



Halloween Issue

Community Celebrates Fall at CONNECT Linn County's Harvest Festival



LARISSA GANGLE

Amieca Henson-Whistler poses with her "Best Trunk" award for her creative Trunk-or-Treat display at the CONNECT Linn County Harvest Festival last Sunday.



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From left, Josie Bryant, 4, Harmony Smith, 4, and Oz Smith, 1, enjoy the afternoon at Pioneer Park during the Harvest Festival.



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Costume contest winners from all age divisions at the Connect Linn County Harvest Festival. From left: Jordyn 'Jojo' (princess), K-1 division; Penelope-Anne Swan (witch), high school; Brodie Gangle (firefighter), elementary; Randy McMillen (with daughter Roxanne part of his bunny-incamo costume), adult; and La Grace Tuhy (Stormtrooper), junior high.

By Larissa Gangle, Staff Writer

BROWNSVILLE — The community came together for a fun-filled day of fall festivities at the CONNECT Linn County Harvest Festival, held at Pioneer Park on Sunday, October 26.

The event kicked off with a pancake breakfast, with all proceeds benefiting Sharing Hands Food Bank. Attendees were also encouraged to contribute to a food drive and purchase raffle tickets in support of the organization. Raffle participants had the chance to win one of several donated fall-themed baskets.

Several vendors set up in the park offered a variety of handmade goods. Festival attendees were treated to a chili cook-off and a baking competition, with samples to go around for all. In the adult baking division, Amanda Davis took first place, while Ellye Bayse claimed first in the junior division. For the chili cook-off, Randy Rolfe won the adult division, and Quinn Rolfe took first in the junior division.

Kids were encouraged to visit the pavilion for a free hot dog for lunch, then to head over to the adjacent Trunk



LINDA MCCORMICK

A spooky Halloween display featuring a life-sized skeleton, talking witch, and haunted portraits earned Amieca Henson-Whistler the "Best Trunk" award.



LINDA MCCORMICK



Halloween Coloring Contest

- Turn to page 8 for the spooky Moyer House coloring page
- Drop off your art by: Noon, Nov. 3 at 343 N. Main St., Brownsville
- Winners announced: Nov. 6
- Prizes: 1-year subscription for the top adult and \$25 gift card for one child

-or-Treat event, where each vehicle was creatively decorated and stocked with candy. Trunk-or-Treat booth participants included "Tow Mater," members of the All-American Camaro and Firebird Association (AACFA), Lebanon Cars and Coffee, the Brownsville Fire Department, and more. Amieca Henson-Whistler took home the award for "Best Trunk" with her wonderfully decorated, "witchy" booth.

After filling their bags with treats, children and adults alike gathered on the main stage for the costume contest, which featured divisions for all ages — from babies to adults. 2025 Pioneer Picnic Queen Luci Kennedy judged the competition, and winners in each age category received goodie bags filled with prizes.

The Central Linn Parent Teacher Club transformed the Pioneer Park dance hall into a haunted house, complete with music, colorful lights, fog, spooky decor, and a few surprises. For those seeking a challenge, the Lebanon High School Dance Team hosted an Escape Room, offering visitors a thrilling puzzle experience.

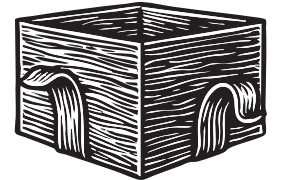
CONNECT Linn County is a nonprofit that fosters community connection and transformation through volunteerism and local events. Its team works to build an inclusive community where everyone can contribute and thrive. There are opportunities for all to get involved — from planning events to hands-on participation or sponsorship. Learn more at <https://www.connectlinncounty.net>.



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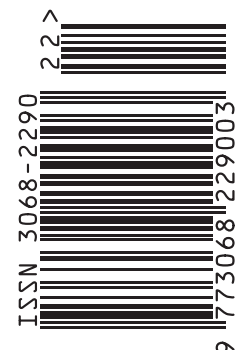
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Not Your Grandma’s Bingo

Mondays, Nov–Mar. 2, 2026 • 6:30–8 p.m.
Dixie Creek Saloon, 32994 OR-99E, Tangent
Tangent Together hosts an adults-only bingo night featuring cheeky humor, cash prizes, and \$1 game cards. Ages 21+ only.

Free Coffee, Donuts, & Fellowship

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

Not Rocket Science Trivia

Thursdays • 6:30 p.m. (ongoing) • Free
Dixie Creek Saloon, 32994 OR-99E, Tangent
Weekly pub trivia with bragging rights on the line. Bring a team and play every Thursday night.

Karaoke Saturdays at The Honey Hole

Saturdays • 7 p.m.
The Honey Hole Bar & Grill, Halsey
Sing your heart out every Saturday night! Enjoy \$3 Coors draft specials and a \$15 club wrap with fries while you take the stage.

SafeHaven’s Gift & Thrift
Holiday Open House

Saturday, Nov. 1 • 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
33650 OR-99E, Tangent & 914 S. Second St., Lebanon
Enjoy store-wide sales, holiday treats, prize drawings, and festive merchandise preview.

Special Election November 4, 2025

City Halls open from 7 a.m.–8 p.m. on election day

Linn County Veterans Day Parade

Tuesday, November 11 • 11:11 a.m.
Downtown Albany, beginning on Pacific Boulevard
Join Tangent Together and thousands of spectators for the largest Veterans Day Parade west of the Mississippi, honoring Linn County’s veterans since 1951.

Pets & Pajamas Movie Night

Friday, Nov. 14 • 6–9 p.m. • \$22
SafeHaven Humane Society, 32220 Old Hwy 34, Tangent
Kids enjoy pizza, popcorn, and a movie after time with SafeHaven’s adoptable pets.
<https://safehavenhumane.org/events>

OSU Mycology Field Day 2025

Saturday, Nov. 15
McDonald-Dunn Research Forest, Corvallis
Explore fungi in the field with Oregon State University experts. Learn mushroom identification, fungal diversity, and community science. Enjoy a day of Fungi, Food, and Fun!

Caturday at the Corvallis Community Center

Saturday, Nov. 15 • 1–3 p.m.
2601 NW Tyler Ave., Corvallis
Join Corvallis Parks & Recreation for a feline-filled afternoon! Make toys, play with cats, and hear from a special guest speaker. Free and open to all ages.
<https://www.corvallisoregon.gov/c>

Holiday Bazaar at Peoria Road Farm Market

Saturday, Nov. 22
33269 SE Peoria Rd., Corvallis
Celebrate the season with local crafts, gifts, and festive décor at the market’s annual holiday bazaar.

See page 12 for Brownsville Library events

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

The Art of Headstone Repair Coming to Lebanon Public Library

LEBANON — The Lebanon Museum Foundation will present “The Art of Headstone Repair” with preservation specialists David Pinyerd and Bernadette Niederer on Wednesday, Nov. 5, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Lebanon Public Library, 55 Academy St.

Pinyerd and Niederer, principals of Historic Preservation Northwest in Albany, have repaired headstones in Lebanon’s Pioneer Cemetery as well as many other historic graveyards across Oregon. Both are graduates of the University of Oregon’s master’s program in historic preservation and, since 2017, have restored more than 1,400 headstones statewide.

The program will feature photos and a discussion of their restoration methods and is free and open to the public. It is co-sponsored by the Lebanon Public Library. For more information, visit <https://lebanonmuseum.org>.

SAFEHAVEN HUMANE SOCIETY

November Pets & Pajamas Movie Night

TANGENT — SafeHaven Humane Society invites kids to an evening of animals, snacks, and fun during its Pets & Pajamas Movie Night on Friday, Nov. 14, from 6 to 9 p.m. at 32220 Old Highway 34 in Tangent.

This monthly event includes pizza, popcorn, soda, time spent with adoptable animals, and a family-friendly movie. Participants are welcome to bring a blanket and pillow for the movie, but toys and light-up shoes should stay home. The \$22 drop-off event is supervised by SafeHaven staff and trained volunteers.

Space is limited, and early registration is encouraged as Pets & Pajamas Movie Nights fill up fast. Movie titles vary monthly and can be requested in advance. For details or to sign up, visit <https://safehavenhumane.org/events>.

Share Your Favorite Thanksgiving Recipes!

We’re gathering readers’ favorite Thanksgiving recipes to feature in upcoming issues of The Brownsville Times! Whether it’s Grandma’s stuffing, your best pie crust, or a new family favorite, we’d love to share it.

Send your recipe by Wednesday, Nov. 13.
How to send yours:

- Email: editor@brownsvilletimes.org
- Drop off: 343 N Main St, Brownsville — Mon.–Fri., 9 a.m.–noon | Thurs. 1–4 p.m.
- Mail: The Brownsville Times, PO Box 278, Brownsville, OR 97327



Make Your Vote Count by November 4

With Election Day quickly approaching, Linn County voters are urged to complete and submit their ballots before Tuesday, Nov. 4, at 8 p.m.

Ballots were sent to all registered voters earlier this month. After marking your choice, you can return your ballot by mail — postmarked no later than Election Day — or drop it off at an official county drop site. Most locations are open until 8 p.m. on Election Day, with earlier hours on preceding days.

- Brownsville City Hall, 255 N. Main St.
- Halsey City Hall, 100 Halsey St.
- Harrisburg City Hall, 120 Smith St.
- Lebanon Substation (24-hour drop box), 2590 S. Main St.
- Lebanon Police Department 40 N. 2nd St., Suite 100
- Albany Public Library, 2450 14th Ave SE
- Linn County Courthouse (24-hour drop box), 5th Ave. Courthouse drive-through, Albany
- Sweet Home Police Department (24-hour drop box), 1950 Main St.

This year’s county ballot contains Measure 22-212, a proposal to replace Linn County’s existing law enforcement levy beginning in July 2026.

The current tax rate for law enforcement is \$2.98 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The proposed levy would raise it to \$3.08, an increase of only 10 cents per \$1,000 — not the full \$3.08.

For example, if your home has an assessed value of \$250,000, the yearly increase would be \$25. Currently, you pay \$745 annually on the expiring levy. If the proposed levy passes, your annual tax payment would rise to \$770 for the same \$250,000 property.

When reading your ballot, remember that “\$3.08 per \$1,000” reflects the total replacement rate — not the additional tax you’ll owe. The true increase is just 10 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Voters can review the full ballot title, summary, and financial impact statement in the official Linn County Voters’ Pamphlet or online at oregonvotes.gov.

Help Local Families
Have a Turkey
on Their Table



Donate a turkey (or \$30)
from Nov. 1-26
to Sharing Hands
and enter into a raffle to
win a \$50 gift certificate
for Carlson Hardware.

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Open: Wed. & Fri.
10:30am to 3pm

HALSEY MAYOR'S CORNER

Giving Thanks for Our Halsey Community

By Jerry Lachenbruch, Mayor of Halsey

Welcome to November! As the leaves fall and the air turns crisp, November reminds us to pause and reflect on all that we're thankful for — our families, our neighbors, and this wonderful community we share here in Halsey. It is a time of gratitude and connection, and I'm especially grateful for the wonderful city staff, city council members, and residents who keep our town thriving year-round.

This month, the City is busy preparing for the winter season. Public Works crews are checking storm drains, maintaining equipment, and ensuring our roads are ready for the colder, wetter months ahead.

November also brings a time to honor and remember. On Veterans Day, we pay tribute to the men and women who have served our nation with courage and dedication. If you see a veteran, please take a moment to thank them for their service.

As we move toward Thanksgiving, I hope everyone finds time to slow down and enjoy the company of loved ones. Whether it's sharing a meal, helping a neighbor, or simply enjoying a walk through town, these small moments are what make Halsey such a special place to call home. From my family to yours, I wish you a safe, warm, and happy Thanksgiving.

Halsey Community Cookbook Project

Speaking of delicious meals, please consider sharing your favorite recipes for the Halsey Community Cookbook Project. Recipes can be submitted online at <https://www.halseyor.gov/> or at the Library and City Hall.

As always, I'm proud to serve as your Mayor. The City Council and I want to know what's important to you. If you'd like to lend a hand in our community — perhaps in the parks or library — we'd love to hear from you. ☀

LINN COUNTY PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Construction Activity Climbs, County Reports 339 September Permits

By Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer

ALBANY — The Linn County Planning & Building Department issued 84 land use permits in September, Director Steve Wills told Linn County Commissioners Will Tucker and Sherrie Sprenger at the October 14 board meeting.

There were 339 total permits issued last month, including 44 for dwellings. Of those, 10 were for single-family homes, four for manufactured homes, 23 for additions or alterations and seven for accessory buildings.

Six commercial permits were issued.

Of the 339 permits issued, 48 required plan reviews.

The Planning & Building Department issued 41 permits for contract cities in September. Of those, one permit was for a new home and nine were for additions or alterations.

There were eight commercial permits issued. Seven permits required plan reviews.

Code enforcement opened 13 new cases and closed 13 cases for the month.

In September 2024, there were 50 land use permits, 294 total permits and 18 contract city permits issued. ☀

TANGENT CITY COUNCIL

Council Reviews Street Fund Allocation and Ethics Training

The Tangent City Council met Monday, Oct. 13, at 7 p.m. at City Hall for its regular session. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call, the agenda and consent calendar were approved without amendment. The consent calendar included the September meeting minutes, the monthly financial report, and the City Manager's report.

During new business, the council discussed a motion to reallocate funds from Old Oak Road to Tangent Drive. The item was opened for council discussion before a vote. The council directed staff to request an estimate from the Linn County Road Department and to report the updated estimate to the council at a future meeting. Public comments were accepted both at the beginning and end of the meeting, consistent with city policy.

The meeting concluded with brief closing statements from council members before adjournment at 7:30 p.m.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Joe Samaniego reported that members of the City Council and Planning Commission attended the Oregon Government Ethics Commission training on October 6, fulfilling the state requirement for elected and appointed officials to complete ethics training during their term. Remaining members will be scheduled for future sessions, and members of the Budget Committee are also encouraged to participate.

Additional updates included:

- **Code Compliance:** A third and final warning is being issued in an ongoing noxious vegetation case.

- **Downtown Development Committee:** The committee will meet October 20 with a presentation from Pacific Power on possible downtown streetlights and information about the city's potential to purchase property for commercial and residential use.
- **Land Use and Development:** Two short consultations were held with the city's Development Director and Engineer. One regarding a potential new business relocation along Old Highway 34 and another for residential improvements. BRAND Land Use has hired planner Jamie Viveiros, a certified member of both the American Institute of Certified Planners and the Association of State Floodplain Managers.
- **Park and Tree Board:** Tangent received two grants—one to update the Park Master Plan and another to fund the Bass Estate Pavilion project. Engineering and site survey work has begun. The next board meeting will include discussion of new pollination stations for bees.
- **Planning Commission:** The commission met October 9 to review proposed changes to bond amounts and next steps for limiting the bonding option's availability.
- **Public Works:** September marked the final month of weekly park maintenance provided by the City of Adair Village. City staff will meet with Adair Village staff to plan 2026 work.
- **Social media and Website:** The city's Facebook page has surpassed 100 followers. Staff are exploring the option of simultaneously streaming meetings on both Microsoft Teams and Facebook to improve accessibility. ☀

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Grant Will Support Juvenile Crime Prevention Program

By Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer

ALBANY — Tuesday morning, October 21, Linn County Commissioners Roger Nyquist and Sherrie Sprenger accepted a grant for \$163,021 for the Juvenile Department to fund the Family Support Program.

Juvenile Department Director Torri Lynn said the grant comes from Youth Development Oregon and the Oregon Department of Education through the Linn Benton Lincoln Education Service District. It is targeted for juvenile crime prevention services.

In the written portion of his report, Lynn said Family Support liaisons "help youth and families remove or reduce barriers to school success."

Lynn said the program's goal is to address risks

for youth and keep them from becoming involved with the juvenile justice system. He noted that more than 80 percent of young people involved with the Family Support Program do not become involved with the Juvenile Department.

The Family Support Program helps families access food, health care, housing resources, parenting support, connections to employment and education and other life skills, such as healthy lifestyle activities.

"Connecting youth and families with resources in their own communities at the time they need them is the backbone of this program," Torri Lynn noted. ☀

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SEASONS EATINGS

Soup! There It Is!

By Lisa Keith, Staff Writer

Hello again, dear foodies! You get my silly SNL Justin Timberlake Cup O’ Soup reference, yes?

I have sifted through my recipe cards (yes, real paper index cards!) and found over 20 of my very favorite, “tried and true” recipes to share with you. Ninety-nine percent of my recipes are amalgams of recipes from friends, family, magazines (yup, there it is again — printed paper!), the internet, and my own taste combinations.

The first comes from my uncle Greg. I make this every year when I have an abundance of squash gifted to me. Like most of my recipes, this can be easily changed to accommodate almost any winter squash: pumpkin, acorn, delicata, Hubbard, etc., etc., etc.



Creamy Butternut Squash Soup

- 4 cups roasted, cubed squash
- 1 onion diced
- 3 carrots diced
- 3 celery stalks sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 tsp each salt & fresh ground pepper
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 Tbsp butter/tallow/bacon fat (leave this out if you prefer a totally vegan pot of goodness)
- 3 Tbsp flour (you can use cornstarch if you are GF)
- 2+ cups vegetable stock or water
- 1 cup Heavy cream or milk alternative
- Optional: 1 tsp fresh ground nutmeg, fresh snipped chives, crème fraîche, and/or pepitas.

To roast your squash, wash and dry it, then place it on a baking sheet. Bake in a preheated 350°F oven until a knife pierces the skin easily (30+ minutes, depending on size). Let rest overnight



in the fridge or until cool enough to handle. Peel, remove seeds, stringy pulp, and cube. Sauté your “mirepoix” (a flavorful base made from onion, carrot, celery) in the oil and fat until the carrots are tender. Add the garlic. Cook 3 more minutes. Sprinkle flour over sautéed veggies, cook for 3-5 minutes until slightly browned. While scraping the bottom of the pan, add the stock. Add your cubed squash. Heat until the squash is warm. Blend mixture until creamy. An immersion blender is great for this. Add cream and nutmeg. Serve hot, with a sprinkling of pepitas, a dollop of crème fraîche, and freshly snipped chives.

The following recipe, my Emily and I came up with in 2009, when she was in Jr High. She decided she wanted to go vegan, and we encouraged her in every way. She has always loved to experiment in the kitchen, and this was another way to bond. Of course, ham can be added at any point, in any form (diced, or hock), see photo above.

Simple Vegan Split Pea

- 1 pound bag of dried split peas
- 1 onion diced
- 2 large carrots sliced
- 2 cloves crushed garlic
- 3-6 cups water (extra water or stock may be added to prevent burning and aid in texture.)
- 1 tsp each salt & pepper

Throw everything into your pot, and simmer on low until the peas are tender. 1–2 hours. The old rhyme is true... “Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot, nine days old.” This is addictive and can be made year-round.

I’ll have a few more soup recipes next week to share.

I love hearing from readers! You can always email me at iamcheflisa@gmail.com. 🍷

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

The Hop Barn

By Daniel R. Murphy

Drive down Kirk Avenue in Brownsville, and about a mile from town on the north side of the street, you will encounter 1114 Kirk Ave, a stately two-story house with ornate architectural details. Next to the house is a square barn-like building topped with a cupola. This building is called a hop dryer by some and a hop barn by others.



The historic hop barn on Kirk Avenue once served as a hop dryer more than a century ago. Today, it stands beside the 1899 Goodman-Blaine house, owned by Mike and Sharon Rodolf.

Mike and Sharon Rodolf now live in the 1899 house. Mike uses the hop barn for hay storage. He has added a foundation skirting to prevent it from collapsing. In its day, over 100 years ago, it was used to dry hops, a common crop around the area before WW II. Mike was told that the dryer’s design was better suited to fruit than to hops.

The dryer was initially located on a different property some distance to the Southeast from where it now stands. Because it was frequently flooded by the Calapooia River, it was moved to its current location.

Barbara Holbrook (nee Wendel) grew up in Brownsville; her grandmother, Golda Goodman Blaine, lived in the house until 1989. Golda was 17 when her parents, William and Sonoma Goodman, purchased the place. She moved away for a time but moved back to the homestead in

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CRITTER CHRONICLES

Prissy and the Chicks

By Sharon Banks, Staff Writer

When I was a teenager, we had a Collie named Prissy. She was a graceful, intelligent dog with a heart full of loyalty — and, as we came to learn one spring, a strong motherly instinct.

That year, we raised six fluffy baby chicks in a box inside the house. They chirped constantly, a soft, cheerful soundtrack to the season. But as they grew, it was time for them to move outside and start life in the chicken coop. One warm afternoon, my mother set their box in the yard so they could get used to the outdoors.



AI-GENERATED IMAGE BY SHARON K. BANKS

Moments later, the front door burst open.

“Prissy is eating the chicks!” my little brothers cried, wide-eyed and breathless.

My mother and I dashed outside, hearts pounding — but instead of a tragic scene, we found something completely unexpected.

There was Prissy, gently holding one chick in her mouth, trotting carefully toward the front porch. She laid it down, turned around, and went back for another. One by one, she was moving

the chicks from the yard to the steps of the house.

She wasn’t hurting them — not one peep of distress came from the fluffy little birds. Prissy was protecting them. In her mind, the house was their safest place, and she was making sure they got there.

From that day on, Prissy took it upon herself to watch over the chicks. Occasionally, she’d relocate them — much to their confusion — and we’d find them scattered around the porch or nestled in odd corners of the yard. Though none were ever harmed, a few ended up missing a tail feather or two, the price of being lovingly “rescued” by a dog with no beak.

We never stopped her. Prissy had decided they were hers, and in a way, they were. It was just her Collie heart doing what it knew best — caring, guarding, and loving, in the only way she knew how.

Share Your Own Critter Chronicles

Have a funny, heartwarming, or unforgettable story about an animal in your life — past or present? We’d love to feature it in an upcoming Critter Chronicles! Send your short story (300–400 words) and a photo if you have one to editor@brownsvilletimes.org. 📧

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1930 with her husband, George. They came to save the farm. The Great Depression was in full swing. Golda picked hops while her husband farmed, and together they saved the place from the tax collector.

Golda’s prior marriage had been to Earl Nance. They had a daughter named Zona. Earl died of a brain tumor when Zona was only two. Golda then married George in 1924. She gave birth to daughter Zella in 1927 who was Barbara’s mother.

The Rodolfs have quite a bit of historical information about the farm as they obtained a historical registration for it. Their records show that the property, minus a house, originally belonged to a Smith family. Sometime around 1898, Smith sold it to Jacob and Amanda Wigle. The Wigles had the current house built around 1899. The original house had several unusual features, including a fireplace in the bathroom to heat the bath water. It appears the Wigles sold the place to the Goodmans in 1910.

The Rodolfs have done a lot of work, including raising the house and installing a concrete foundation. He is constantly sanding, cleaning, and painting the detailed shingles on the exterior walls. He has had a new roof put on. He bought some old, laminated timbers from the University of Oregon that had been part of Autzen Stadium, and the house now rests on them.

To Barbara Holbrook, the little farm with the hop barn will always be the dearly loved place she would retreat to be with her grandmother. For the Rodolfs, the little farm is home and a constant source of improvement projects. To the best of Rodolf’s knowledge, it is the only surviving hop barn in Linn County. 📍



DAN MURPHY
The Rodolf property on Kirk Avenue, featuring the restored 1899 farmhouse.

DR. CAITY’S ANIMAL TAILS

Trick Or Treat:
Chocolate Toxicity
and Holiday Pet Safety

By Dr. Caity, DVM

Halloween is right around the corner, and while it brings many frightful delights to enjoy, seeking emergency veterinary care for your pets isn’t one of them. Along with most holidays, Halloween brings delicious food and treats, and our pets aren’t always willing to be left out. My dogs, at least, are expert opportunists who will take advantage of any lapse in my vigilance. Some of their most ghoulish dog crimes include devouring an entire pan of baked macaroni and cheese, inhaling half a plate of handmade macarons, crunching into at least two dozen free-range eggs, and unearthing an abandoned roast beef sandwich they found in the shrubbery. It’s the stuff of (my) nightmares!

While there are a handful of toxins that pets could get into during the holidays, there are a few that are especially gruesome, including:

- Chocolate
- Caffeine
- Raisins/grapes
- Alliums (e.g., garlic, onions, leeks)
- Xylitol/birch sugar (e.g., sugar-free candy, chewing gum)

Given our proximity to Halloween, we’ll focus on chocolate today. While many humans love chocolate, it can do ghastly things to our non-human companions. Due to differences in their liver function, dogs and cats metabolize chocolate into a toxin called methylxanthine, which can cause many problems, including vomiting, agitation, tremors, heart arrhythmias, and seizures. These symptoms may begin within 30 minutes to a few hours after exposure. Chocolate is an excellent example of the adage, “the dose makes the poison”, meaning that the severity of the effects depends on the size of your pet, how much chocolate was eaten, and whether it was milk chocolate (less concentrated), dark chocolate (more concentrated), or baking chocolate (most concentrated). If enough chocolate is ingested, the poisoning can become fatal.

Recovery from such a poisoning depends on how quickly the pet receives care. Depending on when the chocolate ingestion occurred, your veterinarian may need to induce vomiting or administer activated charcoal to help absorb the toxins from your pet’s digestive tract. Some pets may need to be hospitalized to manage neurological or cardiac side effects. Inducing vomiting at home is not recommended due to the risks of aspiration pneumonia or esophageal and stomach ulcers.

If you are worried your pet has ingested a toxin, it is crucial to seek veterinary care right away. ASPCA Poison Control is an excellent resource available 24/7 at (888) 426-4435. The toxicologists will need to know approximately when the toxin exposure occurred, which product was ingested, how much was eaten, and which symptoms your pet is showing, if any. If necessary, they can also help advise your veterinarian about treatment and next steps.

The best way to prevent chocolate toxicity is to restrict access! Keeping an eye on where your family members stash their Halloween candy can go a long way toward reducing your pets’ ability to get into it, which will help keep you and your pets’ Halloween spooky and fun, but not actually scary. Happy Halloween!

Have a question for Dr. Caity? Email editor@brownsvilletimes.org. Use “Dr. Caity” in the subject line and your question in the body. 📧



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OBITUARY

JOEY A RUNNING

August 8, 1969–October 4, 2025

After a diagnosis of an aggressive cancer, glioblastoma, Joey Ann Running of Brownsville died at Good Samaritan Medical Center in Corvallis on October 4, 2025. Her husband Mark Running, their children Colton and Tegan, and Joey's bonus daughters, Sydney and Rory Running, were with her as she passed.

A list of Joey's academic and career achievements could fill many pages — that she held a Master of Science in Education and a Master of Arts in Economics Education, taught high school for 32 years, and was the National Business Educator of the Year in 2024 is a glimpse. Her students benefited from her ever-increasing expertise, her energy for their well-being, and also from her love and watchful eye, which could mean anything from making waffles in her classroom to canceling her own planned vacation to attend the graduation of a student whom she had mentored through a rough go, who requested Joey witness her walk across the stage to receive her diploma. Young people who passed through her classes were exposed to such a wider view of how finances could impact their lives as she empowered them to observe, think, and plan.

Though Joey was a gifted teacher who worked diligently at her craft and spoke often of her own aspirations to be a lifelong learner, the biggest part of her heart was devoted to being a MOM. She set her teaching career goals aside and taught only half-time while her kids were growing up so she could work full-time-and-a-half at her favorite vocation. She packed lunches, was a presence in the kids' classrooms, delivered snacks and cinnamon rolls to all kinds of events, dove fully into building and then supporting kids' soccer teams, including organizing on-field meals for home games. She and Mark paid close attention to Colton and Tegan's academic trajectory, yet even as she coached them, each year she also donated the complete set of books for all levels of Oregon Battle of the Books to the Brownsville library, where she served on the board for many years, ensuring all the kids in her community had access to the resources. She welcomed her kids' friends and had time, smiles, and meals for them right through the kids' college

years, hosting a gathering of twenty-some-things at the ranch just weeks before her passing.

Joey marked family holidays and milestones with thoughtful details and remembrances that made the day feel special. Decorations, declarations, treats. After the passing of an incredibly beloved family member, she planned and drew the wider family together for a heartfelt memorial of paper boats, messages, and flowers that floated down the Columbia River, helping to lift us all.

Joey's Love Language was baking — and she was fluent in it. She baked bins of cookies to share everywhere, and held her title as a birthday cake queen despite all four kids having their birthdays within a three-week window. She never showed up empty-handed to a function, and she always had something special on hand to include the gluten-free or dairy-free folks. Her first year at Family Camp, with about 35 of us in attendance, she established her reputation by making themed cookies for each state represented by a family member. There was much teasing — and appreciation — about the quantity of food that came out of the back of the Running camper, and all looked forward to the Baked Potato Bar served out of her grandma's electric roaster pan.

Joey was a vibrant and pivotal member of a wide, extended family, and, as we try to process this loss, the words “welcoming, thoughtful, kind, dedicated, energetic” come up again and again. Her mom, stepdad, sister, niece, nephew, sisters-and-brothers-in-law, and a few dozen cousins spread over three generations join Mark and the kids in grateful celebration of her time with us.

A Remembrance of Life to be announced at a later date. ☼



End-of-Life Resource Fair Nov. 1

By Nan VanSandt, RN, Community Herbalist, and End-of-Life Doula

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?

The first annual End-of-Life Resource Fair will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1, from noon to 5 p.m., at the Corvallis Community Center, 2601 NW Tyler Ave. Everyone is welcome. This free event is organized by Corvallis Parks and Recreation and Heart of the Valley End-of-Life Community. I will give a 12-minute talk on herbal medicine for the last stage of life as part of a three-person panel on complementary therapies (3:10–4 p.m.). I will also have an informational table at the fair.

A wide variety of local organizations will provide information, lead workshops, and answer questions about advance directives, estate planning, types of funerals and burials, hospice and palliative care, complementary therapies, and support for those who grieve.

November 1 is known to Christians as “All Saints

Day.” Those who have died are remembered and honored. Día de los Muertos, celebrated the same day, also honors deceased loved ones. Many religions and cultures around the world have a special day to remember those who have died—often in the fall, as nature dies back into winter.

What better day to attend an End-of-Life Resource Fair? Thinking about our death helps us live more fully in the present. Learning about services to help us and our loved ones navigate death brings peace of mind.

Hope to see you there! For more information, visit: <https://www.heartofvalleyeol.com/events-1/end-of-life-resource-fair>. ☼



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CENTRAL LINN SCHOOL BOARD

Board Reviews Attendance Goals, Facilities Projects

The Central Linn School Board met on October 13 and again on October 23, 2025, to discuss district progress, compliance, and administrative matters.

At the October 13 regular meeting, board members received updates on student attendance goals, elementary school activities, and the district's online academy. Attendance rates remain below the state average, and efforts are underway to improve them through increased communication with families and targeted support for students with chronic absences. Elementary Principal Joel reported on recent successful events, including the new mobile principal initiative, Veterans Day preparations, and an upcoming STEAM night.

Online Academy Director Kellen shared that enrollment continues to grow, with positive feedback from students and parents. The board discussed clarifying how out-of-district online students might affect Oregon School Activities Association enrollment counts, and Kellen agreed to research the issue further.

Financial and facilities reports included updates on maintenance priorities and the district's \$2.5 million seismic rehabilitation grant project. Superintendent Rob Hess outlined next steps for issuing engineering requests for proposals and developing a construction management plan. The board also reviewed the Division 22 Assurances Report, confirming the district's full compliance with diploma and attendance requirements.

During goal-setting discussions, members emphasized improving communication, maintaining facilities, and ensuring equitable access to learning opportunities. They also reviewed measurable objectives for their four-year term and discussed strategies to enhance district transparency and staff collaboration. Watch the entire meeting at <https://bit.ly/43mv7fV>.

Executive Session Addresses Complaint Appeal

The board convened a brief executive session on October 23 at 6:30 p.m., beginning with a roll call noting all members present except Grant Wahl. After adopting the agenda, the board entered an executive session under ORS 192 to discuss exempt information and a complaint against a public officer. Media members and audience members were asked to leave the room for the closed session.

Upon reconvening in open session, the board voted unanimously to uphold Superintendent Hess's Level 2 response to a complaint appeal. The discussion determined that one of the issues raised would resolve itself due to a student's pending withdrawal from the district. No additional business was conducted before adjournment.

The next regular meeting of the Central Linn School Board is scheduled for November 10, 2025, at the CLES Conference Room. 🌟



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CENTRAL LINN CROSS COUNTRY

Cobra Harriers Place in the Middle of Pack at the Cottage Grove Bramble Scramble

By Tony Koontz, Sports Editor

The Cobra Girls' and Boys' Cross Country teams traveled to Cottage Grove High School on October 18 for the annual "Bramble Scramble." Two-thirds of the course was on a trail system located next to the campus.

The Girls' team finished 6th out of 9 teams competing. Anya Griffith led the team, finishing fourth out of 58 runners in 21:21.72. The placements of the other runners are as follows:

- 27th Jayne Neal
- 34th Isabelle Curtis
- 42nd Georgia Wahl
- 43rd Maddie Duringer
- 50th Amelia Curtis

The Boys' team was led by Jackson Duringer, who finished in 16th place with a time of 18:49.10. As a team, the Cobras placed 5th overall. The placements of the other runners are as follows:

- 31st Ethan Dennison
- 42nd Creed Mast
- 64th DJ Diaz
- 74th Chaz Mast
- 75th Bob Cunningham
- 80th Gage Leabo
- 81st Logan Bundy
- 83rd Leif Erickson

Both teams will compete on October 29 at Cheadle Park in Lebanon for the District 2 3A/2A/1A Championships, with a chance to advance to the OSAA State Championships at Lane Community College. 🌟

COBRA'S CALENDAR OCTOBER 30–NOVEMBER 8

- Thursday, Oct. 30**
- CLES Early Release — 12:30 p.m.
 - CLHS Early Release — 12:45–1:45 p.m.
 - CLES Parent-Teacher Conferences (by appointment)
 - CLHS Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Friday, Oct. 31**
- No School — Parent-Teacher Conferences
 - CLES Parent-Teacher Conferences (by appointment)
 - CLHS Parent-Teacher Conferences
 - HS Football vs Lowell — 7–9:30 p.m..
- Monday, Nov. 3**
- JV Football at Lowell — 5–7 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 8**
- CL Youth Wrestling Tournament — All day event
 - HS Cross Country State Meet at Lane Community College — 10 a.m. –noon.

CENTRAL LINN GIRLS' SOCCER

Lady Cobras Seal Second Consecutive 3A/2A/1A Special District 3 Championship

By Tony Koontz, Sports Editor

The Central Linn Girls' Soccer team competed in two contests over the past week — against Elmira on Oct. 21 and Santiam Christian on Oct. 23 — and won both in shutouts led by goalkeepers Hazel Huxford and Ali Williams. Offensively, the Cobras scored a combined 14 goals, defeating Elmira 8–0 and Santiam Christian 6–0.

In the Elmira match, scoring leaders included Peyton Gaskey (4 goals), Avery Runyun (2), and one each from Josie Davidson and Jayne Neal. Assist leaders were Maddie Duringer (2), Runyun (2), Addie Wolff (2), and one each from Georgia Wahl and Neal.

Against Santiam Christian, Gaskey and Runyun each scored twice, while Wolff and Neal added one goal apiece. Four players earned assists: Duringer (2), and Amelia Curtis, Gaskey, and Isabelle Curtis with one each.

"It was a great week for the girls," said Coach Arteaga. "The team has found another gear that I have been waiting for since our loss to Creswell. The girls have a different approach and mindset as we head into the playoff seeding game against Creswell to determine who will have the automatic home playoff berth. We relish the challenge ahead as we compete for the OSAA State Championship and aim for the final game." 🌟



The Central Linn Cobras Girls' Soccer team celebrates their second consecutive league title after clinching the 3A/2A/1A Special District 3 Championship.

PUZZLE KEY

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Halloween Coloring Contest

Drop off your art by Nov. 3 by noon to 343 N Main St, Brownsville. Winners will be announced and published in the Nov. 6 issue. The top adult artist will receive a one-year subscription to The Brownsville Times, and one lucky child will win a \$25 gift card!

HALLOWEEN EVENTS CALENDAR FOR KIDS & ADULTS

Halsey Virtual Pumpkin Contest Voting

Oct. 28-30 • facebook.com/CityofHalseyOregon

Cast your vote online via City of Halsey Facebook Page for your favorite pumpkin in Halsey’s 6th Annual Virtual Pumpkin Carving Contest. Entries feature creative designs from local residents in the 97348 zip code. Winners announced Halloween, Oct. 31.

The Great Pumpkin Patch

Now through Oct. 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. Activities include photo ops, a hay pyramid, and a variety of pumpkins for carving or baking.

American Legion Post 184 Haunted House

Wednesday– Friday, Oct. 29–31 • 4–9 p.m.

American Legion Travis Moothart Post 184

Entry: three cans of non-perishable food or \$3 (benefits local food banks).

Brownsville Trick-or-Treat Street

Friday, Oct. 31 • 3–6 p.m. • Downtown Brownsville

Kids can collect candy from participating businesses displaying a Trick-or-Treat poster. Don’t miss the drop-in costume contest at 120 Spaulding Ave., where Jenna Stutsman will photograph participants and announce winners later. Hosted by the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce.

Halsey-Shedd Fire District Open House

Friday, Oct. 31 • 5–7 p.m.

Halsey-Shedd Fire Station, Halsey

Bring the whole family for treats, games, and Halloween fun with local firefighters. Free admission; all ages welcome.

Tangent Together’s Community

Trunk-or-Treat

Friday, Oct. 31 • 4–8 p.m.

Birdfoot Drive, Tangent (in front of future Kim’s Kafé, across from the Fire Department)

Enjoy decorated trunks, candy, and a sneak peek inside Kim’s Kafé before its grand opening. The Tangent Fire Department will also host its own trunk event nearby. Free community celebration — costumes encouraged but not required.

First Baptist Church of Brownsville 15th Annual Trunk-or-Treat

Friday, Oct. 31 • 6–7:30 p.m.

27910 Seven Mile Lane, Brownsville • 541-642-3000

Join the First Baptist Church of Brownsville for an evening of family-friendly Halloween fun. The church’s 15th Annual Trunk-or-Treat features decorated cars, candy, and costumes — all free for the community. Enjoy free food, cocoa, and coffee inside while visiting with friends and neighbors.

Kirk’s Ferry Halloween Bash

Friday, Oct. 31 • 6–11 p.m.

Kirk’s Ferry Trading Post, 217 W Bishop Way, Brownsville

Get ready for a spooktacular night of live music, BBQ, and fun at the annual Kirk’s Ferry Halloween Bash. Costumes are encouraged, appetites are required, and good times are guaranteed. Come hungry, come festive, and make this Halloween one to remember!

Honey Hole Halloween Costume Party

Thursday, Oct. 31 • 7 p.m.

The Honey Hole Bar & Grill, Halsey

Join the fun with live music, costume contests, and

two bars — inside and outside. Prizes, drinks, and Halloween spirit all night long!

Fall Fun at Peoria Road Farm Market

Now–Nov. 2 • 8:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

33269 SE Peoria Rd., Corvallis

Enjoy \$5 hayrides on Friday afternoons and weekends. The market also features a small corn maze and plenty of fresh apples pears, plums, and filberts.

Treats for Troops Candy Drive

Now–Thursday, Nov. 7 • **Drop-off sites:** Halsey City Hall (upper level), Dollar General in Brownsville, and Georgia-Pacific Mill in Halsey.

Donate extra Halloween candy for deployed service members and veterans through Soldiers’ Angels. Individually wrapped candy preferred; small unopened bags of loose candy (like candy corn or jellybeans) are accepted. No homemade items.

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Stay Safe This Halloween

This holiday brings excitement, costumes, and candy, but also an increased risk for pedestrians, especially after dark. The National Safety Council reports that children are more than twice as likely to be struck and killed by a vehicle on Halloween night compared to any other night of the year.

Tips for Trick-or-Treaters

Children should travel in small groups and be accompanied by an adult. Always carry a flashlight, stay on sidewalks when possible, and cross only at corners or crosswalks. Avoid running across yards or between parked cars and look both ways before crossing the street.

When planning costumes, choose bright, reflective, and flame-retardant materials. Avoid

long or loose clothing that can cause tripping and make sure toy weapons are flexible and clearly fake.

For Parents and Drivers

Adults should supervise young children and set curfews for older ones. Clear walkways of tripping hazards, keep decorations away from doorways, and inspect all candy before it's eaten.

Drivers are urged to slow down, stay alert, and avoid distractions or impairment. Watch for children crossing streets and be especially cautious when pulling in or out of driveways.

For a safer celebration, consider local community events that offer trick-or-treating in well-lit, centralized locations. 🍁

AMERICAN LEGION

The Grand and Terrifying Work at Post 184

By an ordinary seaman

The autumn chill brings the season of the annual Haunted House at Travis Moothart Post 184 of the American Legion — a work of delightful absurdity and phantom architecture.

This folly is undertaken by four seasoned men — Commander Norm, Carl, Jack, and Jeff — all with extensive construction experience. They haul salvaged lumber, crates, and black plastic from storage. Capable of constructing IKEA furniture, these men now use thin plywood to create temporary “ghost-walls,” attempting to trick the eye into seeing an abyss. The irony of this “uncreation” hangs thicker than the cobweb spray.

The small-town haunt is a beautiful, low-budget calamity, a testament to scraps and sweat with intentionally flimsy architecture. The whole enterprise is less about the fake chainsaw monster and more about revealing genuine human panic. The Legion boys are constructing a space where a person's involuntary, ridiculous nature — like using a friend as a literal human shield — is revealed. This construction is a high art, a pocket of chaos that allows visitors to take a temporary

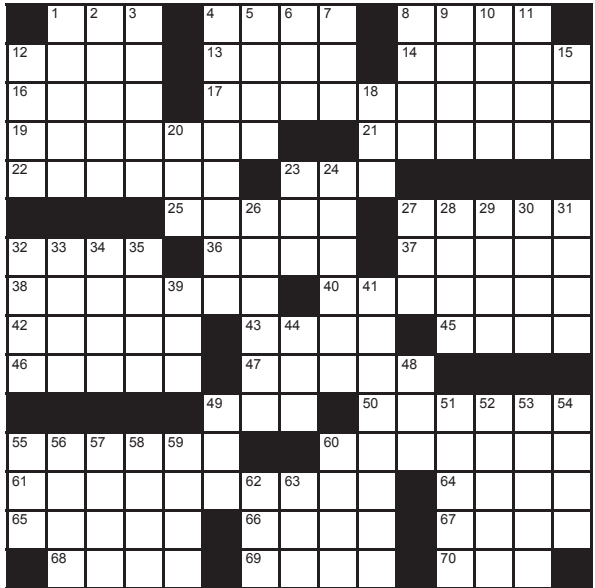


From left: Jack Sayer, Norm Simms, Carl Frank, and Jeff Brown — the skilled builders behind Post 184's annual Haunted House, where scrap lumber and imagination combine to create a masterpiece of small-town terror.

vacation away from being themselves.

You'll find your way there on October 29, 30, and 31, between the comfortable hours of 4 and 9 p.m. For the paltry sum of three dollars — which goes right back into serving the veterans and the community — or for three cans of non-perishable, unexpired food, you can step right out of the everyday world and into one made entirely of delightful, well-intentioned terror. 🍁

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- 23 Decade
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- 27 Youngster
- 32 Wedge
- 36 Mantle
- 37 Revere
- 38 Playgrounds
- 40 Provided with food
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- 43 Pismires
- 45 Andy's chum
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- 49 Pigpen
- 50 Functional
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- 9 Resound
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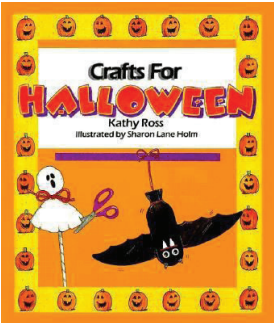
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KIDS' KORNER

Make a Halloween Craft

By Nancy Diltz, Staff Writer



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There are many things you can make besides carving a pumpkin and painting a spooky picture. Do you like Candy Corn? You can glue candy corn pieces onto construction paper to create

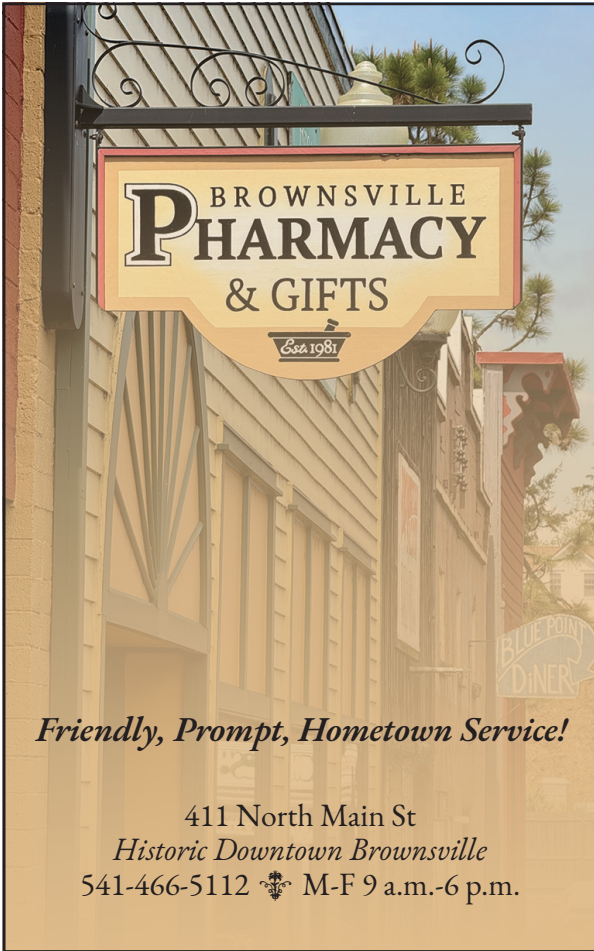
any shape or picture you want! Do you have an extra paper lunch bag? Decorate it as a pumpkin, an owl, a cat, or anything else you like. Place your hand inside the bag, move it, and you'll have a fun puppet! Color a bright orange pumpkin face on a piece of white paper. Decorate your home with your creation.

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A fun favorite is to use a Tootsie Roll Pop, cover it with a Kleenex, tie a ribbon or string under the pop to create a ghost head, and decorate the face with two big black circles for eyes. How about cutting out a ghost shape (that is slightly bigger than a wrapped piece of candy) on white tissue wrapping paper? Please fold the paper in half so it makes two identical ghost shapes when you cut. Set the piece of candy on one of the ghost shapes. Glue the edges of the two ghosts together so they are sealed and the candy is held inside. This is a fun craft to give to a friend.

Whatever you choose to create for Halloween, be sure to have some fun! 🍁





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CULTURAL EXPLORATIONS

Time Compression & Waking Up (from the Movie 'Otherlife')

By Stephen A. Brenner, Staff Writer

In a movie called "Otherlife", biochemists develop technology that programs chemicals with story lines. It knocks you out, providing totally realistic experiences such as skiing in the mountains. The experience feels like it goes on for days, but with time compression, one wakes up just minutes later. An employee undertakes a bug-ridden otherlife and dies. The biochemist responsible was given the choice to either experience a prison otherlife that lasts for a year, or she would be prosecuted for murder. She reluctantly chooses the otherlife.

She undergoes the one-year ordeal, but when the 365 days end, a "1" shows up, and she is shocked. A loop in the program will imprison her indefinitely. She struggles but eventually imagines an escape and is woken up.

First of all, parenthetically, time compression is a real thing. As a youth, I rode my motorcycle to a Chicago Vista assignment. Accelerating from a traffic light, a woman opens up her door and catches me in the ankle. The bike was stopped, and I went flying forward. My adrenaline kicked in big time, and my attention received much more information. What actually spanned only a few seconds felt like a couple of minutes. And with that time, I was able to orient myself so that my only injuries were to my ankle. That's a very cool survival feature.

Conversely, when a person is totally engaged and absorbed in some activity like reading an interesting book, time can feel like it is passing

by quickly until we realize that we've been doing it for hours.

There are many interesting metaphors in this movie. Waking up from a dream was also a theme in the film "Inception". That movie was more complex, with multiple levels of dreams within dreams, going deep into the unconscious. From a psychological perspective, we are all conditioned (programmed) by the culture in which we were raised. Does our programming match who we really are? For the lady waking up from her otherlife, something deep inside her told her that the programming was not real. Conversely, in real life, observing the dream state can inform us about which aspects of our lives need attention or where we might have growth potential.

Another viewpoint on the movie is a commentary on how artificial our modern lives can be. I actually don't watch many movies, but I was feeling a little stuck and thought watching "Otherlife" would fill the emptiness. Movies can be very stimulating and even inspirational, but they are no substitute for real experiences. With our busy lives, there is a tendency to be entertained passively. I personally get more enjoyment out of clowning around with friends than from being a spectator.

"Wokeness" has recently become a derogatory term for some. To me, it refers to somehow finding a way to wake up to being my genuine self. Each of our paths is quite unique, but what binds us together is the willingness to find our own way to a more spiritually fulfilling life. ☸

Samaritan, MultiCare Approve Affiliation to Strengthen Regional Health Care

CORVALLIS — The boards of Samaritan Health Services and MultiCare Health System have approved an affiliation that will bring the Corvallis-based nonprofit health system into the Tacoma-based MultiCare network, expanding access to community-based care across Oregon and the Pacific Northwest.

The formal agreement is expected to be signed soon, with completion anticipated by mid-2026. Samaritan will remain locally governed while gaining access to MultiCare's resources, technology, and operational support.

"This affiliation represents an important step in securing the future of nonprofit health care in our region," said Samaritan President and CEO Marty Cahill. "Together, we will expand access and invest in the technology and services our communities need."

MultiCare will invest over the next decade to modernize Samaritan facilities, grow primary and specialty care, expand behavioral health, and add inpatient capacity at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center in Corvallis.

"MultiCare and Samaritan are closely aligned in our mission, vision, and values," said MultiCare CEO Bill Robertson. "It will be our privilege to be part of the communities Samaritan serves."

For now, no changes are planned for patients or employees.

More at <https://samhealth.org/Affiliation>. ☸

COFFIN BUTTE LANDFILL

Part Two: Neighbors Cite Odor, Traffic, and Water Risks in Coffin Butte

By Jeff Brown, Staff Writer

CORVALLIS — With the appeal of the Coffin Butte Landfill expansion moving forward, residents and environmental groups continue to voice strong opposition to adding more garbage to the site north of Corvallis.

Neighbors say the landfill already produces strong odors, heavy truck traffic, and noise that affect daily life in the Soap Creek and Adair Village areas. "The application had so many holes in it," said nearby resident Ken Eklund. "The county staff tried patching those holes with so many conditions of approval that just seemed so far-fetched. The decision was kind of the triumph of common sense over legal wrangling."

The Benton County Planning Commission voted earlier this year to deny Republic Services' expansion proposal, which owns and operates the landfill. The company has since appealed that decision to the Benton County Board of Commissioners.

Another neighbor, Joel Geier, said the community feels encouraged but cautious. "None of this is really set in stone until it goes through the full appeal process," he noted. "The County Commissioners are going to have to think long and hard before they overturn a unanimous decision."

Environmental groups share residents' concerns. They point to landfill gases such as methane, a flammable greenhouse gas that can leak from decomposing waste. An EPA inspection reportedly found dozens of methane leaks at Coffin Butte, including one well with "a concentration that was highly explosive." Others worry about leachate — liquid that drains through the waste pile — which can contain chemicals known as PFAS, sometimes called "forever chemicals" because they are slow to break down. Opponents

fear that more waste would mean more leachate to manage and greater chances of contamination in local water systems.

Mason Leavitt, with the environmental group Beyond Toxics, called the commission's earlier denial "a huge victory." He added that even if the appeal moves forward, "that bill is going to be footed by Republic and not by Benton or Linn County residents."

Republic Services maintains that modern liners, monitoring wells, and gas-capture systems make the site safe and that regulators closely oversee operations. The company says it remains committed to working with the county and residents throughout the appeal process.

The Benton County Board of Commissioners began hearing the appeal on October 22 and 23 at the Fairgrounds Auditorium in Corvallis. At the close of the second night, the Board left the written record open until 4 p.m. on Wednesday, October 29, for the limited purpose of allowing responses to documents and evidence submitted during the hearings.

County officials emphasize that all responses must be submitted in hard copy and received by the deadline at the Benton County Board of Commissioners Office, Kalapuya Building, 4500 SW Research Way, Suite 100, Corvallis, OR 97333. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Electronic submissions will not be accepted, and any materials received after 4 p.m. Wednesday, October 29, will not be included in the record. Whether the landfill grows or not, Coffin Butte has become a defining issue for Benton and Linn County residents striving to balance environmental protection with the region's everyday waste needs. ☸

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CENTRAL LINN PEOPLE

Al Severson: A Pillar of Albany and Beyond

By Jeff Brown, Staff Writer

If you’ve lived in the Albany area for any length of time, chances are you’ve either met or heard of Al Severson. Owner of The Frame Shop on Lyon Street, Al is one of those people who always seems to be helping out, lending his voice, or quietly making a difference behind the scenes.

The Frame Shop has been part of Albany since 1967, and Al has owned it since 1995. Walk in and you’ll likely find him at the counter with longtime associate Steven Anderson, who’s been framing pictures for nearly 50 years. Together, they’ve made the shop more than a business; it’s a place where memories are preserved and local art finds a home.

Al insists on using real wood for his frames, “no particle board here,” he likes to say, and treats each piece like it’s his own. Whether it’s a family photo, a hand-painted landscape, or a Charlie Daniels — signed violin, he gives every project the same careful attention. The shop also supports local artists by providing supplies and helping with events like Gallery Calapooia’s “Big Show of Little Art.”

But ask folks around Central Linn what Al is best known for, and they’ll probably mention his voice. For more than 50 years, he’s been the parade announcer at some of the area’s biggest events, including the Linn County Veterans Parade in Albany, the largest Veterans Day parade west of the Mississippi. This year marks his 51st year behind the microphone. He also announces the Brownsville Pioneer Picnic Parade, bringing enthusiasm

to every float and marching band that passes by.

Supporting veterans has always been close to Al’s heart. He chairs the Veteran of the Year Banquet and was named Veteran Supporter Small Business of the Year in 2016. He’s also active in the Central Linn Lions Club and the Sweet Home Elks Lodge, staying involved in service projects year-round.

Lately, Al has been focused on raising awareness and funds for the Mid-Willamette Family YMCA’s Veterans Apartment Complex, a 38-unit project planned for East Albany near Timber Linn Park. The complex will offer affordable housing and on-site support for veterans in need. Groundbreaking took place recently, and Al encourages anyone interested in helping to stop by The Frame Shop to learn more.

Through it all, the parades, the framing, the fundraising, Al remains humble and approachable. He’d probably say he’s just doing his part. But for many in Albany and beyond, he’s much more than that: a steady, familiar presence and a true example of community spirit. 🌟



JEFF BROWN

BROWNSVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chamber Invites New Leaders to Carry on Local Traditions

Brownsville thrives because of people who care — neighbors, business owners, and volunteers who keep this community vibrant and welcoming. From the Pioneer Picnic Breakfast and the City-Wide Garage Sale to the Antique Faire, Trick-or-Treat Street, and Home for the Holidays, these cherished traditions are powered by the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce and a small but dedicated group of volunteers.

Now, the Chamber is at a turning point. With Chamber President Jenna Stutsman stepping down by March 1 to have a baby and several board positions open, the organization is seeking new members and volunteers to help shape its next chapter.

“If you love seeing the events that make Brownsville special continue and want to see them grow, we’d love your involvement,” said Stutsman. “Whether it’s event planning, business outreach, membership coordination, or promotion, there’s a place for everyone to contribute.”

Since 1937, the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce has proudly supported local business and community, preserving the small-town charm and cooperative spirit that define Brownsville. As the organization looks to the future, it hopes to welcome a new generation of leaders who share that same dedication. Getting involved is more than volunteering; it’s a chance to connect with neighbors, strengthen local businesses, and keep Brownsville’s traditions thriving for years to come. 🌟

For more information or to learn how to help, contact:
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BROWNSVILLE LIBRARY

Preparing for Halloween and the Festival of Trees

By Sherri Lemhouse, Brownsville Librarian

Halloween is tomorrow! Here at the Brownsville Library, we are getting prepared! The mini pumpkins are ready to hand out to the children. There are many Library Happenings flyers to hand out as well. I have been contemplating what graphic to put on the back. Do I use a poster of an upcoming event? What about an idea for a Fall family activity? Drop in and see what I decided on!



Thank you, Brownsville Women's Study Club, for donating these fabulous audiobooks to our juniors!

The following are available on Playaway, a pre-loaded MP3 player.

"Magic Tree House #30 Hurricane Heroes in Texas"; "Magic Tree House #34 Late with Llamas"; "Magic Tree House #32 To the Future, Ben Franklin!"; "Guys Read: True Stories"; "Wings of Fire #1 The Dragonet Prophecy"; "Wings of Fire #2 The Hidden Kingdom"; "Wings of Fire #3 The Lost Heir". These are very popular with the children. They plug in earbuds or headphones and can listen to their chosen story independently. It remembers where they stopped, and they can slow down or speed up the reading. Lots of advantages!

We also now have a replacement audiobook, "The Long Winter" by Laura Ingalls Wilder.

These funds were raised through the upcoming Festival of Trees. Come check out our audiobook selection!

Med-Project sent us some free mail-back boxes to return used prescription inhalers for safe disposal. The library also has free mail-back materials for returning unused prescription medication, inhalers, and sharps. Help keep these out of our landfills. Pick up a mail-back envelope/box today.

Random thoughts float through my head as I sit at my desk to remember where I left off. What tasks should I have the teens help me with today? The acorns and caps were left in my reflective vest pocket at home for the passive activity table. We will use these to have the children make little pinecone mice for the Brownsville Art Center's tree for the Festival of Trees. Why doesn't the Med-Project send advertising? ☺

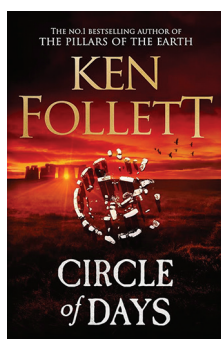
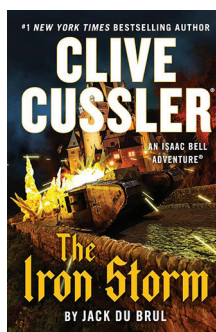
SHERRING BOOKS

Fresh Reads for Fall at the Brownsville Library

By Sherri Lemhouse, Brownsville Librarian

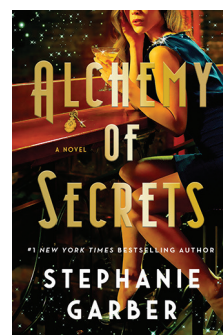
Adult Fiction

"The Iron Storm" by Clive Cussler, written by Jack DuBrul, is the 15th book in the Isaac Bell series. The President of the United States has asked Van Dorn Detective Agency to take on a special mission during World War 1. Be an observer. Isaac Bell is a man of action in this action/adventure series.



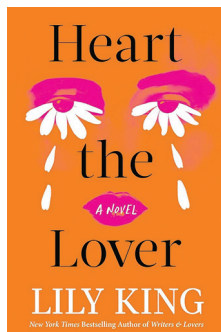
"Circle of Days" by Ken Follett. He is a master storyteller of historical sagas. This one is about Stonehenge in England. He brings to life flint miners, herders, farmers, and woodlanders from ages ago.

"Alchemy of Secrets" by Stephanie Garber. Imagine class and finding out the magic is real!

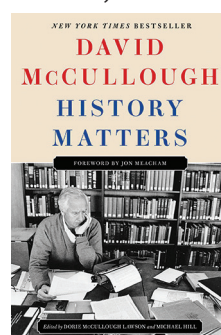


"My Beloved" by Jan Karon is the newest (#15) novel in the Mitford series. I am so excited to see what's new in Mitford.

"Heart the Lover" by Lily King is a coming-of-age novel about first loves, friendship, and family life.



University of Texas at Austin and co-owner of Austin FC? He and his wife, Camila, founded the "Just Keep Livin' Foundation," dedicated to helping boys and girls become good men and women through programs that teach decision-making, health, education, and active living.



"History Matters" by David McCullough was a patron request. It is a selection of essays written at different points in his career — history Matters.

Children

"The Digger and the Christmas Tree" by Joseph Kuefler. Little boys love books

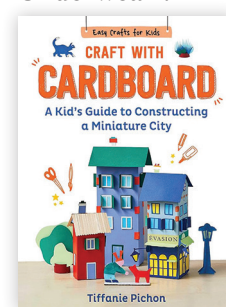
about large equipment! This will be popular for years to come.



Junior Books

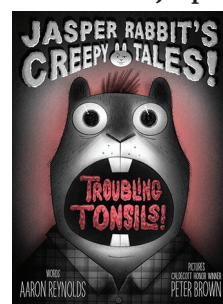
"Roswell Johnson Saves the Galaxy" by Chris Colfer, the second book in the series, is a fast-paced science-fiction adventure filled with quirky aliens and out-of-this-world action.

"Troubling Tonsils!" by Aaron Reynolds is another fun tale with Jasper Rabbit. Other books in the series include "Creepy Carrots" and "Creepy Pair of Underwear".



Junior Non-Fiction

"Craft with Cardboard" by Tiffanie Pichon. If you have seen our lovely bulletin board in the children's room, you will understand why the library had to have this book! ☺



BROWNSVILLE LIBRARY CALENDAR

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Fridays • 11 a.m.

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

Holiday Closure — Veterans Day

Tuesday, November 11

Library Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, November 13 • 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Kirk Room

Monthly meeting of the Library Advisory Board.

Book Club Meeting

Wednesday, November 19 • 7 p.m. • Kirk Room

Join the discussion of this month's book selection. New members are always welcome.

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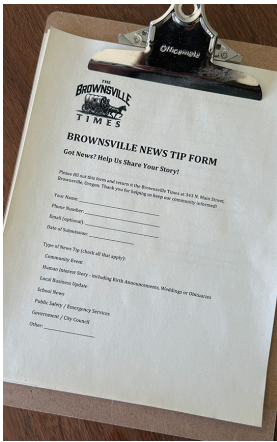
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SHARING HANDS FOOD BANK

Emergency Appeal: Help Keep Brownsville Fed

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer

As of November 1, 2025, food stamp benefits are being cut until the federal shutdown is resolved, leaving many of our neighbors struggling to put food on the table. The Sharing Hands Food Bank in Brownsville is on the front lines, helping families, seniors, and individuals who suddenly have nowhere else to turn. Sharing Hands is anticipating a huge need until the shutdown is over. We urgently need your help to keep our shelves stocked and our doors open. Please consider bringing food donations — especially items listed

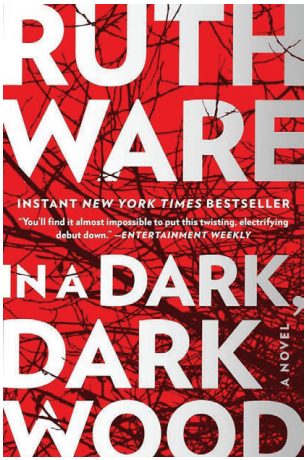
on our shopping list such as canned meats, soups, beans, rice, pasta, peanut butter, and shelf-stable milk. Cash donations are also deeply appreciated and allow us to purchase fresh food and fill critical gaps. Every contribution, no matter how small, makes a difference right here in our community. Together, we can ensure no one in Brownsville goes hungry during this difficult time. Drop off donations at Sharing Hands Food Bank, 107 W. Bishop Way in Brownsville. ☺

BOOK REVIEW

A Chilling Debut from Ruth Ware: 'In a Dark, Dark Wood'

By Nancy Diltz, Staff Writer

With a title like “In a Dark, Dark Wood,” my expectations for this story included something along the lines of a slasher movie. I thought it would be a perfect Halloween read, scaring the heck out of me. While there was one obligatory scene with blood and guts, the story mainly focused on the tension between old high school friends. Now in their late twenties, they are thrown together for a ‘Hen Do’ (the British term for a bride’s bachelorette weekend) that all goes wrong. “In a Dark, Dark Wood” was author Ruth Ware’s debut novel. Since its release in 2015, Ware has written ten more thrillers, including “The Woman in Cabin 10”, which was made into a newly released Netflix film starring Keira Knightley. My favorite Ware novels that I have read so far are “The Lying Game” and “One by One”.



Ware writes about younger characters, usually in their 20s and 30s, and keeps the dialogue and tension between them real as they begin to realize that evil is in their midst, likely someone in their group of pals. Ruth Ware has taken center stage in recent years after bursting onto the mystery-thriller scene like an absolute phoenix with 2015’s “In a Dark, Dark Wood”. Garnering comparisons to the Queen of Crime, Ms. Agatha Christie herself, Ware quickly established herself as a master of her craft... marieclaire.com posts. “Ware slowly unspools the mystery, setting a truly spooky scene... Read it on a dark and stormy night — with all the lights on.” according to Kirkus Reviews. ☺

TAKING ROOT

Indian Summer — Second Chances from Mother Nature

By Donald Lyon, Staff Writer

That first bite of cold in October tells you that winter is not far off. Then, when we have a few days of rain, the gardener laments, “I should have done the weeding, planting, repairing, mowing — you fill in the task — before winter arrived.” But all is not lost because Mother Nature has organized a reprieve for us procrastinators. Three cheers for Indian summer; traditionally, a period of unseasonably warm, dry weather that occurs in the fall, usually after a cold period. When it occurs, any day now, seize it, make a burnt offering, or however you give thanks to spirits beyond comprehension, and get out there to perform those tasks you thought it was too late to perform. I’m hoping to mow the lawn so it looks less ragged over the winter. The ivy and bay hedge is high, too high, on my list, too. Then there are the raspberries — weed, prune, mulch with wood chips, and tie the remaining canes to wire supports. If Mother Nature grants me an extra day, I hope to take the brush cutter to



The colors of Indian Summer.

the blackberries that are advancing on my back 40 (more like point-four-oh) like a zombie army. While I’m performing all of these tasks, Ms Nature, please grant me the serenity to take a look around my little bit of paradise and watch the squirrels gathering walnuts, notice where the deer have been bedding down, and how the leaves are turning lovely autumn shades. In your name, I leave most of my land as a wild place, a refuge for the birds and four-footed creatures that were here before me. Sarah Russell says it better than I: “I hike the ridge on the last warm, tousled day, speckled as a partridge egg, sun already tilting shadows in early afternoon. The leaves are October butterflies, crimson, gold. I want to stop earth’s tilt-a-whirl right here, hold this moment that feels so much like love before winter’s swordsmith hones his blade.” Got a gardening question? Ask a Master Gardener at phototraveler02@gmail.com. ☺

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ENERGY STORIES OF LINN COUNTY

A Second Case Study in Solar

By Steven Haney



Early in 2024, the wife and I decided to add solar to our new shop to help offset rising electrical costs, which have increased by approximately 50 percent since 2020. Although the shop roof is not ideally oriented to maximize solar output, it allowed us to use both the east and west sides to boost total production.

We hired National Solar, based in Bend, Oregon, to install a 24.6-kilowatt-hour system with 60 panels. The system went live in mid-June 2024, and since that time, we have produced more than 31 megawatt-hours of energy, with 7.7 megawatt-hours currently banked (as of September’s billing). With Pacific Power’s net metering, we can draw from that credit to offset seasonal shortages through our March 2026 billing cycle.

Cost Breakdown	
Total Cost	\$64,440
Upfront Incentives	–\$5,370
Pre-Tax-Credit Cost:	\$59,070
Federal Tax Credit	–\$17,721
Net Cost	\$41,349

Annual Energy Costs		
Utility	Before Solar	After Solar
Heating Oil	\$800	\$0
Electrical	\$2,053	\$204.48*
Total Annual Savings: \$2,648		
Payback: 15.61 years		
*\$17.04 monthly grid connection charge		

With a 15.6-year payback period, the investment made sense. The system’s warranty extends 20 years, and at installation I was about 15 years from retirement — so this project doubles as both a long-term investment and a means of reducing future expenses. It also locks in our electrical costs instead of leaving us at the mercy of rate increases that have steadily climbed over the past five years. ☀️



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The Fall 2025 edition of Oregon Small Farm News, published by Oregon State University Extension, is now available online.

This issue (Vol. XX, No. 3) includes articles on farm stress, soil testing, and dry-farmed tomato health, along with updates on the Oregon Rural and Agricultural Energy Assistance Program. Readers can also meet new Marion County Small Farms faculty member Kelci Free and find details for the 2026 OSU Small Farms Conference, scheduled for Feb. 21, 2026.

Additional features cover septic system additives, community food system connections, and other timely resources for small-scale farmers.

View the full issue at https://smallfarms.oregonstate.edu/sites/agscid7/files/smallfarms/fall_2025_small_farm_news.pdf. 🌾

POWERING OREGON

Oregon Homeowners Lose Solar Incentives

By Kayl Enders

Oregon’s home solar industry is bracing for a major setback. The federal Residential Solar Investment Tax Credit — the 22 to 30 percent incentive that has helped thousands of families install rooftop systems over the past two decades — has been canceled. Under current law, homeowners must have their systems fully installed and connected to the grid by December 31, 2025, to qualify. After that, the credit disappears entirely, with no gradual phase-out.

For Oregon homeowners, the loss is steep. A typical residential system costs between \$15,000 and \$25,000. Without the federal credit, families face thousands of dollars in added expenses that many simply don’t have. “This will hit hard,” said a Linn County installer. “We’re already seeing a rush of people trying to get quotes before the deadline, but demand will fall fast once the incentive disappears.”

Industry professionals call the change unnecessarily abrupt. If policymakers want to sunset a program, fine — but to make a sweeping change in just a few months isn’t fair. Homeowners and installers need at least a year to adjust. Abrupt policy shifts cause real damage that doesn’t help anybody except the utility and oil and gas execs.

The cancellation could ripple across Oregon’s small-business economy. Most solar installation firms are local, family-run operations that depend on steady residential demand. The Solar Energy Industries Association estimates that ending the federal credit early could jeopardize up to 4,400 Oregon jobs in 2026. Many small firms expect to lay off one to four workers within months of the deadline.

The law’s wording adds another challenge. To qualify, systems must be “placed in service”- fully installed, inspected, and approved by the utility. Anyone caught in permitting or interconnection backlogs at year’s end could lose eligibility, even if panels are already on their roofs. With holidays and winter weather slowing projects, installers warn that late-2025 completions may be nearly impossible.

While homeowners lose their key incentive, large-scale and third-party-owned solar projects will continue to qualify under Section 48E of the federal code. Those commercial credits — worth 30 percent with a potential 10 percent domestic content bonus — remain available through 2027. That means utilities, banks, and leasing companies can still claim benefits that are now out of reach for individual families. Leasing and power-purchase-agreement models, where the company owns the system and sells electricity to the homeowner, will likely expand as a result.

Critics say the policy tilts the playing field in favor of corporate ownership. “The people who can least afford rising energy costs are the ones losing the benefit,” said one Corvallis installer. “Meanwhile, large developers still get their 30 percent credit. It’s upside-down.”

The timing could hardly be worse. Oregon electricity rates have climbed about 50 percent since 2020, including Pacific Power raising rates another 10 percent this past January. With over 100,000 registered electric vehicles in the state and increased demand from crypto mining and AI, the loss of the home solar credit could widen the gap between Oregon’s electrification goals and the local clean power generation needed to support them. ☀️

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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).

Sunday, October 19

5:16 a.m. — Caller reported a deer hit by a car at S. Main St/E Bishop Way, Brownsville. Deer was dispatched by deputy.

5:51 a.m. — Deputy stopped a vehicle at the 37200 block of Sunset Dr., Brownsville. The driver was instructed to park at that location to prevent further damage to the roadway. The driver will return for the vehicle.

7:32 a.m. — Caller reported a branch that took out power lines at S. 6th St/Kesling St, Harrisburg. Power company removed the lines from the roadway.

8:55 a.m. — Caller reported loose sheep at the 31300 block of Allen Ln, Tangent.

9:22 a.m. — Deputies responded to a non-injury motor vehicle crash on Seven Mile Ln/Saddle Butte Rd, Shedd.

3:46 p.m. — Caller reported a two vehicle, non injury crash. Both vehicles were declared totaled at Powerline Rd/Diamond Hill

Dr, Harrisburg.

10:48 p.m. — Quentin Crooks, 40, of Eugene was arrested for driving while intoxicated after crashing his vehicle at the 31500 block of Diamond Hill Dr, Harrisburg.

Monday, October 20

10:28 a.m. — Deputy dispatched a deer with two broken legs that appeared to have been hit by a car at the 27900 block of Brownsville Rd, Brownsville.

1:20 p.m. — Malachi Nickelson, 31, of Harrisburg was arrested for offensive littering and issued a criminal citation into the Harrisburg Municipal Court at the 200 block of Smith St, Harrisburg.

1:39 p.m. — Deputy responded to a welfare check of a citizen and provided counseling and resource options at the 500 block of Ash St, Brownsville. Non-Criminal.

7:37 p.m. — Bart Colby Jeppsen, 60, of Sweet Home was issued a citation for failure to obey a traffic control device and driving while suspended at the 100 block of Bishop Way, Brownsville.

8:30 p.m. — Breana Janel Harless, 30, of Eugene was issued a citation for speeding 56 in a posted 35 mph zone at Bishop Way/Washburn St, Brownsville.

Tuesday, October 21

7:36 a.m. — Deputy contacted a male sleeping outside at the 100 block of Smith St, Harrisburg and requested him to move. He was offered rides and other resources in which all were refused.

10:03 a.m. — Tanisha McIntyre, 35, of Lebanon, was cited for no insurance at the 300 block of Territorial St, Harrisburg.

11:06 a.m. — Deputy responded to a domestic disturbance at the 800 block of Sommerville Lp, Harrisburg. It was verbal only and both parties agreed to separate to cool down.

8:03 p.m. — Deputies spoke to a property owner regarding ongoing problems at the 900 block of Pine St,

Brownsville.

9:50 p.m. — Deputies responded to an unlawful entry into a motor vehicle with \$10 worth of snacks being stolen at the 700 block of Smith St, Harrisburg.

11:16 p.m. — Deputies responded to an unlawful entry of a motor vehicle with less than \$100 being stolen at the 500 block of Territorial St, Harrisburg.

Wednesday, Oct. 22

7:53 a.m. — Deputy documented two juveniles arguing with each other at the request of parents at the 200 block of S. 6th St, Harrisburg.

9:45 a.m. — Laura Bybee, 44, of Albany, was cited for driving with a suspended license and driving without insurance at the 200 block of S. 3rd St, Harrisburg.

10:05 a.m. — Caller requested a welfare check at the 31900 block of Griffith Dr, Tangent. Deputies responded and the subject was located safe and healthy.

12:26 p.m. — Caller reported threats at the 200 block of S 6th St, Harrisburg. Deputy investigated. No credible threat was found. A juvenile was referred to Linn County Juvenile Department for disorderly conduct. Report pending.

1:41 p.m. — Deputies received two found credit cards from a good samaritan in the 32900 block of Lake Creek Dr, Halsey. Report pending.

2:31 p.m. — Michelle Perry, 61, of McMinnville, was cited for speeding 22 mph over the posted speed limit, on Hwy 99E near Linn West Dr, Shedd.

5:25 p.m. — Deputy was contacted by citizen regarding an ongoing investigation at Monroe St/N 9th St, Harrisburg.

Thursday, Oct. 23

2:18 p.m. — Deputy performed a welfare check on an elderly male reported to be confused wandering around a tractor store at the 33500 block of Hwy 99E, Tangent.

2:58 p.m. — Caller reported damage to a school ball field from a go-cart at the 200 block of S. 6th St, Harrisburg. Investigation ongoing.

4:03 p.m. — Deputy responded to a physical fight between two juveniles at the 400 block of S 9th St, Harrisburg. Investigation ongoing. Report pending.

4:06 p.m. — Deputy responded to a report of a suspicious person. Person was located and asked not to return to a residence at the 900 block of Moore St, Harrisburg.

4:09 p.m. — Caller reported threats made at the 200 block of S. 6th St, Harrisburg. Deputy addressed juvenile issue.

8:05 p.m. — Deputy assisted other agency with a warrant service at the 900 block of Priceboro Dr, Harrisburg.

Friday, October 24

5:18 a.m. — Deputy contacted individual parked on the side of the highway at Hwy 99E/Shedd Cemetery Dr, Shedd.

8:54 a.m. — Malachi Nickelson, 31, of Harrisburg was arrested for criminal trespass II and unlawful possession of methamphetamine at the 200 block of Moore St, Harrisburg.

Saturday, October 25

11:36 a.m. — Caller reported a traffic hazard at McLagan Rd/Tangent Dr, Tangent. Fallen tree was cleared by road department, deputy provided traffic control.

11:56 a.m. — Deputy responded to suspicious person in Harrisburg and trespassed the suspect from Dollar General.

1:06 p.m. — Caller reported an armed disturbance at the 1000 block of Pine St, Brownsville. Deputies responded to a domestic disturbance. Report pending.

2:00 p.m. — Caller reported a tree down and power lines on the road at Oak Plain Dr/Potter Rd, Halsey. Road was cleared. Tree will be taken care of by the road department at a later date.

4:30 p.m. — Caller reported a traffic hazard at Manning Rd/Plainview Dr, Shedd. Branch was removed from roadway prior to deputies arrival.

4:32 p.m. — Deputies responded to verbal argument between family members and learned it was an ongoing civil dispute at the 36100 block of Northern Dr, Brownsville.

4:57 p.m. — Deputies responded to a traffic hazard at Tangent Dr/Country Rd, Tangent.

7:27 p.m. — Caller reported a suspicious vehicle at Pioneer Park, Brownsville. Deputies contacted a camper in the park after hours.

11:15 p.m. — Deputies conducted an investigation regarding the misuse of a firearm at the 33100 block of Hwy 228, Halsey.

Sunday, October 26

3:35 a.m. — Deputies assisted another agency with juvenile issues at the 31800 block of Hwy 34, Tangent.

8:58 p.m. — Dalton Tenbusch, 25, of Halsey, was issued a citation for going 78 in a 55 mph posted zone at the 25900 block of Hwy 99E, Halsey. ☀



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