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Jerry Anthony: The Quiet Backbone of Brownsville

As told by Bobbie Jo Rose and Jen Anthony to Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer and Columnist

Some people shape a town without ever seeking recognition. Jerry Anthony was one of those people.

Born on June 2, 1938, in International Falls, Minnesota, Jerry moved to Oregon at age 6, where he learned to work alongside his father at Wheeler Brother Farms. There, he developed the skills and work ethic that would define his life.

In 1958, Jerry married Judy Geil. Although the marriage did not last, he stayed connected to her family and, in 1972, purchased the local gas station from his former father-in-law, John Geil. The station had been in the Geil family since 1955 and was formerly known as Johnny's Rocket Gas Station. Jerry renamed it "Jerry's."



Jerry was often found enjoying a good cigar.

To this day, everyone still calls it Jerry's — even though there is no sign there.

For more than 50 years, Jerry owned and operated the station. It became more than a business. It was a place where neighbors gathered, kids learned to fix bike tires, and people found help when they needed it most.

In a personal account, Bobbie Rose stated: "Long before I was born, Jerry became part of my family.

In 1976, my biological grandfather, Jeff Stires, was killed during the filming of "Flood!" when a bridge collapsed. Jerry, then the local fire chief, was among those who tried to save him. Though he could not, years later he helped rebuild our family by marrying my grandmother, Lewanda. He became the only grandpa I ever knew.

His home was a second home to all of us.



Top Left: Jerry's Senior portrait. Top: Jerry as a child. Bottom: Jerry and Judy (Geil) Anthony on their wedding day in 1958.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Cora Cox and a Rare Legacy of Black Landownership in Oregon

By Mikayle Stole, Editor

Between the Oregon Donation Land Act of 1850 and the Emancipation Proclamation in 1865, only a handful of Black people owned property in Oregon. Among those rare individuals, Cora Ann Cox stands out not only for what she achieved but also for how deliberately she protected what she built.



The former home of Cora Cox still sits today just south of Brownsville's city limits.

Cora Cox is one of only four documented Black property owners in Oregon during that period. Her home near Brownsville, built in 1864, remains a rare surviving example of a house owned and occupied by a formerly enslaved Black woman in early Oregon.

Cora was born around 1827 in Virginia. In 1937, she was sold into slavery in New Orleans to a woman named Emeline, who later married Samuel Johnson. Drawn west by the Donation Land Act, the Johnsons traveled the Oregon Trail and arrived in Oregon in 1853, taking Cora with them. At the time, Black people were legally barred from settling in Oregon, though the laws were unevenly enforced.

Samuel Johnson claimed land near present-day Brownsville, where Cora lived and worked. After Johnson drowned in the Calapooia River in 1858, Emeline married Jefferson Huff. Records indicate that Huff owned an enslaved man named John, believed to be the man who later became Cora's husband. Together, Cora and John had two daughters, Adaline and Angeline.

In 1864, Cora was given an extraordinary opportunity. She purchased 36 acres of land from Emeline for \$10. The deed

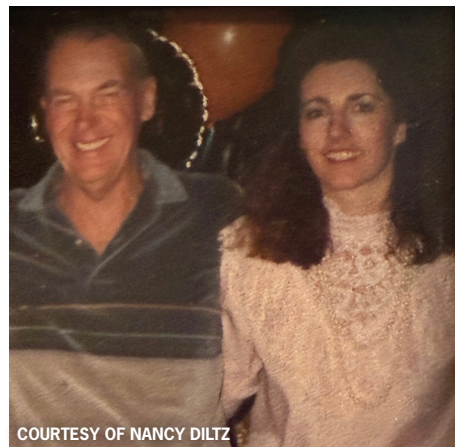
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HEART HEALTH MONTH

A Personal Journey Through Loss, Survival, and Heart Health

By Nancy Diltz, Staff Writer and Columnist

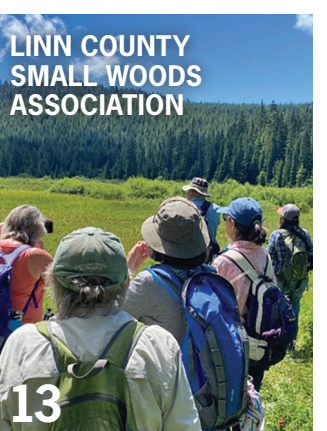
When the phone jolts you awake at two a.m., you instinctively brace for bad news. I was 34 years old and pregnant. My dad had died. My dad. The loss was staggering. He had gone for a walk earlier that day near the Wild Iris Trailhead in southwest Eugene. He had a massive heart attack at only 64. When the condolence cards came, they said things like, "He was the healthiest person I know." He played tennis and golf, jogged, and square-danced. He ate well, didn't smoke, and took his medication. I found out then that he had not been expected to live past his 30s due to high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and a heart irregularity, all genetic. By taking his meds and living an active, healthy lifestyle, he actually extended his life by over three decades beyond what doctors had predicted.



Nancy and her father in 1986.

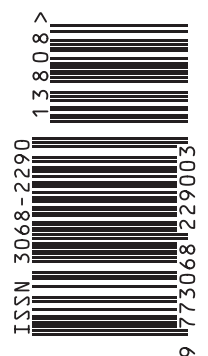
Later in life, about eight years ago, my husband, Craig, had recurring chest pain. The ER sent him home without a diagnosis. The pain returned. After an echocardiogram, evidence of a cardiac aortic aneurysm was detected. Also known as one of the "widow makers" or a silent killer, aortic aneurysms require prompt repair. Open-heart surgery, a bovine (cow) valve replacement, a coronary artery reattachment, and a pericardiocentesis, all performed by a skilled and dedicated surgeon, kept him alive. There were times when we were not sure he would make it.

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MAILING LABEL BELOW

\$2.00



ONGOING EVENTS

Free Coffee, Donuts, & Fellowship

Wednesdays • 9:30 a.m. • Central Valley Church,
657 American Dr., Halsey (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.

Friday Morning Veteran's Breakfast

Fridays • 8-10 a.m. • Elmer's Restaurant
2802 Santiam Hwy SE, Albany • 541-928-4227

Join fellow veteran's over a cup of coffee and plate
of good food as stories are shared, memories made,
and friendships created. All Veterans are welcome.

Karaoke Saturdays at The Honey Hole

Saturdays • 7 p.m. • The Honey Hole Bar & Grill
10 W 1st St, 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.

Modern Square Dance Lessons

Sundays • 5:30-7:30 p.m.
The first class is free. \$6 per person or \$15 per family.
Lebanon Senior Center, 80 Tangent St., Lebanon

Beginner-friendly modern square dance lessons led
by caller Shaun McKamey. No partner or experience
required. First class free; \$6 per person or \$15 per
family. All ages welcome.

<https://www.lebanonsquarecirclers.com>
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

World Cultures & Travel:**Turkish Treasure**

Thursday, February 19 • 7 p.m.
Kirk Room, Brownsville Community Library

Travel photographer Donald Lyon shares photogra-
phy and stories from more than a dozen trips to west-
ern Turkey, blending history, culture, and personal
experience.

Linn County Kennel Club Show

Friday-Sunday, Feb. 20-22 • 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Free admission; \$5 parking fee
Linn County Expo, 3700 Knox Butte Rd E, Albany
Watch canine competitions including conformation
and agility trials. Free admission; \$5 parking. Only
entered dogs permitted on the grounds.
<https://www.linncountykennelclub.org>
503-394-3693.

Calapooia Food Alliance Munch Night

Friday, Feb. 20 • 6 p.m. • \$15 donation
American Legion Post 184, 339 N Main St.,
Brownsville

Enjoy a vegetarian meal of baked potatoes with all
the fixings while Margot Schwartz highlights the 2026
Tarweed Folk School classes including her course on
dairy goats and making fresh chèvre. Bring your own
place setting and a non-alcoholic beverage.
541-654-2052

Not Your Grandma's Bingo

Mar. 2 • 6:30-8 p.m.
Dixie Creek Saloon, 32994 OR-99E, Tangent

Ages 21+ bingo night hosted by Tangent Together,
featuring humor, cash prizes, and \$1 game cards.

**STAY CONNECTED
WITH CENTRAL LINN!**

Discover upcoming events or add
your own to our community calendar:

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

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What can we do to protect our hearts and
live a heart-healthy life? The American Heart
Association's guidelines include "Life's Essential
8":

1. **Eat Whole Foods**, including plenty of fruits
and vegetables, lean protein, nuts, and
seeds, and use non-tropical oils such as
olive and canola.
2. **Be More Active:** Adults should get at least 2
½ hours (or 75+ minutes) of vigorous phys-
ical activity per week.
3. **Quit Tobacco**, or better yet, don't start.
4. **Get Healthy Sleep**, 7-9 hours every night.
Children and teens need even more.
5. **Manage Weight**, achieving and maintain-
ing a healthy weight and BMI.
6. **Control Cholesterol**, knowing your HDL
and LDL numbers. Work with your doctor
to monitor and regulate cholesterol.
7. **Manage Blood Sugar**, discussing your A1c
and glucose levels with your physician.
8. **Manage your Blood Pressure;** keeping it
below 120/80 mmHg is optimal. Use a
blood pressure cuff at home to get an ac-
curate picture of your blood pressure, then
discuss it with your doctor.

In my family, we work to meet the Essential 8
guidelines. It is not easy. With arthritis and older
age, the vigorous exercise recommendation can
be difficult, especially in the winter months. An
alternative is to aim for a moderate level of ac-
tivity by raising your heart rate to 50-75 percent
of your "maximum." To monitor this, a good
heart rate measurement can be obtained using a
smartphone health app, a FitBit, an Apple Watch,
or other wearable fitness devices. Your personal
ballpark maximum heart rate can be determined
by subtracting your age from 220. Exercise can be
enjoyable. I golf, walk, hike, swim, and use Silver
Sneakers live video classes. Yet another challenge
is weight. It's a journey.

The heart is our center of love and connection.
It is a workhorse muscle that must be cared for.
February is American Heart Month, an excellent
time to pause and review your heart health goals
and tell someone special that you love them. 🌻

CALAPOOIA
Food Alliance

**BROWNSVILLE
COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Would you like to have a garden but
don't have enough space? Want to grow
to donate to food banks in our area?
Well, you're in luck! We have plots
available for the 2026 season! For the
low flat rate of \$70 for a 10x40 in
ground plot and \$40 for one of our
premium 8x4 raised beds.
(March '26-Feb '27).

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TO RESERVE YOUR PLOT



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WWW.CALAPOOIAFOODALLIANCE.ORG

TANGENT TOGETHER

**Oregon 250 Grant to
Support Harvest Festival
Kids' Village**

By Mikayle Stole, Editor

TANGENT — Tangent Together has been
awarded grant funding from the America 250
Oregon Commission to support new interactive
activities at the annual Tangent Harvest Festival.

The funding, part of the statewide Oregon 250
Grant Program commemorating America's 250th
anniversary in 2026, will help launch the Oregon
Harvest Games in the festival's Kids' Village. The
hands-on activities will give children the oppor-
tunity to explore how agricultural tasks were
performed historically and how they are carried
out today.

Marcy Hermens, a director with Tangent
Together and staff writer for The Brownsville
Times, wrote the successful grant proposal on
behalf of Tangent Together.

"I was so excited when we learned the grant was
approved," Hermens said. "Writing this proposal
gave us the chance to think creatively about how
we can make the Tangent Harvest Festival even
more meaningful. The Oregon Harvest Games in
the Kids' Village will give children and families
a hands-on way to connect with our agricultural
roots — showing how tasks were done histori-
cally and how they're done today. It's a fun way
to honor our heritage while investing in the next
generation."

The Oregon 250 Grant Program was estab-
lished to support inclusive, community-focused
projects that highlight Oregon's diverse histories
and traditions. In this second funding cycle,
grants of up to \$3,000 were awarded to organi-
zations statewide.

For Tangent, a community deeply rooted in
agriculture, the grant affirms the importance of
telling its story through experience rather than
display alone. Festival organizers say the new
games will be age-appropriate, interactive, and
educational, reinforcing the Harvest Festival's
role as both a celebration and a learning
opportunity.

The Tangent Harvest Festival has long served
as a gathering place for families and neighbors.
With the addition of the Oregon Harvest Games,
organizers hope to deepen children's under-
standing of local farming traditions and create
memories that connect past, present, and future.

Planning for the expanded Kids' Village is
underway as Tangent Together prepares for the
2026 festival season. 🌻

**Help Bring the 1950s
Back to Brownsville**

As Brownsville prepares to celebrate the 40th
Anniversary of the filming of "Stand by Me" this
July, the Brownsville Museum invites community
members to search their closets, trunks, and at-
tics for period clothing from the 1950s.

We are seeking donations or loaned items such
as:

- Jeans, T-shirts, button-up shirts, and
jackets
- Dresses, poodle skirts, white cotton blous-
es, sweaters, and cardigans
- Shoes, hats, and accessories from the era

These pieces will help citizens and visitors step
back in time and dress the part to truly experi-
ence the spirit of "Stand by Me" and the 1950s.

If you have items to donate or lend, please drop
them off at the museum. Your contribution will
help make this anniversary celebration unfor-
gettable — and keep our shared history alive. 🌻

Preserving Linn County's Past, One Photo at a Time

The Pioneer Picture Gallery: Home to a Growing Historic Collection

By Sharon Banks, Staff Writer and Columnist



STEPHEN A. BRENNER

Marilee Frazier identifies and records details from historic photographs before they are scanned and entered into a searchable digital database. Each completed photo is marked with a small blue dot to indicate it has been digitally preserved.

BROWNSVILLE — The tradition of sharing historic photographs at Brownsville's Pioneer Picnic dates back to the 1940s, when Ed Lowden would arrive with his personal collection and display images of the community's past. In the years that followed, other residents joined in, bringing their own photographs to be exhibited at the Community Arts Building during the picnic.

From 1963 to 1973, Charley and Teresa Fullager served as curators of the growing collection. Betty McKinney continued that work from 1973 to 1995, and Bertha Holmes Carver took over in 1995.



STEPHEN A. BRENNER

Tim Stoll adjusts a display panel while Betsy Ramshur, center, and Holly Gosda assist at the Pioneer Picture Gallery in Brownsville. Volunteers continue organizing and preserving historic photographs as part of the Pioneer Picnic Association's ongoing digitization efforts.

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cited "faithful services rendered," yet the property was recorded solely in Cora's name — an unusual distinction for a woman, especially a Black woman, in the 1860s. Whether freed shortly before or after the purchase, Cora became one of Oregon's earliest Black landowners.

The modest house John Cox built that same year became the family's home. Tragedy soon followed. Both of Cora's daughters died young, within a year of each other, in 1865 and 1866. Despite these losses, Cora remained active in the community and in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and she publicly celebrated emancipation by attending an 1868 Emancipation Day dinner in Salem.

After John Cox's death in 1875, Cora took steps to secure her future and legacy. In 1883, she drafted a will that carefully outlined her final wishes, including a donation to Willamette University. Her foresight and determination were rare for

any woman of the era and remarkable for someone born into slavery.

While the Community Arts Building provided a public space for viewing the photographs, it lacked heat and could be damp during the winter months, making it less than ideal for long-term photo storage and preservation.

Recognizing the need to protect these irreplaceable images, the Pioneer Picnic Association assumed responsibility for the collection. With space provided by the City of Brownsville and the dedication of a volunteer team, the association began the careful work of cataloging and scanning historic photographs to preserve them for the digital age.

Each photo is identified with as much information as possible, assigned a number, and scanned into a searchable database. Once cataloged and scanned, photographs are marked with a small blue dot to indicate that a digital copy is safely preserved and available for reference.

Current volunteers include Tim Stoll, who hosts events, keeps the center open on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and is never afraid to climb a ladder when needed. Marilee Frazier also helps host and is known for offering private tours almost anytime, especially if you catch her at the senior center. Lisa Keizer, though not present at this interview, can arrange appointments by calling 541-466-5656 or 541-619-3015. Holly Gosda was scanning photos in the back room during the most recent session.

Thanks to the ongoing efforts of the Pioneer Picnic Association and its volunteers, Brownsville's photographic history is being carefully preserved, ensuring these visual stories of the community will remain a treasured resource for generations to come. ☼

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Cora sold her land in the Brownsville area in 1886 and spent her final years in town. She died in 1891 and was buried alongside her husband and daughters in the Brownsville Pioneer Cemetery.

Today, the Cora Cox House stands as a quiet reminder that Black pioneers were part of Oregon's earliest communities — not only surviving but also shaping the state's history through resilience, ownership, and determination.

This article draws on the Linn County Inventory of Historic Resources: Cora Cox House (Oregon State Historic Preservation Office), Linn County deed and probate records, "A Peculiar Paradise: A History of Blacks in Oregon, 1788-1940" by Elizabeth McLagan, Linn County Historical Museum publications, and past reporting in The Brownsville Times. ☼

CALAPOOIA FOOD ALLIANCE

Tarweed Folk School Comes to Munch Night, February 20

By Donald Lyon, Staff Writer and Columnist

There is a movement in the land to reconnect with the skills and daily rhythms of the past, when people gathered wild foods (or went hungry), when they made their own tools and clothing (or had none), and when they sang their own songs (or were silent). Now, as our society rushes headlong into a jumbled and confusing future, the Tarweed Folk School slows it all down, reminding us to treasure the rhythms of the land.



COURTESY OF TARWEED FOLK SCHOOL

Fresh chèvre spread on a crisp cracker highlights the simple, handmade foods celebrated by Tarweed Folk School and the Calapooia Food Alliance at this month's Munch Night.

Margot Schwartz will talk about the unusual classes offered in Corvallis, such as making wooden bowls on a spring pole lathe, chocolate making, and growing herbs to help build immunity. These

are just a few of the classes offered this spring and summer. Margot's particular passions, dairy goat raising and making goat cheese, will be discussed as well. Goat cheese has fewer calories and more vitamins and minerals than other cheeses, and it is easier to digest, they say. And I say, goat cheese tastes better.

Your Calapooia Food Alliance will prepare baked potatoes with all the fixings imaginable, a lovely green salad, and two desserts. You bring your own place setting, a nonalcoholic beverage, and \$15. The American Legion Hall is at 339 N. Main in Brownsville. Dinner at 6 p.m., program at 7 p.m. All welcome. Your CFA — building community one bite at a time — gocfa.org. Questions? Call Don at 541-654-2052. ☼



GROCERY LIST

Canned Goods

- Canned Tuna
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Corned Beef
- Canned Beef
- Complete Meals
- Canned Spaghetti
- Canned Ravioli
- Canned Soup
- Canned Corn
- Canned Fruit
- Pork and Beans
- Ketchup

Grains & Breads

- Bread
- Buns
- English Muffins
- Cereal
- Crackers

Snacks

- Fresh Fruit
- Fresh/Powdered Milk
- Cheese
- Spices

Please no expired items.



- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Soap
- Laundry soap

HALSEY CITY COUNCIL

Street Vacation Tabled, Council Sets 2026–27 Goals

The Halsey City Council met Tuesday, Jan. 13, at City Hall, with all councilors present and Mayor Jerry Lachenbruch presiding.

During the delegations, Linn County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Frambes reported 13 traffic stops in December and described Halsey as one of the safest cities in the county. He also addressed concerns about drivers failing to stop at signs near D Street. Deputy Sukle visited the elementary school for lunch with students.

City Administrator Briana Parra reported that the city's well project may be exempt from or qualify for a lower-level environmental impact study, pending review by the Environmental Protection Agency. The city also amended its contract with Branch Engineering for a stormwater infiltration repair project within the wastewater system, adding additional priority areas to better position Halsey for future grant opportunities.

Staff continue to address code enforcement cases involving debris and discarded vehicles.

The Council discussed moving the annual Spring Clean-Up event earlier in the spring, ahead of the June garage sale weekend, and agreed that the change could be beneficial.

In a public hearing, council considered a proposed vacation of portions of West A and West B streets between West 6th and West 7th streets. After reviewing the staff report, the council voted unanimously to table the matter for future discussion.

During new business, the council unanimously adopted its 2026–2027 Council Goals and appointed the city administrator as budget officer for the upcoming fiscal year. The council also unanimously approved the fiscal year 2026–2027 budget calendar.

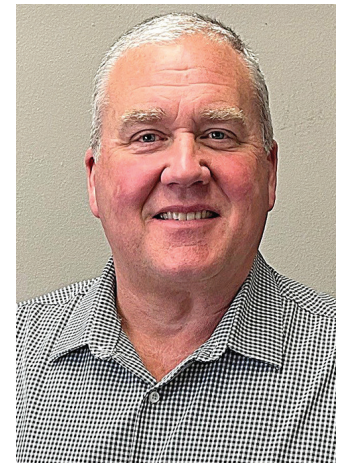
The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. ☼

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Linn County is Issuing Building Permits Quickly

By Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer

ALBANY — The Linn County Planning & Building Department usually takes fewer than 10 days to issue a building permit if the application was complete when submitted, director Steve Wills told Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Sherrie Sprenger, and Will Tucker at their February 10 board meeting.



Steve Wills, director of the Linn County Planning & Building Department.

Wills, who has headed up the Planning & Building Department for about 3½ years, said that Linn County's quick turnaround time caught the attention of a national database company called "shovels". According to a graphic produced by "shovels", Linn County is the only county in Oregon that consistently issues permits in 10 or fewer days.

Wills said the permitting clock stops if an application is incomplete and restarts when the necessary information is added.

According to "shovels", some counties in Oregon and across the country, routinely take more than 70 days to issue a permit.

Wills said after the meeting that his goal has been to create an efficient department, which includes cross-training all staff members.

"This gives us an opportunity to better serve the public and that is why we are here," Wills said.

All three commissioners were pleased with the news and the quality service provided to the public.

Board Chair Nyquist said he believes Linn County residents appreciate streamlined and efficient government services.

"People realize that time is money and the longer it takes to process a permit application, costs go up," Nyquist said.

Wills also reported there were 43 land use permits issued in January, compared to 49 in January 2025. There were 296 total building permits issued compared to 260 a year ago.

There were 25 permits for dwellings, two for single-family units, six for manufactured homes, 14 for additions or alterations, and three for accessory buildings.

Of the 296 total permits, 38 required a plan review, compared to 32 a year ago.

There were 27 permits issued within contract cities, compared to 23 a year ago.

Nine code enforcement cases were opened, and eight cases were closed in January. ☼

Earned Income Tax Credits Could Mean Thousands More for Oregon Families

Families in Brownsville, Halsey, Shedd, Tangent, and surrounding communities may be leaving thousands of dollars unclaimed at tax time.

According to the Oregon Department of Revenue, a single parent with two young children earning \$24,000 could receive more than \$12,000 in combined refunds by claiming the federal Earned Income Tax Credit, the federal Child Tax Credit, the Oregon Earned Income Credit, and the Oregon Kids Credit.

State officials say more than 20 percent of eligible Oregonians do not claim the federal Earned Income Tax Credit. An earlier study by the Internal Revenue Service found Oregon ranked last in participation in 2020, though rates have since improved to more than 78 percent.

The federal Earned Income Tax Credit is fully refundable, meaning taxpayers can receive money back even if they owe no income tax. For tax year 2025, families may qualify for up to \$8,046 federally and up to \$966 through Oregon's Earned Income Credit. Some workers without children may also qualify.

Oregon's Kids Credit provides up to \$1,050 per

child under age 6 for families earning \$26,550 or less, with partial credits available up to \$31,550 in income.

Importantly, individuals may qualify for these credits even if they are not otherwise required to file a return. However, they must file both federal and state tax returns to receive refundable credits.

The Department of Revenue encourages electronic filing and direct deposit for faster refunds. Free tax preparation assistance is available at sites across the state, and eligibility tools are available online.

As we have reported previously, filing electronically and claiming all eligible credits can significantly increase refunds for working families across Central Linn County.

For more information about refundable tax credits, visit the Oregon Department of Revenue website and use the interactive map to find free tax preparation sites near you. Details about the federal Earned Income Tax Credit are available at <https://www.eitc.irs.gov>.

For questions about Oregon taxes, contact the Oregon Department of Revenue at 503-378-4988 or email questions.dor@dor.oregon.gov. ☼

Computer Kiosk in Eugene DOR Office Offers Free E-Filing

EUGENE — With paper tax return processing delayed this year, the Oregon Department of Revenue is encouraging taxpayers in Central Linn County to file electronically — even if they do not have a computer at home.

The nearest free public computer kiosk is available at the department's Eugene regional office, 1600 Valley River Drive, Suite 310. Taxpayers can use the kiosk to file their Oregon personal income tax return through Direct File Oregon, an interview-based program similar to commercial

tax software.

Because the IRS was delayed in providing necessary tax information, Oregon will not begin processing paper returns until late March. Refunds for e-filed returns began Feb. 17, while paper return refunds are expected in early April.

The Eugene office kiosk is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. More information is available at https://www.oregon.gov/dor/programs/individuals/Pages/direct_file_OR.aspx. ☼

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CITY OF BROWNSVILLE

City's New Website Reflects Years of Work and Smart Decisions

By Stephen Brenner, Staff Writer and Columnist

City Manager Scott McDowell recently discussed the new website, now live at <https://www.ci.brownsville.or.us>. It's been a long, sometimes difficult transition. In 2003, Bill Sattler developed the first site in raw HTML code using the Dreamweaver website editing software. When Scott arrived as city manager in 2006, he took over development with Dreamweaver until 2017. Around that time, a Microsoft glitch was causing major problems with the website. It was time to look for an alternative development solution. The city wanted a small local firm that would be affordable and responsive to its needs. They found and hired Portland-based Aha Consulting, which had fresh designs and advanced capabilities. They developed a website that was appreciated for many years. After its first three years, Aha Consulting was sold to a regional municipal website platform, and a year later that company was purchased by a national company.

Over time, new features were needed, including a design compatible with smartphones. The website had been developed in the content management system (CMS) called Drupal. That system worked well until a few years ago, when the city needed to update Drupal to the latest version. The company restricted access to the system and charged extra for every little feature that was added. The cost was off the chart. The city had been paying \$1800/year, and now the cost was going to go up to \$5400. Then it turned out that, instead of updating Drupal, this large firm wanted to create their own proprietary system. When they presented that version of the website, it was incomplete and amateurish. On top of the extra cost, the city refused to use it. Clearly, this was a solution catering to larger cities. Brownsville negotiated a lower price to continue, and the migration process kept going on for two years. Luckily, another developer (Munibit) that caters to small local governments was found. They were able to create the new site in record time, at a budget cost, and with the advanced features that were needed.

The new website was well worth the wait. It looks clean and professionally done. A few factors contributed to its success. Primarily, the city benefits from having a technically skilled administrator who is well organized and closely involved in the design process. That level of organization is reflected in how easy it is to navigate and find needed information. One new feature is a community calendar where anyone can enter an event. Residents are encouraged to visit the site to learn more about the city and the community. ☀

TANGENT CITY COUNCIL

Council Adopts Dog Ordinance, Discusses Tangent Drive Ownership

By Daniel R. Murphy, Staff Writer

The Tangent City Council met Monday, Feb. 9, at Tangent City Hall, with Mayor Loel Trulove Jr. presiding.

Councilors Trina Henderson, Garry Pullen, Rändi Letson, and Matthew Swenson were present.

There was no old business on the agenda.

Tangent Drive Ownership

Councilors discussed the long-standing Tangent Drive improvement project, which began in 2018 and later received federal Surface Transportation Block Grant funding before being delayed during the pandemic.

According to the staff report in the council packet, costs have risen significantly since the original funding was secured. Linn County informed the city in July 2024 that the project is now on hold indefinitely due to a funding gap of approximately \$3 million.

Crash data from 2019 to 2023 shows no reported accidents on Tangent Drive during that period. The road currently averages more than 500 vehicles per day, with less than 1 percent exceeding the speed limit by more than 10 mph, according to a Meta Traffic speed study summarized in the packet.

Linn County recently asked whether the City of Tangent would be interested in assuming ownership of the road. The City Manager previously declined, citing financial and staffing limitations.

Council discussed the fiscal impact of assuming jurisdiction, including long-term maintenance and replacement costs. Staff estimates indicate that taking over Tangent Drive could require the city to raise approximately \$300,000 annually to fund maintenance and future replacement, potentially necessitating a property tax measure.

The council tabled the motion and directed the City Manager to contact Linn County to further investigate possible options and arrangements.

Dog Control Ordinance

Much of the meeting included public input regarding past dog-biting incidents in Tangent.

The council took up Ordinance 26-01, which establishes a new Dog Control Ordinance for the city. According to the ordinance text, the new law prohibits dogs from running at large, requires licensing consistent with county regulations, outlines nuisance provisions, and establishes penalties.

The ordinance was introduced as a code ordinance and considered for emergency adoption. Council discussed enforcement authority, including the ability to issue citations of up to \$500.

A motion to approve Ordinance 26-01 passed unanimously. The ordinance takes effect upon the mayor's signature.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m. ☀

HALSEY PLANNING COMMISSION

Coffee Kiosk and Food Cart Proposal Moves Forward

The Halsey Planning Commission held a public hearing on Jan. 28 to consider a proposal for a new drive-thru coffee kiosk and food cart pod at 1015 W. Second St., along Highway 99 at J Street.

Applicant Jason East, a Halsey resident and electrician, presented plans for a permanent coffee kiosk with a drive-thru window and space for multiple food carts on the property. East said the coffee kiosk's development will likely take about a year, as engineering work and utility connections are completed. The food cart spaces would be developed as demand allows.

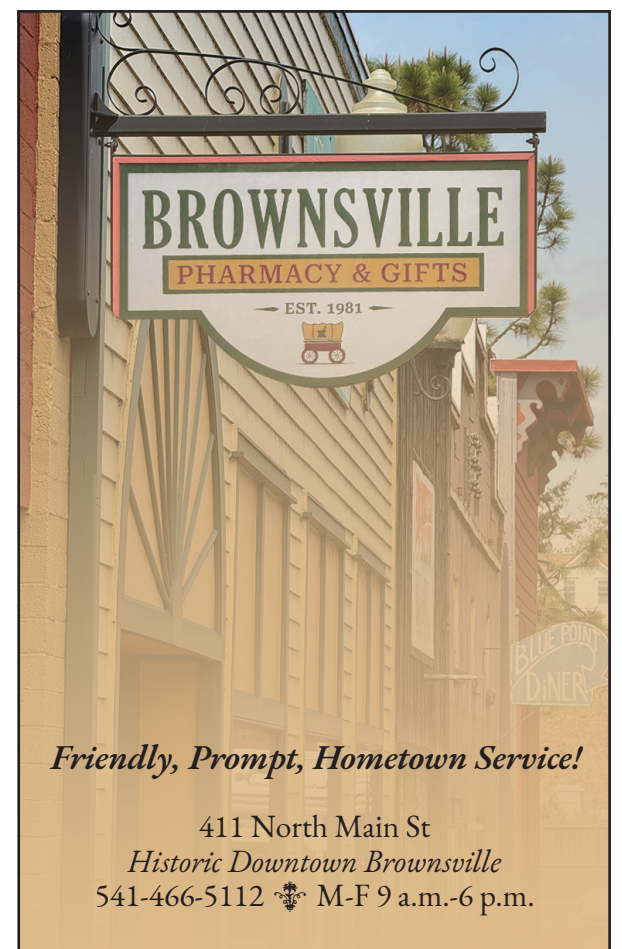
City Planning Consultant Dave Kinney presented the staff report, noting that the property is zoned commercial and that both a drive-thru coffee stand and a food cart pod are permitted uses. The proposal meets zoning standards for setbacks, parking, and site design, with required improvements including sidewalk and curb work along J Street, storm drainage facilities, and connections to city water and sewer.

Public testimony focused primarily on traffic and parking concerns. Neighbors Silas Miller and Jeremy Romer supported new business in Halsey but expressed concern about potential congestion on J Street if multiple food carts operate at once.

Kinney said the Oregon Department of Transportation reviewed the proposal and did not require changes to the existing Highway 99 access, provided the driveway location remains unchanged. The site plan includes on-site parking, with additional street parking available along J Street.

The Planning Commission reviewed the proposal and supporting materials before deliberation. The project must satisfy the conditions of approval, including final engineering review and installation of required public improvements, before construction can begin.

If approved, the applicant would have one year to secure building permits and begin development. ☀



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BROWNSVILLE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Measuring Memories at Brownsville Library

By Sherri Lemhouse, Brownsville Librarian

The other day, something special happened. A family that grew up in the Brownsville Library came in for a visit with friends from school. It was fun to see the grown children. Sister is finishing up college. Brother graduated and is now well employed. Brother had even volunteered at the library as a teenager. Fifteen years ago, I hung a painted 1-by-4 on the wall. Whenever Story Time was finished, or a family came in, and I had time, we would measure the children on this board. Over time, the board filled with names and happy memories from the local library.

Children eagerly watch their growth and look for their friends' names on the board. Recently, I turned it over to allow for even more names on the board. When Brother and Sister came in,

it was fun to turn the board back to the original side and look for their names. We found them — several times in fact. The excitement in finding their names and the names of their friends was so rewarding. I could see the memories of the many fun times they had at the library. Before they left, we grabbed the pencil and marked their height on the board. Happy memories of growing up in the library.

The Brownsville Community Library is located at 146 Spaulding Ave. and is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday from 1 to 7 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 541-466-5454, visit online at <https://www.brownsvillecommunitylibrary.org>.

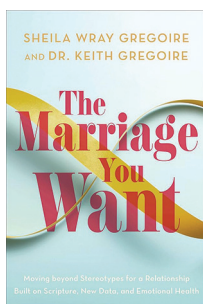
SHERRING BOOKS

Page Turners for All Ages

By Sherri Lemhouse, Brownsville Librarian

Adult Non-Fiction

"The Marriage You Want: Moving Beyond Stereotypes for a Relationship Built on Scripture, New Data and Emotional Health" by Sheila and Keith Gregoire is the second book suggestion for our community to check out.



"A Marriage at Sea: A True Story of Love, Obsession, and Shipwreck" by Sophie Elmhirst is about an odd young couple shipwrecked at sea. He's a loner, she's charismatic and ambitious. Neither do they want to waste their lives. Instead, they run away to sea.

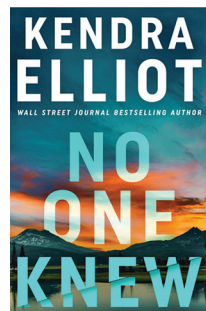
"Nobody's Girl: A Memoir of Surviving Abuse and Fighting for Justice" by Virginia Roberts Giuffre. Ms. Giuffre was a victim of Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell.

"The Race Against Terror: Chasing an Al Qaeda Killer at the Dawn of the Forever War" by Jake Tapper tells the story of a man radicalized to enact violence and the courage of people who work tirelessly to stay one step ahead of disaster.

"The Ultimate Pickle Lover's Book: From Condiment to Cocktail – A Flavorful Celebration of the Mighty Dill" by Princess Gabbara. Humor plus recipes! Delicious!

Adult Fiction

"No One Knew" by Kendra Elliot is the second in the Noelle Marshall series. Ms. Elliot was born in the Pacific Northwest and is a new author at our Library. This book takes place in Oregon.



"Red Tide: A novel of the next Pacific War" by M. P. Woodward, who has co-authored with Vince Flynn. This is a book published under his own name.

"Return of the Spider: An Alex Cross Thriller" by James Patterson is a regular print copy of the Alex Cross #31 novel.

"Rings of Fate" by Melissa de la Cruz is a magical fantasy romance. I think this will become a series

"The Secret of Bow Lane" by Jennifer Ashley is book 6 of a Victorian-Era London amateur sleuth. This series is in Large Print and was purchased by the Brownsville Women's Study Club.

Junior Books

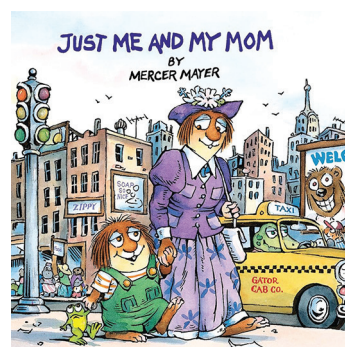
"Keeping Pace" by Laurie Morrison. After losing her top-class ranking to Jonah, Grace decides to compete against him in a half-marathon. As they train together, she learns valuable lessons about what matters most.



"Raid of No Return: A World War II Tale of the Doolittle Raid" by Nathan Hale and his Hazardous Tales. A terrific way to introduce history in graphic novel form.

Children's Books

"Just Me and My Mom" by Mercer Mayer. They are re-releasing these books in hardback! Of course, I purchased some for my own library as well.



"Just for You!" By Mercer Mayer, a 50th Anniversary hardback edition.

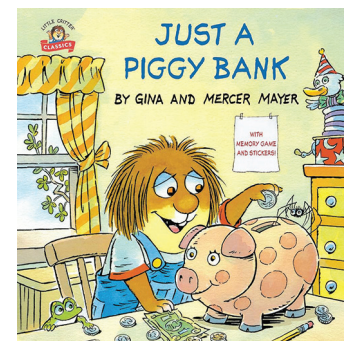
"Little Critter: The Original Classics" by Mercer Mayer, includes 13 beloved stories in one book. The Brownsville Women's Study Club purchased the Little Critter hardback books using funds raised through the Festival of Trees.

KIDS' KORNER

Little Critter

By Nancy Diltz, Staff Writer and Columnist

Meet Little Critter! If you haven't already, you will love this silly, funny character by Mercer Mayer. There are many Little Critter adventures to read at the Brownsville Library. They are



great for independent readers in Grades 1-3, and younger kids will also enjoy having these stories read to them. Little Critter is a little bit like a messy-haired porcupine, friendly and sometimes mischievous. He has many childhood adventures and misadventures throughout the series! Little Critter helps others, goes to school, and spends time with family and friends. He learns about independence, sharing, and trying new things. He sometimes gets angry, sometimes makes messes, and always has some fun. In the story "All by Myself," Little Critter "wants to show you all the things he can do for himself in this classic, funny, and heartwarming book," and it is described as "a perfect way to teach children about independence," according to the edition description.

Another Little Critter story is "Just a Piggy Bank," in which Little Critter learns a lesson about saving money. When he gets a piggy bank from Grandma and Grandpa, he must learn to save his money instead of spending it all in this humorous tale. If you don't already know Little Critter, he hopes to meet you soon!



Activity

Make a piggy bank for your coins. Use any size plastic bottle; small water bottles work well. Clean and dry the bottle. With an adult, cut a coin-sized slit on the side of the bottle. The bottle top and cap will be the nose. Decorate with paint or colorful paper. Glue on paper ears and feet, and glue or paint googly eyes. Add a curly pipe cleaner tail. The coin slot will be on the piggy bank's back. Now save as much as you can! When it's time to remove the coins, just unscrew the bottle top or make the hole bigger.

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CRITTER CHRONICLES

A Parakeet Surprise

By Sharon Banks, Staff Writer and Columnist



As told to Sharon Banks by Judy Whitfield, daughter of Violet Northern, a longtime Brownsville resident

While washing dishes at the kitchen sink, my mother glanced out the window and spotted a bright turquoise parakeet perched on a small tree's limb. At the time, we had chicks, so she went to the woodshed and grabbed a handful of chick feed.

As she slowly walked toward the tree, letting the feed fall from one hand to the other, the unexpected happened. The parakeet took flight, circled her head, and gently landed on her shoulder. The bird stayed there as she walked through the back door into the kitchen, clearly enjoying the ride.

Not long after, my mother bought a birdcage. The parakeet soon began to talk, chirping familiar phrases such as "Tweety Bird," "pretty bird," and "hello." Unable to resist, she later purchased a female companion.

An empty oatmeal box was attached to the side of the cage, and before long, it became a nest filled with eggs. Three weeks later, baby birds hatched.

Somewhere, someone lost a feathered friend that day. But he found a good home, and our family gained years of joy from watching and raising birds.

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Meet Snoop Dawg!

Snoop Dawg is a 1-year-old neutered male pit mix weighing 73 pounds, full of energy and personality. He loves the outdoors, exploring new places, and, of course, treats. A regular in SafeHaven's Doggy Day Out program, Snoop has enjoyed adventures ranging from playing ball in the grass to strolling around OSU. He's friendly with people, though he may be a little nervous in new situations and benefits from slow introductions, especially with men.

Snoop enjoys playgroup, but his high energy may not make him every dog's perfect match. When the fun winds down, he's happiest curled up beside you.

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SEASONS EATINGS

Two Crowd-pleasers Beyond Game Day

By Lisa Keith, Columnist

I know it's two weeks after the Super Bowl, but these recipes are great for all year round! The recipes appear to the right for easy reference. The first recipe came to me from Cyndi Anderson right here in Brownsville. She made this for a Brownsville Women's Study Club planning meeting in 2023, and it is one of the most luscious, creamy, Vegan dip/spread I've ever had. As always, I modified it to suit my liking. The second is a great change from the usual Ranch dip that seems to be prevalent at just about every gathering where a crudité platter is served. My mom has served this since the 1960s.

I'm grateful for the kindness and support so many of you share when we cross paths around town. Your encouragement keeps this column going. If you have a favorite recipe, a cooking question, or an idea you'd like to see featured, I'd love to hear from you at iamcheflisa@gmail.com. ☺

Vegan "Rawsome" Nut Spread

- ½ C each almonds and pistachios (or cashews)
- ¼ C each walnuts and pine nuts
- ½ C sweet red pepper, chopped
- 3 Tbsp fresh squeezed lemon juice
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- ½ tsp sea salt
- ¼ tsp fresh cracked pepper
- 4-6 Tbsp water
- ½ cup fresh basil, cilantro, or parsley
- 1-1 ½ tsp fresh thyme

Process the first 8 ingredients in a food processor or blender until as smooth as you like, then add the fresh herbs. Process until it reaches the consistency you prefer. You may need to add more water or lemon juice.

I've used all combinations of nuts, and it comes out great every time! The original recipe uses "raw" nuts. I like the toasty flavor of roasted nuts. I've used fresh herbs and dried... they all work well.



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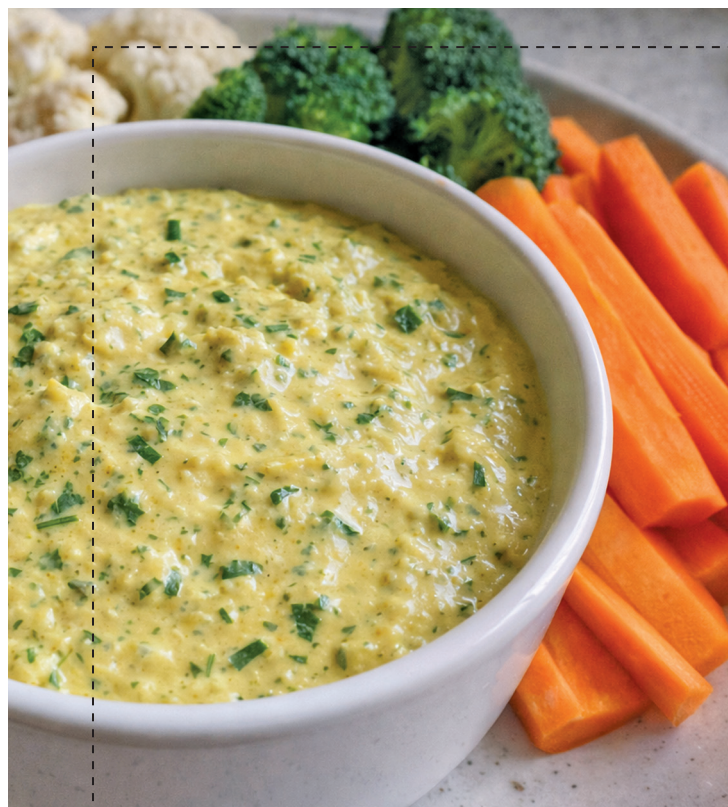
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Curried Herb Dip

- 1 C mayo
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- 1 tsp fine herbs (equal parts parsley, tarragon, chives, and chervil)
- ¼ tsp salt
- 1 Tbsp parsley
- 1 Tbsp grated onion
- 1½ tsp lemon juice
- ½ tsp Worcestershire sauce

Mix all ingredients well. Chill before serving.

Since this is from the 60s and 70s, I've made it a bit healthier by using Greek yogurt or mashed avocado as alternatives to the mayo and sour cream. It's up to you.

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JERRY
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With its big yard, pool, and nearby river, summers there were filled with laughter and lasting memories.

After my grandmother passed away, I moved away for many years. When I returned in 2021, it happened to be the same day Jerry entered the hospital. Without hesitation, I volunteered to help. I had to lie to him, telling him I needed a place to stay, so he would accept my help.

I moved back with my dachshund, Hope, and cared for him through surgery and recovery. Those three years were a gift. I came to know him not only as my grandpa but also as the remarkable man he was.

Because his hearing had faded, I sometimes wrote him letters. In one, I told him what I still believe: Jerry Anthony was the Rolls-Royce among humans.

He worked every day. After closing the station, he went home and kept working. He fixed engines, patched tires, and gave people second chances when others wouldn't. He didn't judge. He simply helped.

He embodied the values of an earlier era — honesty, fairness, and devotion to community.

Just days before his death, Jerry was still counting gallons and collecting cans. He gave his life to his business and his town, never asking for recognition.

Jerry passed away on August 29, 2024. Following his death, his granddaughter, Jen, purchased his home on Northern Drive, continuing his legacy in Brownsville.

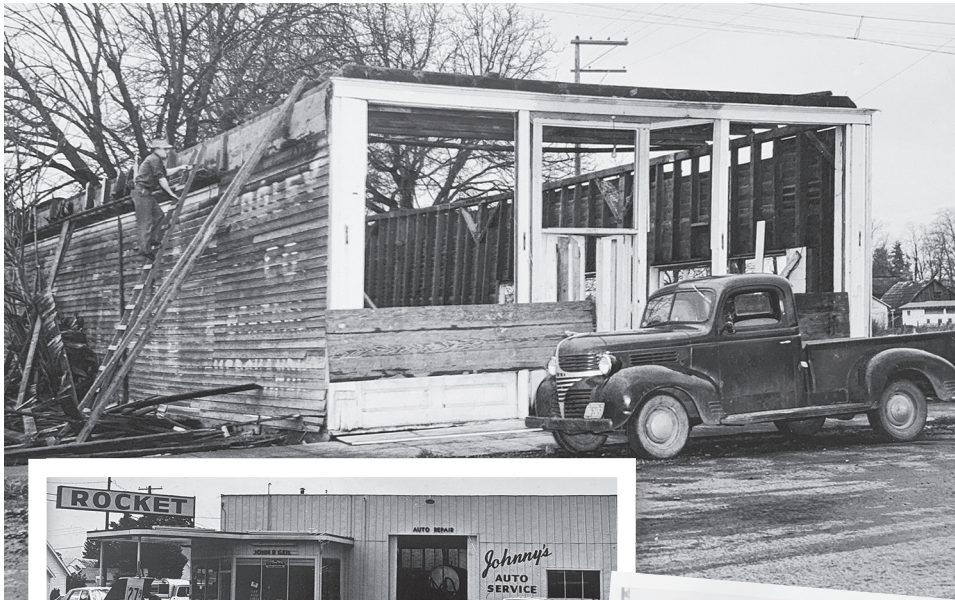
Too often, we wait until someone is gone to honor them. Jerry deserved to know how deeply he mattered.

Brownsville is changing, but the foundation he helped build remains.

Jerry Anthony was one of this town's unsung heroes.

Heroes like him should never be forgotten.

I picture a statue of Jerry someday — cigar in hand, wearing those dark blue work clothes, standing near the "Welcome to Brownsville" sign. A reminder of the kind of man who once stood behind a gas pump, quietly holding a town together." 🌀



The former Cooley & Co. building, purchased in 1955 by John Geil for \$10. Inset: Johnny's Auto Service, a Rocket station Geil later sold to Jerry Anthony in 1972. Below: The station as it appears today at 203 W Bishop Way, corner of Washburn Street and Highway 228.



MIKAYLE STOLE



Jerry's kids, Ginger (Carmen) and Joe Anthony, pose in front of the Texaco sign.



Jerry holding one of his great-granddaughters.



Jerry Anthony behind the counter at his service station.

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The January 25, 1968 issue of the Times features Jerry's installation as Noble Grand of the Calapooya IOOF.

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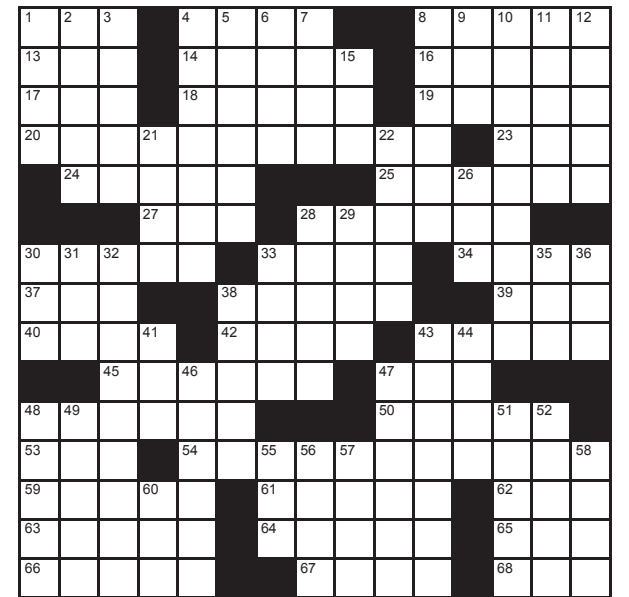
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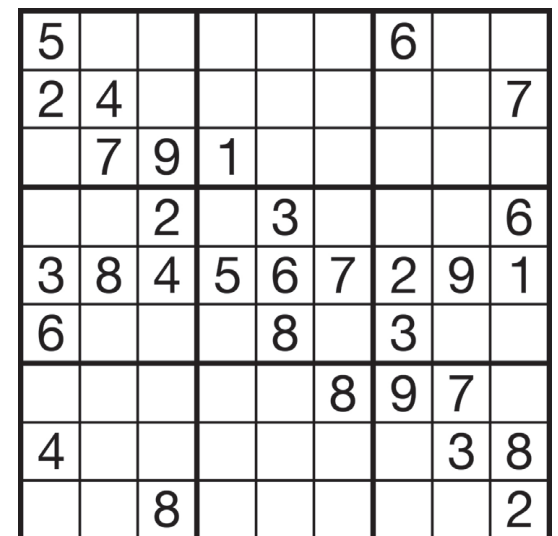
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CENTRAL LINN ALUMNA

Local Students Earn Dean's List Honors at George Fox University

Anya Branson, a Brownsville resident and senior majoring in education, and Jenna Neal, a Brownsville resident and senior in the nursing program, were among those earning dean's list recognition at George Fox University for the fall 2025 semester.

To qualify for the dean's list, traditional undergraduate students must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher while completing at least 12 graded credit hours.

George Fox University is a Christian college ranked by U.S. News & World Report as a "Best National University." The university serves more than 4,000 students on its main campus in Newberg and at teaching centers in Portland and Redmond. George Fox offers more than 60 undergraduate programs, accelerated online degrees for working adults, and 22 graduate and seminary degrees. ☺



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Central Linn Scholarships Support Students' Educational Dreams

Submitted by Don Wirth

Several long-standing scholarships continue to support Central Linn High School graduates pursuing higher education, thanks to the generosity and dedication of local families and community members.

The Tim Wirth Scholarship was established in 1990 by Don and Maryanne Wirth in memory of their son, Tim, who lost his battle with cancer. The scholarship is awarded to Central Linn High School graduating seniors and postgraduates attending a four-year university and majoring in agriculture, with preference given to students focusing on crop and/or soil science. Recipients are selected by the Wirth family.

The Gary Keen Scholarship was established in the 1990s. Willard Keen told Superintendent John Dallum that he would donate funds for a scholarship in memory of his son, Gary, if a foundation were established. His donation provided \$600 annually to a graduating senior involved in FFA, selected by the chapter advisor. This generous offer became the catalyst for forming the foundation.

The Maryanne Dannen Scholarship was started in the 1990s by Maryanne Dannen, a retired home economics teacher at Shedd High School in the 1950s. The scholarship supports students attending two-year programs. The Priscilla Club contributes to the fund and selects the recipients.

The Graeme Frasier Memorial Scholarship was founded by George and Sue Frasier in memory of their son, Graeme. It encourages students to pursue post-secondary education, particularly those who may not have planned to attend college or who face financial challenges. The Frasier family selects the recipients.

The Central Linn Education Endowment Fund Scholarship was established through a generous donation by Lyle Moss, a lifelong resident of the Central Linn area. A descendant of the early Archibald homesteading family, Moss lived on part of the original land claim until his death. Although he had no children, he was a strong supporter of local youth and education. The Central Linn Foundation Board awards the scholarship using a scoring matrix.

Scholarship applications are available online through the Central Linn Education Foundation and from Don Wirth at 541-979-4688 or seed@saddlebutte.com, and from Leslie Lewis at 541-990-8670 or rllewis@dswebnet.com.

Completed applications must be submitted to both Don Wirth and Leslie Lewis by the third Friday of April to be considered for the following school year. ☺

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Brownsville, Halsey, and Harrisburg Families Share Needs in Regional Mapping Project

Brownsville, Halsey, and Harrisburg were among 15 small Oregon communities selected to participate in Pollywog's Community Asset Mapping Project, which aims to identify local strengths and service gaps affecting children and families.



Community members gather around an oversized map May 22 at the Brownsville Thursday Market as part of Pollywog's Community Asset Mapping Project.

The project was led by Pollywog, a family-referral program of the Early Learning Hub serving Linn, Benton, and Lincoln counties. Pollywog connects families with young children to local services, including preschool programs, parenting classes, health care providers, and community support resources.

Community members gathered around oversized aerial maps of their towns and identified key resources and areas of concern. Participants shared perspectives on childcare availability, medical and dental services, mental and behavioral health support, food access, transportation, housing, and recreation.

Communities were selected based on population size (under 20,000 residents) and the presence of at least two core services, including a grocery store offering fresh foods, a library, and a health care clinic. In Linn County, sessions were held in Brownsville, Halsey, Harrisburg, Lebanon, Mill City, Scio, and Sweet Home.

According to the final report, families in participating communities identified strong social connections and a sense of belonging as key strengths. At the same time, many participants cited ongoing challenges with access to affordable childcare, health services, transportation, and housing — issues that often affect rural communities.

All findings are based on de-identified information, and no participant names were collected or disclosed.

Individual community reports, including findings specific to Brownsville, Halsey, and Harrisburg, are available online at <https://lblearlylearninghub.org/pollywogs-community-asset-mapping-project>.

Residents seeking additional information or a PDF copy of a local report may contact the Early Learning Hub at elhub@linnbenton.edu. ☺

CENTRAL LINN SCHOOL DISTRICT

District Receives Clean Audit, Plans for \$2.5 Million Seismic Grant

The Central Linn School District Board of Directors held its regular meeting Monday, Feb. 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the Elementary Conference Room and via Zoom.

The meeting opened with roll call and the flag salute, followed by audience comments on agenda items.

Board members heard reports from student leadership, employee groups, district administrators, and the district's auditor on the 2024–2025 audit.

Student representative Grant Wahl reported that student leadership had been busy planning Spirit Week and providing treats to support students and boost morale as the school year entered its final stage. He also noted that welding booths had been installed in the CTE building and were nearly ready for student use.

Lauri Archer reported that the first bargaining meeting for classified employees had been scheduled for Feb. 19.

Conor Delaney of Clear Trail CPAs reported that the district received an unmodified opinion on its annual audit (a clean audit), indicating that the financial statements were fairly presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. He noted one immaterial finding related to insufficient documentation of bid processes for two contracts exceeding \$25,000. Delaney also said that upcoming changes in Governmental Accounting Standards Board rules regarding sick leave accrual would affect the district's financial statements in the coming year.

A public hearing was held on the district's supplemental budget. The board discussed establishing a new fund to receive a \$2.5 million seismic grant.

The consent agenda included approval of the January board minutes, acknowledgment of recent committee and work session minutes, and approval of the hiring of Tim Walter as capital projects manager and owner's representative.

Under old business, the board approved second readings of policies on paid family and medical leave, sick time, and superintendent evaluation. A facilities committee report was also presented.

New business included adoption of the 2025–2026 budget calendar and a supplemental budget resolution. The 2026–2027 school calendar was tabled. Board members also reviewed first readings of safety- and emergency-related policies.

High School Principal Dean Rech reported that the graduation rate was 85 percent, an improvement over the previous year, with a goal of reaching 90 percent the following year. He also reported that Coach Wendi Farris has reached a milestone of 300 wins — a major achievement for a coach with over 25 years of experience.

Elementary School Principal Joel Sauter reported that winter benchmark math scores exceeded the state average, while reading scores showed slight improvement. He noted that the elementary school acronym was PRIDE, standing for Patience, Respect, Integrity, Determination, and Excellence. He also announced that Literacy Night was scheduled for March 5 and a talent show for March 19.

After a second public comment period, the board recessed to executive session to evaluate Superintendent Rob Hess' performance. The board later reconvened in open session, approved his evaluation, and appointed a three-member committee to negotiate an employment contract.

Board members also presented Hess with a Cobras sweatshirt and hat as a token of appreciation for his work.

The meeting was accessible to people with disabilities, and community members participated both in person and online. 🌐

CENTRAL LINN HIGH SCHOOL

CLHS Launches Hall of Fame

The Central Linn School District has announced the creation of the Central Linn High School Hall of Fame, a new initiative to honor distinguished alumni whose achievements and leadership embody the spirit of Cobra pride.

According to the district, the Hall of Fame will recognize past graduates who have demonstrated excellence in their professions, service, athletics, or community leadership. Organizers say the goal is to celebrate past accomplishments and inspire current students to pursue their own paths of excellence.

Nominations are now being accepted through May 1, 2026, via an online submission form at <https://forms.gle/DDtmAR6LCH41HSpR9>. Inductees will be selected by committee and officially honored this fall.

District officials encourage community members, alumni, and families to participate in the nomination process and to celebrate the legacy of Central Linn High School.

Questions about the Hall of Fame may be directed to Rodney Baney, the Athletic Director at rod.baney@centrallinn.k12.or.us. 🌐

CENTRAL LINN BOYS' WRESTLING



RACHAEL TRAVIS

Kurry Travis, Jacob Helms, Colton Hein, and Gradi Spencer competed at the OSAA 2A/1A Special District 1 Championships in Colton on Feb. 13 – 14. Helms, Hein, and Spencer each placed third to qualify for state, while Travis went 2-2, one match shy of placing.



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117 N Main St · 541-466-3273
<https://brownvillechristianchurch.com>
 Sunday Service and Children's Church 11 a.m.
 Adult classes 10 a.m.

Brownsville Community Church

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

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34795 OR-228 · 541-466-5622

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

Crawfordsville Calvary Chapel

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

First Baptist Church of Brownsville

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

Halsey Mennonite Church

910 E 1st St · 712-432-8773
<https://www.halseymennonite.org>
 Sunday Service 10 a.m.
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 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
holytrinitybrownvilleor@gmail.com
 Weekday Mass Wednesday Noon
 Sunday Service 11:30 a.m.

Oakville Presbyterian Church

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

Riverside Christian Fellowship

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.

A Reflection on Friendship

By Rege Rippee, Staff Writer

Patty lived about quarter of a mile down the rural road from us with her husband and young son. We raised our children side by side, shared gardening, learned crafts from each other, and became close friends.

She gave my youngest daughter (maybe 2 years old at the time) her first pair of hand-me-down rubber mud boots. That girl wouldn't take them off the first day and insisted on sleeping with them. She loved those boots.

Patty's husband had a heart attack while helping a neighbor with heavy work. When he came home to recuperate, his doctor told him he had to walk every day. My oldest daughter decided she was going to walk with him. I guess she thought he wouldn't do it unless she made sure he did. He had that "curmudgeon" persona down to a tee, but he had a soft spot for children.

As things in my life began to change, Patty was there to support me through a very difficult time. When I say difficult, think divorce from the pits of hell.

A few years later, Patty's husband passed, her son grew up, and her life changed, too. We quietly reconnected and resumed our friendship once the proverbial dust of life had settled. On one visit, she pulled out an old baritone ukulele in a hardshell case that had been left in one of her classrooms when she was teaching. She gave it to me, knowing my musical inclinations.

She remarried, seemed very happy, and we stayed in touch. My oldest daughter (now all grown up) was giving away a clothes dryer. Patty needed a dryer and came to pick it up, leaving a lap quilt she had made for me. I wasn't home at the time, so it was a nice surprise.

Over the next few years, Patty was diagnosed with cancer. She called one day to ask if I'd like a bag of yarn she had ordered but didn't need. I offered to pay for it, but she said, "No, just trade me one of your crocheted shawls." The trade was made.

In 2022, the cancer became more aggressive, and chemo did more harm than good. She and her new husband had lived life to the fullest. The day she passed, he told me he'd never known such love as he had with Patty, and how much she had loved me.

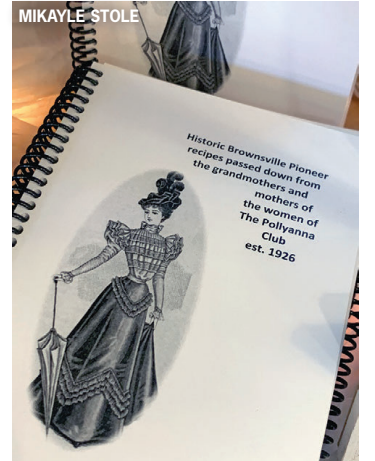
This week I set up a workspace to study a natural perfumery course. I decided to put Patty's lap blanket on the table where I'll be formulating fragrances. Though she's no longer here, I'm pretty sure she'd approve of her quilt riding shotgun with me on my journey to learn something new. Maybe I'll name one of the new fragrances I design "My friend Patty." 🌸

POLLYANNA CLUB

Valentine Fellowship and Community Giving Highlight February Meeting

By Nancy Diltz, Staff Writer and Columnist

The Pollyanna Club met on Thursday, February 12, 2026. This month's correspondence included thank-you cards and letters from both Sharing Hands and the Veterans Association, acknowledging generous donations from the Pollyanna Club and the Linn County Pioneer Association in support of sponsoring the 2025 Pioneer Picnic.



The 2026 Pollyanna Club member booklets were completed by Judy Donahue and distributed to everyone present. Deanna read a special Valentine's Day inspirational poem. The Festival of Trees theme for 2026 was contributed by Becky. The winning bidder for the 2025 Pollyanna Club Memorial Tree let us know it was much loved!

Sherril Lemhouse, librarian at the Brownsville Library, requested a copy of the Pollyanna Club Cookbook, which will be donated and delivered to the library right away. Library patrons can now check out the cookbook, filled with favorite recipes from many of Brownsville's founding families. A few copies of the cookbook are available for purchase at \$10 each. Contact Nancy at misscabc@yahoo.com for information.

Susan provided information from the Senior Center about an upcoming free Samaritan Health workshop, Living Well with Chronic Conditions, for those experiencing ongoing physical and/or mental health conditions. Please call (541) 768-6811 for more information.

An exchange of Valentine's Day cards and treats, along with a flowering plant for each member, made this meeting a very special evening of friendship and joy. 🌸

OBITUARY

Raynard Edward McCormick Jr.

October 25, 1939 – February 10, 2026

Raynard Edward McCormick Jr., 86, of Brownsville, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2026.

Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. <https://sweethomefuneral.com>. 🌸



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LINN COUNTY SMALL WOODLANDS ASSOCIATION

Tours, Workshops Highlight Early 2026 Activities

By Larry Mauter, LCSWA member

The Linn County Small Woodlands Association (LCSWA) is launching a full calendar of 2026 woodland management activities, including several educational events in February and March.

At the Jan. 17 annual membership meeting, Board President Jim Merzenich outlined the year's plans, noting that most events are open to members and to anyone interested in tree farming, though registration may be required for activities with limited space.

On Tuesday, Feb. 24, from 1 to 5 p.m., Jim Cota will lead a Pulp Thinning Tour at a 22-year-old Douglas-fir stand near the Fun Forest Barn on Berlin Ridge Road. Participants will observe thinning practices in a densely planted stand and discuss management goals.

Woodland Information Night is Wednesday, March 4, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Peavy Forest Science Center on the OSU campus in Corvallis. Sponsored jointly by the Linn and Benton county chapters, the evening will feature presentations by Oregon State University Extension specialists and industry professionals on forestry technology and digital mapping tools.

The LCSWA Board of Directors will meet on Monday, March 9, at the Linn County OSU Extension Office in Tangent, located at 33630 McFarland Road. The meeting will welcome newly elected board members, Greg Harty and Dan Lowrie. Members and guests are invited to attend.

On Thursday, March 26, from 4:30 to 7 p.m., a Spring Noxious Weed Tour will be held at Oak



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Tours of family-owned working tree farms are scheduled throughout the year and are open to members and prospective members.

Basin Tree Farm near Brownsville. Participants will learn to identify and control invasive species such as Italian thistle, tansy ragwort, and shining geranium.

Beyond spring, LCSWA has scheduled woodland tours, farm visits, workshops, and restoration projects throughout the year, including wildflower walks, tree farm tours, summer picnics, a reforestation workshop, and a potential mill tour this fall.

Merzenich encouraged members to volunteer for the planning committee and to propose more tour ideas.

For more info, contact Jim at jim@oakbasin.com or visit <https://linncountyswa.com>.

CALAPOOIA FOOD ALLIANCE

Thursday Market Plans for the Spring and Summer

By Donald Lyon, Staff Writer and Columnist

Thursday Market Survey results are in, according to the Calapooia Food Alliance. The CFA thanks all who participated in the survey, both customers and vendors. CFA Vice President Peggy Purkerson reported that the Main Street location (near the Dari Market) was the top choice, selected by 36 percent of respondents, and that the Thursday afternoon time slot was also the most popular.

The Calapooia Food Alliance Board Members discussed other requests, including places to sit and talk as well as eat. Respondents also said knowing what produce or baked goods might be available would be helpful. CFA Board members felt these were helpful suggestions they would like to implement. Market manager Melissa Selby is actively seeking more vendors. Interested par-



DONALD LYON

ties may contact her at calapooiafood@gmail.com. The vendor fee will remain at \$10 per week, and the usual Community booth will be available for those with just a few plants or vegetables to sell. May 14 will be the first market date.

OSU EXTENSION SERVICES

Master Woodland Manager Training Offered This Spring

Oregon State University Extension Forestry and Natural Resources will offer its Master Woodland Manager training from March 5 through May 28, 2026, to landowners in Benton, Linn, and Polk counties.

The Master Woodland Manager program is an intensive forest management course for private landowners seeking advanced training who are willing to share their knowledge within their communities. Participants agree to complete 40 volunteer hours over three years while representing OSU Extension in a positive, professional manner.

Sessions will be held every other Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with the final two sessions on consecutive Thursdays, at outdoor woodland locations throughout the three-county area. Instructors include OSU faculty, forestry service agencies, and other local natural resource professionals.



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The cost is \$150 per person or \$250 per couple. Those for whom cost is a barrier may contact program coordinator Crystal Kelso at crystal.kelso@oregonstate.edu for scholarship options. Accommodation requests related to a disability should be submitted to Kelso by Feb. 27, 2026, at 541-730-3539.

The first session, on March 5 in Linn County, will cover introduction, management planning, landscape setting, and forest ecology.

Register at <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/benton/events/master-woodland-manager-training-benton-linn-polk-counties>. Find more information at <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/mwm>.



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FRAUD FIGHTERS: PROTECTING OUR SENIORS

Scams and Why Seniors Are Targeted

By Danielle Myers, Esq., Columnist

Dear Reader, let us begin this new series by answering the most basic question of all: what exactly is a scam?

A scam is, at its heart, a lie told with a purpose. It does not arrive with fanfare or introduce itself honestly. Instead, it often sneaks into your day in the form of a phone call, a letter in the mail, or a message on your computer or cellphone. The voice or message usually claims to come from someone important, like your bank, your insurance company, a government office, or sometimes even your own family. But behind the polite tone and urgent language is a simple goal: they want your money, your personal information, or access to something that belongs to you.

Scammers are clever and constantly shifting their tactics. One may say you owe money and must pay immediately. Another may insist there is a problem with your Social Security number or that your bank account is at risk. Some will claim you have won a prize or sweepstakes you never entered and then ask for a "processing fee." The more brazen impersonators pretend to be a grandchild in trouble, hoping you will act quickly out of love and concern. These lies are carefully dressed up to sound true. They are designed to create worry, fear, or confusion so you respond before taking time to think.

You may wonder, then, why these tricksters focus so heavily on older adults.

The truth is straightforward, though not always comfortable to acknowledge. Many seniors were raised in a time when a handshake meant something, neighbors trusted one another, and a ringing telephone was more likely to bring good news than trouble. Honesty, kindness, and courtesy are qualities to admire, qualities that help make communities like ours strong. Unfortunately, scammers see these same qualities as openings to exploit. They assume seniors are more likely to answer unknown numbers, listen patiently, and give others the benefit of the doubt. They also believe older adults may have savings, pensions, or retirement accounts that can be targeted.

But let me say this as plainly as possible: being kind does not mean being unprotected. You can stay warm-hearted and neighborly while remaining cautious and alert. In fact, caution is a strength, not a weakness.

In this series, we will take a clear, practical look at the methods scammers use and how to recognize them early. We will walk through real examples and highlight signs that something is not right, such as urgency, secrecy, pressure, or requests that do not align with how legitimate businesses operate. The goal is not to frighten you but to equip you. There is no shame in being careful. Sometimes a single question or a moment of pause can prevent a serious loss.

Until next time, trust your instincts, ask questions freely, and never let yourself be rushed into anything that feels wrong. A steady mind and a cautious step are two of your best tools, and they serve you well. ☺

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The Art of Waiting

By an ordinary seaman

If you missed our last movie night at the Post, you missed a barnburner. "Charade" was a smash hit, witty, romantic, and boasting a turnout that suggests Brownsville residents are either huge Audrey Hepburn fans or just really enjoy getting out of the house for \$2.

Our next selection, showing on February 27, is a little different. It's the 1961 Western "One-Eyed Jacks." It's moody and beautiful, and it's famous as the only film Marlon Brando ever directed. Depending on who you ask, it's either a misunderstood masterpiece or the most expensive beach vacation ever funded by a movie studio.

You see, Marlon Brando didn't just direct a movie; he conducted an experiment in patience. He famously spent hours — sometimes days — standing on the Monterey coast, staring at the Pacific, waiting for the "perfect wave" to crash behind him. I've lived on a farm long enough to know that if you wait for the "perfect" weather to get work done, the cows will be retired before the hay is baled. Paramount Pictures felt the same way.

Brando's first cut of the film was six hours long. Six hours! That's not a movie; that's a hostage situation. Under pressure, he "trimmed" it to five hours. The studio finally stepped in, took the scissors away, and hacked it down to a breezy 141 minutes.

The plot is a classic "dish best served cold" revenge tale. Brando plays Rio, a bank robber who spends five years in a Mexican prison after being ditched by his partner, "Dad" Longworth (played by the great Karl Malden). When Rio finally tracks Dad down, he finds his old pal hasn't just gone straight — he's the Sheriff.

It's a high-stakes psychological chess match involving betrayals, secret heists, and Brando reportedly getting actually tipsy on camera to ensure his "drunk acting" was authentic. (We call that "Friday night" in some circles, but in Hollywood, they call it "method.")

While it didn't exactly break the bank in 1961, it's now a cult favorite and sits in the National Film Registry. Come join us at Travis Moothart Post 184. It's \$2, it's definitely shorter than six hours, and we promise we won't make you wait for the waves. On February 27 at 7 p.m., we'll see you there. ☺



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

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

Saturday, February 7

5:19 a.m. — Austin Leach, 23, of Millersburg, was cited for speeding at Hwy 99E/Tandy Ln., Harrisburg.

3:36 p.m. — Deputy recovered a stolen vehicle in the 800 block of Umpqua St., Harrisburg. Report taken.

4:44 p.m. — Deputy responded to a two-vehicle non-injury crash at S 6th St./LaSalle St., Harrisburg. Report taken.

8:35 p.m. — Caller reported a suspicious vehicle in the 100 block of Worley Ave., Brownsville. Deputy contacted the owner and learned the vehicle's fuel pump went out, and the owner was waiting for a tow.

9:21 p.m. — Deputy provided transport for a juvenile in the 100 block of N 3rd St., Harrisburg.

9:57 p.m. — Caller reported a hit-and-run in the 32900 block of Hwy 99E, Tangent. The driver had hit three parked vehicles and fled the scene. Investigation ongoing, report taken.

Sunday, February 8

12:44 p.m. — Deputy provided a resource pamphlet to a female considering divorce in the 32900 block of Diamond Hill Dr., Harrisburg.

4:04 p.m. — Deputy spoke with people on the Knife River property in the 300 block of Sommerville Ave., Harrisburg. The deputy explained Eagle Park's

boundaries.

10:04 p.m. — Caller reported a vehicle theft in the 21000 block of Curtis Rd., Harrisburg. Deputy began the investigation. Report taken.

11:06 p.m. — Caller requested Deputy's assistance with parents and their children who were engaged in a dangerous activity in the 1000 block of S 6th St., Harrisburg.

Monday, February 9

3:25 a.m. — Deputy responded to an animal traffic hazard at Powerline Rd./Dale Dr., Harrisburg.

8:31 a.m. — Motorist reported sheep in the road at Lake Creek Dr./Falk Rd., Halsey. When the Deputy arrived, the sheep had left the road, and the Deputy could not locate them.

12:09 p.m. — Deputy assisted in locating the home of a found dog at LaSalle St./S 9th St., Harrisburg.

1:09 p.m. — Deputies investigated a physical disturbance reported in the 28500 block of Ogle Rd., Shedd. Both parties claimed the other was at fault. Report taken.

1:53 p.m. — Matthew Eberth, 45, of Junction City, was issued a criminal citation in lieu of custody for a warrant in the 33100 block of Hwy 228 in Halsey.

7:58 p.m. — Rebecca Raye Barker, 53, of Sweet Home, was cited for speeding 55 in a 35-mph zone at E Bishop Way/Hume St., Brownsville.

Tuesday, February 10

3:50 a.m. — Deputies responded to a report of a home invasion in the 33900 block of Powell Hill Loop, Shedd. Upon arrival, nothing was found.

7:24 a.m. — Caller reported a traffic complaint at Peoria Rd./Abraham Dr., Halsey. No Deputies were in the area to intercept the vehicle.

12:17 p.m. — A citizen reported a fraudulent gold scammer in the 100 block of E Blakely Ave., Brownsville. The deputy was unable to locate the suspect.

3:52 p.m. — Deputy responded to a report of candy being shot from a slingshot into another vehicle in the 800 block of Burton St., Harrisburg. There was no damage, and the suspects have not been identified.

4:44 p.m. — Caller reported that an Amazon package valued at \$5 was stolen in the 800 block of Sommerville Loop, Harrisburg. The caller

requested that the information be documented and did not want a report number.

6:45 p.m. — Michael Wayne Grabeel, 67, of Sweet Home, was cited for speeding 69 in a 45-mph zone.

7:21 p.m. — Deputies responded to a mental health-related call in the 1000 block of Applegate Pl., Harrisburg.

Wednesday, Feb. 11

8:42 a.m. — Deputy spoke with a citizen regarding a civil issue and a possible violation of a release agreement in the 21000 block of Curtis Rd., Harrisburg.

9:34 a.m. — Deputy stopped a vehicle involved in a road-rage incident at Northern Drive/Hwy 228. Tyler Harden, 34, of Brownsville, was cited for driving with a suspended driver's license and without insurance. His vehicle was left on private property.

10:43 a.m. — DHS 307 Referral cross report in the 800 block of Sommerville Loop, Harrisburg. A deputy responded to the family's issues a few days ago, and that investigation is still ongoing.

11:13 a.m. — Caller reported a mental health issue in the 32900 block of Diamond Hill Dr., Harrisburg. The information was forwarded to Linn County Mental Health.

11:56 a.m. — Caller reported a dog complaint in the 1000 block of Pine St., Brownsville. Anna House was cited for a dog as a public nuisance for trespassing.

1:38 p.m. — Deputy observed a loose dog in the 300 block of S 6th St., Harrisburg. The dog was returned to its home.

1:44 p.m. — A resident reported nuisance barking from a neighbor's property in the 300 block of Wilson Ave., Brownsville. The deputy attempted to contact the owner and left a card on the gate.

3:55 p.m. — Deputy responded to a juvenile altercation in the 200 block of W 2nd St., Halsey. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

5:34 p.m. — Caller found an abandoned trailer that had been ransacked on their property in the 39600 block of Crawfordville Dr., Sweet Home. No suspect info.

9:35 p.m. — Caller reported a stabbing in the 31900 block of North Lake Creek Dr., Tangent. A female was taken into custody for a police officer hold following a suspicious circumstances

call for service. Report taken.

Thursday, February 12

2:13 a.m. — Charles Hardage, 26, of Eugene, was cited for driving uninsured in the 800 block of Diamond Hill Dr., Harrisburg.

2:46 a.m. — John Johnson, 64, of Junction City, was cited for driving uninsured and while suspended at Diamond Hill Dr./N 9th St., Harrisburg.

8:24 a.m. — Deputy addressed a parking issue in the 400 block of W L St., Halsey, at the city's request.

8:46 a.m. — Deputy attempted to address a nuisance property in the 600 block of E 1st St., Halsey, and was met by a hostile male. Information was forwarded to the city.

9:07 a.m. — An upset male called LCSO after a deputy's visit to the 600 block of E 1st St., Halsey. The issue has been forwarded to the city to take the next steps in abatement.

9:20 a.m. — Deputy issued a written warning to a dog owner in the 300 block of Wilson Ave., Brownsville, for nuisance barking and for failing to license their dogs.

10:05 a.m. — Caller reported open livestock at large in the 29100 block of Lone Pine Rd., Brownsville. Investigation ongoing, report taken.

11:08 a.m. — Joshua Harden, 46, of Brownsville, was cited in lieu of custody for Criminal Mischief III at Kirk Ave./N Main St., Brownsville.

12:21 p.m. — Deputy met with BLM Ranger to hand off paperwork and discuss problem areas at Brush Creek Rd./Marcola Rd., Sweet Home.

12:35 p.m. — Richard Dean Leland, 58, of Sweet Home, was arrested on a statewide felony warrant related to a prior weapons offense in the 39600 block of Hwy 228, Sweet Home. Richard was transported and lodged at the Linn County Jail without incident.

1:28 p.m. — Shawn Holliday, 65, of Harrisburg,

was cited for speeding in the 25500 block of Hwy 99E, Halsey.

2:43 p.m. — Deputy provided a female with dementia with information on Adult Protective Services and Linn County Mental Health in the 500 block of W 4th St., Halsey.

4:38 p.m. — Deputy spoke with citizen regarding concerns about neighborhood children in the 1400 block of W 3rd St., Halsey.

8:05 p.m. — A driver was cited for failing to obey a traffic control device at Seven Mile Ln./Tangent Dr., Tangent.

8:30 p.m. — A single-vehicle injury crash occurred when the driver failed to stop at a stop sign and veered off the roadway at Linn West Dr./Seven Mile Ln., Shedd.

8:54 p.m. — Caller reported a package stolen from their porch in the 800 block of Sommerville Loop, Harrisburg. Report taken.

10:03 p.m. — A driver was cited for speeding 75 in a 55-mph zone in the 31600 block of Hwy 34, Tangent.

Friday, February 13

12:37 a.m. — Caller reported people sitting on a bench in the 200 block of N 3rd St., Harrisburg. Information was documented.

9:11 a.m. — Deputy assisted a cat owner in the 39600 block of Crawfordville Dr., Sweet Home, in removing a can from the cat's head.

10:35 a.m. — A citizen came in to report crimes in the 27300 block of Fisher Rd., Brownsville. Report taken.

4:03 p.m. — Caller reported a neighbor's dog showing up on his property in the 39700 block of Hwy 228, Sweet Home. This is an ongoing issue, and the dog owner has been identified. The deputy will contact the owner to issue a citation. Report taken.

8:38 p.m. — Deputies responded to an argument on the public sidewalk in the 400 block of N Main St., Brownsville. ☺

PUZZLE KEY

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Cobras Sweep Waldport and Toledo in Road Wins

The Central Linn girls' basketball team picked up two important league road victories this week, defeating Waldport 55-35 on Feb. 10 and Toledo 57-27 on Feb. 12.

At Waldport, the Cobras built steady momentum and controlled the second half to secure the 20-point win. Peyton Gaskey led Central Linn with a double-double, scoring 14 points and pulling down 10 rebounds. Addie Wolff added 13 points, while Georgia Wahl chipped in 12 points to round out a balanced offensive effort. The Cobras' inside presence and rebounding advantage helped limit Waldport's second-chance opportunities.

Two nights later at Toledo, Central Linn delivered a dominant defensive performance, holding the Boomers to just 27 points. Wolff anchored the effort with a standout game, scoring 16 points and collecting 22 rebounds. Her control of the boards set the tone on both ends of the floor.

Gaskey added 13 points, seven rebounds, and four steals in the win, helping fuel the Cobras' transition game and defensive pressure. Central Linn's consistent rebounding and disciplined team defense allowed the Cobras to steadily extend their lead throughout the contest.

With the pair of league victories, Central Linn continues to build



momentum heading into the final stretch of regular-season play.

Left: The Central Linn varsity girls stand for the national anthem prior to tipoff in league play at Toledo on Feb. 12.



Above: Isabelle Curtis pushes the ball upcourt during Central Linn's league matchup at Toledo.



Top right: The Cobras gather in a pregame huddle before tipoff on the road at Toledo.



Bottom right: Curtis pressures a Toledo ballhandler on the defensive end.

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