — out to Creswell and Veneta. While she could focus solely on the Eugene/Springfield corridor, Schofield insists small towns deserve the same level of care. "I love small towns and small-town folk," she said. "There's nothing like being out in the van overlooking a pasture full of cattle and the hills behind it."

Currently working from a converted VW campervan, Schofield is preparing for an exciting upgrade: a custom-built mobile clinic arriving in mid-October. The new unit will include digital X-rays, dental equipment, and ultrasound, along with a pharmacy and lab supplies. She is also pursuing a certification in dentistry, hoping to make affordable dental care more accessible for pets.

Her services cover wellness exams, vaccinations, preventative care, management of chronic conditions, senior pet support, and end-of-life care at home. While surgeries and advanced imaging still require a hospital, she partners with local clinics to ensure her patients receive complete care. The benefits of mobile veterinary care are clear. Pets stay calmer at home, owners avoid the stress of travel, and people with mobility or transportation challenges gain easier access.

Beyond her practice, Schofield donates time as the official veterinarian for the Zen Cat at her Zen Center in Eugene and provides low-cost care for pet owners of a retirement community. The response has been overwhelmingly positive. "People appreciate the convenience and the calm environment it creates for their pets," she said. "Many have told me they wish this service had been around sooner."

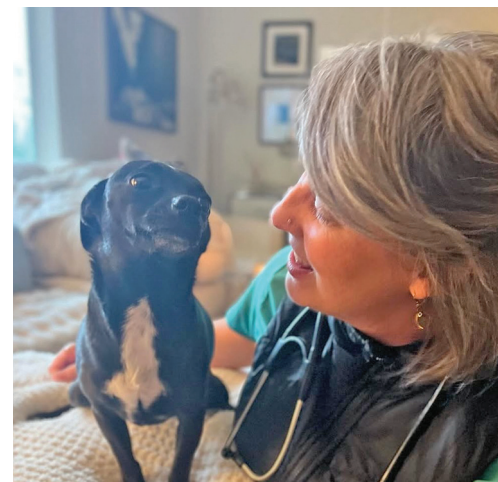
One story stands out: a working dog on a farm in Crawfordsville who developed a painful abscess on his neck. Clinic visits were stressful for him, so Schofield treated him right in the pasture — sedating him, draining the abscess, and starting antibiotics and pain medication.

Within days, he was back to work. "The owner was right there with me, sharing stories about his family and farm as I worked," she recalled. "That experience really filled my heart."

Though running a mobile clinic comes with challenges — supplies, travel time, weather, and connectivity — Schofield says the rewards far outweigh them. Looking ahead, she believes mobile veterinary care will continue to grow. "People are looking for services that fit into their lives, and veterinary medicine is no different. Mobile care is convenient, low-stress, and it's a model more communities will embrace."

Her mission is simple: to make veterinary care more comfortable, more personal, and more accessible. Her advice to pet owners is equally clear: "Prevention is key. Regular check-ups, staying current on vaccines, and catching issues early can make a huge difference in a pet's long-term health. And don't hesitate to ask questions — your vet is your partner in keeping your pet healthy."

To make an appointment, call The Mobile Vet at 541-371-2006 or visit <https://themobilevet.org>. ☺



Bid, Dine, and Give: SafeHaven's Rescue Roundup Returns Sept. 27

SafeHaven Humane Society is gearing up for its biggest fundraiser of the year, the annual Rescue Roundup, on Saturday, Sept. 27, at the Knife River Training Center, 35973 Kennel Rd. SE. Doors open at 5 p.m.

The evening will feature live and silent auctions, a dessert auction, and a wine pull — all in support of SafeHaven's mission to provide shelter, care, and forever homes for homeless pets. Guests can enjoy dinner, spirited bidding, and a night of community celebration while helping animals in need.

Tickets can also be purchased at the door on the night of the event. ☺

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CL CROSS COUNTRY

Cobra Boys & Girls Harriers Place 5th/6th at The Stayton Cross Country Invitational

By Tony Koontz, Sports Editor

The CL Boys and Girls Cross Country teams competed well at their first meet of the season held in Stayton. Top finisher for the Girls team was Anya Griffith who placed 4th overall with a time of 21:47 over the 5,000 meter course. Jackson Durenger was the top Boys finisher, placing 5th overall with a time of 18:11.

Other finishers on the Boys Team

22	Ethan Denison	19:46
45	Don Ware	21:16.82
47	Wyatt Smith	21:21
52	Creed Mast	21:34
72	DJ Diaz	22:59.50
78	Bob Cunningham	23:37
86	Gage Leabo	24:26
94	Logan Bundy	27:24
95	Chaz Mast	28:14



Other finishers for the Girls Team

22	Amelia Curtis	24:11
23	Isabelle Curtis	24:12
58	Alyse Glenn	26:24
59	Maddie Duringer	26:25

The Cobras next meet is Friday, September 26 at Cheadle Lake Park in Lebanon. 🌀

CL GIRLS' SOCCER

Cobra Girls Soccer 3-0-1 in Conference Play

By Tony Koontz, Sports Editor

The Girls Soccer team posted 3 wins and 1 tie over the past two weeks as they entered into conference competition. According to Coach Robert Arteaga, "Overall good first two weeks to start league play. We played our three main teams that we will be competing against for the league title and taking 7 points out of 9 of the first home/away fixtures before playing them again in October. The team has done well in being flexible and playing in different positions as needed."

CL vs Siuslaw, 5-1

Goalscorers: Jayne Neal (three scores for a hat trick), Peyton Gaskey, Avery Runyon,

Assists: Maddie Duringer, Avery Runyon, Isabelle Curtis and Peyton Gaskey.

CL vs Pleasant Hill, 0-0

Defensive standout: Hazel Huxford had three saves to keep the shutout.

CL vs Creswell, 2-0

Goalscorers: Avery Runyon, Addie Wolff

Assists: Addie Wolf

Shutout: Hazel Huxford had four saves

CL vs Sisters, 2-0

Goalscorers: Maddie Duringer, Avery Runyon

Assists: Luci Kennedy

Shutout: Hazel Huxford had two saves



Player Spotlights

"Isabelle Curtis and Mia Fiorito did a phenomenal job this past week against Creswell and Sisters in their outside back roles in helping gain the shutouts," said Coach Arteaga.

The Cobras will compete at LaPine on Tuesday, September 23. They host Elmira on Thursday, September 25, with a 4:30 p.m. start at Central Linn Elementary School fields. 🌀

CL BOYS' SOCCER

Cobras Soccer: "Small Circle, Better Players"

By Eva Wada, Staff Writer

In two recent non-league matches, the Central Linn boys' varsity soccer team showcased both offensive firepower and a resilient spirit in preparation for their upcoming league season.

On Tuesday, the Cobras faced the Taft Tigers from Lincoln City. The Cobras started strong with Colten Northern scoring a goal just four minutes in. Jackson Duringer provided a long throw-in, and Aren Schneider flicked it on for the assist. Taft quickly responded one minute later with a free kick to tie the game. Despite Central Linn outshooting the Tigers 5-1 over the next 25 minutes, Taft scored again in the 30th minute to take the lead, 2-1. The match ended in a 2-2 tie after Schneider capitalized on a defensive mix-up and scored in the 60th minute.

According to onlookers, the warm weather played a significant role. "Taft is from Lincoln City along the coast. Temp here is significantly hotter," one onlooker commented.

The following day, the Cobras traveled two hours to play the Yamhill Carlton Tigers. Despite tired legs and rough field conditions, the team secured a 4-2 victory. Aren Schneider scored a hat trick, with his goals coming from a header off a free kick, a solo effort, and a rebound. Jackson Duringer sealed the victory with the final goal.

Fans and family praised the team's cohesion and positive attitude. "We have a long tradition of excellent players and the parents and community who support them. This group of athletes is among the nicest kids we've ever had," said Rebecca Schneider, a parent and wife of coach Hans Schneider. Supporters also credited Coach Schneider for his work. "Coach is doing a great job. An outstanding coach that takes care of his kids," said Greg Smith.

Even a fan of the opposing team, Kaylyn Mametieff, recognized the team's quality, saying of Central Linn's goalie, Leif Erickson, "He is aware of what the team is doing and is like a coach to everyone."

The team's first league match is next Tuesday, September 30 with Crosshill Christian from 4:30-6:30 p.m. 🌀



CLHS goalie, Senior Leif Erickson, was on fire at Tuesday's home game against Taft HS from Lincoln City.



"The smaller the circle, the better the players," stated proudly by CLHS athlete, Aren Schneider, pictured here with the Boys Varsity Soccer team.

What Do Hemingway, Orwell, and Dr. Seuss Have in Common? They've Been Banned.

By Sherri Lemhouse, Brownsville Librarian

Currently on our Card Catalog cabinets is a display of books that have been banned or challenged across the United States and around the World. Banned Books Week will take place October 5-11, 2025. This is an annual event that spotlights the freedom to read and draws attention to the harm of censorship. The American Library Association documented 821 attempts to censor materials and services at libraries, schools, and universities in 2024. The most common reasons for challenges were false claims of illegal obscenity for minors; inclusion of LGBTQIA+ characters or themes; and dealing with topics of race, racism, inclusivity, equity, and social justice.

In our display of banned books, there are many classics. Included are: almost all of Ernest Hemingway's books, "1984" and "Animal Farm" by George Orwell, "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee, "Lord of the Flies" by William Golding, and many more. When speaking with young people, they have strong feelings about how these books impacted their scholastic lives positively. Some banned books explore social issues that are difficult for many to speak rationally about. By reading how one character deals with drug or sexual abuse, a reader may be helped through a tough time or may be able to aid a friend who is going through it.



Other bans seem ridiculous to many or make us giggle. "Hop on Pop" by Dr. Seuss was challenged for 'violence to Dad'. "The Snowy Day" by Ezra Jack Keats won the 1963 Caldecott Medal. It was challenged on the grounds that a white man did not have the right to create a Black character, and that he only created a 'Black' story so he could get the award. Other children's books to be challenged include "Goodnight Moon" by Margaret Wise Brown (the illustrator was shown smoking in his photograph), "Yertle the Turtle and Other Stories" by Dr. Seuss for being subversive to children, "In the Night Kitchen" by Maurice Sendak for lack of clothing on children. Who doesn't have a small neighbor who doesn't like wearing clothes? The list goes on and on.

Ultimately, it is up to you what you choose to read and allow your children to read; not the library or librarian. Don't miss out on a terrific book. Stop by the Library and look over our Banned Book display. Better yet, check one out! Support your library and your right to read.

Mary Jo Godwin, the final editor of the Wilson Library Bulletin, said, "A truly great library contains something in it to offend everyone." We say, please remember that there are 18,000 other titles to choose from. 🌀

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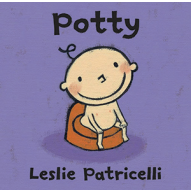
September's Second Wave of New Books Arrives

By Sherri Lemhouse, Brownsville Librarian

The Brownsville Library has shelved the second selection of September's new books.

Children

"Potty (A Toilet Training Story of Bathroom Independence for Babies and Toddlers)" by Leslie Patricelli is another terrific board book suggestion by Kelli Welli at our Summer Reading Program.



Juniors

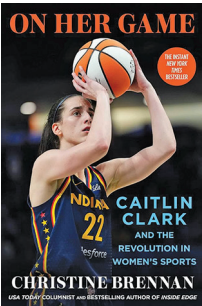
"Hurricane Heist" by James Ponti is #2 of the Sherlock Society, a new mystery series for juniors.



"Investigators: Case Files" by John Patrick Green is a Graphic Novel series frequently requested by young patrons.

Young Adults

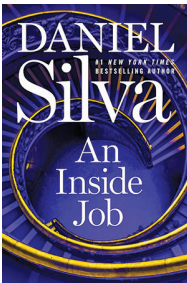
"On Her Game: Caitlin Clark and the Revolution in Women's Sports" is by Christine Brennan. What a gal!



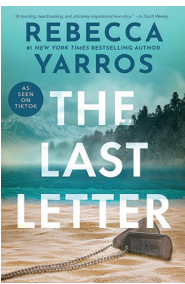
Adults Fiction

"An Inside Job" by Daniel Silva is #25 in the Gabriel Allon Espionage Action & Adventure series. Obviously, a crowd pleaser!

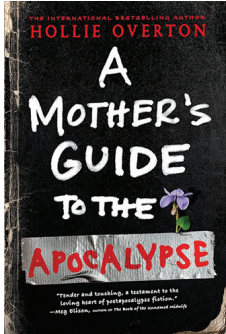
"Jenny Cooper Has a Secret" by Joy Fielding is a psychological thriller.



"The Last Letter" by Rebecca Yarros is a contemporary romance by the author of the Fourth Wing series.



"The Locked Ward" by Sarah Pekkanen is a domestic psychological thriller.

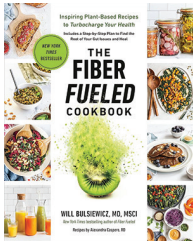


"A Mother's Guide to the Apocalypse" by Hollie Overton is an Apocalyptic & Post-Apocalyptic Science Fiction mystery. Some days with my

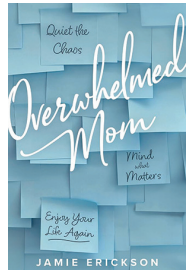
kids I felt like it was an apocalyptic day.

Adults Non-Fiction

"The Fiber Fueled Cookbook: Inspiring Plant-Based Recipes to Turbocharge Your Health" by Will Bulsiewicz has 100+ recipes from Dr. B, a leading gastroenterologist.



"On Power" by Mark Levin: Political Science



"Overwhelmed Mom" by Jamie Erickson is a Christian-based book about motherhood. You are not alone!

"The Power of Silence: Against the Dictatorship of Noise" by Robert Cardinal Sarah was suggested by a patron — snapped up by another! 🌀

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BOOK REVIEW

Shipwrecked Newlyweds:
A Review of “A Marriage
at Sea”

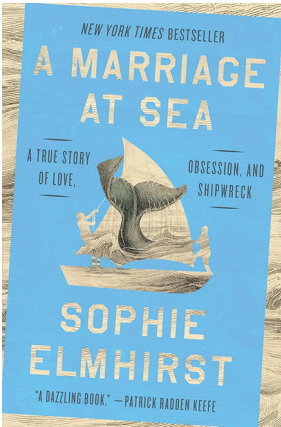
By Nancy Diltz, Staff Writer

“A Marriage at Sea: A True Story of
Love, Obsession, and Shipwreck” by
Sophie Elmhirst (2024)

The accolades for this book about a newlywed couple who sell everything, buy a boat, and sail from England to New Zealand are well earned. They speak to the brilliant telling of their true story by a third-party writer who was somehow able to understand and recreate their emotional journey. Chronicling the true story of a couple in constant fear and the tension they experienced by being shipwrecked and lost at sea, when it should have been the best time of their lives, was an amazing feat. Most reviewers agree that you will be rendered unable to stop reading—the best kind. Elmhirst’s retelling is a triumph, second only to the seemingly impossible feat of Maurice and Maralyn themselves. You won’t be able to put it down,” —USA Today.

“Remarkable... I found myself, alternately, holding my breath as I read at top speed, wandering rooms in search of someone to read aloud to, and placing the book face down, arrested by quiet statements that left me reeling with their depth.” —The New York Times

“Such an emotionally vivid portrait of a couple in isolation that I was shocked it wasn’t fiction. How could a writer get so deeply into the minds of two real people in such extraordinary circumstances? So brilliantly depicted.” —Elle, Best Books of Summer



stay married? You’ll have to read it to find out!

Not available at the Brownsville Library yet. Interested? Ask Librarian Sherri to order a copy and check back here to see when it arrives. 🌀



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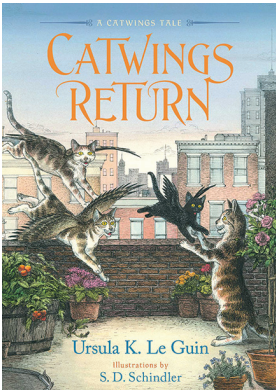
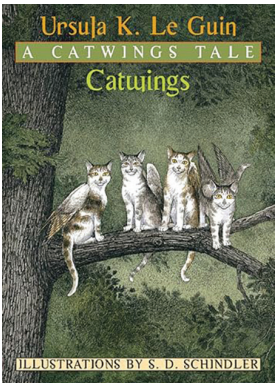


KIDS’ KORNER

When Cats Fly!

By Nancy Diltz, Staff Writer

Imagine a book you can read where cats have wings and fly! “Catwings” by Ursula LeGuin, published in 1988, is just that. In this classic story for 3 to 9-year-old readers, Mrs. Jane Tabby has four kittens, Thelma, Roger, James, and Harriet, who were all born with wings! They fly from adventure to adventure and even into three additional Catwings stories in this series: “Catwings Return,” “Wonderful Alexander and the Catwings,” and “Jane on Her Own.” The original four kittens find two friends, Jane and Alexander, who also have wings.



The stories are wonderfully realistic as they are brought to life by the beautiful illustrations of S.D. Schindler. The author, Ursula LeGuin, lived in Portland, Oregon and has won many awards for her writing. You can find the whole series on Libby Audiobooks through the Brownsville Library if you would like to hear them read aloud.

Activity: Make Wings!

You can make a pair of wings to fly like the Catwings with just a bit of help.

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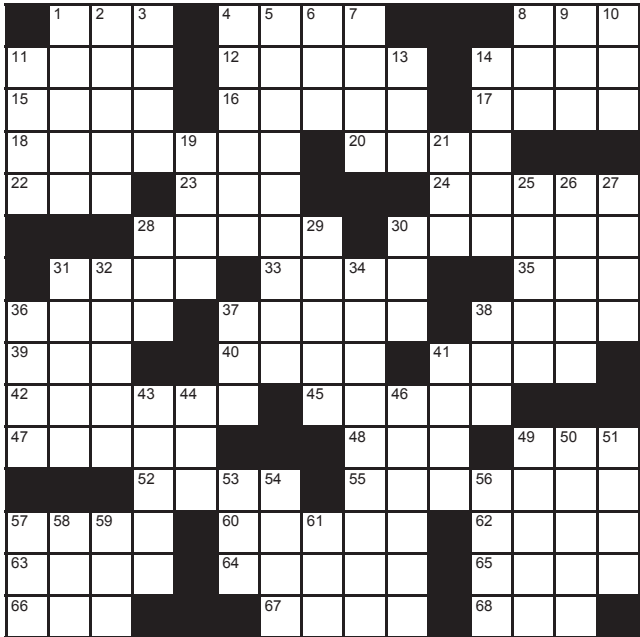
Cardboard or heavy paper, safety scissors, tape, ribbon or string, crayons, or colored markers.



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Draw wing shapes on the cardboard or paper and cut out with scissors. (Look at butterflies or other insects for wing shape ideas.)
2. Decorate the wings with color.
3. Attach ribbon or strings to the wings with tape so they can be held or worn. Ribbons or string on the outer edges will allow the wearer to make flapping movements while a ribbon or string in the center can be tied around the wearer’s waist and secured for ‘free flight’. Have fun! 🌀

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

Information in the Sheriff's Report is provided by The Linn County Sheriff's Daily Media Log of Dispatched Calls and Cases. Incident details may be limited or delayed depending on agency availability prior to our weekly publication deadline. Addresses typically reflect the location of the incident or arrest, though in some cases they may indicate the origin of the call.

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

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, Sept. 16

7:48 a.m. — Caller reported a parking complaint of disabled vehicles on the street at Templeton St/E Blakely Ave, Brownsville.

8:29 a.m. — David Layton, 55, of Tangent was arrested for multiple warrants. David was issued criminal citations in lieu of custody and released without incident at 33600 block of Hwy 99E, Tangent.

1:47 p.m. — Caller reported harassment at 31900 block of North Lake Creek Dr, Tangent. Female was told to have no further contact with her ex-husband.

3:29 p.m. — Bobby Wagoner, 48, of Harrisburg, was criminally cited for illegal camping at 300 block of

S 3rd St, Harrisburg.

4:26 p.m. — Caller reported a civil dispute at 15400 block of W 4th St, Halsey. Child was given back to the mother. No further action.

6:07 p.m. — DHS 307 Referral at 600 block of LaSalle St, Harrisburg. Historical information regarding a child and their parents has already been reported. The information will be documented.

10:31 p.m. — Caleb Hoffman, 22, of Albany was cited for a warrant at 32200 block of McLagan Rd, Tangent. Report pending.

Wednesday, Sept. 17

4:43 a.m. — Janetta Reedy, 27, of Brownsville was issued a citation for failure to obey a traffic control device after she crashed through the intersection of Stoltz Hill Rd and Rock Hill Dr. Janetta was uninjured and minor property damage occurred.

9:50 a.m. — Caller reported threats at 400 block of S 9th St, Harrisburg. Deputy documented caller's statements involving a juvenile.

11:46 a.m. — Caller reported fraud at 34000 block of Harrison Rd, Brownsville. No public narrative.

6:38 p.m. — Caller reported kids playing on the roof of a house and were unsupervised. The fire department arrived and advised that the kids should be supervised. The kids were actually on the balcony, not the roof at 800 block of S 8th Pl, Harrisburg.

Thursday, Sept. 18

9:30 a.m. — Oscar Cruz Garcia, 36, of Sweet Home was issued a citation for speeding; 53 in a posted 35 mph zone at the 900 block of N Main St, Brownsville.

10:05 a.m. — Samantha Merilee Solesbee, 28, of Halsey was issued a citation

for 73 in a 55 mph posted zone at 28800 block of Hwy 99E, Halsey.

12:57 p.m. — Driver lost control of vehicle and crashed into shoulder area at 31000 block of Hwy 34, Tangent. Non-injury.

1:01 p.m. — Caller reported an animal complaint after observing that a cat that appeared ill at River Ave/Depot Ave, Brownsville.

1:05 p.m. — Deputies responded to a commercial building burglary at 32900 block of Diamond Hill Dr, Harrisburg. Investigation ongoing.

4:23 p.m. — Deputies responded to an overdose at 32100 block of Old Oak Dr, Tangent.

6:09 p.m. — Caller reported a mental health issue at 500 block of S 6th St, Harrisburg. No public narrative.

7:44 a.m. — Travis Hemphill, 55, of Eugene, cited for failing to carry proof of insurance and warned for speeding at 24900 block of Hwy 99E, Halsey.

8:30 p.m. — DHS 307 Cross Report at 600 block of LaSalle St, Harrisburg. Information documented.

9:12 p.m. — Eric Stepina, 60, of Eugene was cited for no drivers license, operating without required lighting equipment, and no insurance. Warned for expired tags. His vehicle was towed from 800 block of S 3rd St, Harrisburg.

Friday, September 19

1:19 a.m. — DHS 307 referral at 100 block of Galbraith St, Brownsville. Information was documented.

10:36 a.m. — Caller reported a juvenile complaint at 1000 block of 6th St, Harrisburg. Deputy contacted family members having a dispute.

1:14 p.m. — Deputy assisted with traffic hazard at 800 block of S 3rd St, Harrisburg.

3:58 p.m. — Sarah Hawkins, 31, of Sweet Home was issued a citation for driving while suspended at 300 block of N 3rd St, Harrisburg.

5:43 p.m. — Deputy investigated a motor vehicle crash at Brownsville Rd/Washburn Heights Dr, Brownsville. Eve Lorelei, 29, of Brownsville was issued a citation for careless driving.

6:58 p.m. — Caller reports on going neighborhood dispute and threats at 700 block of W 4th St, Halsey.

10:46 p.m. — Alexander Rojas Espino, 34, of Hillsboro, was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving at 33900 block of Diamond Hill Dr, Harrisburg.

Saturday, Sept. 20

12:42 a.m. — A patrol car hit a deer at the 25100 block of Gap Rd, Brownsville. The deer could not be located. The patrol car was not damaged.

9:46 a.m. — Deputies responded to crash at S 3rd/LaSalle St, Harrisburg. Sandra Hecht, 82, of Harrisburg was issued a citation for failure to obey a traffic control device.

2:44 p.m. — Caller reported an intoxicated person who needed an escort to their residence at 100 block of Stanard Ave, Brownsville. No further action.

3:30 p.m. — Michael House, 15, was reported as a runaway at 32900 block of Diamond Hill, Dr, Harrisburg. He is currently believed to be in the Eugene/Springfield area.

4:13 p.m. — Caller reported two individuals verbal-

ly arguing at 1000 block of Pine St, Brownsville. Nothing criminal to report at this time.

6:15 p.m. — Non-injury crash reported in parking lot of 300 block of N 3rd St, Harrisburg. Damage exceeded over \$2,500. Report pending.

7:06 p.m. — Robert Hilliard, 55, of Albany was cited for warrants at Tangent Dr/McLagan Rd, Tangent.

Sunday, September 21

12:36 p.m. — Domestic Disturbance reported at 31900 block of North Creek Dr, Tangent. Hailey Merryman, 25, of Tangent was arrested for disorderly Conduct II and lodged in the Linn County Jail. Report pending

8:54 p.m. — DHS 307 referral reported at 35400 block of Washburn Heights Dr, Brownsville. Information will be documented concerning a juvenile that lives in Linn County and was involved in an incident in Benton County.

11:57 p.m. — Information regarding teenage juveniles will be documented from DHS 307 referral at 100 block of Washburn St, Brownsville.

Monday, September 22

1:46 p.m. — Michael Kutsch, 71, of Dallas was issued a citation for driving while suspended at 300 block of Territorial St, Harrisburg.

3:35 p.m. — Jennifer Young, 62, of Eugene was issued a citation for failure to carry proof of insurance at S 3rd St/Schooling St, Harrisburg.

4:12 p.m. — Eric Baldwin, 46, of North Bend was issued citations for driving while suspended and driving uninsured 400 block of Territorial St, Harrisburg. ☼

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Nearly 50 Years Later, “Swamp Mountain Jane Doe” Named as Marion McWhorter

SWEET HOME — In the summer of 1976, a moss hunter made a grim discovery off Highway 20 near Swamp Mountain: a skull and partial remains of a young woman. She wore Levi’s jeans, a fringed leather coat, and a beaded belt marked with a phoenix. A lone clog lay nearby.

For decades, she was known only as “Swamp Mountain Jane Doe.” This summer, investigators finally gave her back her name: Marion Vinetta Nagle McWhorter.



A Journey Cut Short

McWhorter was 21 years old in the fall of 1974 when she hitchhiked from California to Oregon. She called her aunt from a Tigard pay phone near Washington Square Mall, asking if she could stay the night.

Her aunt agreed but couldn’t pick her up right away. During the call, McWhorter mentioned a man in a white pickup truck had offered her a ride. She never arrived and never called again.

Nearly two years later, her remains surfaced 100 miles away in the woods about 25 miles outside Sweet Home, just east of Cascadia in an area called Swamp Mountain.

A Sister’s Search

For Marion’s youngest sister, Valerie Nagle, the disappearance was a lifelong wound. “I never forgot about her,” Nagle said. She combed missing-person databases, submitted her own DNA, and held out hope.

In 2023, she tested through Ancestry. The breakthrough came in April 2025 when a distant cousin uploaded DNA to FamilyTreeDNA, allowing genealogists to trace a family tree. By June, Marion was confirmed.

“This case was cold for 49 years,” said state forensic anthropologist Hailey Collord-Stalder. “Marion likely did not go missing voluntarily.”

The Ghosts of Highway 20

McWhorter’s case joins a haunting list of women and teens lost along Highway 20 during the 1970s and 1980s — cases that became known as the “Ghosts of Highway 20.”

Investigators long suspected John Arthur Ackroyd, a state highway mechanic, of several of those disappearances. He was convicted in 2013 for the murder of his 13-year-old stepdaughter, Rachanda Pickle, and linked to other attacks and killings before he died in prison in 2016.

McWhorter’s file appeared in Ackroyd’s case records. A 2010 Linn County report even noted a possible “wound track” on her skull consistent with an ice pick or small-caliber firearm. Yet her death has never been conclusively tied to Ackroyd.

Another Highway 20 victim, “Snow Creek Doe,” has never been identified; in that case, investigators later discovered the woman’s remains had been discarded by the medical examiner decades earlier. Only a photograph survives.

Family and Heritage

Marion was the eldest of five children, born to a family that moved often. Their mother was an Alaska Native of the Ahtna Athabaskan people. Marion was named after an aunt who died in 1940 in an Alaska boarding school.

She also had two daughters, one adopted out in her teens, and another left in the care of her ex-husband. Valerie believes Marion may have been traveling toward Alaska for work opportunities near their grandfather.

Unanswered Questions

The Linn County Sheriff’s Office continues to investigate the circumstances of McWhorter’s death. For Valerie, the identification closes one part of the story but opens another. “I was really glad they found me through DNA,” she said. “I spent decades scrolling those unidentified pages, trying to look. Now at least we know.”

REAL ESTATE LINE

Why the Right MLS Matters When Selling Your Home

By Jenna Stutsman, licensed Real Estate Principal Broker in OR

Welcome to another addition of my monthly real estate column. As always, we will start with some stats and then move on to an informational tidbit.

First up, I’m sure you have seen that interest rates have dropped somewhat in the last few weeks and are expected to drop more before the end of the year. This will make a big difference for home buyers. According to Optimal Blue, a 30-year conforming mortgage will get around 6.256 percent, with FHA and USDA loans at 6.07 percent. This is based on a lot of personal factors, so contact your lender for your exact figures. This means more buyers will be entering the housing market, which is also great for sellers. It’s going to be a busy fall!



27818 Pine View Rd, Brownsville, \$749,000

Now for the tidbit.

I have seen many homes lately that aren’t listed in our local MLS systems. If you are thinking of selling your home, I highly recommend that you ask your agent what MLS systems they belong to. MLS systems are the sites where agents list homes they have for sale so other agents can search for those homes for their buyers. It’s like a database where we can see some behind-the-scenes info and send listings to our clients directly. Most agents aren’t also scouring Zillow, etc. So, if you list your house with an agent who doesn’t have access to our local MLS, do you see the problem? Your house will get far less exposure and be less likely to sell fast and for the best price. Not all buyers are looking at Zillow and Redfin. Many are relying on their agents to send them homes that fit their criteria. Those buyers will miss your listing. The Central Linn area is in WVMLS (Willamette Valley), which encompasses Linn, Benton, and Marion Counties. RMLS is Lane County and everything above Marion County. There are a few other MLS systems scattered throughout Oregon. So, if you’re listing your home in the Central Linn area, your agent is doing you a disservice if they don’t have your home at least listed in WVMLS. Bonus points if it’s also listed in RMLS, since many Lane County agents have buyers looking up this way. I would guess many sellers don’t know where their home is listed. Don’t be afraid to ask before you sign a listing contract. This is likely your largest financial transaction. Get it right.

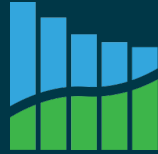
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5	4	7	2	8	3	6	9	1
6	8	9	4	7	1	3	2	5
3	2	1	5	9	6	4	8	7
2	6	3	8	4	7	1	5	9
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9	7	8	1	6	5	2	4	3
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