



THE BROWNSVILLE TIMES

VOLUME 137, NO. 24

SERVING CENTRAL LINN COUNTY, OREGON SINCE 1889

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2025

Thanksgiving Through the (Brownsville) Times

By Mikayle Stole, Editor

Before social media, small-town newspapers like The Brownsville Times were the heartbeat of community connection. If you wanted to know who was in town for Thanksgiving, who went to Salem to visit family, or who roasted a turkey big enough to feed half of Crawfordsville, you didn't scroll — you read the paper.

From the early 1900s through the 1980s, The Brownsville Times' holiday editions read like a warm, handwritten group chat: neighbors naming names, families sharing meals, and local correspondents filling the pages with news from Halsey, Shedd, Crawfordsville, and Brownsville. Here's a look back at how our readers "posted" about Thanksgiving long before Facebook.

In 1900, The Times reported on young men "sowing wild oats" and spending time in the county jail — an early reminder that not every headline was about turkey and warm apple pie.

By 1925, the paper was full of "society" notes. Entire columns listed who dined where: "Mr. and Mrs. Morris King and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Holmes spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Damon." Dozens of such mentions appeared, each one an invitation into the lives of neighbors.

During the 1940s, as World War II filled the front pages, families gathered for dinner while sons and daughters served overseas. In 1943, one Brownsville mother received word that her son, 2nd Lt. Gordon L. Childers, was missing in action in Europe. A year later, a Brownsville Times-sponsored ad urged readers to "Back up the Boys — Buy Another Bond," promoting a local war bond auction at the high school gym.

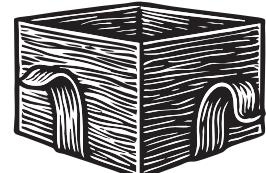
THANKSGIVING continued on page 4

Bernie Sloan and John Bem, two of our enterprising (?) young men, will spend some time in the county jail at Albany. They have been sowing what is commonly called "wild oats."

INSIDE



GIVE THE GIFT OF LOCAL JOURNALISM



BROWNSVILLETIMES.ORG/
SUBSCRIBE

MAILING LABEL BELOW

\$2.00

24 >
 ISSN 3068-2290
 9773068229003

Ram Trucking Carries on a Christmas Tradition from Brownsville to Kansas City

By Jeff Brown, Staff Writer

BROWNSVILLE — Each holiday season, a little bit of Brownsville spirit travels more than 1,800 miles to Kansas, thanks to Ram Trucking. For more than four decades, a 100-foot Christmas tree has been carefully harvested, packed, and transported to the Hallmark Corporation, continuing a unique seasonal tradition that began in the early 1980s.

The tradition began with Dale Middlestadt, who worked for Willamette Industries. Middlestadt was involved in arranging the delivery of the massive tree each year, ensuring it arrived safely at its destination for Hallmark's holiday display. When he later joined Ram Trucking, the company took up the tradition, keeping the long-standing connection alive.

The process of moving such a massive tree is a feat of planning and precision. According to Katie Cox of Ram Trucking, the tree is so large that it must be divided into two loads: one

truck carries the trunk, while another hauls the boughs. Once both trucks reach Kansas, the pieces are reassembled on site, transforming back into the towering evergreen centerpiece that greets visitors at Crown Center in Kansas City during the holiday season.

While many people may not realize it, this small-town Oregon company plays a key role in spreading holiday cheer across the country. The project not only showcases the skill and care of Ram Trucking's drivers and staff but also highlights the community pride that runs deep in Brownsville.

This year, the tradition continues. The trucks and the towering tree have already left Brownsville. They are on their way to Kansas City, where the tree will stand proudly at Hallmark's Crown Center and will be officially lit at the annual tree-lighting ceremony on Friday, Nov. 28, at 6 p.m. ☀

Jenna's Move

By Daniel R. Murphy, Staff Writer

BROWNSVILLE — For the past four years, Jenna Stutsman has operated her real estate business out of her office on Spaulding Ave. in Brownsville. Last June, Jenna had the opportunity to buy an office space across the street, previously occupied by LB Productions, a video production business. Her new address is 128 Spaulding. The video business has closed its doors, allowing Jenna actually to own her business property rather than rent.

Jenna's husband, Lawrence, has cleaned

up the premises and installed a new ceiling and bathroom. They polished the concrete floor, giving the space a whole new, light, and bright look. She moved into her new business location the first week of November, and I expect it to look polished and ready for customers now.

Joe Glow has already moved into her old space. More details coming soon.

Lots of exciting new shifts and changes are happening in downtown Brownsville these days. ☀



BARBARA ANDERSEN

ONGOING WEEKLY EVENTS

Not Your Grandma's Bingo

Mondays, Now-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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Abundance of Not2Shabbee

Friday-Saturday, Nov. 14-15 • 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

836 Kirk Ave., Brownsville • 541-228-6034

A creative mix of hand-crafted, shabby chic, gently used, and lovingly curated items for sale. Perfect for early holiday decorating and gift giving.

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.

World Cultures & Travel:**France — La Belle Provence**

Thursday, November 20 • 7-8 p.m. • Kirk Room

Travel photographer Donald Lyon presents "La Belle Provence," an exploration of southern France's lavender fields, markets, and medieval villages. Free and open to the public.

Brownsville City Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 18 • 7-9 p.m.

Fisher Hall, Brownsville City Hall 255 N Main St.

The public is welcome to attend City Council meetings, where time is set aside for input. Agendas and materials are available at City Hall and online at <https://www.ci.brownsville.or.us/citycouncil>. For questions, call 541-466-5880.**Halsey City Council Meeting**

Tuesday, November 18 • 7-9 p.m.

Halsey City Hall, 100 W Halsey St

Attend in person or via Zoom (Meeting ID 814-1611-9587). Public comments accepted in person or online by 5 p.m. the day before. Details at <https://www.halseyor.gov/government/meetings.php>**Fiber Swap**

Thursday, November 20 • 4-8 p.m.

Wade Hardware, 400 SW 2nd St, Corvallis

Hosted by Tarweed Folk School, this first-ever swap invites makers to bring or take home yarn, fabric, and other fiber supplies. See demos, share favorite projects, and sign up for future fiber arts groups. <https://www.tarweedfolkschool.com>

See page 14 for Brownsville Library events

See what's happening in Central Linn and add your event:

<https://brownsvilletimes.org/community-calendar>**Abundance of Not2Shabbee Returns**

Lisa Keith and Dayna Hansen are bringing back their popular pop-up event, "Abundance of Not2Shabbee," on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 14-15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 836 Kirk Ave., Brownsville.



Shoppers can expect a beautifully eclectic mix of handcrafted, shabby-chic, gently used, and lovingly curated items. Perfect for early holiday decorating and gift-giving.

Private shopping appointments are available by calling 541-228-6034 or for making shipping arrangements.

BROWNSVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Enter Brownsville's Holiday Lights Contest Now!

It's time to light up Brownsville! The annual Holiday Lights Contest, sponsored by Pacific Power, celebrates the sparkle, creativity, and community pride that make our town shine.

Residents and businesses are invited to enter now to have their decorated homes or storefronts featured on the official 2025 Holiday Lights Map — available online starting Dec. 5. From Dec. 5 through Christmas night, everyone can follow the map, tour the lights, and vote for their favorites!



Second place in Brownsville's 2024 Holiday Lights Contest went to 111 Spaulding Ave.

How to Enter:

Register by Monday, Dec. 1 to be included on this year's map. For full details and the entry form, visit www.historicbrownsville.com/holiday-lights-contest.

Prizes (gift certificates for local businesses) will go to the top four vote-getters. Bragging rights last all year!

Let's make Brownsville shine brighter than ever this season, thanks to Pacific Power and everyone who keeps the tradition glowing.

**Ladies' Night at Grocery Deals Nov. 21**

HARRISBURG — Grocery Deals will host a Ladies' Night on Friday, November 21, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at 295 N. 3rd Street. Shoppers can enjoy exclusive discounts throughout the store — 20 percent off toys, pet supplies, and makeup; 10 percent off pocket knives and purses; jewelry for four for \$10; and a buy-two-get-one-free deal on essential oils.

Guests will also receive an additional 10 percent off store wide, plus entry into a raffle and scratch-off giveaway. Every attendee gets a raffle ticket, with more earned for each \$10 spent, and a mystery scratch-off at the door for a chance to win gift cards, free items, and significant discounts.

Courtney Creek Artisan Market Returns to Brownsville Woods

Handmade goods, antiques, and a tradition revived

The Courtney Creek Artisan Market will return this holiday season, reopening one of Brownsville's best-known seasonal traditions. The event runs Nov. 28 through Dec. 6, open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 36744 Courtney Creek Drive.

Visitors will find curated goods, antiques, fine art, Pacific Northwest gourmet foods, fresh wreaths, and bakery items, with Sisters' Coffee served on site. Vendors are hand-selected by Toombs, and travel from across the region — from Portland to Eugene and as far east as John Day.

The market was first established in 1996 by local artist and maker Kimberly Toombs and attracts people from all over to Brownsville. What started as a small garage sale of hand-crafted items quickly expanded after a visit from Brownsville resident Ed Lafayette.

"At my very first sale, just down the road from the schoolhouse, my neighbor, Ed Lafayette, stopped by," Toombs said. "He was sitting there enjoying coffee, cookies, and homemade bread when he told me, almost casually, that I should move my next event to the old schoolhouse he'd just finished restoring up the road."

Lafayette had recently completed a major renovation of the 1926-27 Courtney Creek Schoolhouse, preserving the structure's original woodwork and large classroom windows. The building soon became the permanent home of the twice-a-year market, which combined antiques, artisan crafts, and gourmet foods — a format uncommon at the time.

The show drew crowds from across Oregon and became a post-Thanksgiving destination for many families. It continued until 2006, when Toombs and her three sons moved out of the area.

After nearly two decades away, Toombs revived the market in 2024 with the partnership of her son, Kyle Carlson, and daughter-in-law, Michelle.

This year's event again takes place at the Courtney Creek Schoolhouse, nestled among the evergreens southeast of Brownsville. Toombs said the family's goal is to keep the focus on local craftsmanship and community connections.

"We want people to feel the same sense of place and tradition that made the market special the first time," she said.

For more information, visit <https://www.courtneycreek.com>.

BROWNSVILLE WOMEN'S STUDY CLUB**Bid on Sharing Hands' Tree: 'A Village Christmas'**By Mandy Cole,
Staff Writer

An expert with 15 years of decorating trees for Brownsville's Festival of Trees, Wendy Parker can hardly wait to get her hands on the Sharing Hands entry. Her theme is "A Village Christmas." "I've been thinking about this all year," she says.

Wendy likes to start decorating as early as she can; with the tree set up at Reflections Salon on Main Street, Wendy and her faithful cheerleader, Lynn Heller, haul in all the decorations and begin work. "I have some of the best decorations this year: a quilt panel with whimsical houses, pink velvet pillows, nutcrackers, and beautiful ribbon. I even found a glass cookie jar house with a pink roof at Barbara Andersen's garage sale."

What's Wendy's secret to a high-bidding tree? "I make sure I add something special to draw people in," she says. Wendy's sister, Paula Thompson, a retired art teacher, always adds a touch of flair. "This year, Paula has spray-painted tiny tart tins, creating vignettes with jewelry and miniature objects." Dear friend Leslie Lewis, who designed Jerome the Gnome for the (Gnome for the Holidays tree), will also contribute special touches to this year's masterpiece.

"I love the Festival of Trees," says Wendy. "It's a joyous event. I'm so grateful we have the Brownsville Times back to help us spread the word about community events. It's been hard without the paper."

With such a long decorating track record, Wendy remembers some of her favorite trees: "Fa La La Lama," "Celebrate Me Home," and "Buffalo Check," and, of course, the Gnome tree.

Christmas is a special time for Wendy and her family. "I decorate the house, and we watch nostalgic movies with Jimmy Stewart and Bing Crosby. And this is the first Christmas for my first grandson, Truett," she says.

You can bid on the Sharing Hands tree "A Village Christmas" at Reflections Salon on Main St., Dec. 5-6. 

Linn County Voters Approve Public Safety Levy

LINN COUNTY — Voters approved Measure 22-212 on Nov. 4, renewing the county's four-year law-enforcement levy. As of Nov. 7, unofficial results show 52.54 percent in favor (15,620 yes to 14,111 no).

The levy raises the rate from \$2.98 to \$3.08 per \$1,000 of assessed value and will replace the current levy when it expires June 30, 2026, taking effect July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2030.

Funds support the Sheriff's Office, District Attorney's Office and Juvenile Department; LCSO says levy dollars fund about 74 percent of its 195 authorized positions and roughly half of its overall resources.

Services covered include 24/7 patrol, the jail, prosecution, juvenile supervision, emergency management and Search & Rescue. 



Wendy's 2022 tree for Sharing Hands.

TANGENT TOGETHER**Growing Together: 2026 Tangent Harvest Festival Sponsorships Now Open!**

It takes a lot of hands and a little horsepower to make the Tangent Harvest Festival the community favorite it's become. From laughter in the Kids' Village to the roar of the Combine Derby, none of it would happen without our incredible sponsors, who help keep the spirit of "Community. It's just who we are" alive and thriving.

As we look ahead to the 2026 festival, we're proud to announce our returning Premier Sponsors: Linn-West, Papé, Western Packaging, and Complete Ag. These businesses continue to plant deep roots of support right here in Tangent, and we couldn't be more grateful for their commitment.

Now it's your turn to join the team! Sponsorships for the 2026 Tangent Harvest Festival are open, and we're seeking community-minded partners ready to grow with us. Whether you're a local business, farm, or service provider, there's a sponsorship level to fit your goals — and to help keep this beloved celebration going strong.

Let's make 2026 our biggest and best harvest yet! For more information about becoming a sponsor, contact Sponsorship Director Marcy Hermens at tangentharvestfestival@gmail.com.

2025 Tangent Harvest Festival By the Numbers:

- 7 combines
- 68 car show entries
- 6 Quilts of Valor presented
- 2,000+ attendees
- 88 volunteers
- 32 tractors
- 57 vendors
- 51 sponsors



The 2025 festival was one for the books — and the numbers tell the story. From combines to community, every smile, volunteer, and ticket made a difference. 



On the morning of November 8, Dan George and Jack Sayer posted American Flags in honor of Veterans Day throughout Brownsville.

BROWNSVILLE ART ASSOCIATION**Festival of Trees Holiday Art Market at the Brownsville Art Center**

Saturday, Dec. 6 • 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

BROWNSVILLE — Step into the warmth and creativity of the season at the annual Holiday Art Market, hosted by the Brownsville Art Association on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Brownsville Art Center, 255 Main St.

More than 30 local artists will fill both floors of the Art Center with handcrafted gifts, including ornaments, cards, paintings, jewelry, pottery, clothing, soaps, preserves, and more. Admission is free, and purchases can be made by cash or credit card.

While visiting downtown, explore the Festival of Trees displays — 25 themed Christmas trees decorated by local organizations and businesses. The Brownsville Art Association's own tree will be adorned with original art ornaments, available through a silent auction.



Ornaments created by member artist Chris Seale for the Brownsville Art Association's Festival of Trees entry.

Bidding opens Dec. 5 and closes at 4 p.m. on Dec. 6, with pickup and payment by 5 p.m.

Every purchase supports local artists and community causes. For more information, visit <https://brownsvilleart.org> or follow the Brownsville Art Association on Facebook and Instagram. 

Friendly, Prompt, Hometown Service!

411 North Main St
Historic Downtown Brownsville
541-466-5112  M-F 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

THANKSGIVING *continued from cover*

By the 1950s, hometown ads were reminding readers, "Your friends all know where you live — invite them to visit!" Thanksgiving columns from 1953 read much the same as those decades before, full of names, connections, and a whole lot of turkey.

The 1960s ushered in The Times' "community correspondents" era. Reporters like Lyla Sullivan in Brownsville, Robert Carey in Halsey, and E. H. Margason in Shedd. Each week, they chronicled family dinners, out-of-town guests, and "pleasant visits" in columns that stretched for pages. One 1962 entry even mentioned two international students — David Kanzethe and Hezrah Kuria — joining a Brownsville Thanksgiving table.

The same issue included a fourth-grade report from Mr. Koontz's classroom, where students made "Wanted: Dead or Alive" posters to learn descriptive writing, studied division, and crafted "Thanksgiving art turkeys" out of pipe cleaners and paper cups — "even looking palatable in some cases."

By 1972, Shedd's first-grad-

ers were reading a story called "Mr. Turkey and What Happened to Him," about a bird who kept changing his colors to fit in — until he met "a little old man and lady who made him a color that pleased everybody."

And by 1989, The Times was still publishing the voices of local children, this time in verse. Crawfordsville students submitted Thanksgiving poems celebrating "cousins laughing, pumpkin baking, relatives coming, and making stuffing."

For more than a century, The Brownsville Times has recorded how our community gathers — one meal, one visit, one line at a time. In every era, these Thanksgiving notes remind us that connection, kindness, and family have always been worth reporting. ☺

'Mr. Turkey' and What Happened to Him

We are working, this week, on books about a Turkey named "Mr. T. Turkey".

He meets a little Bluebird who laughs at him because his coat is so many colors and tells him to dye himself blue. So, the Turkey does.

Then, he meets a little yellow Chick who laughs at him for being blue; and tells him to dye himself yellow! So, the Turkey does.

This keeps happening as the Turkey meets a red Hen, a green Snake, an orange Duck, a black Lamb, a violet Parakeet, and a white Kitten.

Finally, he meets a little old man and a little old lady . . . who take him home with them -- and make him a color that will please everybody!

We read the story together; and then we draw pictures to go with each section of the story.

Crawfordsville Students Submit Thanksgiving Poems

The third and fourth graders at Crawfordsville School gave some thought to the Thanksgiving holiday last week, and expressed their thought in rhyme. Some of these will evoke memories of the recent occasion for us.

Thanksgiving
The smell of turkey is great,
Family putting food on their plate.
Everyone is as happy as can be,
Thanksgiving is a fun thing for me.

—By Maria Whitten

Thanksgiving
Look up real quick!
Cousins laughing
pumpkin baking
relatives coming
making stuffing
cooking and walking
baking and talking
fast and faster all around

come quick
don't forget.

—By Wendy Miller

Thanksgiving
Thanksgiving is here
With the Thanksgiving joy
That is like the dew on the ground,
With the turkey and the pies in the oven.
Thanksgiving is here.
With you and I.
—By America A. Sayer

Seeing Grandma
Seeing Grandma on Thanksgiving
Is like going to the ocean!
To see the cousins talking.
It's fun to hear them running,
To hear the wind
go Swish, shash, swish, shash
And then, the turkey comes out
And I'm gone.

—By Sara D. Fortune

Turkey
Turkey's on the table,
Turkey on your plate,
Turkey's in your stomach,
Boy, was that great!

—By Amanda Dunaway

**Your Friends All
Know Where
You Live**

YET YOU INVITE THEM TO COME AND
VISIT WITH YOU

Many people may know where your
place of business is too, and what you sell,
or that you have something special this
week.

BUT did you ever think how many
there are who don't, and who hardly ever
darken your door?

The answer is advertising in your
local NEWSPAPER. The Brownsville
Times gives you concentrated coverage in
the Brownsville Area and along the Cala-
pooia.

Never underestimate the value of a
friendly invitation to your friends. They'll
appreciate it.

Advertise In . . .

THE BROWNSVILLE TIMES

UNIVERSE UNFOLDED

A Son of Sputnik

By Jim Isenberg, Staff Writer

When Sputnik launched in October 1957, I was six years old, listening to the steady "beeps" of the Russian satellite on the radio. News commentators warned that the Soviets might soon drop bombs from space, but I was wondering something else: how could a metal ball circle the Earth every 90 minutes? And might it hit the moon?

My local library in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, didn't have much on orbital motion, but I was hooked. That curiosity about space led me to physics, and I've never really stopped asking questions about how the universe works.

I studied at Princeton University from 1969 to 1973, working with physicists John Wheeler, James York, and Jim Peebles on Einstein's theory of general relativity. After graduating, I continued my studies at the University of Maryland, joining a small, lively relativity group. During those years, I co-authored eight papers on general relativity and astrophysics and wrote my dissertation on Einstein's "initial value problem." Outside the classroom, I ran marathons, about six a year, with my best time being 2:34 at Boston.

Postdoctoral positions followed at the University of Waterloo in Canada and the University of California, Berkeley. Though research postdocs aren't supposed to enjoy teaching, I did. That led me to the University of Oregon, where I joined the mathematics faculty in 1982. Over the next four decades, I taught, mentored, and continued research in gravitational physics with National Science Foundation support almost every year through 2023. I've published 160 papers and co-authored six books, traveling to 18 countries to collaborate and lecture.

I moved to Brownsville in 1992 and soon fell in love with the community — and with life on a small farm raising sheep, goats, and chickens. A 2017 spinal cord injury now limits my mobility, but my wife, Pauline, and I still own our Brownsville property, which kind neighbors help maintain. We hope to return for visits soon.

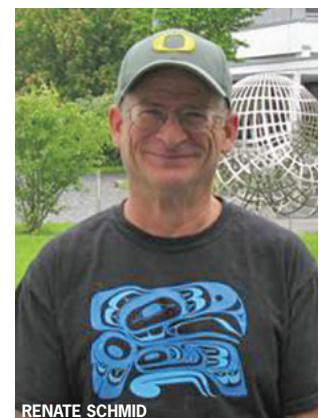
Nearly 70 years after Sputnik, my fascination with astrophysics and cosmology remains as strong as ever. I've also discovered that sharing what we've learned can be just as satisfying as the research itself.

That's why I'm launching this quarterly science column for readers of The Brownsville Times. Each issue, I'll explore one of the big questions that has kept me curious for a lifetime:

- What are black holes?
- What are gravitational waves, and what do they reveal?
- What is the future of the universe — and of our own sun?

If you're curious too, I'd love to hear from you. Send your questions or ideas to isenberg@uoregon.edu.

After more than 40 years as a University of Oregon professor — and an equally long run as a devoted Duck fan — I'm still happiest when exploring how the cosmos works and sharing that wonder with others. ☺



RENATE SCHMID

James Isenberg, University of Oregon professor emeritus in mathematics and physics and member of the Institute for Fundamental Science.

Planning Commission Vacancy

The City of Brownsville is seeking a new member to serve on the Planning Commission. This volunteer board helps guide the city's growth and advises the City Council on land-use policy and related issues. Meetings are typically held on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. in Fisher Hall at City Hall, 255 N. Main St.

Community members interested in contributing to Brownsville's future are encouraged to complete an application at <https://www.ci.brownsville.or.us/bc-pc>. Applications must be received by 4 p.m. on November 17. Current commissioners include Gary Compton, Don Andrews, Rob Wingren, Jack Alsman, Steve Schilling, Barbara Andersen, and Jared Swezey. ☺

WHERE TO GET FINANCIAL HELP

TRUE LIFE
FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS

VETERAN OWNED

Alex Johnson II Principal Broker
Mobile: 541-730-5064
Email: alex2.truelife@gmail.com

www.TrueLifeFinancialSolutions.com



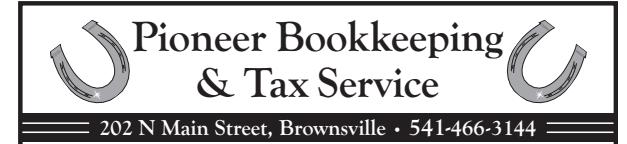
David K. Hansen
RETIREMENT & INVESTMENT SERVICES

LINCOLN
INVESTMENT

541-242-3553

dhansen@lincolninvestment.com

Securities offered through Lincoln Investment, Broker/Dealer, Member FINRA / SIPC. Advisory Services offered through Lincoln Investment or Capital Analysts, Registered Investment Advisers.



202 N Main Street, Brownsville • 541-466-3144

Cindy Clark, LTC#4910
"Full Service for Small Businesses!"
Income Tax Preparations • Reasonable Rates
Evenings & Weekends by Appointments
OBTP#B00696

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE® Statement of Ownership, Management, and Circulation (All Periodicals Publications Except Requester Publications)			
1. Publication Title The Brownsville Times	2. Publication Number 3068-2282	3. Filing Date 11/05/2025	
4. Issue Frequency Weekly - Thursday	5. Number of Issues Published Annually 52	6. Annual Subscription Price 96/year	
7. Complete Mailing Address of Known Office of Publication (Not printer) (Street, city, county, state, and ZIP+4®) PO BOX 278 BROWNSVILLE OR 97327-0278			
8. Complete Mailing Address of Headquarters or General Business Office of Publisher (Not printer) PO BOX 278 BROWNSVILLE OR 97327-0278			
9. Full Names and Complete Mailing Addresses of Publisher, Editor, and Managing Editor (Do not leave blank) Publisher (Name and complete mailing address) Mikayle Stole PO BOX 278 BROWNSVILLE OR 97327-0278			
Editor (Name and complete mailing address) Mikayle Stole PO BOX 278 BROWNSVILLE OR 97327-0278			
Managing Editor (Name and complete mailing address) Mikayle Stole PO BOX 278 BROWNSVILLE OR 97327-0278			
10. Owner (Do not leave blank. If the publication is owned by a corporation, give the name and address of the corporation immediately followed by the names and addresses of all stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of the total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, give the names and addresses of the individual owners. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, give its name and address as well as those of each individual owner. If the publication is published by a nonprofit organization, give its name and address.)			
Full Name The Brownsville Times nonprofit 501(c)(3)	Complete Mailing Address PO BOX 278 BROWNSVILLE OR 97327-0278		
11. Known Bondholders, Mortgagees, and Other Security Holders Owning or Holding 1 Percent or More of Total Amount of Bonds, Mortgages, or Other Securities. If none, check box <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None			
Full Name	Complete Mailing Address		
12. Tax Status (For completion by nonprofit organizations authorized to mail at nonprofit rates) (Check one) The purpose, function, and nonprofit status of this organization and the exempt status for federal income tax purposes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Has Not Changed During Preceding 12 Months <input type="checkbox"/> Has Changed During Preceding 12 Months (Publisher must submit explanation of change with this statement)			
13. Publication Title The Brownsville Times	14. Issue Date for Circulation Data Below 10/30/2025		
15. Extent and Nature of Circulation			
a. Total Number of Copies (Net press run)		Average No. Copies Each Issue During Preceding 12 Months	No. Copies of Single Issue Published Nearest to Filing Date
b. Paid Circulation (By Mail and Outside the Mail)	(1) Mailed Outside-County Paid Subscriptions Stated on PS Form 3541 (Include paid distribution above nominal rate, advertiser's proof copies, and exchange copies)	30	48
	(2) Mailed In-County Paid Subscriptions Stated on PS Form 3541 (Include paid distribution above nominal rate, advertiser's proof copies, and exchange copies)	271	384
	(3) Paid Distribution Outside the Mails Including Sales Through Dealers and Carriers, Street Vendors, Counter Sales, and Other Paid Distribution Outside USPS®	31	85
	(4) Paid Distribution by Other Classes of Mail Through the USPS (e.g., First-Class Mail®)	0	0
c. Total Paid Distribution [Sum of 15b (1), (2), (3), and (4)] ►		332	517
d. Free or Nominal Rate Distribution (By Mail and Outside the Mail)	(1) Free or Nominal Rate Outside-County Copies included on PS Form 3541	0	0
	(2) Free or Nominal Rate In-County Copies Included on PS Form 3541	3	3
	(3) Free or Nominal Rate Copies Mailed at Other Classes Through the USPS (e.g., First-Class Mail)	0	0
	(4) Free or Nominal Rate Distribution Outside the Mail (Carriers or other means)	0	0
e. Total Free or Nominal Rate Distribution (Sum of 15d (1), (2), (3) and (4))		3	3
f. Total Distribution (Sum of 15c and 15e) ►		335	520
g. Copies not Distributed (See Instructions to Publishers #4 (page #3)) ►		665	480
h. Total (Sum of 15f and g)		1000	1000
i. Percent Paid (15c divided by 15f times 100) ►		99.1	99.4
* If you are claiming electronic copies, go to line 16 on page 3. If you are not claiming electronic copies, skip to line 17 on page 3.			
16. Electronic Copy Circulation			
a. Paid Electronic Copies ►		Average No. Copies Each Issue During Preceding 12 Months	No. Copies of Single Issue Published Nearest to Filing Date
b. Total Paid Print Copies (Line 15c) + Paid Electronic Copies (Line 16a) ►		418	635
c. Total Print Distribution (Line 15f) + Paid Electronic Copies (Line 16a) ►		421	638
d. Percent Paid (Both Print & Electronic Copies) (16b divided by 16c × 100) ►		99	99.5
I certify that 50% of all my distributed copies (electronic and print) are paid above a nominal price.			
17. Publication of Statement of Ownership			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If the publication is a general publication, publication of this statement is required. Will be printed in the 11/13/25 issue of this publication.		<input type="checkbox"/> Publication not required.	
18. Signature and Title of Editor, Publisher, Business Manager, or Owner		Date 11/05/2025	
I certify that all information furnished on this form is true and complete. I understand that anyone who furnishes false or misleading information on this form or who omits material or information requested on the form may be subject to criminal sanctions (including fines and imprisonment) and/or civil sanctions (including civil penalties).			

Millions Face Soaring Health Insurance Premiums as Congress Stalls on Subsidy Extension

By Stephen A. Brenner, Staff Writer

Millions of Americans are seeing their health insurance premiums skyrocket for 2026 as Congress remains gridlocked over whether to extend pandemic-era subsidies that helped lower monthly costs.

The enhanced subsidies, enacted during the COVID-19 crisis, are set to expire at the end of 2025. Democrats insist that any new government funding bill must include an extension, while Republicans want to address the issue separately. The standoff already triggered a brief government shutdown in early October, and now threatens to push millions out of affordable coverage.

Rates for Affordable Care Act (ACA) marketplace plans are set to rise by an average of 18 percent nationwide, according to the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF). Without the extra federal support, the average consumer premium will more than double — from \$888 this year to \$1,904 in 2026 — the steepest increase since the launch of the marketplace in 2013.

The impact is most severe in Georgia, which has one of the largest state-run marketplaces. Roughly 96 percent of Georgians who are enrolled in ACA plans receive subsidies. Many are now discovering that their monthly premiums could double or triple. "We have people saying they will have to choose between their monthly premiums and their mortgage," said Natasha Taylor of Georgia Watch, a consumer advocacy group.

A family of four earning \$82,000 in Georgia could see their premium for midrange coverage rise from about \$3,500 to \$7,000 annually, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP). Those earning \$130,000 or more would lose all subsidy eligibility, paying around \$24,000 a year for coverage. Similar spikes are expected in states such as Kentucky, Oregon, and Vermont, where a 60-year-old couple earning \$85,000 could face premiums as high as \$44,000.

If Congress fails to act, Georgia alone could lose about 340,000 enrollees from its marketplace, part of the nearly 4 million nationwide who may drop coverage over the next decade, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

The political fallout is immediate. Republican Representative, Marjorie Taylor Greene, has broken with her party to support extending subsidies, citing the impact on her own family. Democratic Senator, Jon Ossoff, facing a tough reelection race, has made rising premiums a central issue.

Insurers, meanwhile, warn that the loss of subsidies will drive healthier people out of the market, raising costs further for those who remain. They also cite higher hospital and drug costs, including expensive new weight-loss medications, as contributing factors.

Even if Congress restores the subsidies after open enrollment begins on November 1, insurers say they could still adjust premiums downward — but only before December 31. Consumer advocates fear that by then, many people will have already abandoned the marketplaces. For millions of Americans, the debate in Washington will soon determine whether they can afford to stay insured in 2026. ●

Oregon Students Struggling with Unmet Health Needs

State report highlights importance of trusted adults and access to care

A new report from the Oregon Health Authority shows that many students across the state are struggling with unmet mental and physical health needs, and the impact extends well beyond the doctor's office.

More than one in five Oregon eighth- and 11th-graders reported they couldn't access the healthcare they needed in 2022. Students described feeling isolated, dismissed, or unsure where to turn for help. Many pointed to long wait times, lack of insurance, transportation issues, and fear of stigma as obstacles to getting care.

"The data confirm what students have been saying for years: many are struggling, and they don't feel seen," said Dr. Tom Jeanne, Oregon's deputy state health officer. "Mental and physical health are deeply interconnected, and when students can't access care, it affects every part of their lives — including their ability to learn and thrive."

The report also found that students who experience health challenges are more likely to miss school, which compounds academic and social stress. It calls for stronger community and school-based support systems to help youth feel heard, validated, and cared for.

Oregon youth helped develop the report and emphasized that having even one trusted adult can make a difference. They urged parents, educators, and neighbors to listen without judgment and to help young people access the care they need.

New state investments will expand school-based health services and youth mental-health programs, but the report reminds us that real change starts close to home — with adults who take time to notice, ask, and care.

Read the full report at, visit <https://www.oregon.gov/oha>. ●

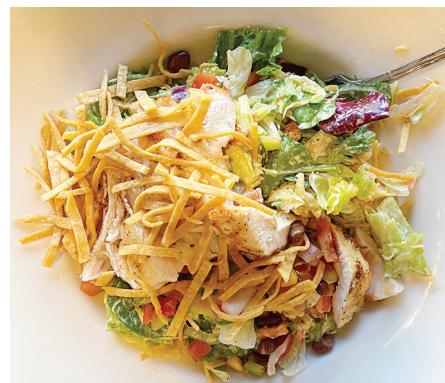
TABLE TALK: DINING IN AND AROUND BROWNSVILLE

Cascade Grill Offers Reliable Comfort Food and Service

By Jeff Brown, Staff Writer

Cascade Grill in Albany has built a reputation for consistent meals and attentive service. Conveniently located at 110 Opal Ct SE, right off I-5, it has become a steady stop for both locals and travelers.

On a visit this summer, our waiter, Conner, handled the table with ease. He has worked at Cascade Grill for more than six years, and his experience showed. Drinks arrived quickly, followed by a basket of fresh bread with butter. Warm, soft, and flavorful, it was a welcome start to the meal.



I ordered a cup of the mushroom soup, made in-house like all of Cascade's soups. It was rich, savory, and well-seasoned — one of the best mushroom soups I've had. For the main course, I chose the Prime Rib Stroganoff. The dish came with tender beef strips over penne noodles in a creamy sauce. It was hearty without being heavy. My wife selected the Southwest Chicken Salad, which combined well-cooked chicken with crisp greens and a bit of spice. Both meals arrived promptly and were

served at the right temperature.

The dining room was clean, cool, and comfortable — important on a day when the thermometer outside read 99 degrees. The atmosphere is casual yet well-kept, making it easy to settle in for a meal.

Cascade Grill's menu sticks to American standards: steaks, burgers, salads, seafood, and pasta. Portions are generous, prices are reasonable, and service is consistently friendly. While the food is not trendy or experimental, it is dependable and well prepared.



The restaurant serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner, making it a flexible choice for different schedules. Its location just off the freeway makes it convenient for road travelers looking for a sit-down meal rather than fast food.

Overall, Cascade Grill delivers exactly what it promises: good food, prompt service, and a comfortable place to eat. For more information or reservations, the restaurant can be reached at 541-926-3388. ☀

PHOTOS BY JEFF BROWN

Share Your Favorite Thanksgiving Recipes with Us by Nov. 13!

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.**

THANKSGIVING FAVORITES FROM OUR READERS**Peanut Butter Marshmallow Bars**

A reader who wants to remain unnamed, shared this simple, no-bake recipe for chewy bars, noting it was "The only thing my aunt ever made that was worth eating." The recipe combines peanut butter, marshmallows, and roasted peanuts into a rich treat that requires no oven and is ready in about two hours.

Yields: About 24 bars

Ingredients

- 1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 (10-ounce) package peanut butter chips
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 (10-ounce) bag mini marshmallows
- 1 (16-ounce) jar dry roasted peanuts

**Instructions**

1. Line a 9-by-13-inch pan with waxed paper, leaving an overhang on the sides. In a large bowl, combine the marshmallows and peanuts.
2. In a separate large, microwave-safe bowl, combine the sweetened condensed milk, peanut butter chips and butter. Microwave in 30-second intervals, stirring between each, until the chips are melted and the mixture is smooth. Do not overheat.
3. Pour the melted mixture over the marshmallows and peanuts. Stir until everything is evenly coated, then spread the mixture into the prepared pan, pressing it down firmly.
4. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour, or until firm. Use the waxed paper overhang to lift the bars from the pan before cutting into pieces.

For variety, butterscotch, chocolate or other flavored chips may be substituted for the peanut butter chips. ☀

Mom's Peanut Butter Pie

A peanut lover's dream from Anne Clarke

Makes one 9-inch pie

- 9-inch graham cracker crust
- 1 pkg (8-oz) softened cream cheese
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 1/2 cup milk
- 8-oz container of frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1/4 cup peanuts, chopped



Beat cream cheese until fluffy. Mix in powdered sugar and peanut butter. Slowly add milk, mixing well. Fold in whipped topping. Pour into crust. Sprinkle with nuts. Freeze until firm.

Option: Serve with chocolate or whipped topping. ☀

WHERE TO EAT

Mema's Country Kitchen
403 N Main St
Brownsville
Natoshya Moffitt
541.405.2147
memascountrykitchen@yahoo.com
Facebook: Mema's Country Kitchen
Mon-Thur (open if lights on) • Fri-Sun 9-6

Armando's Mexican Restaurant
122 Spaulding
11-9 • Sunday 12-8
Family Friendly
Phone Orders 541-466-3636
\$5 OFF
When you
spend \$40+

1847 Bar & Grill
LEBANON
1847
OREGON
Buy an entree & receive 50% off an appetizer
505 Mullins Drive, Lebanon • 541-451-1847
Tuesday-Saturday, 4-9 p.m. • Happy Hour, 4-5 p.m.

BEST BURGERS IN THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY
Highway 228 & 99, Halsey
TO GO ORDERS: 541-369-2400
Smoked Meats • In-house Ground Beef

Brownsville Video & Spirits
130 Spaulding Ave.
10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Monday - Saturday
541-466-9100
Liquor | Wine | Soda | Smokes | DVD Rentals

PIONEER VILLA RESTAURANT & SALOON
Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner • 5 am-10 pm
33180 Hwy 228, Halsey • 541-369-2801
pioneerhilltruckplaza.com

Commissioners OK Siting Accessory Dwelling Units

By Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer

ALBANY — Rural Linn County residents will soon be allowed to site Accessory Dwelling Units on their properties if they meet state and county requirements, Linn County Commissioners Roger Nyquist and Sherrie Sprenger agreed at their November 4 meeting.

After a brief regular meeting, the commissioners reconvened a Public Hearing that began at their October 28 meeting. At that time, the commissioners agreed to accept written public comments about the issue until 5 p.m. on Monday, November 3.

The Planning & Building Department received three written comments and the commissioners accepted them into the record.

One comment concerned why the county proposed a two-acre minimum instead of a one-acre minimum property size, another focused on why the ADU would need to be placed within 100 feet of the main home, and the third comment was that ADUs larger than 900 square feet should be allowed.

Planning Manager Alyssa Boles said the county is following the state's Oregon Revised Statutes on all three issues.

Commissioners Nyquist and Sprenger approved the Code Text Amendments and the order will come back for signatures at a later meeting. The Code Text Amendments will take effect 21 days after signing.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Approved the transfer of \$75,000 within the General Fund from Materials and Services to Personal Services.
- Approved the purchase of a Falcon Asphalt Hot Box from SealMaster for \$82,076.18. The unit holds asphalt at the proper temperature while crews are repairing potholes.
- Talked about Stahlbush Island Farms donating five truckloads of food to Linn-Benton Food Share last week in response to the shutdown of the federal government and SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits. Commissioner Nyquist said the donation will provide up to one million servings. Ryan McCambridge, director of Linn-Benton Food Share, also provided the commissioners with a written update about food distribution activity for the first nine months of the year and recent food donations.
- Announced the Board of Commissioners will not meet on November 11 due to the Veterans Day holiday. Linn County buildings, except the Sheriff's Office, will be closed that day.
- Were asked by Roxie Putman to contact Republic Services to see if a yard debris pick-up program can be developed for rural Albany area residents.
- Announced that a management staff meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 5, in the courthouse basement meeting room.

WHERE TO STAY

Solar Powered Farmhouse with EV Charger
Available on Airbnb
541-915-9322

SHORT TERM RENTAL
Available on Airbnb
925-289-9119

TheAverillHouse@gmail.com

Flat Earth Herbs Celebrating One Year in Brownsville

By Jeff Brown, Staff Writer

Flat Earth Herbs marked its first anniversary in its current location on October 4, and owner Rege Rippee says it has been a year of learning, connection, and growth. What began as a dream to offer natural remedies and herbal knowledge has become a small but meaningful hub for the Brownsville community.

"I want this store to be a service to the community," Rippee said. "And, sometimes, people just need to talk." Before opening her shop, she spent years selling her products at the Eugene Saturday Market, Picc-A-Dilly flea market, and other local festivals and craft fairs. "It began in 2012. The more I learned about herbs and natural remedies, the more I wanted to share," she said.

The shop's name, Flat Earth Herbs, came from Rippee's instinct for something "catchy and interesting." Shelves are lined with a selection of herbs, teas, aromatherapy products, essential oils, spices, and other handmade crafts — many of which she makes herself. Listening to her customers helps her decide what to stock in the store. Among local favorites is her 911 Butter, a topical blend used to help manage inflammation. "That has been my biggest seller since 2017," she said.



REGE RIPPEE

Running a small business has come with challenges, like finding the right schedule and learning the rhythms of seasonal local foot traffic. "When someone steps inside and feels welcome, great conversations happen," she said. "That builds trust and a true sense of community."

Rippee is active in the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce and occasionally volunteers for and donates to local charitable events. She's also working on her next project — a class on making colloidal silver — and expanding her online store at Flat Earth Herbs.

"I'm grateful for everyone who has supported me," Rippee said. "I will continue helping people in the best way I can."

Flat Earth Herbs is located at 240 N Main St., in downtown Brownsville. For hours, upcoming classes, and product updates, visit the shop, sign up for the newsletter, or follow Flat Earth Herbs on <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61563679990533>.

CRITTER CHRONICLES

Bernadette the Clumsy St. Bernard

By Sharon Banks, Staff Writer

As told to Sharon Banks by Charlotte Bates.

When I was a teenager, my brother and his wife came home for a visit with their giant, goofy Saint Bernard named Bernadette. She was lovable but an absolute klutz.

One afternoon, Mom and Bernadette were playing tag in the backyard. Unfortunately for Mom, Bernadette could run a lot faster. The game ended in a spectacular collision, sending Mom into an accidental somersault across the grass. I'm not sure who looked more surprised — Mom or Bernadette!



AI-GENERATED IMAGE BY SHARON K. BANKS

Once we made sure no one was hurt, we all burst out laughing. I still wish I'd had a movie camera that day — watching it in slow motion would've been priceless.

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 (or more) to editor@brownsvilletimes.org.

SUBSCRIBE TODAY!

Name _____

Address 1 _____

Address 2 (suite, apt) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Phone number _____

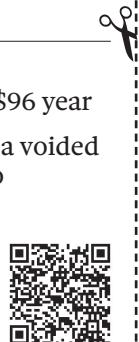
\$8 month by Credit Card OR \$96 year

Mail your annual payment check (or a voided check for monthly ACH payments) to
The Brownsville Times

PO Box 278, Brownsville OR 97327

brownsvilletimes.org/subscribe

(458) 266-0511



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://brownsvillechristianchurch.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.cvcchalsey.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.fbcbrownsvilleoregon.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://harvestrbc.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

holytrinitybrownsvilleor@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

29360 Abraham Dr • Shedd (Peoria) • 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.

Tangent's Elle Glaser Finalist in National CattleCon Anthem Contest

TANGENT — Elle Glaser, a fourth-generation farmer from Tangent, has been named a finalist in the 13th annual National Anthem Contest hosted by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. The winner will perform "The Star-Spangled Banner" at the Opening General Session of CattleCon 2026 in Nashville, Tennessee.



Glaser, who grew up showing cattle, co-owns Triple G Cattle Company with her sisters, where they focus on improving the genetics of their breeding stock and producing high-quality show cattle and locker beef.

The public can vote for Glaser once per day through Nov. 15 at <https://convention.ncba.org/apply/national-anthem-contest/national-anthem-contest-vote-now>.

Watch Elle's performance at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=av2BwfyXkc&t=3s>. The winner will be announced on Nov. 21. ☀

Kermit and Marlene Logan's 50th wedding anniversary

Please join us for Kermit and Marlene Logan's 50th wedding anniversary on November 15 from 1-4 p.m. at the Pioneer Villa Banquet room located at I-5/Hwy 228 in Halsey. Please, no gifts, but cards with a fun memory are welcome! Please contact Kaci Logan at 541-905-2487 if you have any questions. ☀

Triple Your Impact: Pacific Power to Match Donations to Oregon Energy Fund

Pacific Power is making it easier for local families to stay warm this winter. For every dollar donated to the Oregon Energy Fund, Pacific Power will contribute \$2 more, tripling the impact of your gift.

Customers receiving paper bills will find a contribution envelope enclosed in November. Those who pay electronically can donate by check, phone at 1-888-221-7070, or online at <https://www.pacificpower.net/Donate>.

Participants can contribute any amount, starting at \$1 per month, with all donations supporting families in their own county. Last year, contributions from Pacific Power's customers, employees, and the company helped 2,859 Oregonians, including seniors, children, and people with disabilities.

Pacific Power will match donations up to \$144,000 this year.

Those needing assistance with their electric bill can also call 1-888-221-7070 to explore payment plans and local aid options. ☀



Danielle M. Myers, Esq.

Attorney at Law, LLC

- Estate Planning/Probate
- Criminal Defense

333 N. Main St., Brownsville (541) 600-0422
danielle@dmmyerslaw.com

www.dmmyerslaw.com

National Flood Insurance Program Paused During Federal Government Shutdown

The Oregon Division of Financial Regulation (DFR) warns Oregonians that the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) has been paused because of the ongoing federal government shutdown. Congressional approval for the program has expired, impacting homeowners trying to renew coverage and those in the process of purchasing property in flood-prone areas.

During the shutdown, NFIP cannot issue new policies or renew existing ones until Congress reauthorizes the program. However, current policies remain in effect until their expiration dates. Claims may still be processed, but delays could occur if funds run out.

The delay might also slow down home sales, especially for buyers in high-risk flood zones who need flood insurance for federally backed loans. DFR advises that some private insurance companies could offer flood coverage during the suspension.

Oregonians are advised to verify their policy status, contact their insurance and real estate agents, and consider private flood insurance options if needed.

"While we hope Congress acts quickly to restart the NFIP, this reminds us how important it is to be prepared for flooding and to understand your insurance options," said TK Keen, Oregon's acting insurance commissioner.

For assistance or questions, contact DFR's consumer advocates at 888-877-4894 or email dfr.insurancehelp@dcbs.oregon.gov. More information can be found at <https://floodsmart.gov>.

The Oregon Division of Financial Regulation is part of the Department of Consumer and Business Services. Visit <https://dfr.oregon.gov> or <https://dcbs.oregon.gov> for more resources. ☀

CONNECT LINN COUNTY**Toy and Hygiene Supply Drive**

BROWNSVILLE — This holiday season, CONNECT Linn County invites residents to help spread kindness and care throughout the community. The group is collecting new toys and essential hygiene items to help local families experience the joy and comfort of the season.

Toy ideas include books, puzzles, dolls, cars, games, and other unwrapped gifts for children of all ages. Suggested hygiene donations include toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant, feminine products, and other everyday essentials. New socks and underwear are also appreciated.

Donations may be dropped off at the Brownsville Dollar General at 178 Main Street. For more information visit <https://www.connectlinncounty.net>. ☀

**The Frame House, LLC**

Custom Framing Since 1970

Your complete source for custom Picture Frames
 Complete line of art supplies

Al Severson
Owner

434 W First Ave.
 Albany OR 97321

541-928-7676

SNAP Yes? SNAP No?

By Anne Clarke, Staff Writer

Every morning, I check the latest updates on federal SNAP benefits. I check again at midday and again in the evening, after all the talk show hosts and politicians have gone home — or wherever they go these days.

And every day, the reports change. One headline says, "The government is shut down; there will be no benefits." Another reads, "Federal judge orders benefits restored." Then, just as we start to hope, Trump posts one of his 4 a.m. messages insisting that "benefits will not be restored until Democrats agree to our Republican agenda on healthcare subsidies." Later, his staff softens it with an announcement: "We're working on it."

Meanwhile, hungry lines of people formed outside food pantries across the country on November 1. Many woke up, checked their EBT accounts, and found them empty. The Portland Food Bank Director said she'd never seen lines that long on the first of the month — they usually appear only when accounts are running low.

By Monday, reports and rumors were flying. One judge ordered partial payments. Another said funds weren't available. Yesterday, we heard that full benefits would be paid, but at this point, no one knows what to believe.

So people stopped waiting. Coffee stands handed out grilled cheese sandwiches to cars full of children. Neighbors placed boxes of food on their porches for others to take. Restaurants served hot meals to anyone who showed a SNAP card. Across the country, and right here at home, ordinary people did what our government couldn't seem to manage: they cared.

Our own Sharing Hands Food Bank in Brownsville continues to serve anyone who shows up on food distribution days — Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. No questions asked, just a name, ZIP code, and the number of people in your household.

Food For Fabric at Yankee Dutch Quilting until Nov. 15

Earn fabric and discounts while helping those in our community! Yankee Dutch Quilting is collecting donations for Sharing Hands Food Bank, which is currently seeing high demand and long lines for assistance.

Here's how it works:

- 1 Fat Quarter for one of the following: Instant stuffing, instant potatoes, canned cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, pumpkin pie filling, evaporated milk, or a gallon of milk.
- 2 Fat Quarters for one of the following: A 5-pound (or larger) bag of potatoes or sweet potatoes, a package of Hawaiian rolls, or a dozen eggs.
- 3 Fat Quarters for one of the following combos:
 - Green Bean Casserole Combo: A can of French-sliced green beans, cream of mushroom soup, and fried onions.
 - Birthday Cake Combo: One box of

In October alone, Sharing Hands helped more than 290 families. Forty-eight families were served this past Wednesday. As the holidays approach, we're once again seeking donations — frozen turkeys, stuffing, gravy mix, sweet potatoes, dinner rolls, and all the other fixings that make Thanksgiving feel like home.

Food donations are accepted any day the Food Bank is open.

Holiday hours:

Wednesday, Nov. 26 — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 24 — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 31 — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Closed Fridays, Nov. 28, Dec. 26, and Jan. 1.

The Thrift Store will follow the same schedule.

My heart is warmed by the stories I've heard — of neighbors helping neighbors, of strangers stepping up, of our small towns doing what they've always done best: taking care of one another. ☺

CLES Food Drive for Sharing Hands until Nov. 20

Central Linn Elementary is hosting its first annual food drive to support local families in need, and we need your help! We're collecting nonperishable food items to donate to Sharing Hands.

Please check expiration dates before donating; only items within their shelf life can be accepted. Whether it's canned goods, pasta, or boxed meals, every contribution helps make the holidays brighter.

To add a little fun, the class that collects the most food (by weight) will win a pizza or ice cream party! Thank you for demonstrating kindness and teamwork this season. ☺

instant cake mix with a can of frosting.

- 4 Fat Quarters for one turkey, minimum of 10 pounds.

Yankee Dutch will have a selection of fat quarters cut and ready to hand off to donors, set aside from their regular inventory — batiks, flannels, and printed cottons! Shoppers will also receive coupons toward purchases from the regular inventory.

In other words, they're bribing you to bring good food! Please make sure the donated food is not expired and is good for at least three months.

Stop by during event week to drop off your items and earn your fabric rewards — or to support a good cause. Every donation helps make the holidays brighter for local families.

Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (541) 466-3662. 140 Spaulding Ave., Brownsville.

Feel free to share with your quilting friends and help fill the shelves at Sharing Hands! ☺

Shop the List Below and Stock the Shelves for Sharing Hands

GROCERY LIST

Holiday Items

- Frozen Turkeys
- Stove Top Stuffing
- Cranberries
- Sweet Potatoes or Yams (fresh or canned)
- Marshmallows

Condiments

- Green Beans French Style
- Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Velveeta Cheese
- Parmesan Cheese (plastic jar)

Breakfast

- Cereals
- Oatmeal



Canned & Jarred Goods

- Dinty Moore Beef Stew
- Kraft Mac and Cheese (individual cups)
- Soups
- Jellies
- Syrup
- Juice



Please no expired items.

VALID 11/13-11/30 2025 ONLY

\$5 OFF \$50

GROCERY OUTLET
bargain market

Minimum \$50 purchase.

Excludes alcohol, dairy, gift card purchases, & tax and state bottle deposits.

Valid in-store at Junction City Grocery Outlet only.

One coupon per person. Not valid with any other offer. Duplicated coupons will not be accepted.



GROCERY DEALS

295 N. 3rd St
Harrisburg, OR 97446

(541) 995-5132

M-Sat 9am-7pm
Closed Sunday

Follow Us!

[grocerydealsOR.com](https://www.grocerydealsOR.com)

1 lb. of Butter
\$2.79
with Coupon



No Limit, Expires 12/31/25



OVERTON VALLEY BEEF

GRASS FED • GRASS FINISHED
USDA Certified Angus Beef • 100% Natural
No BS. Just quality beef: \$5.29/lb (includes
slaughter, cut, & wrap) custom boxes available!



Family owned and operated
Kyle Koontz • 541.990.3374

EST. 1860

OVERTONVALLEYRANCH.COM • BROWNSVILLE

WHERE TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

Kirt M. Glenn DMD PC
102 E. Bishop Way Brownsville
www.dentistinbrownsville.com

541-466-5171
ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS

Legally Blonde Salon
Jenna Graham
Hair Stylist

(541) 619-6057
legallyblondesalon.glossgenius.com
[Legallyblonde_Salon](https://www.instagram.com/legallyblonde_Salon)
[Brownsville, OR](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Brownsville,+OR)

LIFETIME VISION SOURCE OF LEBANON

MEMBER *Vision Source* NETWORK

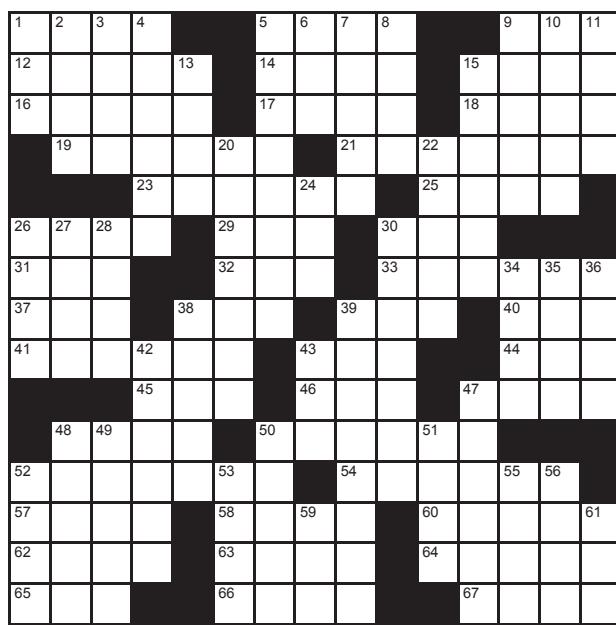
ROGER MUNK, OD • BRANDYN WYATT, OD
LUKE BORAN, OD

www.lifetimevisionsource.com

90 MARKET ST, STE 20
LEBANON, OR 97355

T: 541-451-2020
F: 541-451-1785

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Copyright ©2025 PuzzleJunction.com

ACROSS

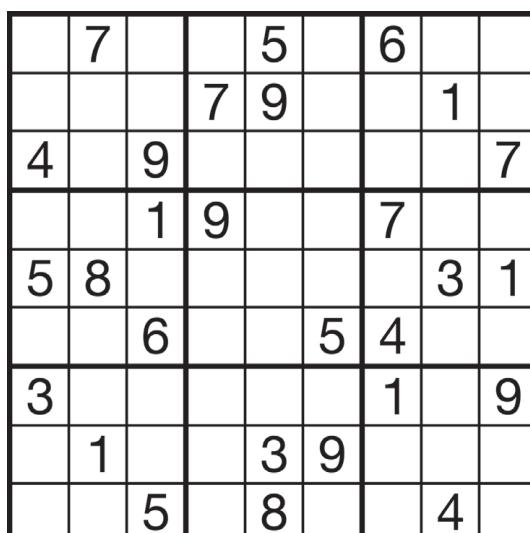
1 Snowdrift
5 Currency
9 Holiday resort
12 Utopian
14 Film's Preminger
15 Ammo holder
16 Diacritical mark
17 Swamp grass
18 Ancestry
19 Business leader
21 Facets
23 Critter
25 Boats
26 Wood file
29 Guided
30 Energy unit
31 Away
32 Tobacco measure
33 Natural spring
37 Wrath
38 Elec. unit
39 Burbot
40 Mineral
41 Legitimate
43 Rodent
44 Cover
45 Feverish
46 Hockey name
47 Roman date

48 Colliery
50 Numberless
52 Goddess of wisdom
54 Emetic
55 Choppers
58 Solo
60 Muster
62 Retained
63 Croon
64 Mountain nymph
65 Morsel
66 Comfort
67 Lairs

1 Drill part
2 Redact
3 Depend
4 Impulsive
5 Hominy
6 Consumed
7 Burgle
8 Mortar boxes
9 Slippery
10 Liquid measures
11 Primates
13 Writer Uris
15 Priests
20 Money gusher

MEDIUM

SUDOKU

SUDOKU PUZZLE PROVIDED BY WWW.SUDOKUOTHTHEDAY.COM
VISIT THEM AND GET A NEW SUDOKU EVERY DAY!

WORD JUMBLE

KIANGGTNVIH
NCAPE IEP
YMAS
SFTIFGUN
RANSERIBREC

PUZZLE Solutions on page 13

KIDS' KORNER

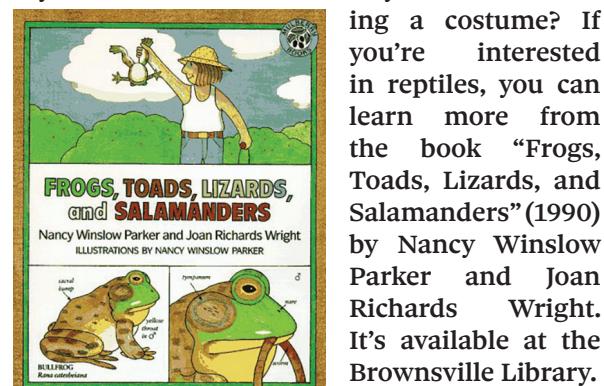
Frogs, Toads, Lizards, and Salamanders

By Nancy Diltz, Staff Writer

A small lizard was walking on my driveway one evening — Halloween evening, to be exact. Many trick-or-treaters had passed by the little guy, and no one noticed him until a boy called me outside to see "a lizard." When I saw it, I thought it was unlike any lizard I had ever seen before. It was about the size of my pinkie finger, so maybe it was a baby. I picked it up. It was slimy! Perhaps it was a salamander? It had a bright reddish-orange belly. Maybe it was a poison dart frog? No! It had a long, curly tail. Maybe it was a tadpole? Probably not.

I placed it safely in the grass, and when I went inside, I looked up the types of lizards in our area, hoping to identify it. I couldn't find any pictures or descriptions on any website that would help me identify this little reptile in my yard. My search, however, revealed some fascinating facts about lizards.

Did you know that the Mexican Bearded Lizard is thought to survive on only three meals a year? Some lizard species never drink water. Only one lizard species can swim: the Marine Galápagos lizard, which scrapes algae off rocks with its teeth! They can hold their breath for over an hour underwater. There are 7,100 types of lizards found worldwide. There are also over 700 kinds of salamanders. No wonder I had trouble figuring out which unique little creature visited my house on Halloween. Maybe it was wearing a costume? If you're interested in reptiles, you can learn more from the book "Frogs, Toads, Lizards, and Salamanders" (1990) by Nancy Winslow Parker and Joan Richards Wright.



ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS BY NANCY WINSLOW PARKER

FROGS, TOADS, LIZARDS, AND SALAMANDERS

NANCY WINSLOW PARKER AND JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT

ILLUSTRATIONS

AMERICAN LEGION

Moving On

By an ordinary seaman

If anything is certain, it's that no story is ever over, for the one we think is finished is only a chapter in a tale that will not be. The game is not done, but it is a long day with more innings than any man can count. We know this at Travis Moothart Post 184, where the calendar turns us over like a plow working a long field near the Calapooia.

A week or two ago, we had the Haunted House, where the terror was cheap and simple, and we were glad for the clean, shocked screams of the young and the delightful, startled yelp of that old gentleman who wandered through. It was a vacation from being ourselves, a pure moment of fear and laughter. But what you do, which is what you are, only has meaning in relation to other people, so we moved on.

We paraded into the Veteran's Day breakfast, which is one of those times that reminds you that if you could not accept the past and its burden, there would be no future. We honored the men and women who carried that weight, the cost of which you might see in their eyes. But you have to make the good out of the bad, because that is all you have got to make it out of.

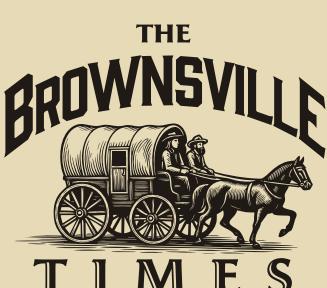
And now, here we are, facing the Festival of Trees. We will be preparing the trees for the tree artists, turning raw wood into a stage for beauty, a kind of necessary work that binds us to the community. We're the men who understand that you can only make the future out of the past, even if the work now means getting a little sap on our hands and a little weight around the middle from the Study Club's wonderful baking.



JOHN MORRISON

Left to Right: Sharon Banks, Jeff Brown, Norm Simms, Carl Frank, and Jim Weger

If you're a veteran, then you understand the past is always with us, but the direction of your feet must be forward. Stop by the Post most weekday mornings or call Jim Weger at 541-619-8976. ☀



Periodical postage paid at Brownsville, OR (USPS 0680-000).

Published every Thursday by The Brownsville Times, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

POSTMASTER: Send change of address to The Brownsville Times, PO Box 278, Brownsville OR 97327

SUBSCRIPTION RATES:

PRINT & DIGITAL yearly \$96 monthly \$8
DIGITAL ONLY yearly \$36 monthly \$3

Monthly subscriptions must be paid by credit card or ACH transfer. For ACH payments, please include a voided check.

Editor/Publisher: Mikayle Stole | editor@brownsvilletimes.org

Board of Directors:

Sharon Banks, Chair | thebrownsvilletimes@gmail.com

Don Andrews, Vice Chair

Dan Murphy, Secretary

Caroline Pearce, Treasurer

Jeff Brown, Anne Clarke, and Donald Lyon, Members at Large

Advertising: Jeff Brown 541-657-8148 | advertise@brownsvilletimes.org

Volunteer Coordinator: Nancy Diltz | misscabc@yahoo.com

Deadline for Advertising: Thursday at 5 p.m.

Deadline for Article Submissions: Friday at Noon.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: <https://brownsvilletimes.org/contact>EDITORIAL GUIDELINES: <https://brownsvilletimes.org/editorial-policy>

458-266-0511

343 N Main St

Brownsville OR

<https://brownsvilletimes.org/subscribe>

OHA to Increase Medicaid Payments and Improve Healthcare Access Across Oregon

SALEM — The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will increase payments to Oregon Health Plan (OHP) insurers, known as coordinated care organizations (CCOs), by an average of 10.2 percent per person in 2026 to help stabilize the state's Medicaid system. The move comes as health care costs, service utilization, and financial pressures on insurers continue to rise across the state.

More than 1.4 million Oregonians including low-income adults, children, older adults, and people with disabilities depend on OHP for coverage. The new rates aim to maintain access to care and protect provider networks while OHA works to manage long-term expenses.

"We're investing more now to protect the stability of our Medicaid system, but that means we must also be disciplined about controlling future costs," said OHA Director Sejal Hathi, M.D., M.B.A. "Our focus is on safeguarding access to care today while keeping the program strong for years to come."

OHA data show that Oregon's 16 CCOs collectively had a nearly break-even year in 2024, reporting an average net operating income of about \$ 129,000 — a margin of just 0.001 percent. Spending per member increased by over 10 percent between 2023 and 2024, and through mid-2025, the statewide margin was only 0.02 percent.

To balance higher payments, OHA is planning several cost-control measures. These include adjusting behavioral health funding, reducing bonuses through the CCO Quality Incentive Program, and narrowing eligibility for enhanced behavioral health payments to team-based care providers — a change that may take effect on Jan. 1, 2026, pending federal approval.

One notable local change affects Lane County, where PacificSource Health Plans will not renew its CCO contract for 2026. Trillium Community Health Plan, which currently serves about 36,000 people in the county, is expected to expand coverage to approximately 92,000 OHP members who are now enrolled with PacificSource. OHA is negotiating with PacificSource to continue service through Feb. 1, 2026, providing more than 90 days for a smooth transition. Members will receive notices and guidance from OHA and PacificSource in the coming weeks.

OHA will host forums in November and December to inform OHP members, providers, and community partners about these updates. Final 2026 rates are expected to be confirmed later this year. ☀

SERVING THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY

Is your Medicare Advantage plan ready for 2026?



Donald Lakeberg

LICENSED INDEPENDENT AGENT

✓ Advantage Plans

✓ Supplement Plans

✓ Prescription Drug Plans

PHONE: 503-737-4081



A Trusted Local Agency in Albany, Oregon

Email: DONALD@LAKEBERGGROUP.COM • WWW.LAKEBERGGROUP.COM

BROWNSVILLE LIBRARY

Stories, Decorations, and Books Galore

By Sherri Lemhouse, Brownsville Librarian

Each Friday, we host Story Time and More from 11a.m. to noon. Join us on Friday, November 21, for a special Story Time and help us make decorations for our "Feed the Birds Tree" for the Festival of Trees. We will have a short Story Time with former Preschool teacher Carolyn Jackson-Smith who will then guide us in making pinecone, peanut butter, and birdseed ornaments. Our library "Reada Roomba" will be well-fed that afternoon!

La Belle Provence

World Cultures and Travel Series continues at the Brownsville Library in the Kirk Room on Thursday, November 20, beginning at 7 p.m. by presenter Don Lyon, a former professional photographer and tour guide for more than 20 years. Join us for a pictorial tour of La Belle Provence. Other travel programs include pictorial tours of Turkish Treasure on February 19, 2026 and Australia's Wild Places on March 19, 2026. All programs are free and open to the public.



Annual Book Sale

Each year, we have an Annual Book Sale that fills our Kirk Room! There are books from all walks of life. Books are available for adults, juniors, and children; non-fiction (true) and fiction (made up). Many of these books are donated by our community. A few are books that have had to be pulled from the library collection. Paperbacks are \$0.50. Hardback, audio, and video are \$1. We will also have a limited amount of creatively (and beautifully) wrapped blind date books, starting at \$5 each. Volunteers have wrapped and decorated over 100 books for giving. Each book has a brief description of the book wrapped inside and some extra clues decorating the outside. Our Book Sale will run from Thursday, December 4-13, during normal library hours. Shop early, shop often!



Choose a wrapped "Blind Date" book — each one includes clues to its identity, but no spoilers!

on checking out books for your long holiday weekends! ☺

See page 14 for the Brownsville Library Calendar

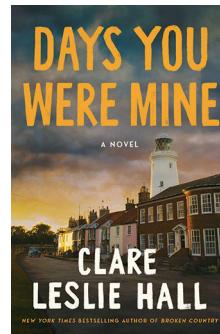
SHERRING BOOKS

New Reads Arrive on the Shelves

By Sherri Lemhouse, Brownsville Librarian

Adult Fiction

"Days You Were Mine" by Clare Leslie Hall is a story about Luke & Hannah who have a baby. Luke finally meets his birth mother, Alice, who seems like a doting grandmother, but is she? This Large Print book was donated by the Brownsville Women's Study Club



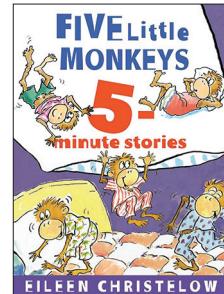
"The Intruder" by Freida McFadden. There is someone at your front door — should you let them in? Another large print thriller donated by the Brownsville Women's Study Club.

"The Secret Christmas Library" by Jenny Colgan is a heartwarming Christmas romance set in a Scottish castle. Sign me up! This book is also in large print.

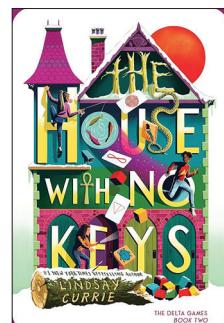
"The Secret of Secrets" by Dan Brown is book 6 in the Robert Langdon series. Robert Langdon is traveling

in Prague to attend a lecture by a prominent noetic scientist with whom he is in a relationship with. A murder turns the trip into chaos and Katherine has disappeared along with her manuscript.

"Famous" by Blake Crouch is about a man who goes to terrifying extremes to adopt his celebrity doppelganger's life.



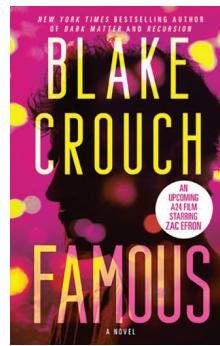
Tooth Drama" by Anna Dewdney. Children love these two books.



fantastic when adults and young people read the same books — let's talk!

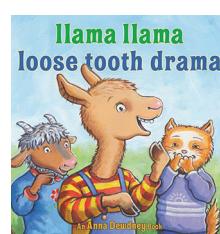
Young Adult Fiction

"Shut Up, This is Serious" by Carolina Ixta received the Pura Belpre' Young Adult Award and was a Morris Award Finalist. Belén wants normal stuff and Leti, her super-Catholic nerdy best friend, is pregnant by the boyfriend her parents don't know about... ☺



Children's Fiction

"Five Little Monkeys 5-Minute Stories" by Eileen Christelow has stories that are sure to delight your little monkeys at home!



"Llama Llama Loose Tooth Drama" by Anna Dewdney. Children love these two books.

Junior Fiction

"The House With No Keys" by Lindsay Currie is book 2 of the Delta Games series — one year later.

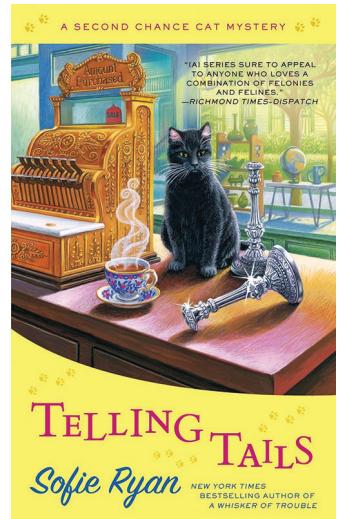
"Keeper of the Lost Cities" by Shannon Messenger, Books 1-5 was requested by two people last week. It's

BOOK REVIEW

A Clever Cat and a Cozy Mystery

By Nancy Diltz, Staff Writer

"Telling Tails" (2017) by Sofie Ryan is the fourth book in the "Second Chance Cat Mystery" series. It stands alone, so you do not have to read these books in order. "Telling Tails" starts right off with the mystery — a missing man. He is dead. Or is he? It is light-hearted fun with a cast of quirky characters, a few of whom are spry octogenarians who have formed their own detective business.



"There is something very fun about a series where the supporting cast is as interesting and important as the main character. I was guessing until the very end and loved the wit, humor, and classy banter of Sarah, Elvis (the cat), and the gang of older sleuths! Some memorable one-liners in this one for sure!" posted on Goodreads by Karen, January 8, 2017.

"In this novel, a New York Times bestseller, second-hand shop owner Sarah Grayson and her rescue cat Elvis are caught up in a case of 'she said, she said'... Now Sarah has nine lives worth of excitement," according to the Goodreads summary.

I personally found it a fun and quick read — a light murder mystery complete with a missing corpse. It was the perfect pick over a busy Halloween weekend and between World Series games.

Sofie Ryan is a pen name of Canadian author Darlene Ryan, who also writes as Sofie Kelly. Under the name Sofie Ryan, she pens the "Second Chance Cat" mysteries, beginning with "The Whole Cat and Caboodle" (2014). As Sofie Kelly, she writes the popular "Magical Cat" mystery series. Altogether, she has written about 30 books, several of which — under both names — are available in the Brownsville Library collection. ☺

HALSEY LIBRARY

Collecting Recipes for Community Cookbook

The Halsey Library Committee invites community members to share their favorite recipes for a new community cookbook. Whether it's a cherished family dish or a modern favorite, all are welcome, and the stories behind the recipes are encouraged.

Submissions can be made online, in person at City Hall or the library, or by emailing library@halseyor.gov. The cookbook project aims to celebrate local flavor and community by featuring recipes from Halsey residents and friends.

For more information, visit the library or contact the Halsey Library Committee.

Librarian Kaitlyn Watts has more seasonal events planned, offering neighbors additional chances to connect through creativity and learning. For more information, visit the Halsey Library or contact Librarian Kaitlyn Watts at library@halseyor.gov. ☺



SAIF Ag Safety Seminars: Local Dates in Corvallis & Eugene

SAIF will host free agricultural safety seminars at two nearby locations this season. Each session runs from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and includes lunch.

- Corvallis:** Thursday, Dec. 4
Benton County Event Center & Fairgrounds (110 SW 53rd St.)
- Eugene:** Friday, Dec. 5
Lane Events Center (796 W 13th Ave.)

Seminars cover machine guarding and energy control, the farm fire code, respiratory programs, and effective safety committee meetings. Webinars will also be offered in January and March (English and Spanish). Completing a seminar or webinar fulfills OSHA's annual four-hour training requirement for the small-farm inspection exemption (see box). Register at <https://www.saif.com/trainings/agricultural-seminars.html>.

Small-Farm OSHA Exemption (At a Glance)

To qualify for an exemption from random Oregon OSHA inspections, a small agricultural employer must meet all the following requirements.

- No serious accidents in the past two years that resulted from an OSHA rules violation (death, in-patient hospitalization, or less than three days lost time).
- Consultation completed within the last four years, with all hazards corrected.
- Annual training: Employer and principal supervisors complete at least four hours of AG safety/health instruction each year (attending a comprehensive on-site consultation also counts). Keep documentation.

Not exempt from inspections for:

- Agricultural labor housing or field sanitation
- Valid complaints filed with Oregon OSHA
- Fatalities, catastrophes, or accident investigations

Note: SAIF's 2025-26 seminar season includes sessions statewide and 10 Spanish-language seminars; all are open to anyone (not just SAIF policyholders). ☀

CENTRAL LINN SCHOOL DISTRICT NOVEMBER 13-28

Monday, Nov. 17

First Day of Winter Sports Practice - All Day

Thursday, Nov. 20

CLES Nov 20 - Picture Retakes

CLES STEAM Night - 5:30pm Dinner / 6-7pm Activities

Wednesday-Friday, Nov. 26-28

No School - Thanksgiving Break

PUZZLE KEY

Puzzles on page 10



TAKING ROOT

Rainy Day Chores and Master Gardener Training

By Donald Lyon, Staff Writer

Rainy days are here again. Now is a good time to service your gas-powered equipment. The owner's manual can be downloaded from the internet if yours is lost. For lawn mowers: fire it up until the oil is warm, then close the fuel valve until the mower runs out of fuel. While the oil is still warm, drain it out. This may involve turning the mower upside down. Drain any gasoline in the tank into a waste container along with the used oil. Add new oil. Clean or replace the air filter. Remove the blade and sharpen it with a grinding wheel or file.



DONALD LYON
End-of-season service for power equipment.

String trimmers, chain saws, and other two-stroke engines that use a gasoline-oil mixture may not have a fuel shutoff valve. Drain most of the fuel out, then start the engine and let it run dry. Letting the device run dry of fuel leaves you with a clean carburetor. Clean or replace the air filter. These are the minimum "winterizing" projects to ensure your gas-powered devices start on the first pull next spring. Gasoline should not be stored over the winter. Pour it into your car's gas tank.

Would you like to advance your gardening skills? There is no better way than to take the OSU Extension Master Gardener training course, which is offered every winter. Contact OSU Extension at 541-967-3871. The coursework combines in-class instruction, field trips, and online learning. The fee is quite reasonable if you promise to continue learning by serving as a volunteer helping at demonstration gardens, help desks at farmers' markets, and working at the OSU Extension office in Tangent. This "continuing education" is the key element that carries you from so-called master gardener to the real thing. I took the training in 2013 and continue learning every day — writing these columns, for example.

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

CENTRAL LINN JUNIOR HIGH

Cheer Squad Gears Up for Competition Season

For grades 5-8

Bring the energy, ignite the crowd, and show your athleticism with the Central Linn Game Day Competition Cheer Squad!

Practices begin Nov. 18, held Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:45-6:30 p.m., in the CLHS Cafeteria.

CENTRAL LINN GIRLS' SOCCER

Cobra Girls Blank Pleasant Hill 2-0 in First Round of State Championships

By Tony Koontz, Sports Editor

SWEET HOME — The Lady Cobras hosted the Pleasant Hill Billies at Sweet Home High School on Nov. 4 in the first round of the OSAA State Soccer Championships. The artificial turf field allowed both teams to showcase their skills unhampered by recent rain and wind.

Georgia Wahl scored off a corner kick by Maddie Durlinger with 10 seconds left in the first half. Isabelle Curtis added a second goal with 12 minutes remaining in the match. Goalie Hazel Huxford completed the shutout for Central Linn.

The Cobras advanced to face the fifth-seeded Aardvarks of Oregon Episcopal on Saturday, Nov. 8, again at Sweet Home High School, with a 5:30 p.m. start time. ☀

Cobra Girls Fall to Oregon Episcopal, Ending Season in State Quarterfinals

By Tony Koontz, Sports Editor

SWEET HOME — Central Linn's girls soccer team ended its playoff run Nov. 8 with a narrow 2-1 loss to Oregon Episcopal in the OSAA 2A State Quarterfinals at Sweet Home High School.

In 2024, the Cobras reached the state title game before falling to powerhouse Catlin Gabel 5-0. Returning players spent this season determined to make another run — and came within one goal of continuing that dream.

The Aardvarks, who Central Linn defeated 1-0 in last year's quarterfinals, found redemption this year. Despite the loss, the Cobras' improvement, heart, and grit were evident throughout the match.

Central Linn will lose six key seniors to graduation, but plans to rebuild with the same determination — and the same dream of winning the OSAA 2A Girls State Championship. ☀

CENTRAL LINN CROSS COUNTRY

Cobra Girls Place 15th at OSAA State Cross Country Championships

By Tony Koontz, Sports Editor

EUGENE — Central Linn's girls cross country team finished 15th overall at the OSAA 3A/2A/1A State Cross Country Championships, held Saturday, Nov. 8, at Lane Community College.

Sophomore Anya Griffith led the Cobras, placing 16th individually with a time of 19:42.24. Teammates Jayne Neal (54), Isabelle Curtis (91), Georgia Wahl (101), Maddie Durlinger (105), and Amelia Curtis (111) rounded out the team's scoring effort.

On the boys' side, Jackson Durlinger represented Central Linn as the team's lone competitor, placing 37th out of 90 runners in 18:01.28. ☀

Competitions take place in January and February.

For more information, contact Coach Chriszma at cheer@clrasports.org or 619-971-1660. ☀

Harrisburg Arts Academy Receives State Grant

HARRISBURG — Tri-County Performing Arts Inc., also known as Generations Arts Academy, received \$2,368 from the Oregon Arts Commission's Sustaining Arts Program for the fiscal year 2026.

The Harrisburg-based nonprofit is categorized in Group A, which includes organizations with annual expenses under \$150,000, located in the South Valley/Mid-Coast region, covering Linn County. The new grant formula offers unrestricted operating support to nonprofit arts groups across the state.

This year, the Oregon Arts Commission awarded \$1.76 million to 355 arts organizations across Oregon through the Sustaining Arts Program. Group A awards range from \$1,000 to \$3,000.

Generations Arts Academy (Tri-County Performing Arts Inc.), through its Generations Theater Company in Junction City, provides performing arts education and community theater opportunities for youth and adults throughout the Tri-County area. Its programs focus on fostering creativity, confidence, and collaboration through live performances and arts education.

Upcoming Shows

The company is currently presenting "Alice@Wonderland The Musical," a modern retelling of Lewis Carroll's classic tale that brings Alice and her cell phone to a digital-age Wonderland. Performances run Thursdays through Saturdays, Nov. 13–15 and Nov. 20–22 at 7:30 p.m., with several matinees options as well at 210 E. Sixth St. in Junction City. Tickets are available at <https://jcmainstage.com/index.html> or follow them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/GenerationsArtsAcademy>.

Next up is "Somethin' Special for Christmas," running November 28–29 and December 4–6 at 1420 Kalmia St. in Junction City. The holiday show pairs a heartwarming play with a catered dinner from Smokin' Gingers BBQ. Evening shows begin at 7:30 p.m., with Saturday matinees at 2 p.m. ASL interpretation will be available. More information on this show is available at <https://jctheater.com> or <https://www.facebook.com/GTCJC>. ☀

BROWNSVILLE LIBRARY CALENDAR

Parents & Pals Story Time

Wednesdays • 10–10:15 a.m. • A short story time followed by free play together.

Songs, Rhymes & More Story Time

Fridays • 11 a.m. • Story time with rhymes, songs, and a free craft activity.

Brownsville Stitchery Group

Wednesdays • 1–3 p.m. • Bring your project, have some fun, and get things done!

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.

World Cultures & Travel: France — La Belle Provence

Thursday, November 20 • 7–8 p.m. • Kirk Room

Travel photographer Donald Lyon presents "La Belle Provence," a photo exploration of southern France's lavender fields, markets, and medieval villages. Free and open to the public.

BROWNSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

146 Spaulding Ave., Brownsville • (541) 466-5454
Hours: Tues, Weds, Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.,
Thursday 1–7 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
<https://www.brownsvillecommunitylibrary.org>

OSP K-9 Millie Helps Uncover \$85,000 in Fentanyl During Linn County Traffic Stop

LINN COUNTY — Three Honduran nationals have been charged with trafficking two kilograms of fentanyl following a traffic stop on Interstate 5 near milepost 216 in Linn County.

According to court documents, on Oct. 30, an Oregon State Police K-9 trooper stopped a Toyota Camry after observing suspicious behavior and a traffic violation. The driver, identified as Oscar Bonilla-Sandoval, 24, was accompanied by Jonathan David Matamoros-Carcamo, 22, in the front passenger seat, and Jorge Adalberto Escoto-Andrade, 34, in the back seat.



During the stop, OSP K-9 Millie alerted to the odor of narcotics along the vehicle's lower passenger door seam. A search revealed a manufactured compartment, or "trap," hidden within the front passenger seat. Inside, troopers found a Smith and Wesson revolver sitting atop approximately two kilograms of suspected fentanyl, wrapped in tape and foil coated with cinnamon — a technique commonly used by traffickers to mask drug scent from canines.



The seized fentanyl has an estimated street value of \$85,000. Officers also confiscated approximately \$10,000 in bundled cash from Matamoros-Carcamo and about \$3,000 from Escoto-Andrade.

The three suspects were taken into custody and appeared before a federal magistrate judge in Eugene on Oct. 31. They were ordered detained pending further court proceedings. Each faces federal charges of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute, and possession with intent to distribute, more than 400 grams of fentanyl.

The case is being investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Oregon State Police, and the Springfield Police Department, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorney Joseph Huynh.

A criminal complaint is only an accusation of a crime, and a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid up to 100 times stronger than morphine and 50 times stronger than heroin. As little as two milligrams (just a few grains) can be fatal. The availability of illicit fentanyl has driven a sharp rise in overdose deaths across Oregon.

If you or someone you know is struggling with addiction, call the Lines for Life substance abuse helpline at 1-800-923-4357 or visit <https://www.linesforlife.org> for 24-hour support. You can also text "RecoveryNow" to 839863 2–6 p.m. daily. ☀

Go Solar with a Local Company You Can Trust
Serving the Willamette Valley
Free, No-Pressure Quotes
Top-Rated Customer Service
Real Renewable Energy Solutions that Work

County Commissioners Vote to Approve Coffin Butte Landfill Expansion

By Jeff Brown, Staff Writer

Final decision scheduled for Nov. 17 after a 2–1 vote in favor of the project

After months of hearings and public debate, the Benton County Board of Commissioners voted 2–1 on Nov. 4 to approve the long-contested expansion of the Coffin Butte Landfill north of Corvallis. The vote clears the way for Republic Services, which operates the site, to move closer to adding new disposal capacity that would extend the landfill's lifespan by several decades. The Board is expected to adopt its final written findings and decision on Monday, Nov. 17.

The expansion proposal reached the Board after Republic Services appealed the Benton County Planning Commission's decision to deny the project earlier this year. Commissioners considered testimony from that hearing along with new evidence submitted during the appeal process.

Opponents argue the expansion will worsen odors, truck traffic, and noise for nearby residents, while keeping Benton County dependent on waste imports from other regions. Supporters say it is necessary to maintain disposal capacity for western Oregon and contend that the project's design updates will reduce environmental impacts.

With county approval nearly finalized, Republic Services will next move into detailed design and seek final permits from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. The expansion area, located south of Coffin Butte Road, includes new disposal cells, updated methane-gas and stormwater systems, and upgraded access roads.

County staff will oversee compliance with conditions related to odor, leachate, and air-quality monitoring and will continue community engagement through the Coffin Butte Landfill Community Advisory Committee. The DEQ will conduct its own review before construction begins.

The Board's 2–1 vote marks a major turning point in one of Benton County's most debated land-use issues. Even with the expansion's approval pending final adoption, both supporters and opponents say discussions about long-term waste management and environmental stewardship are far from over. ☀

ADVANCED ENERGY SYSTEMS Trade Ally of EnergyTrust of Oregon **541.683.2345**

YOUR LOCAL SOLAR SOLUTION

PURE ENERGY GROUP

MILES HENDERSON
541-730 9899 miles@pureenergygroup.com

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

An individual's arrest or citation reported here does not imply guilt. Guilt or innocence is determined only through the judicial process.

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

Monday, November 3

12:30 a.m. — Emily Barker, 33, of Eugene was issued citations for driving uninsured and driving with a suspended license in the 300 block of N 3rd St, Harrisburg.

11:29 a.m. — Caller reported of a theft that had occurred on Oct. 30 in the 32900 block of Diamond Hill Dr, Harrisburg. Investigation ongoing, Report Pending.

12:16 p.m. — LCSO Civil Division conducted an eviction lockout in the 700 block of Kay Ave, Brownsville. The property was posted and turned over to the lawful representative.

2:41 p.m. — Deputy responded to a report of threats from a juvenile near Harrisburg at the 32900 block of Diamond Hill Dr and investigated possible crimes. Report Pending.

6:33 p.m. — Deputy responded to a juvenile

complaint reported at the 23600 block of Hwy 99E, Harrisburg.

7:28 p.m. — Caller reported mail theft in the 32000 block of Birdfood Dr, Tangent. Deputies took a report. Report pending.

Tuesday, November 4

3:20 a.m. — Corrine Anne Miller, 37, of Brownsville was issued a citation for speeding, 64 in a posted 45 mph zone at W Bishop Way/Pearl St, Brownsville.

8 a.m. — A deputy stopped a vehicle near the middle school after observing a violation and recognizing the vehicle from Facebook posts. Contrary to Facebook and the dozens of online comments the post received, LCSO had never received a report of said vehicle driving carelessly before. The driver was educated and made aware of the complaints and was given a warning for slightly expired registration in the 300 block of Smith St, Harrisburg.

8:40 a.m. — LCSO Civil Division conducted an eviction lockout in the 600 block of E 2nd St, Halsey. The property was posted and turned over to the lawful representative.

9:25 a.m. — Caller reported a dog bite in the 1000 block of Heckart Ln, Harrisburg. Deputy issued a quarantine order for the dog and a failure to lock up warning to the dog owner.

11:19 a.m. — Deputies informed a property owner of a trailer being a traffic hazard and it was moved out of the road by the owner in the 600 block of S 4th St, Harrisburg.

4:24 p.m. — Caller requested a welfare check in the 23600 block of Peoria Rd, Harrisburg. Deputy conducted the welfare check and she appeared safe and

cared for.

9:22 p.m. — Caller reported disorderly conduct from customer in the 33100 block of Hwy 228, Halsey. Deputies trespass customer from property.

11:18 p.m. — Deputy responded to a juvenile complaint in the 1000 block of S 6th St, Harrisburg. Investigation is on going, report pending.

Wednesday, Nov. 5

2:31 a.m. — Caller requested a welfare check on a family member at W 5th St/W E St, Halsey. Deputy contacted the family member who stated they were okay and did not need assistance.

5:02 a.m. — Deputy responded to a caller who requested mental health resources in the 400 block of W E St, Halsey.

8:40 a.m. — Georgia Severe, of Junction City was cited for driving while suspended, driving uninsured, failure to display license plates, and failure to register vehicle at Kesling St/S 2nd St, Harrisburg.

8:44 a.m. — Joseph Schwinghamer, 38, of Junction City, was cited for driving with a suspended driver's license and driving uninsured at Territorial St/N 3rd St, Harrisburg.

9:05 a.m. — Cody Wood, 42, of Junction City, was cited for driving with a suspended driver's license and failing to carry proof of insurance in the 300 block of S 2nd St, Harrisburg.

10:28 a.m. — Deputy warned resident for livestock at large in the 27800 block of Seven Mile Ln, Brownsville.

10:28 a.m. — Caller reported a travel trailer parked on the roadway in the 700 block of Templeton St, Brownsville. Deputy addressed the issue.

11:14 a.m. — Deputies were followed by an irate citizen in the 200 block of N Main St, Brownsville that was verbally harassing them while they tried to work. He was identified but committed no crimes.

1:31 p.m. — Caller reported a trespassing in the 600 block of E 2nd, Halsey. Deputies checked area for a person recently evicted from a location that had threatened to return.

9:10 p.m. — Caller reporting a continuation of telephonic harassment from an ex in the 25000 Brush Creek Rd, Sweet Home. Investigation is ongoing, report pending.

Thursday, November 6

10:25 a.m. — Caller reported a driving complaint at Bowers Dr/Powerline Rd, Harrisburg. Deputy spoke with a juvenile regarding dangerous driving behavior.

3:08 p.m. — Bridgette Mittleider, 45, of Harrisburg was issued a citation for driving uninsured in the 100 block of N 4th St, Harrisburg.

4:18 p.m. — Melinda Brakefield, 40, of Harrisburg was issued a citation in lieu of arrest for a warrant for reckless driving in the 500 block of S 6th St, Harrisburg. Report pending.

Friday, November 7

4:07 a.m. — Y. Wang, 51, of Eugene received a traffic citation for failing to obey a traffic control device in the 27600 block of Hwy 99E, Halsey.

4:16 a.m. — Corrine Anne Miller, 37, of Brownsville was issued a citation for speeding, 75 in a posted 45 mph zone at Bishop Way/Pearl St, Brownsville.

10:02 a.m. — Caller reported finding a sleeping bag on private property in

the 100 block of Spaulding Ave, Brownsville. No owner information.

1:56 p.m. — Deputies responded to a non-injury motor vehicle crash at Diamond Hill Dr/N Coburg Rd, Harrisburg.

Saturday, November 8

3:52 p.m. — Caller reported a civil issue in the 400 block of Faust St, Brownsville. Deputy spoke with individuals involved.

5:44 p.m. — Malachi Nickelson, 31, of Harrisburg was arrested for Criminal Trespass II in the 300 block of N 3rd St, Harrisburg. Report pending.

8:40 p.m. — Caller reported a civil dispute over property in the 600 block of W 3rd St, Halsey.

9:18 p.m. — Caller reported disorderly conduct in the 200 block of Smith St, Harrisburg. Deputies trespassed the customer.

10:12 p.m. — Deputies assisted OSP with a menacing investigation at N 3rd St/Territorial St, Harrisburg.

10:45 p.m. — Kimberly Jo Celeste, 49, of Eugene was arrested for a probation violation and lodged at the Lane County Jail. Kimberly was also issued a citation in lieu of custody for unlawful possession of meth in the 200 block of N 1st St, Harrisburg.



Sherri, Melissa, and a fellow crafter enjoy an afternoon of creativity during the Brownsville Stitchery Group's weekly gathering. The group meets Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m.—bring your project, have some fun, and get things done!

The Hottest thing in town... Besides you.

Gas Fireplace or electric, new install or service, we've got the spark you've been waiting for. Find your new flame!

Stephens
HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING, INC.

CCB #33426

541-754-1681
www.stephensheating.com

emergence
addiction and behavioral therapies

RECOVERY, FOR THE FUTURE YOU WANT.

4emergence.com
541-967-6597

From your home to your land, these businesses work hard to keep our community looking its best — and they help keep The Brownsville Times going strong.

Fernando Ledesma
General Contractor L&F LLC
Lawn Service
 Free Estimates
 • Mulch • Mow • Weeding
 • Clean-UPS • Pruning
 • Pressure Washing

541-730-0037

UniversalGeneralConstruction3@gmail.com
541-981-9144
 CEO: Bulmaro R.
 CCB: 250302
 Free Estimates!
 New Construction • Remodeling • Patios
 Siding • Windows/Doors • Flooring • Fences
 Painting • Flat Concrete • Porch Cover Remodel



Tree Fix
 TREE PROBLEMS SOLVED



Scott Schones • Cell: 541-961-9699
 34265 Powell Hills Loop, Shedd, Oregon 97377
 treefixmail@gmail.com • www.treefix.net
 LICENSED, BONDED, INSURED




ALYRICA
 INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER
 Local | Transparent Pricing | 30-Day Satisfaction Guarantee | Community Focused

 541-929-3330 541-368-2425 alyrica.net

YOUR LOCAL
**ASPHALT
PAVING**
**EXCAVATION
SERVICE**
**SITE PREP
& MORE**
**CALL FOR
FREE
ESTIMATE!**



BLACK STONE
 CALL: 541-936-0886
 1412 AIRPORT RD, LEBANON, OR 97355

INSTALL • RESURFACE • REPAIR
 CCB#225744



Full-service Chip Seal Paving
 • Residential Driveways
 • Commercial Parking Lots
 • Pavement Maintenance
503-673-3399
WeGotAsphalt.com
 Paving the Willamette Valley Since 1998

THE BROWNSVILLE TIMES



NORTHERN ROCK SUPPLY LLC
 ALL YOUR ROCKING NEEDS: drain rock
 crushed rock • rip rap • pit run • loam sand
 bark dust • old chips • cat work • backhoe work
FREE ESTIMATES
 No job is too big or too small!
 Larry 541-979-8241 • Cody 541-974-3277
 CCB #124385

Carl Conner
 PRESIDENT • CCB: 203129
 VETERAN-OWNED COMPANY ★
 LICENSED • BONDED • INSURED
 HVAC SERVICE
 Cell: 541.214.1131
 Fax: 541.466.5807
 carl202@centurytel.net
 P.O. Box 455 • Brownsville, OR 97327



**NORM'S
ELECTRIC INC.**
 Electric Contractors Since 1971
 279 Templeton Ave • PO Box 28
 Brownsville, OR 97327
Electrical Material Available
 • Residential • Commercial • Agricultural
 541-466-5328 • CCB #55960

D & D STORAGE

 Storage Units, Inside and Outside
 RV/Boat Storage
 Located in Brownsville
(541)990-1992

**CASCADE
Timber Consulting, Inc.**
 Land Management Services, Logging,
 & Road/Driveway Maintenance.
 541-367-2111 • www.cascadetimber.com
 PO Box 446 • 3210 Highway 20 • Sweet Home, OR

**H & A Sisters
CLEANING COMPANY LLC**
 Regular House Cleaning, Deep Cleaning
 Bi-weekly, Monthly or one time
541-513-1929
 Sisterscleaning79@gmail.com
 "Thank you for letting us give
 your home some love"

– Free Estimates –

 • General
 Construction
 • Interior
 • Exterior
 • Residential
 Call Damian Torres 503-551-2837 CCB#254413
 dtrpaintingllc13@gmail.com

A FULL SERVICE TIMBER COMPANY



KYLE TURNER
 PROJECT MANAGER
 541-393-7424
 neworegonforestry.com
 neworegonforestry@gmail.com

Specializing in purchasing timber and
 land, offering a seamless process that
 ensures fair and competitive evaluations

JC JIMENEZ QUALITY HOMES
 NEW BUILDS • REMODELS
 GENERAL CONTRACTOR • J. Carlos Jimenez
 541-224-1195 • jucaji_22@MSN.com
 CCB #235048

Carlson Hardware & Lumber Yard
 111 Standard Ave.
 Brownsville
 (541) 466-5108
 Monday-Saturday 8-5



Family
 owned &
 operated
 since 1942

