



Cobras Celebrate Homecoming with Spirit and Tradition

Central Linn High School students, families, and alumni gathered for a lively Homecoming week, October 4–11,



Seniors Payton Gaskey and Sawyer Kirk, both involved in soccer, basketball, and cross country, were crowned the 2025 Homecoming Queen and King.

marked by a traditional bonfire and an energetic dance. Freshmen through seniors celebrated the annual event by displaying Cobra pride, building friendships, and supporting the fight against cancer.

The stands were packed Friday evening as the nineteen voices of The CLHS Blue Notes, directed by Joe Demianew, beautifully harmonized the Star-Spangled Banner. Though the Cobras Varsity Football team fought fiercely, they were defeated by the Toledo Boomers 38–13. Energy remained high as the pink-clad crowd applauded Varsity cheer stunts and well-played tunes from the CLHS pep band. Everyone showed love to



EVA WADA

The Homecoming Bonfire has been always been a favorite event for CLHS students and alumni

the Homecoming Court winners, King Sawyer Kirk and Queen Payton Gaskey.

After the game, the Homecoming Bonfire offered a place for students to chill and catch up with friends. Fire Chief Travis Hewitt and his team ensured safety for this cherished tradition that connects generations of Cobras.

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A Life of Purpose: Remembering Joey Carlson Running

Educator, mentor, and friend who inspired generations to lead with knowledge and heart

By Mikayle Stole, Editor

BROWNSVILLE — Across classrooms, conferences, and community halls, the name Joey Running was synonymous with passion, generosity, and purpose. A beloved educator and mentor whose influence extended from West Albany High School to the national stage, Joey passed away on October 4 at age 56 after a brief battle with an aggressive brain tumor. Her passing leaves a profound void in the lives of her family, friends, students, and colleagues. In the broader educator community, she tirelessly uplifted others.

For nearly two decades, Joey inspired students as a Business Teacher and College Now Liaison at West Albany High School, where she connected classroom lessons to real-world skills students would carry throughout their lives. Her energy was boundless, her laugh unmistakable, and her belief in her students unwavering.



Wally T. Luckeydoo and Joey Running at the National Business Education Association Personal Finance Summit in Franklin, Tenn., in fall 2024.

built on bridging knowledge and empowerment, reflecting her conviction that financial and business education could change lives.

One of Joey's colleagues, Wally T. Luckeydoo, recently reflected on her influence in his blog post "Leaving a Legacy:

Joey had recently accepted a new position as an instructor with Oregon State University's College of Business and was preparing to begin teaching there when she became ill. Though she never had the chance to start the term, she was eager to expand her mission of preparing the next generation of educators and business leaders. It was a natural continuation of a career

Honoring Joey Running." "Joey was one of the hardest workers I have ever met," Luckeydoo wrote. "Her dedication to students and to business education was unmatched. She poured her heart into helping high school students across Oregon and beyond gain access to personal finance education. She played a key role in helping make personal finance a graduation requirement, strengthened business academies, and served as a leader and board member for several major organizations in business education." His full tribute is available online at <https://medium.com/@drluckeydoo/leaving-a-legacy-honoring-joey-running-ad217025f9ad>.

A National Voice for Education

Joey's professional excellence was recognized at every level. She served on the National Business Education Association (NBEA) Board of Directors and was honored as the 2024 National Business Educator of the Year, the 2022 Western Business Education Association Outstanding High School Business Educator, and the 2021 Oregon Council on Economic Education Teacher of the Year.

Her work with Next Gen Personal Finance, Financial Beginnings Oregon, and the Oregon Council on Economic Education showcased her dedication to practical, accessible learning. She co-presented at national conferences, sharing her innovative teaching methods and her vision for making financial literacy a foundation of every student's education.

"She always had every detail mapped out from the sessions we'd attend to



Joey, James Meadows, and Jody Sandru at Hotel California. These three burnt out teachers took a trip to Cabo in the Summer of 2023.

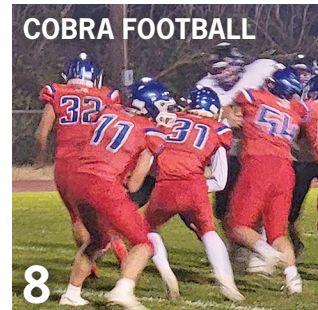
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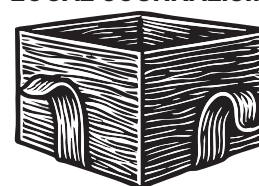


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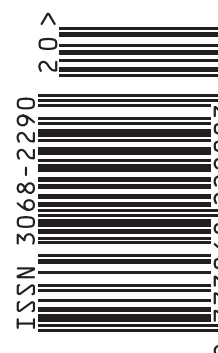
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Munch Night's Brewed Awakenings
Friday, October 17 • 7 p.m. • \$15 at the door
American Legion Hall | Brownsville
Enjoy Munch Night with the Calapooia Food Alliance. Mike Purkerson shares his insights from 20 years in the Fair Trade coffee business. Dinner and desserts included. Bring your own place setting and beverage. RSVP: info@gocfa.org.

The Great Pumpkin Patch
October 17–31 • Mon–Thu, 1–7 p.m.; Fri–Sun, 11 a.m.–7 p.m.
6500 Pacific Blvd. SW | Albany
Pumpkin sales and daily family fun benefit Albany Area Habitat for Humanity.

- Highlights include:
- Oct. 17 – SafeHaven Adoption Event
 - Oct. 18 & 25 – Free Face Painting by Party Perfection Oregon
 - Oct. 24 – Coloring Contest & Magic Show
 - Oct. 26 – Trunk or Treat
 - Oct. 31 – Mushroom Festival

Sponsors and partners welcome — contact Party Perfection Oregon on Facebook to get involved.
The Abundance of Not2Shabbee Fall Sale
Friday–Saturday, October 17–18 • 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
836 Kirk Ave., Brownsville
Shop a charming mix of handcrafted, shabby chic, and gently used treasures. Private shopping appointments available at 541-228-6034.

Albany Haunted Tours
October 18–25 • Times vary by event
Monteith House & Downtown Albany
Thrill-seekers can experience a VIP Paranormal Investigation on Oct. 18, or Carriage of Shadows Oct. 24–25. Tickets required.
<https://www.monteithhouse.org>.

Cider Pressing at Thompson's Mill
Saturday, October 25
11 a.m. until apples run out (usually before 3 p.m.)
32655 Boston Mill Dr, Shedd, OR 97377
\$5 per half gallon. Bring a picnic, take a tour, and enjoy fresh-pressed cider.

Pioneer Christian Academy Fall Festival & Auction
Saturday, Oct. 25 • 3–9 p.m.
331 E. Blakely Ave., Brownsville
Enjoy family activities from 3–6 p.m. A live auction begins at 6 p.m. No admission fee; food and activity tickets available onsite.

Downtown Albany Halloween Trick-or-Treat & Costume Contest
Saturday, October 25 • Downtown Albany
Family-friendly Halloween celebration featuring trick-or-treating and a costume contest. Sponsored by the Albany Downtown Association and local downtown businesses.

Drug Take Back Day
Saturday, October 25, 1–2 p.m. Halsey City Hall;
2:30–3:30 p.m. Harrisburg City Hall
Safely dispose of unused or unwanted medications, including pet meds. Free, anonymous collection by Linn County Sheriff's Office and DEA. No sharps, needles, injectables, or medical waste accepted.

See page 12 for Brownsville Library events

See what's happening in Central Linn and add your event:
<https://brownsvilletimes.org/community-calendar>

Halsey Opens Entries for Annual Virtual Pumpkin Contest

HALSEY — The City of Halsey invites residents to show off their spooky creativity in the 6th Annual Virtual Pumpkin Carving Contest. Entries are open now through Oct. 27 for Halsey residents in the 97348 zip code.
Pumpkins can be real or artificial, carved, painted, or decorated in any way. Participants must submit a photo of their entry online, clearly showing a handwritten name card with the pumpkin's name.

Voting will take place on the City of Halsey Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CityofHalseyOregon> from Oct. 28–30, with winners announced on Halloween.
Age Divisions: Kids (0–11), Teens (12–17), Adults (18+)
First-place winners in each age group will receive a \$25 Amazon gift card, and one additional child participant will be randomly selected for a prize.
Full contest rules and submission details are available on the City of Halsey website at <http://cityofhalsey.com>.



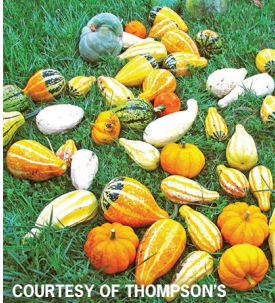
Fall Fun and Fresh Harvests at Peoria Road Farm Market



Speckled Hound winter squash is \$.69 per pound. With its tough rind and rich, orange flesh, this flavorful variety is both a great keeper and a fall favorite.
CORVALLIS — Peoria Road Farm Market is bursting with autumn color and flavor this season, offering everything from crisp apples to a patch full of pumpkins.
Visitors can explore a wide range of apple varieties, pick out pumpkins for carving or baking, and enjoy the farm's hayride to the pumpkin patch, which also leads to a family-friendly corn maze. The market still has pears, plums, and filberts in stock, along with an impressive plant sale. Some items are up to 50% off, including succulents and fall favorites.
Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. with hayrides on Friday afternoons and weekends for \$5 per person. Peoria Road Farm Market's season ends on Nov. 2. Mark your calendar for the Holiday Bazaar on Nov. 22, featuring local crafts and seasonal décor.
Peoria Road Farm Market is located at 33269 SE Peoria Road, Corvallis. For more information, call 541-207-3327.

Thompson's Tree Farm Adds Pumpkin Patch

BROWNSVILLE — Thompson's Christmas Trees has added a new fall attraction — a pick-your-own pumpkin patch at 37320 Mountain Home Drive, east of downtown Brownsville. The Thompson's have cultivated a colorful mix of pumpkins, gourds, and decorative varieties for families to enjoy.
Visitors will find everything from tiny varieties at six for \$5, "Jack Be Littles" and vibrant gourds for \$1.50, to mid-sized pumpkins and warty varieties for \$5, and extra-large pumpkins for \$10. The biggest pumpkins remain "in the weeds," creating a fun hunt that kids are sure to love.
The pumpkin patch is open weekends through October. Special arrangements can be made. Call Lucy at 541-466-5276 or email lucyjr@centurytel.net.



Not Your Grandma's Bingo Returns to Tangent

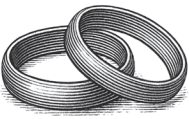
TANGENT — Bingo nights are back at the Dixie Creek Saloon, but with a twist! "Not Your Grandma's Bingo," hosted by Tangent Together, kicks off Monday, Oct. 27 and runs through March 2, 2026. The weekly event features bawdy bingo calls, risqué humor, and cash prizes for each game's winner. Bingo cards are sold at the start of each game for \$1 each. Games run Mondays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. This event is for adults only — definitely not suitable for children!

The Great Pumpkin Patch to Benefit Habitat for Humanity

ALBANY — The Great Pumpkin Patch opens Friday, Oct. 17, kicking off two weeks of fall fun in support of Albany Area Habitat for Humanity. Hosted at 6500 Pacific Blvd. SW, just north of Tangent, the event runs daily through Oct. 31 and features pumpkins of all shapes and sizes for sale with 100% of proceeds helping build affordable homes for local families.
Each day offers something new, from photo ops and crafts to contests and live entertainment. SafeHaven Humane Society will host an adoption event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on opening day, Friday, Oct. 17. Party Perfection Oregon will provide free face painting with pumpkin purchases on Oct. 18 and 25. On Friday, Oct. 24, the Chicken Shanty will sponsor a coloring contest, followed by a magic show by Richard Kennedy. USA Mortgage will host a Trunk or Treat event on Sunday, Oct. 26, and the Mushroom Festival will close out the fun on Halloween, Friday, Oct. 31.
Hours are Monday through Thursday, 1 to 7 p.m., and Friday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Visitors are encouraged to tag photos on social media with #GreatPumpkinPatchAlbany to share the fun and raise awareness for Habitat for Humanity's mission of providing strength, stability, and self-reliance through affordable homeownership.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations Zachary and Leslie Harrison of Tangent celebrating a decade of marriage on October, 10. Cheers!



The Abundance of Not2Shabbee Returns with Fall Sale

BROWNSVILLE — Celebrate the season at The Abundance of Not2Shabbee's fall sale on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 17 and 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shoppers will discover a beautifully eclectic mix of handcrafted, shabby chic, gently used, and lovingly curated items that are perfect for adding a touch of warmth and charm to any home. The event will be held at Not2Shabbee's new location, 836 Kirk Avenue in Brownsville.

Looking ahead, their "Christmas Joys" sale is scheduled for November 14 and 15. Private shopping appointments are available upon request by calling 541-228-6034. ☼

Downtown Albany Hosts Halloween Trick-or-Treat and Costume Contest

ALBANY — Families are invited to celebrate Halloween in Downtown Albany on Saturday, Oct. 25, with trick-or-treating from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Look for orange and black balloons marking participating Albany Downtown Association member businesses.

This year's festivities also include a costume contest, with photos taken at the Xtreme Graphix photo station located at the 1st Avenue Parklet near Ferry Street. Contest entries will be posted on the Albany Downtown Association's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/AlbanyDowntown>, where the public can vote by liking and sharing their favorite costumes through Wednesday, Oct. 30, at noon. Winners will be announced on Halloween via Facebook and their website at <http://www.albanydowntown.com>.

Contest categories range from babies to adults, including a family/group division. Prizes include Downtown Kid Meals, Albany Carousel tokens, and movie tickets to The Pix Theatre. The adult winner will receive \$25 in Downtown Dollars, and the top family or group will take home a Downtown gift basket. ☼

PIONEER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Fall Festival and Benefit Auction Returns Oct. 25

BROWNSVILLE — The annual Fall Festival and Benefit Auction returns Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Pioneer Christian Academy campus, 331 E. Blakely Ave. Doors open at 3 p.m. for an afternoon full of food, games, and family-friendly activities.

Guests can enjoy Local's Donuts, clam chowder, tacos, hamburgers, hot dogs, and chicken, along with drinks provided by the freshman and sophomore classes. A bake stand and next to the coffee booth will also be open throughout the event.

Kids' activities will feature a carnival, barrel train rides, balloon animals, caricatures, face painting, hoop shoot, bounce houses, and corn hole. Two campfires will provide cozy spots for families to gather.

The main event begins at 6 p.m. with a live auction led by renowned auctioneer Paul Schultz. Proceeds will support the school's programs and classroom needs. There is no admission fee, and food and activity tickets will be available for purchase at the venue.

Students are also selling raffle tickets before the event, with a classroom pizza party awarded to the top-selling class.

An online auction will open on October 21 and run through Tuesday, Oct. 28, accessible through Text2Bid by texting "PCA" to 71760 once it opens. Chad Schrock, head of school/principal, remind everyone that the link will not be active before then.

Everyone is invited to join in, enjoy an afternoon of fall fun, and support local education. ☼

BROWNSVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Trick-or-Treat Street on Halloween

Brownsville's annual Trick or Treat Street returns on Friday, October 31, from 3 to 6 p.m., bringing an afternoon of spooky fun for the whole family!

Kids can collect candy from local businesses displaying a "Trick-or-Treat Street" poster in their windows, then brave the Haunted House at the American Legion Travis Moothart Post 184, if they dare.



The fun continues with a costume contest and plenty of festive photo opportunities.

Special thanks to the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce and all participating businesses for making this community tradition possible. Come join the fun and show off your Halloween spirit. ☼

CONNECT LINN COUNTY

Harvest Festival & Trunk-or-Treat Fill Pioneer Park Oct. 26

BROWNSVILLE — The annual CONNECT Linn County Harvest Festival returns to Pioneer Park on Sunday, Oct. 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., featuring a full day of fall festivities for the whole family. Start the morning with a pancake breakfast from 7 to 10 a.m., then enjoy craft and food vendors, kids' games, pumpkins, chili, and dessert cook-offs, hay ride, escape room, and the debut of the "Scary Dance Hall."

The Trunk or Treat, hosted by the All-American Camaro & Firebird Association (AACFA), runs from

1 to 4 p.m. Families are invited to come in costume, collect treats, and explore rows of decorated vehicles. Those wishing to host a trunk can arrive at noon to park and decorate. All vehicle types are welcome, but decorations must remain family-friendly, and participants supply their own candy or non-food treats.

Vendor booths are available for \$15 for a 10×10 space or \$30 for a double space, with no fee for non-profits. Setup begins at 7 a.m. and early departures are permitted, though vendors are encouraged to stay through 4 p.m.

Registration links:

- **Trunk or Treat:** <https://tinyurl.com/2s3feddr>
- **Chili Cook-off:** <https://tinyurl.com/mvnnrnud>
- **Dessert Bake-off:** <https://tinyurl.com/3ps2rp9k>
- **Vendor info/registration:** <https://tinyurl.com/y9dxa9je>

General questions: info@connectlinncounty.net. Trunk coordination: Donnie McFarlin, 541-936-4745. Vendor contacts: Melissa, 541-497-4154; Karm, 541-451-0673.

Note: Adult participants hosting trunks will sign a standard event waiver on site. ☼





Munch Night is Back!

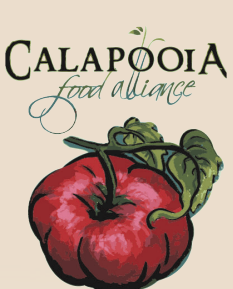
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- How tariffs & droughts affect small farmers
- Why fair prices matter

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**FRIDAY
OCTOBER 17
7 p.m.**

**Travis Moothart
American Legion Post 184
339 N. Main, Brownsville**

WORSHIP DIRECTORY

Brownsville Assembly of God

313 Washburn St · 541-466-5030

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Services 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Classes Wednesday 7 p.m. all ages

Brownsville Christian Church

117 N Main St · 541-466-3273
<https://brownvillechristianchurch.com>

Sunday Service and Children's Church 11 a.m.
Adult classes 10 a.m.

Brownsville Community Church

198 Washburn St · 541-936-9131
<https://hislifeinbrownsville.com>

Brownsville Mennonite Church

34795 OR-228 · 541-466-5622

Central Valley Church

657 American Dr · Halsey · 503-602-6796
<https://www.cvchalsey.com>
Sunday Corporate Service 8 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. (during school year)
Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.
Monday Prayer 7-8 p.m.
Wednesday Community Coffee & Donuts 9:30 a.m.

Crawfordsville Calvary Chapel

38353 Glass St · 541-730-4519
<https://www.crawfordsvillecc.org>
Sunday Service 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Brownsville

27910 7 Mile Ln · 541-642-3000
<https://www.fbcbrownvilleoregon.org>
Sunday Services and Nursery 9 and 10:45 a.m.

Halsey Mennonite Church

910 E 1st St · 712-432-8773
<https://www.halseymennonite.org>
Sunday Service 10 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sunday evening 6 p.m.
Prayer meeting 1st & 3rd Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.

Harvest Reformed Baptist Church

411 W 2nd St · Halsey · 541-220-1902
<https://harvesttrbc.org>
Sunday School 9 a.m.
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Fellowship Meal Noon

Holy Trinity Catholic Church

104 W Blakely Ave · Brownsville · 541-367-2530
holytrinitybrownvilleor@gmail.com
Weekday Mass Wednesday Noon
Sunday Service 11:30 a.m.

Oakville Presbyterian Church

29970 Church Dr · Shedd · 541-758-0647
<https://oakvillechurch.org>
Sunday Service 10 a.m.

Riverside Christian Fellowship

(360) 880-4734
Sunday Prayer 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service 10 a.m.
Sunday School 11 a.m.

**Spirit of the Valley
United Methodist Church**

611 W 3rd St · Halsey · 541-654-8144
spiritofthevalleyumc@gmail.com
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

**The Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter-day Saints**

1111 North Main St · 541-570-2903
Sunday Service 10 a.m.

Valley Christian Fellowship

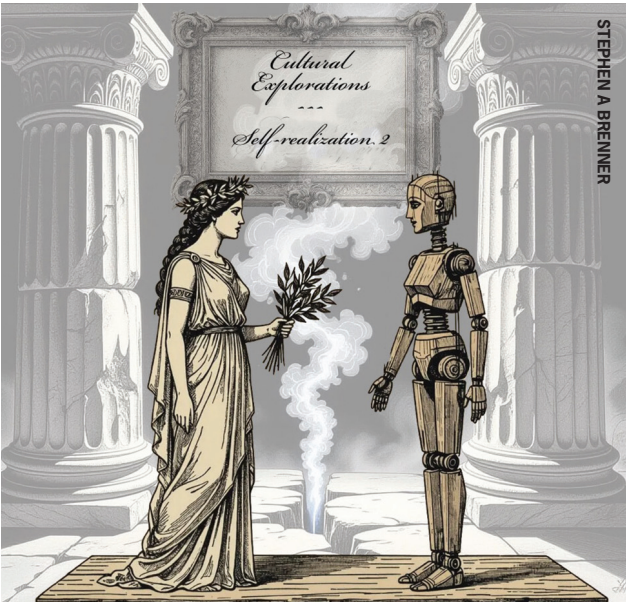
690 W 2nd St · Halsey · 732-434-3592
<https://vcfhalsey.com>
Sunday Service 10 a.m. & Wednesdays 7:15 p.m.

CULTURAL EXPLORATIONS

Self Realization II

By Stephen A. Brenner, Staff Writer

Previously, I mentioned my theory of a dual spiritual nature. I condensed it down to “The Path” and “Being on the Path“. The path is our embodied self. It’s both our values and sense of self, as well as our introspective feedback, that help us stay on the path. In a lucid dream, we see both unconscious aspects of ourselves competing for our attention, and the conscious self observing and reacting to them. When there is a healthy play between the two, there is a certain intensity associated with that lucidity. That intensity is a reflection of our being on the path. It’s our spiritual flow, how connected we are to our (higher or lower) self at any given moment. On the conscious side, it’s our presence, our aliveness and spontaneity in the moment. On the unconscious side, it’s more related to how open we are to the flow and how connected we are to the experience.



In a healthy scenario, if our flow wanders off into forbidden territory, our path will inhibit the flow and reduce our presence. But it’s not always that simple. Sometimes our worldview is not necessarily our own or related to who we really are or who we want to be. We get programmed by the world around us. So if we live in a dog-eat-dog culture, that may seem quite normal and acceptable if everyone confirms it. Our own experience may tell us that you have to be aggressive to survive in this world. So, the path in that case may not guide us well. This is where it’s unclear how we transcend our own programming. I know that we all have that potential connection to the Divine flow, but how we make that connection is the question. Is it our core sense of logic that tells us that where we are going makes no sense and can’t be trusted, or maybe our inherent compassion kicks in and tells us something is wrong...? In any case, the “Path” and “Being on the Path” feed on and define each other.

That brings us to the notion of a person’s “center.” What happens when we lose that connection to the path we’ve been following...? We all have different aspects of ourselves that compete for attention and assert themselves, but a completely radical shift of center is something rarer and disturbing. Even if the shift was a positive one, the extreme nature indicates a lack of balance and integration. Ideally, we see ourselves as works in progress, where we continually listen to our disowned/ignored selves and work to integrate those archetypal energies. The more we do that, the more our center aligns with that deeper, stable connection with the Divine. The goal is wholeness and being fully alive (like in daytime lucidity). No ordained paths, just healthy methods to navigate and define our own.

Contact me with questions or ideas by emailing me at stephenabrenner@gmail.com.

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where we’d grab coffee, or in her case, tea, between them,” said James Meadows, a business teacher at Gretna High School in Virginia. “Joey was more than a colleague. She was a friend, a mentor, and the best traveling partner anyone could ask for.”

Greater Albany Education Association
Tribute

The Greater Albany Education Association (GAEA) shared its condolences, writing: “We are deeply saddened to share that one of our GAEA members, a dedicated educator and colleague from West Albany High School, passed away unexpectedly over the weekend. Joey Running taught Business classes and inspired countless students through her passion for learning, innovation, and real-world application. Her work was recognized not only locally, but nationally, reflecting the incredible impact she had on her students and the field of education.”

Deep Roots in Brownsville

While Joey’s influence was national, her heart remained rooted in her community. She lived in Brownsville, where she served for many years as a volunteer, chairperson, and board member of the Brownsville Community Library, expanding access to education and civic engagement. Her colleagues remember her as someone who balanced vision with compassion, leadership with listening. Brownsville librarian Sherri Lemhouse shared, “Joey Running served on the Brownsville Community Library Advisory Board from 2009 to 2018 and was a passionate supporter of Oregon Battle of the Books since 2011. For more than five years, she and her family purchased all the OBOB books for the Brownsville, Central Linn Elementary, and Central Linn High School libraries. She was the epitome of a literacy advocate.

The Brownsville Women’s Study Club was fortunate to have her as a member from 2015 to 2023, where she shared her creativity as our Festival of Trees artist and social media coordinator. She taught us, laughed with us, led us, and will live in our hearts forever.”

Lifelong Learner, Lifelong Teacher

Joey earned her Master of Arts in Economics Education and Entrepreneurship from the University of Delaware and a Master of Science in Education with an MBA focus from St. Bonaventure University. Her peers admired her leadership and integrity; her students cherished her humor and encouragement.

The Next Gen Personal Finance organization recently produced a video tribute highlighting Joey’s classroom and the impact of her teaching, a moving testament to the lives she touched. “Her energy, generosity, and profound belief in the power of education will continue to inspire us,” the organization shared. Watch the video on their Facebook post at <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1BW9k8wM5b>.

Her life reminds us how one person’s purpose can ripple outward to influence so many others. Joey’s voice will continue to echo through her students, her colleagues, and the community she served so selflessly.

A celebration of Joey’s life will be announced at a later date. Until then, those whose lives she touched are encouraged to visit the Western NY Celebration of Life Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1QvrqFvwMw> for Joey to share your stories, photos, and memories, or simply read the reflections of others whose paths she changed. ☼



Members of the Avery family joined Linn County Parks and Recreation staff at John Neal Memorial County Park near Lyons on Sept. 19 to donate \$35,000 toward renovation of the park's 1971 picnic shelter, originally built in honor of Waldo and Sewell Avery. The family's connection to the Santiam Canyon dates back to 1902. Pictured from left: forester Adam Fenner, Pedro McMillan, Parks and Recreation Director Stacey Whaley, Camm Broughton, Ellen Ferguson, senior forester Edie Knight, and retired forester Pete Mastenbroek.

BROWNSVILLE ART ASSOCIATION

Art Center Reorganizes, Refreshes, and Readies for the Holidays

By Lori Garcy, Staff Writer

Several upcoming Saturday fall classes still have openings. Registration and more information about all our classes are available on our website, <https://brownsvilleart.org>.

- Oct. 25 – Wool Art Painting – Pumpkin with Connie Swindoll – (class will still take place while the Center is closed to the public.)
- Nov. 1 – Acrylic Painting – Paint a Turkey with Brynn Carter
- Dec. 13 – Acrylic Painting – Paint a Santa with Brynn Carter

Temporary Closure Oct. 22–28

During this period, our artists will remove all their work so we can do a thorough cleaning of the Art Center. Artists will be assigned new display spaces as we begin preparing for the holiday season. When we reopen on October 29, see our artists' displays and their new artwork.

Writer's Corner

Did you know that Brownsville has many authors? Well, we do. The Art Center offers excellent books by local writers, suitable for both adults and children. If you're a local author with a published book, contact us about adding it to our Writer's Corner.



Brownsville Swag

Another exciting update is that the Chamber of Commerce has joined the Brownsville Art Association and now has its merchandise available at the Art Center. If you're looking for something with a Brownsville logo, you might find it here.

Holiday Art Market and Festival of Trees

It's only seven weeks until December 6, our annual Holiday Art Market. The Art Center and the community Room will be filled with beautiful art by our artists and guest artists. This is always a great day to find gifts for friends and family.

We will once again have a tree in the "Festival of Trees" auction. The tree will be decorated with items created by our artist members. View the Festival of Trees around town on December 5 and 6, and bid on your favorite tree to take home.

2026 Classes

We are developing a few new classes for next year and hope to share details this November. If you're interested in learning in a particular art area and want a class, email us at baaartcenter@centurylink.net. We'll look into finding an instructor or, if you're interested in teaching, let us know.

We are open Wednesdays, 1 to 4 p.m., and Thursday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ☀

Light Up a Life Remembrance in Lebanon

LEBANON — Samaritan Evergreen Hospice will host its annual Light Up a Life remembrance ceremony on Sunday, Nov. 16, at 2 p.m. at the Boulder Falls Event Center in Lebanon.

The event brings the community together each year to honor hospice patients and loved ones who have died.

For those unable to attend in person, a virtual ceremony will be available beginning Friday, Nov. 21, at <https://samhealth.org/LUAL2025>. The online program includes chaplain reflections, a memorial slideshow, and a candle lighting tribute. The link will remain live for up to a year.

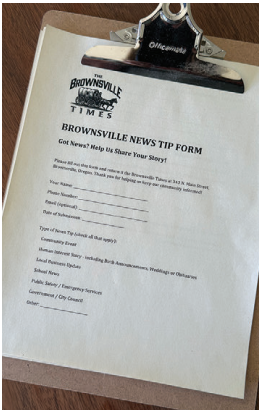
Light up a Life primarily remembers Samaritan Evergreen Hospice patients from the past year, but community members may also participate by donating in memory of someone special. **Names received by Oct. 27 will be read during the Lebanon ceremony.** Later submissions will be included in the virtual event.

Donations benefit the Samaritan Foundations' Hospice Funds, which provide patient and family support such as massage therapy, mental health services, nutritional beverages, and caregiver respite.

For more info, call 844-768-4256, email Cindy Thelen at lualemail@samhealth.org, or visit <https://samhealth.org/health-services/all-services/hospice/lual>. ☀

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Understanding the True Cost of Coffee

By Mike Purkerson, Rivenshire Coffee Roasters

Rivenshire Coffee Roasters has been roasting coffee since 2003. From the very beginning, we have prioritized buying organic, responsibly grown, and fairly traded coffee from small cooperatives and farmers worldwide who support the land and their communities. This commitment has always involved a higher cost for us, but we believe it's worth it.

Over the past five years, the price of green coffee has more than doubled due to several factors. The first is the global COVID pandemic. The bottlenecks caused by trucking industry fuel surcharges and port labor strikes only worsened an already strained transportation system. This led to a sharp rise in transportation costs for all goods, including coffee.



There have also been several climate-related challenges, from multi-year droughts to early frosts. As demand for green coffee increased, low crop yields and limited availability forced many smaller roasters to make difficult decisions or to give up entirely.

This year, as tariffs on coffee were implemented, prices began to soar again. American companies, when importing into the U.S., pay the tariff, not the country of origin. Small businesses have no choice but to pass on the increased costs. Read the Royal Coffee article: <https://royalcoffee.com/july-2025-coffee-tariffs-updates-impact> to delve deeper into this subject.

Brazil is the world's largest coffee producer, followed by Vietnam. The US imports about 30 percent of its coffee from Brazil. Currently, U.S. tariffs on Brazilian goods have increased from 10 to 50 percent. These tariffs cause importers to scramble for coffee from other countries with lower tariffs, which in turn raises demand and prices for coffee from those regions.

While we might complain about the higher cost of that cup of coffee, these financial and climate challenges have created unstable times for small farmers growing one of the world's most traded commodities.

To explore these issues further, join me for Munch Night on Friday, October 17, where I'll share insights on coffee's history, horticulture, roasting, and trade — and how today's global market impacts the farmers behind your morning brew. Dinner will be provided, followed, appropriately, by coffee cake for dessert. ☕

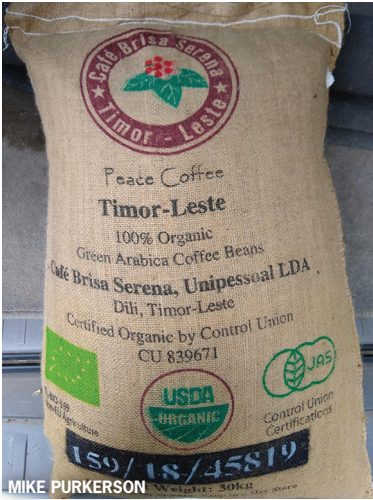


TABLE TALK: DINING IN AND AROUND BROWNSVILLE

1847 Bar & Grill: Lebanon's Local Gem

By Jeff Brown, Staff Writer

1847 Bar & Grill, located in the Boulder Falls Best Western Premier Hotel, at 505 Mullins Drive in Lebanon, has become one of Lebanon's dependable dining spots. My wife and I recently decided to give it a try after hearing good reports from several locals, and we left impressed.

We were greeted right away by Lilly, who seated us and brought water while we looked over the menu. Our server, Jordan, arrived soon after to take our drink orders and offered a rundown of the nightly specials. The restaurant has a full bar with a solid selection of cocktails, beer, and wine. I tried the Pineapple Cobbler mocktail, which was light, refreshing, and a nice nonalcoholic option. Mary went with the Spicy Margarita, which lived up to its name with a pleasant bit of heat.

The menu offers a variety of choices, including steaks, fish, burgers, salads, and appetizers. We decided to share the pork entrée with grilled potatoes and zucchini, along with the stuffed portobello mushroom appetizer. Both dishes were well prepared, nicely seasoned, and served hot. It's clear that Chef Dan takes pride in his work and pays attention to detail.



During our meal, restaurant manager Mikayla Snyder stopped by to check that everything was to our liking — a thoughtful touch that added to the overall good experience. The service throughout the evening was attentive without being overbearing.

We finished with the house-made cheesecake topped with raspberry compote — a rich yet balanced dessert we would definitely order again.

Named for the year Lebanon was founded, 1847 Bar & Grill focuses on local ingredients and a relaxed atmosphere. The dining area is clean, comfortable, and modern without being too fancy. With good food, friendly service, and fair prices, it's a great option for both travelers and locals. We'll certainly be back.



Hours: Tuesday through Thursday, 4 to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 4 to 10 p.m. Happy hour is 4 to 5 p.m. Closed Sunday and Monday. 🍷

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Retribution

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer

When I was a small child, my grandparents had a mean old rooster who made it his life’s mission to scare me. Every time I entered the chicken coop, he’d come charging at me, flapping his wings, pecking at my legs, and making me run away in tears. To my three-year-old eyes, he seemed enormous — a feathered monster guarding the hens.



One day, my grandmother finally tired of his antics. With the calm decisiveness of a farm woman who had dealt with her fair share of chickens, she declared it was time for retribution — and also for supper. Before I knew it, she had him by the neck, gave a quick, expert twist, and the rooster who had ruled the barnyard was gone. She plucked his feathers, cleaned him out, and started making a pot of chicken and dumplings. The smell filled the house — rich and comforting — but I sat wide-eyed, struck by the realization that dinner was once the very creature who had tormented me. I felt a strange mix of relief and guilt — relief that he would never chase me again, and guilt that I was expected to eat him. When the steaming bowl was set on the table, I couldn’t bring myself to take a bite. My grandfather chewed thoughtfully, shook his head, and said it was the toughest chicken he’d ever eaten. At that moment, I thought maybe I should become a vegetarian. ☸



Living Fully, Planning Wisely: End-of-Life Resource Fair Nov. 1

By Nan Vansandt

CORVALLIS — Death is not something we like to think much about. We all die... but how prepared are we to face it? What kinds of support are available, both for the dying and for grieving loved ones? How can we make our passing from this life less stressful both for us and for those we leave behind? An End-Of-Life Resource Fair will take place on Saturday, Nov 1, noon to 5 p.m., at the Corvallis Community Center, 2601 NW Tyler Ave. All are welcome. This is a free event, presented by Corvallis Parks and Recreation and Heart of the Valley End-of-Life Community. A wide variety of local organizations will be present to provide information, lead workshops, and answer your questions. You can learn about advance directives, estate planning, types of funerals, and burials. What is an End-of-Life Doula? What is the difference between Hospice and Palliative care? What complementary therapies may be helpful? How can we help those who grieve? November 1 is known for Christians as “All Saints Day”. Those who have died are remembered and honored. Dia de los Muertos is a Mexican Holiday celebrated on the same day, also to honor deceased loved ones. Many religions and cultures around the world have a special day to honor their loved ones who have died. These memorial days often occur in the fall, as nature dies back into winter around us. What better day to attend an End-Of-Life-Resource Fair? Thinking about our death helps us to live more fully in the present. Learning about diverse services available to help us and our loved ones navigate death, gives us peace of mind. Hope to see you there! For more information, visit their website at: <https://www.heartofvalleyeol.com/events-1/end-of-life-resource-fair>. ☸

BROWNSVILLE SENIOR CENTER

Medicare Updates for 2026

By Cindy Stucky, Staff Writer

The Brownsville Senior Center is sponsoring a Medicare and Medicare Advantage Plans for 2026 meeting on Thursday, October 23, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Community Center above City Hall, providing valuable info for the whole 65+ community, as many changes are coming to our plans. This meeting will feature a presentation by Senior Health Insurance Benefit Assistance (SHIBA). These volunteers dedicate their time to helping local clients navigate Medicare programs. They undergo intensive training directly from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and have direct access to CMS specialists for questions. They will discuss the changes to Medicare for 2026 and provide information on all Medicare Advantage Plans available in Linn County. This includes premiums, co-pays, co-insurance, and maximum out-of-pocket costs for each plan. They will also demonstrate how to determine if your medications are covered and the approximate costs for those drugs under each plan. Check with friends and family to see if they know about this unique opportunity. You can call 541-466-5395 and leave your name and phone number on the answering machine to reserve a spot or stop by the Senior Center from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. ☸

FROM OUR READERS

Remembering Brownsville

By Lois Keating

“When I was little — about 80 years ago — I used to visit Brownsville and see my Aunt and Uncle Sawyer. They were so much fun and full of love. They lived on top of the hill behind the stores, and I sure miss them. I’m 90 now, but when I was in grade school, I loved visiting Aunt Edna Sawyer. You could stand on her porch and look down over Brownsville toward Lebanon. I remember climbing the first mountain north of town and will never forget the fun I had in Brownsville with my cousins.” ☸

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Girls Soccer vs La Pine — 4:30–6:30 p.m. (SR Night)
Boys Soccer at Creswell — 4:30–6:30 p.m.
HS Volleyball vs East Linn Christian — 4:30–8 p.m. (Senior Night)

Friday, Oct. 17
HS Football at Harrisburg — 7–9:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 18
HS Cross Country at Cottage Grove — 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
JH Cross Country at Cottage Grove — 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 20
Boys Soccer Senior Night — (recognition)
JH Soccer vs East Linn — 4–5 p.m.
Boys Soccer vs East Linn — 4:30–6:30 p.m.
HS Volleyball at Waldport — 4:30–8 p.m.
JV Football vs Harrisburg — 5–7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 21
Girls Soccer at Elmira — 4:30–6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 22
HS Cross Country: Districts at Cheadle Lake — 3–6 p.m.
JH Soccer vs Crosshill Christian — 4–5 p.m.
JH Volleyball vs St. Paul — 4:30–5:30 p.m.
HS Volleyball at Toledo — 4:30–8 p.m.
JH Football at Crow — 5–7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 23
JH Volleyball at Lowell — 4:30–5:30 p.m.
Girls Soccer at Santiam Christian — 4:30–6:30 p.m.

Lebanon High in Final Push for \$1 Million Stadium Upgrade
Neighbors rally to help Oregon’s only finalist in T-Mobile’s Friday Night 5G Lights contest

LEBANON — Lebanon High School is entering the final stretch of voting in T-Mobile’s nationwide Friday Night 5G Lights competition and they’re calling on Oregonians to help bring home the win.

Out of more than 2,100 entries, Lebanon is the only high school in Oregon to make the top 25 and one of the top contenders nationwide. Thanks to T-Mobile, the school has already secured \$25,000 toward improvements at its historic 1950 Heath Stadium. Now they’re competing for the \$1 million grand prize in stadium upgrades.

Community members can vote up to once per day, every day through October 24, at <https://FridayNight5GLights.com>. Each vote counts, and this week’s Magenta Week (Oct. 17–23) invites fans to show their Warrior Pride by wearing, painting, and posting in magenta.

Supporters can also text “Win” to 541-329-3221 for daily reminders to vote. Lebanon boosters are encouraging alumni, families, and neighboring towns to vote daily and tag friends on social media to spread the word.

Heath Stadium has been a community landmark for more than 70 years, hosting generations of Lebanon athletes and fans. With help from across Linn County and beyond, Lebanon High hopes to bring home the win and light up Friday nights for decades to come. 🌀



James Curtis toe-tapped to the CLHS Pep Band and commented, “it sounds really good out here!”

CENTRAL LINN FOOTBALL

Cobras’ Strong Second Half Not Enough to Take Down Boomers

By Tony Koontz, Sports Editor

TOLEDO — On a perfect fall night for football, the Central Linn Cobras were unable to come back from a 38-point deficit, falling to the Toledo Boomers, 38-13. The Cobras are now 1–2 in league play and 1–4 overall.



Central Linn quarterback Jacob Helms, #11, rumbles up the sideline for a 30-yard gain during first-half play Friday night against Toledo.

Toledo opened the scoring with a 22-yard interception return for a touchdown (“pick six”) after just two plays from the Central Linn offense. The run for the extra point was good, giving the Boomers an 8-0 lead.

Central Linn regained possession with good field position following an onside kick but failed to convert on fourth-and-four. On the next play, the Toledo quarterback hit his receiver for a 60-yard touchdown pass, followed by a successful run to make it 16-0.

The Cobras’ next drive stalled on fourth-and-four, turning the ball over on downs. Toledo closed the first quarter with two first downs and another touchdown pass and run, extending the lead to 24-0.

Early in the second quarter, Cobra quarterback Jacob Helms broke free for an exciting 30-yard run up the right sideline. However, three consecutive plays for loss left the Cobras facing fourth-and-14, and the pass attempt fell incomplete.

On the ensuing Toledo possession, Helms pressured the Boomer quarterback into an incompletion. The next play yielded a fumble recovered by Cal Dittmer for Central Linn. Unfortunately, the Cobras were unable to convert on fourth-and-four at the 22-yard line, turning the ball over on downs once again.

Later in the second quarter, Dittmer deflected a pass, and Gradi Spencer made a tackle for loss, but the Boomers continued their scoring run with a 13-yard touchdown at the 9:17 mark, making it 32-0.

On Central Linn’s next possession, a blocked punt gave Toledo the ball at the Cobra 20-yard line. Six plays later, the Boomers scored again on a quarterback rollout. The two-point conversion pass failed, leaving the score 38-0 at halftime.

The Cobras came out strong in the second half, energized and aggressive on defense. With a running clock due to the score differential, the next two Toledo drives ended in punts. Spencer recorded a 15-yard tackle for loss, and Helms broke up a pass. The Cobra offense moved deep into Toledo territory before a sack ended the drive.

In the fourth quarter, both Helms and Hank Davidson ran for touchdowns, putting the Cobras on the board and capping a strong second half.

Final score: Toledo 38, Central Linn 13.

The Cobras travel to Harrisburg on Thursday, Oct. 17, before returning home for their final two regular-season games. 🌀



The “Come on Barbie, Let’s Go Party” run-thru Football sign stayed on theme for the Barbie inspired Homecoming events.



Among hundreds of runners, Cobra senior Leif Erickson prepares to cross the finish line Saturday, Oct. 4.



Sawyer Kirk throws the ball in at the Boys Varsity Soccer game on Monday.



Bailey Boyd-Rogers kept the energy high during the CLHS Varsity Oct. 10 Football Game.



#12 Jayne Neal keeps the ball away from Creswell opponent on Tuesday’s home game.

HOMECOMING

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“A Night in the Dreamhouse” was the theme of Saturday night’s Homecoming Dance. Kurry Travis, Creed Mast, and Alonzo Silva-Ortiz warmly greeted friends at the door of Central Linn Elementary School’s small gym. Sneakers and bare feet danced to 90s throwbacks and country hits, ensuring students made memories that will last.

Homecoming week also honored athletes, from runners at the Albany cross-country meet to the Girls Varsity Soccer team, who have now won seven matchups in a row. With music, laughter, and spirit, this year’s Homecoming captured the heart of the community: tradition, teamwork, and togetherness.



CLHS Blue Notes, directed by Joe Demianew, harmonized the National Anthem.



Kurri Travis launches the volleyball on Oct. 6 at the opposing class during the final class periods.



The “Egg Toss” was the highlight of the Cobrafest activities on Oct 6.



Taking inspiration from the doll “Barbie” and her friends, CLHS students embraced the idea “you can be anything.”



Isabelle and Amelia Curtis agreed cross country is “about mental toughness” and physical preparedness.



Matthew Torres-Klein got silly while dressed up for Wacky Wednesday gaining spirit points for his class.



Colton Northern gets under the volleyball while Leif Erickson prepares to assist.



Kurry Travis, Creed Mast, Alonzo Silva-Ortiz, and Grant Wahl dressed better than Barbie’s Ken ever could!



During Homecoming week, ladies certainly had a blast in Powder Puff Football on Oct 8.



Jackson Duringer and Bob Cunningham congratulate each other on their win against Pleasant Hill, 6–0.

Spirit Board		
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FRESHMAN	175	150
SOPHOMORES	210	185
JUNIORS	385	170
SENIORS	440	240
STAFF	130	300

Staff outscored students in spirit points for Malibu Monday, Weird Barbie Wednesday, and Cowboy Ken Thursday.



Jeremiah Donahue earned spirit points for his class as “Cowboy Ken.”

CENTRAL LINN REC ASSOCIATION

Basketball

Registration Open

Registration open through Oct. 31

Youth basketball registration is now open for Central Linn Rec Association’s winter season. Programs are available for children ages 4 through 6th grade, with skill clinics and league play beginning in November.

The Lil’ Dribblers Clinic runs Saturdays, Nov. 1–22, followed by league play for 1st–2nd graders beginning Nov. 3. Hoopers (3rd–4th grade) and Defenders (5th–6th grade) leagues start in December, with Saturday games running January through March.

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Recess Games

By Nancy Diltz, Staff Writer

The bell rings! It's Recess Time!

It is important to take breaks when sitting, studying, and working. Regular breaks for physical activity refresh the body and mind, improving the ability to be productive as the day continues.

What are your favorite recess activities? Do you like to play ball games? Talk to friends? Use playground equipment?

Here are some traditional outdoor recess activities you might like: soccer, basketball, and handball. You may also like a good game of tag! Maybe hopscotch, jumping rope, four square, Red Light Green Light, climbing playground equipment, or hula hooping may interest you. These all sound like fun for outdoor recess time.

There are days when it is too wet or cold to play outside. What do you like best for indoor recess? A popular activity is freeze dance, where kids dance to music and freeze in place when the music stops. There are traditional indoor games such as Simon Says, Hot Potato, Charades, Hide-and-Seek, I Spy, Duck, Duck, Goose, 20 Questions,

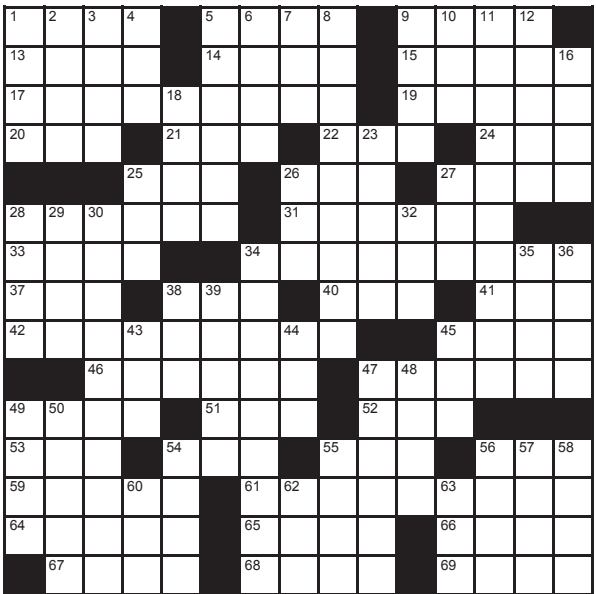


and Musical Chairs. Have you ever played Find-It-Fast? One person calls out a description such as "soft, round, or blue," and others quickly find a nearby object that matches. Hold the objects up for everyone to see. That sounds fun!

Many kids like to play board games for indoor recess. If available, Lego blocks, play dough, sensory sand, drawing, reading, and other individual or partner activities provide an enjoyable and refreshing break. Some old-fashioned games your grandparents may have played are jacks, marbles, Chinese checkers, cat's cradle, kick-the-can, and Pick Up Sticks.

There are so many fun things to do. What is your very favorite recess activity? 🌀

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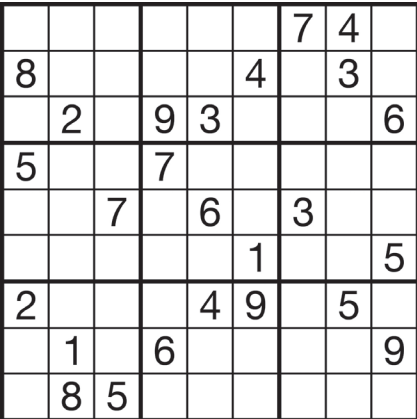


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Mason Bee Pets Benefit Your Garden

By Donald Lyon, Staff Writer

If you have cats or dogs, you probably love them dearly, but not in the garden. Our Husky carefully pulls out carrots, noses through the bush beans for a snack, and bites the tips off emerging asparagus. So, how about a couple of dozen pets that will increase the productivity of your fruits and vegetables, that stay close to home, and provide hours of enjoyment of you seeing to their needs and watching their cute antics? Yes, I'm talking about you fostering Mason Bees.

The Linn County Master Gardeners Association is offering Cocoon Cleaning Classes in Tangent on October 26 (as well as several other days and venues). Mites beset Mason Bee cocoons, so cleaning ensures healthier bees. There is a \$10 Registration fee, which can be applied to the purchase of several cute little brown freshly cleaned cocoons that you will keep in your refrigerator until spring, when the cocoons have metamorphosed into busy little Mason Bees that will happily pollinate the plants in your yard. They rarely venture more than a couple of hundred yards. If you provide them with a little wooden box filled with short lengths of hollow teasel stalks, plus access to mud and water. In that case, they will happily buzz about for several months, filling those tubes with a new generation of cocoons along with enough pollen to sustain the developing Mason Bee. Each cocoon is sealed



Mason bees return to their nesting tubes, sealing each chamber with mud as they prepare for next spring's emergence.

securely with mud, hence the "mason" part of their name.

Mason Bees are hustlers, out early and late, while Honeybees are still hanging in the hive. One Mason Bee does the work of a hundred Honeybees. If you think you would like to encourage this type of industry around your yard, please get in touch with Renee Webb at 512-773-4731 or visit the Linn Master Gardeners website at <https://www.linnmastergardeners.com>. There is a wonderful world of pollinators out there. Oregon has approximately 700 to 800 bee species, and there are thousands of other pollinating insects. Even those pesky yellow jackets and wasps are effective pollinators, so if they are not bothering you, don't bother them.

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

Sheriff's Office Urges Respect for Private Timberlands

Private timberland owners are reminding residents and visitors to treat their lands with care and respect. Rising issues with littering, vandalism, theft, and abandoned vehicles have resulted in more gates being locked and access on forest roads being restricted.

Closures are not intended to exclude responsible recreationists but are necessary to protect property and lower cleanup and repair costs, which ultimately impact timber companies and taxpayers. Acts of criminal mischief often involve damage from off-road vehicles in unauthorized areas and the destruction of road access gates.

The public is encouraged to take a few simple steps to help conserve forestlands:

- Read posted signs for access rules and log truck activity.
- Report illegal dumping, abandoned vehicles, or criminal acts.



- Pack out all trash and consider carrying a bag to remove litter left by others.
- Respect water sources and avoid dumping sewage or waste.
- Pick up all targets, brass, and other items when target shooting.
- Never throw garbage from a vehicle.

"Our forestlands, public and private, should be treasured and protected by everyone," officials emphasized. "The challenge for each of us is to take pride in where we live and work and to keep our forests clean."

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It Isn't Just for the Ancients: How to Stop Being a Stranger in Your Own Town

By an ordinary seaman

You hear talk around town, the kind of quiet but persistent murmuring that drifts up from Carlson's wood floor or hangs in the air above the coffee cups at Randy's. Folks — and by folks, I mean our younger vets, the ones who still feel the stretch and pull of a full-throttle life — they ask why bother with the American Legion. They see the Post as a kind of historical marker, a place for the ancients, the ones whose war stories start with a year that seems to their grandchildren like the opening sentence of a history book. They tell themselves there's no time for it, with the long days at work, or the kids' soccer practice, or just the business of making a life right here in the Willamette Valley.

And a fellow gets the idea that all we do is sit around a bar, swapping tall tales like trading cards. In fact, we don't even have a bar for crying out loud. No siren song of cheap beer to lure you in, just a monthly meeting — a mere few hours out of a whole long month—where we figure out how to keep this town honest and decent. We're not looking for another layer of bureaucracy or a reason to polish up a few extra hats and titles. We're looking for a good, honest tug on the rope.

When you join up, you're not just adding your name to an old ledger; you're a unique individual picked up out of the uncreated mass to help make something real. And that 'something' is what you see when you drive down Main Street and the flags are snapping in the breeze. That's our work. It's the \$2,500 college scholarship that sends a local kid off to learn something new, or the friendly chat and cup of coffee when we visit a local vet



who can't get out so easy anymore.

You worry about fitting in? Well, life's a carnival of the absurd, and if you've got a little dry wit and a willingness to lend a hand, you'll fit right in with the old farts and the young pups alike. We've got Bingo Night for a bit of low-stakes fun, and a Haunted House that does its best to scare the bejabbers out of the whole community every Halloween. We're deep in the thick of the Pioneer Picnic and the Antique Faire — we are as central to Brownsville as the Calapooia River.

And to the lady vets — the ones who had their backs against the wall and got the job done just as surely as anyone — the Post needs your perspective. We need the truth of your experience like a plant needs the right kind of rain. You might come in thinking we're just a bunch of grumpy old men, but what you'll find is that all any man or woman really wants is to be part of that great impersonal sincerity of doing good for your neighbors.

So, if you're a veteran, and you think this Post is just for somebody else, take a look at the quiet need in your own community. Come on in! We'll be glad you came.

If you would like more information or you would like to be more involved, stop by the post on Main Street, open most weekday mornings, or call one of our Post officers. Jim Weger can be reached at 541-619-8976. ☼

More Local Veterans are Applying for Benefits

By Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer,

ALBANY — Since moving to its new office in July 2024, Linn County Veterans Services has seen an increase in the number of veterans and family members who have filed for benefits, program manager Dee Baley-Hyder told Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Sherrie Sprenger and Will Tucker at their October 7 meeting.

Baley-Hyder said the Veterans Services office at 505 Ellsworth Street SW is more visible than at its former location on 3rd Avenue, resulting in more walk-in inquiries by veterans.

Linn County's Veterans Services program dates back to 1961.

In March 2024, Baley-Hyder reported that Veterans Services had assisted 9,453 veterans and their families. As of October 7, some 9,938 veterans and family members have been assisted in filing claims for benefits.

From July through September 2025, Veterans Services has helped local veterans recover \$453,285.71 in tax-free benefits and from January through September 2025, the total is \$1,999,004.33.

Baley-Hyder said there are about 10,076 veterans living in Linn County.

Veterans Services has received another \$25,000 Medical Transportation Grant from the Oregon Department of Transportation, Baley-Hyder said, which will allow services to continue through December 31. The funds help Linn

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Linn County Black Pioneers Talk

By Donald Lyon, Staff Writer

BROWNSVILLE — More than a dozen people gathered in the Kirk Room on Thursday evening to hear Mariah Rocker of the Oregon Black Pioneers speak about the lives of Black settlers in Linn County.

Rocker spoke for an hour and a half, sharing little-known stories such as that about 20 percent of the early immigrants to Oregon were Black, most of whom arrived as enslaved people owned by white settlers. One was Cora Cox, who wrote that she preferred to immigrate to Oregon as a slave rather than be freed in pre-Civil War Missouri. Her house still stands on Lake Creek Drive.

Rocker also highlighted Minor Jackson, who owned a popular barbershop on Spaulding Avenue, and provided a chronology of Oregon's racial laws and events from 1844 to 1959 that are sobering reminders of the state's complicated past. ☼



Mariah Rocker of the Oregon Black Pioneers spoke in the Kirk Room on Thursday evening about the lives of Black settlers in Linn County. The talk was part of an ongoing effort to document and share the stories of early Black Oregonians.

BROWNSVILLE LIBRARY CALENDAR

Parents & Pals Story Time

Wednesdays • 10–10:15 a.m.
Brownsville Community Library

A short story time followed by free play together.

Brownsville Stitchery Group

Wednesdays • 1–3 p.m.
Brownsville Community Library

Bring your project, have some fun, and get things done!

Songs, Rhymes & More Story Time

Fridays • 11 a.m.
Brownsville Community Library

Story time with rhymes, songs, and a free craft activity.

World Cultures & Travel: India’s Fabled Rajasthan

Thursday, October 16 • 7 p.m.
Brownsville Library, Kirk Room

Don Lyon presents a program on India’s Rajasthan, its color capital.

Holiday Closure — Veterans Day

Tuesday, November 11
Brownsville Community Library

Library Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, November 13 • 4:30–5:30 p.m.
Brownsville Library, Kirk Room

Monthly meeting of the Library Advisory Board.

Book Club Meeting

Wednesday, November 19 • 7 p.m.
Brownsville Library, Kirk Room
Join the discussion of this month’s book selection.
New members are always welcome.

PUZZLE KEY

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BROWNSVILLE LIBRARY

Singing, Reading, and Growing Together at Story Time

By Sherri Lemhouse, Brownsville Librarian

Story Time at the Library is a fun time for children and adults. We sing songs, learn rhymes, and read some terrific books together. Many mornings it feels like the children sit and watch “The Sherri Show”. Their parents told me that later in the day they were singing the songs or reciting the rhymes in the back seat. These simple stories warm my heart.

Adults help create community for their children. They do this by sitting at Story Time and at craft time with them, helping to make memories. There is always a lot of chatter back and forth. Children are learning new skills in a safe environment under the watchful eye of Mrs. Thea and her daughter, Ms. Jessica.

The library has been hosting Story Time for over 15 years now. In the next two weeks, our Story Time will be graced by Mrs. Heather Timmons as our special guest reader. Mrs. Heather grew up in Brownsville. Her four children have used our Library for years. A couple have even volunteered! I am delighted that Heather is now volunteering with Story Time. For the next few weeks, she will be reading books about pumpkins and giants. Mrs. Thea will have corresponding crafts leading up to Halloween!

On Friday, November 21, we welcome another special guest at Story Time. Teacher Carolyn Jackson-Smith will be joining us from 11 a.m. to noon. She will read “The Night Tree” by Eve Bunting, and help us make natural birdseed ornaments from pine cones, peanut butter, and bird seed. These ornaments will be used to decorate an auction tree for the Festival of Trees. This Festival is held during Brownsville’s Home for the Holidays Event — December 5 and 6. Twenty-five decorated trees, on display in many downtown businesses, are up for silent auction. In the past, the Brownsville Women’s Study Club has donated funds to local organizations, including the Brownsville Library, American Legion, Central Linn Schools, Central Linn Rec Center, Brownsville Rural Fire Department, and others. This is a fun and simple way for families to give back to the community. 🌿

BOOK REVIEW

‘The Thursday Murder Club’ by Richard Osman

By Nancy Diltz, Staff Writer

You may have seen the new Netflix movie “The Thursday Murder Club” starring Helen Mirren, Pierce Brosnan, and Ben Kingsley. Richard Osman originally wrote this comedy-thriller-mystery, and if you enjoyed the movie or the book, you are in luck! There are five books in Osman’s series, each sure to entertain.



A New York Times article by Glenn Kenney, published August 28, 2025, titled “Thursday Murder Club Review: A Whodunit with Helen Mirren,” summarizes the Netflix film adaptation. “The novels by Richard Osman about a

group of seniors who solve murders from their comfortable retirement home are congenial delights that expertly blend the cozy and the creepy. The “Thursday Murder Club” books work because each of the characters has a set of skills and some charming quirks to accompany them.” It sounds fun, and with four sequels (the latest installment released September 30, 2025), there are plenty of capers and mysterious deaths to solve.

Pierce Brosnan said, when asked about his character in the movie version, “I don’t think of myself as old. I don’t think of myself as any age really. But here I am playing a man in an old people’s home. Mortality is circling the wagons, and there’s great poetry in that, and the mystery of it all — how you deal with getting older, the courage it takes.”

The New York Times published an article by Melena Ryzik about the movie, titled “‘The Thursday Murder Club’ Members Get Down to Business,” on August 30, 2025. She quotes Director Chris Columbus, who is “best known for family fare like ‘Home Alone,’ ‘Mrs. Doubtfire’ (which also featured Brosnan) and the first two ‘Harry Potter’ movies.” According to Ryzik’s article, “Columbus liked Osman’s novel more for its characters than its genre. ‘I never had any desire to do a murder mystery,’ he said, finding the form ‘either procedural and very cold, or over-the-top, way too big in terms of performance. This one had incredibly sharp British humor, which I respond to, and an emotional complexity that you don’t usually see.’”

I am personally looking forward to seeing the movie soon and to reading the book series. They sound like great fun, Agatha Christie style!

“The Thursday Murder Club” is available at the Brownsville Library and through Libby in both audio and book formats. 🌿



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FEMA Floodplain Rules Could Cost Oregon Millions

SALEM — The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is proposing sweeping new requirements for Oregon communities participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), changes critics say could cost residents, businesses, and local governments millions of dollars.

The proposed rules would expand NFIP’s scope beyond insuring property and reducing flood risks to include protecting floodplain habitats for fish. If adopted, the standards would apply to 31 Oregon counties and more than 100 cities and towns.

Communities that choose not to adopt the new rules could be excluded from the program, leaving residents ineligible for federal flood insurance and disaster assistance.

Oregonians for Floodplain Protection, a coalition of business, local government, and community leaders, warns the rules would drive up costs across multiple sectors:

- A typical new single-family home could require an additional undeveloped parcel for mitigation.
- The cost of new homes and commercial development could rise nearly 30 percent, adding more than \$7,500 a year in mortgage and interest payments.
- Remodeling or expanding commercial and industrial structures could require more expensive designs and engineering.
- New agricultural buildings in the floodplain could cost about 12 percent more.
- Port projects could face hundreds of thousands of dollars in additional land mitigation costs.
- Cities and counties may need to hire staff to revise ordinances, with expenses ranging from \$60,000 to more than \$1 million.
- In total, 233 Oregon communities participating in the NFIP could face adoption and implementation costs ranging from \$23 million to \$47 million, according to the group.

FEMA has released a Draft Environmental Impact Statement outlining three alternatives. Alternative 1 would allow the NFIP to continue in Oregon under current rules, without added costs. Alternatives 2 and 3 would impose new habitat mitigation standards on all development in floodplains.

The coalition is urging Oregonians to support Alternative 1, arguing that the state already has endangered species protections in place and that FEMA’s data are nearly a decade old.

Although FEMA’s final public meeting was held Sept. 30, the agency is still accepting written comments as it evaluates its next steps.

Visit <https://floodplainprotection.org> for more information. 🌐

Oregon’s Solar Energy Situation

By Stephen A. Brenner, Staff Writer

Recently, renewable energy has overtaken coal as the primary source of electricity worldwide. Solar has been the leading new generating source added to the U.S. grid every year since 2021. In the first quarter of 2025, solar represented more than 69 percent of new capacity. The massive AI data center investment will accelerate this trend, as solar is the cheapest source of energy and the quickest to implement. California leads the nation with 33.94 percent of its capacity from solar. Texas follows with 9.23 percent, and Florida with 9.77 percent. Oregon ranks 26th with 4.71 percent.

Oregon’s lengthy permitting process is one reason the state lags behind others. Recent federal legislation isn’t helping. The Big Beautiful Bill Act set a schedule for ending the federal Investment Tax Credit (ITC) and Production Tax Credit (PTC), which can fund 30 to 50 percent of most solar and wind projects. Businesses and homeowners can use the ITC for solar, wind, or battery storage. Energy producers can use the PTC for production facilities. Energy projects can still qualify if they break ground by July 4, 2026, and are completed by 2030. Projects that don’t start construction by July 4 must be operational by Dec. 31, 2027, to qualify.

Gov. Tina Kotek has ordered state agencies to take “any steps necessary” to fast-track solar and wind permits that must break ground by next year or risk missing out on the federal tax credit. Unfortunately, there are major obstacles that may stall this progress. The Bonneville Power Administration, under a unique Northwest setup,

owns most of the power lines needed to carry green power. The agency has been extremely slow in deciding how and when to expand the grid. As of 2024, of the 469 large renewable projects that applied to connect to Bonneville’s grid since 2015, only one has reached approval. Legislators attempted to create a state bonding authority to upgrade the grid, but the bill died.

Bonneville has made some minor improvements to the approval process, but federal job cuts at the agency will hinder progress. The grid deficiency is not limited to Oregon, but with an approval rate for large projects of just 0.2 percent, the state pales in comparison to the 10 percent rate for major projects in the Midwest and the 28 percent rate in Texas. Part of Bonneville’s reluctance to make improvements stems from an unwillingness to take on new debt. It is still paying off billions of dollars in bonds issued for failed nuclear plants in the 1970s and is fighting lawsuits from the 2020 Holiday Farm Fire.

In the past, Oregon has been blessed with cheap hydro power from federally funded dams, which provide about 35 percent of the state’s electricity. Still, unless significant reforms expand the grid, Oregon will continue to lag behind other states in the solar energy revolution. Hopefully, small residential projects won’t experience this gridlock.

I will be writing more articles on local solar energy projects. Contact me at stephenabrenner@gmail.com if you have a solar story to share.

Much of the information in this article was sourced from ProPublica research. 🌐

Solar’s Share of Energy Capacity (2025)

Solar provided over 69 percent of new U.S. electricity capacity added in Q1 2025.

Rank	State	Percent of Capacity from Solar	Notes
1	California	33.94 percent	National leader
2	Florida	9.77 percent	Rapid growth
3	Texas	9.23 percent	Major new investments
26	Oregon	4.71 percent	Lagging due to permitting delays

Source: ProPublica research and U.S. Energy Information Administration.

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County provide veterans with transportation to health care services.

Baley-Hyder said Veterans Services is also going to apply for a medical transportation grant from the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs. If successful, the grant would run from January 2026 through June 2027.

In July, Baley-Hyder and veterans services officer Nate Larsen completed annual national accreditation training. She said it is an opportunity to learn about new laws and effective ways to ensure veterans get the benefits they deserve.

September was a busy month, Baley-Hyder said.

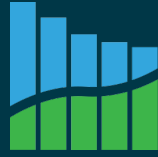
Office specialists Jess Valenzuela and Renee Bush participated in the annual Suicide Prevention Walk in Lebanon. There were 101 people registered. Veterans Services provided

refreshments.

Staff participated in the Linn-Benton Veterans Stand Down at the Fair & Expo Center. Some 59 Veterans Services clients attended. Staff members made office appointments for veterans and answered questions about claims.

Baley-Hyder served as a veteran’s guardian on the recent South Willamette Valley Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. She said 20 Linn County veterans participated and each was assisted by a guardian. The Linn County veterans were joined by Lane County veterans and their guardians for a total of 107 people on the trip.

“It was a great honor to meet all the veterans and hear their stories,” Baley-Hyder noted in her written report to the commissioners. “I will say, the Vietnam War Wall was very emotional and so surreal to see.” 🌐



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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). DUII (driving under the influence of intoxicants); A roman numeral listed after a charge means that the charge is that numbered-degree: theft I (first-degree theft).

Monday, October 6

10:14 a.m. — Caller reported threats at the 300 block of Moore St, Harrisburg. Deputy documented the caller's statement.

3:49 p.m. — A mental health report was documented at the 39600 block of Hwy 228, Sweet Home.

6:30 p.m. — Possible vehicle title theft was reported at the 32600 block of Belts Dr, Harrisburg.

7:20 p.m. — Deputies investigated a motor vehicle crash at the 24900 block of Peoria Rd, Harrisburg involving a male for possible DUII that left the scene. Investigation is ongoing.

Tuesday, October 7

2:55 a.m. — Deputy re-

sponded to an ongoing civil issue between spouses and helped one of them get a vehicle running to leave the home temporarily at the 32900 block of Diamond Hill Dr, Harrisburg. Non-Criminal.

8:55 a.m. — Brent Hill was arrested for driving while suspended at a misdemeanor level at the 2500 block of Peoria Rd, Harrisburg. Brent was lodged in the Linn County Jail.

11:31 a.m. — Caller reported a traffic hazard at the 35800 block of Hwy 228, Brownsville. Deputy removed the hazards from the roadway.

2:55 p.m. — Rhiannon Sue Williams, 47, of Albany was issued a citation for failure to obey a traffic control device at Hwy 99E/Hwy 34 offramp, Tangent.

3:44 p.m. — Caller reported concern about some kids smoking at the 500 block of Smith St, Harrisburg.

6:37 p.m. — A reported domestic disturbance turned out to be verbal only at the 200 block of Washburn St, Brownsville. No crimes.

10:53 p.m. — Deputy investigated a possible trespasser at RAM Trucking in the 27000 block of Weber Rd, Brownsville, but learned the male was having a mental health crisis. Deputy arranged with the male's family to take him to the Corvallis Hospital to be evaluated.

Wednesday, October 8

11:44 a.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported the 200 block of Washburn St, Brownsville. No public narrative.

12:37 p.m. — A non-injury single-vehicle crash was reported at Plainview Dr/Seven Mile Ln, Shedd. The 18-year-old male driver failed to negotiate a corner,

causing his vehicle to roll. He was the only occupant and was not injured. No property damage was reported. The vehicle was towed by a private party.

6:11 p.m. — Belle Anway, 18, of Brownsville was arrested for DUII, reckless driving, and minor in possession after she crashed her vehicle west of Harrison Rd. on Seven Mile Ln, Shedd.

Thursday, October 9

8:20 a.m. — Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported at 1200 block of W 5th St, Halsey. Deputy investigated the report of this stolen vehicle.

11:18 a.m. — Deputy assisted with a car fire at the 300 block of E Blakely Ave, Brownsville.

12:22 p.m. — Deputy located a litter pile on BLM land at the 25100 block of Little Valley Ln, Brownsville.

1:40 p.m. — Deputy recovered a stolen vehicle in the 200 block of W 2nd St, Halsey. Juvenile suspect was located and taken into custody for unauthorized use of a vehicle and criminal mischief II. The juvenile, who was also reported as a runaway from Washington, was lodged at Juvenile Detention without incident.

1:56 p.m. — Deputy began investigation into drug offense reported at the 100 block of Smith St, Harrisburg.

5:46 p.m. — Caller reported possible burglary at the 33700 block of Hwy 99E, Tangent. Nothing was reported stolen.

6:09 p.m. — Deputies contacted a male struggling with his emotions at Hwy 34/Columbus St, Tangent. Deputies spoke with the male and gave him a courtesy ride to a local gas station.

10:48 p.m. — Mitchell

Obermayer, 26, of Shedd was arrested and lodged in the Linn County Jail for Assault IV Domestic at the 34400 block of Plainview Dr, Shedd.

Friday, October 10

10:35 a.m. — Deputies took a report of a missing female at the 37400 block of Hwy 228, Brownsville. Investigation on-going.

3:57 p.m. — Deputies answered questions related to burnout marks on the roadway at the 100 block of W Bishop Way, Brownsville.

8:19 p.m. — Citizen reported a suspicious vehicle in front of his trailer at the 32900 block of Diamond Hill Dr, Harrisburg and wanted it documented.

8:37 p.m. — Deputies responded to a stuck semi-truck at Brandon Rd/Lake Creek Dr, Halsey.

10:01 p.m. — Deputy investigated hit and run of a vehicle, but was unable to locate suspect at the 34300 block of Lake Creek Dr, Brownsville.

11:37 p.m. — Deputy advised citizen with on going parental civil dispute about what law enforcement can enforce at the 23600 block of Hwy 99E, Harrisburg.

Saturday, October 11

10:00 a.m. — Deputies recovered drugs found at a gas station at the 33100 block of Hwy 228, Halsey.

10:15 a.m. — A theft of was reported at the Harrisburg Station and Eagle Mart. Deputies recovered drugs found.

11:46 a.m. — Patrick Garrett Wood, 48, was issued a citation for 73 in a posted 55 mph zone at Hwy 99E/Lake Creek Dr, Halsey.

12:08 p.m. — Deputies assisted Corvallis Police Department and Benton County Sheriff's Office in

search for and the arrest of a robbery suspect at the 1100 block of Ash St, Brownsville.

12:14 p.m. — Deputies documented an ongoing civil issue at the 600 block of E 2nd St, Halsey.

3:33 p.m. — Deputies responded to a civil dispute between two adults at the 1000 block of Pine St, Brownsville.

8:18 p.m. — A juvenile was issued a citation for failure to maintain lane following a non-injury motor vehicle crash at Priceboro Rd/Coburg Rd, Harrisburg. The citation was issued into Harrisburg Municipal Court.

11:34 p.m. — Deputies responded to disturbance at the 1000 block of Pine St, Brownsville. Non-criminal.

11:42 p.m. — Caller reported an overdose at the 31900 block of North Lake Creek Dr, Tangent. A male was placed on a police officer hold following a suicide attempt.

Sunday October 12

2:02 a.m. — A deputy conducted an extra patrol at Eagle Park, at the 300 block of Sommerville Ave, Harrisburg and contacted a female searching for a juvenile. The deputy searched the park but did not locate the juvenile. The female said the juvenile's mother did not want to report him as a runaway until the following day.

4:49 p.m. — Kailee Laureen Mason, 25, of Lebanon was issued a citation for speeding 58 in a posted 35 mph zone at the 100 block of Depot Ave, Brownsville.

11:50 p.m. — An intoxicated citizen reported that her car was stolen, but after further investigation, the deputy learned it was a civil dispute and the vehicle was located. ☀

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CENTRAL LINN FFA

Students Take Top Honors at Soils Judging Contest

ALBANY — The annual Upper Willamette District FFA Soils Judging Contest, sponsored by the Linn Soil and Water Conservation District, was held October 2 at the Burkholder farm on Fry Road near Albany.

Some 115 FFA members competed. Winners are eligible to compete at the state contest to be held on October 20 in Prineville.

FFA chapters from the following schools partic-

ipated: Alsea, Central Linn, Harrisburg, Mohawk, Pleasant Hill, Santiam Christian, Scio and Sweet Home. Santiam Christian was the host school and the Santiam Christian FFA Alumni provided lunch. Linn County Commissioner Will Tucker presented plaques to the winners.

Beginning Class

Lia Rodgers, Central Linn, first; Noah Kelly,

Sweet Home, second; Bailey Lester, Central Linn, third; Helen Salvador, Sweet Home, fourth; Faith Smith, Scio, fifth. (Plaques were presented to the top three placers.)

Banners

Central Linn, first; Sweet Home, second; Santiam Christian, third.

Advanced Class

Van Nusbaum, Santiam Christian, first; Addi Haase, Santiam Christian, second; Quinn Devenport, Mohawk, third; Juliet Devenport, Mohawk, fourth; Taylen Peterson, Scio, fifth. (Plaques were presented to the top three finishers.)

Banners

Central Linn, first; Santiam Christian, second; Scio, third.

Central Linn FFA is an agricultural and leadership program at Central Linn High School that teaches students about agriculture through hands-on activities, competitions, and career development events. The chapter participates in fundraisers, state and national gatherings such as the Oregon State Fair and the National FFA Convention, and provides opportunities for leadership growth and career success through supervised agricultural experiences and scholarships. ☼



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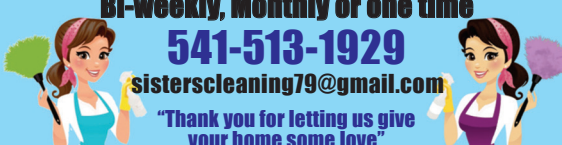
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