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When the Looms Were Running

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer and Columnist

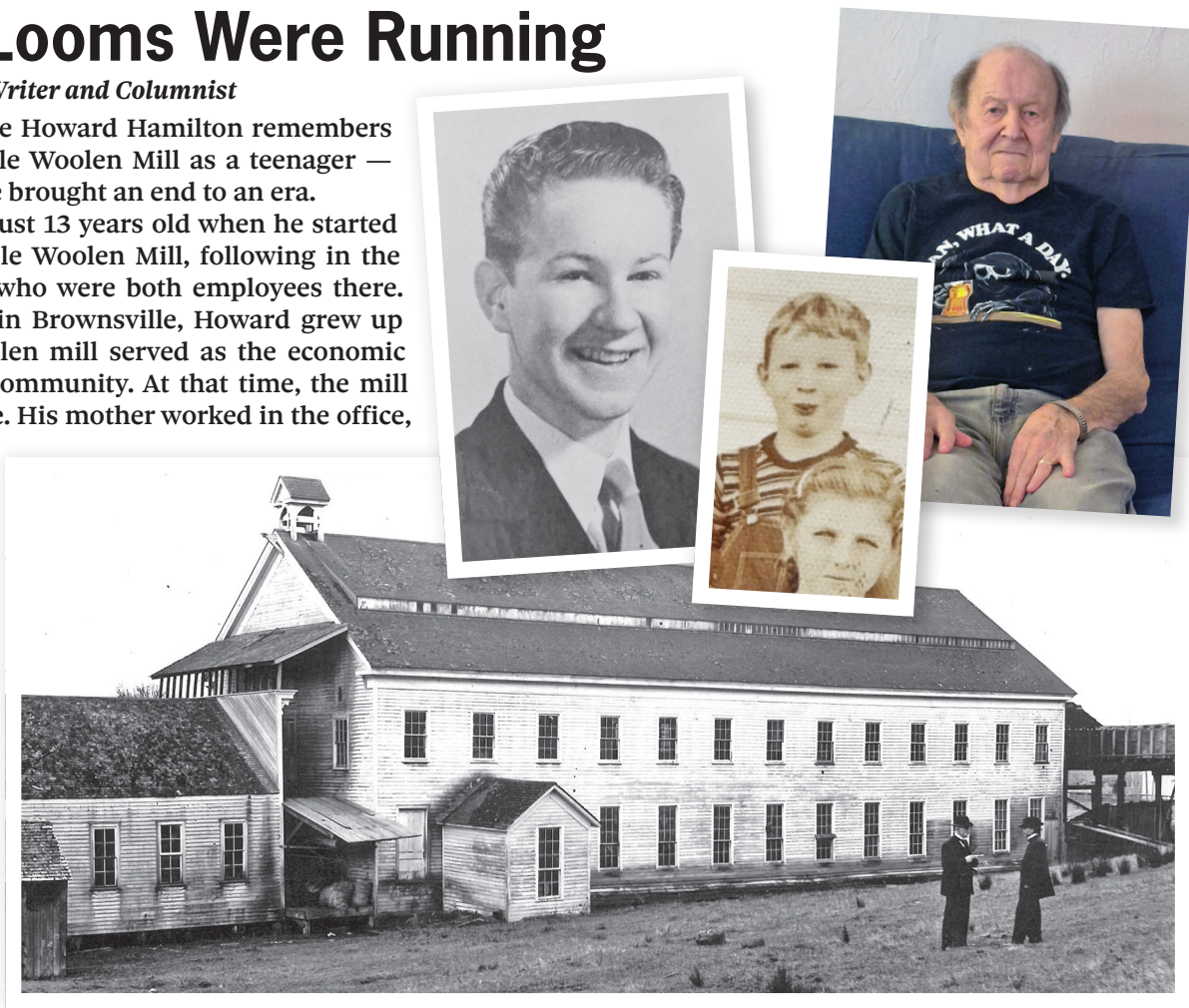
At 91, Brownsville native Howard Hamilton remembers working at the Brownsville Woolen Mill as a teenager — and the night the 1955 fire brought an end to an era.

Howard Hamilton was just 13 years old when he started working at the Brownsville Woolen Mill, following in the footsteps of his parents, who were both employees there. Born in 1934 and raised in Brownsville, Howard grew up in a town where the woolen mill served as the economic and social center of the community. At that time, the mill employed about 50 people. His mother worked in the office, and his father managed two departments.

Because he was underage, Howard's first job at the mill came with a warning from his boss: if anyone wearing a suit came in, he was to hide.

Howard attended Brownsville High School, which once stood where the Brownsville Rec Center is located today. He graduated in 1953, about six years before Central Linn High School was built in nearby Halsey.

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Top left: Howard Hamilton's 1953 senior portrait. Middle: Howard in the third grade 1943-44. Top right: Howard today. Bottom: The Brownsville Woolen Mill in its industrial prime.

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CENTRAL LINN BOYS' BASEBALL

Baseball Season in Full Swing at Central Linn High



Back row left to right Coach Davis, Hixson Lauzon, Matthew Torres-Klein, Kurry Travis, Bryson Hancock, Colton Hein, Jacob Helms, Ethan Fuston, Gage Harris, Colten Northern, Head Coach Ty Kohler. Front row: Aksel Karo, Jeremiah Donahue, Isaac Kropff, Alonzo Silva-Ortiz, Elijah Jefferey, Cameron Offutt. Not pictured: Stan Falk, Parks Wellhouser

Spring has arrived, and with it comes the return of baseball at Central Linn High School.

The boys' varsity baseball team took to the field on March 2 for their first practice of the season on the diamond behind the school. With clear skies, fresh air, and temperatures nearing 60 degrees, it was the kind of afternoon that reminded everyone why baseball is a hallmark of spring in the valley.

Players showed strong energy and enthusiasm as they worked through drills and warmups, shaking off the winter months and getting back into game form. Coaches focused on fundamentals while the team settled into the rhythm of the new season.

For many in the community, the start of baseball season brings more than just competition. It signals evenings at the

ballpark, the smell of hot dogs at the concession stand, and the simple joy of watching hometown athletes compete.

This year's Central Linn varsity squad appears ready to make its mark. With a mix of returning players and new energy, the Cobras are looking to build momentum early in the season.

Fans won't have to wait long to see the team in action. Central Linn will host its first official game of the season on Monday, March 16, at 4:30 p.m., when the Cobras face off against rival Elmira on their home field.

Community members are encouraged to come out, enjoy a spring afternoon, and cheer on the Cobras as the season gets underway. 🌀

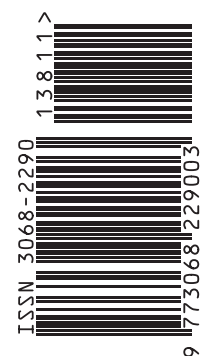
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ONGOING EVENTS

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 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>
541-401-9780

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sustainability Fair

Thursday, March 12 • 5-7 p.m.
CH2M Hill Alumni Center, Oregon State University, Corvallis

Hosted by the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition, this free, family-friendly event features 60+ hands-on exhibits, local food from New Morning Bakery, and live music by the Nick Rivard/Ben Woodman Jazz Guitar Duo. The Sustainability Town Hall runs from 7-9 p.m. (registration required for the Town Hall only).

<https://sustainablecorvallis.org/2026-sustainability-fair-has-something-for-everyone>

Alice in Wonderland

March 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21 • Times vary
Albany Civic Theater, 111 W 1st Ave, Albany

Adapted for young audiences, this family-friendly stage production follows Alice down the rabbit hole into Wonderland, meeting the White Rabbit, Mad Hatter, Tweedledee and Tweedledum, the Queen of Hearts, and other beloved characters. Box office opens 45 minutes before each performance.

<https://www.albanycivic.org> • 541-928-4603

Morningstar Grange Spring Craft Bazaar

Friday-Saturday, March 13-14
Fri 4-8 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Morningstar Grange, 38794 Morningstar Rd. NE, Millersburg

Shop for everyday items from local vendors at this two-day spring bazaar. Dinner served Friday from 4-7 p.m. Lunch served Saturday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Menu includes soups, burgers, hot dogs, chips, drinks, and more.

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60th Annual Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest

Saturday, March 14 • 9 a.m. - 10:15 p.m.
Lebanon Mennonite Church, 2100 S 2nd St., Lebanon
The Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association will host its 60th Annual Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest featuring nine divisions, including age-based categories and a Championship/Open division. First

rounds begin at 9 a.m. Championship rounds start at 7 p.m., followed by the judges' show at 9 p.m. and final awards at 9:30 p.m. Admission is free, with donations appreciated.

Central Linn Booster Club Annual Auction

Saturday, March 14 • 5 p.m.
Central Linn High School, 32433 Highway 228, Halsey
Doors open at 5 p.m., with the silent auction from 5 to 6:20 p.m., dinner at 5:30 p.m., and the live auction at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$300 for a table of 10. Proceeds support Central Linn athletic programs and student clubs.

<https://www.facebook.com/CobraBoosterClub>
cobra boosterclub@hotmail.com • 541-740-9028

Tangent Together Auction Wrap Party

Sunday, March 15 • 1-3 p.m.
Dixie Creek Saloon, 32994 OR-99E, Tangent
Celebrate the conclusion of Tangent Together's St. Patrick's Day Online Auction. Community members can gather with neighbors to pick up auction winnings.

World Cultures & Travel:**Australia's Wild Side**

Thursday, March 19 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Free
Brownsville Community Library, Kirk Room
Travel photographer Don Lyon will present "Australia's Wild Side," sharing images and stories from his explorations across Australia's outback. Lyon, who has visited more than 100 countries, describes Australia as a naturalist's paradise, where unique plants and wildlife tell remarkable stories of survival and adaptation. This is the final World Cultures & Travel program of the spring season.

For the Love of Birds Munch Night

Friday, March 20 • 6 p.m. • \$15 donation requested
American Legion Hall, 339 N. Main St., Brownsville
Calapooia Food Alliance hosts OSU Fish and Wildlife Conservation student Meredith Love for a presentation on backyard birding, habitat, conservation, and how the public can help bird research. Salad buffet, bread, dip, and dessert provided. Bring your own place setting and non-alcoholic beverage.

<https://www.calapooiafoodalliance.org>

Linn County Flea Market

Saturday, March 21 • 8 a.m. early admission
9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. general admission
Linn County Fairgrounds, Santiam Building, 3700 Knox Butte Rd. E, Albany

Shop antiques, collectibles, vintage goods, and unique finds from dozens of vendors. Early buyer admission is \$10, cash only, beginning at 8 a.m. General admission is \$5, cash only, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Children 12 and younger are free, and parking is free.
<https://linncountyfleamarket.com>

The Weston A. Price Foundation Meet, Greet & Eat

Saturday, March 21 • 4-6:30 p.m.
Natural Grocers demo kitchen, 1235 NW 10th St., Corvallis
Bring a dish to share along with a list of ingredients (for allergy-sensitive folks) and your own tableware. "The 11 Wise Traditions" booklets will be available for purchase at \$5 each, along with free Weston A. Price Foundation handouts. We have a new plan for 2026, so show up and join the fun. All are welcome.
<https://chapters.westonaprice.org/linnbentoncounties> • 541-954-2047

STAY CONNECTED WITH CENTRAL LINN!

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

<https://brownsvilletimes.org/community-calendar>

TANGENT TOGETHER

Online Auction Underway; Bidding Open Through March 15

Bidding is now open for Tangent Together's Third Annual St. Patrick's Day Online Auction. The online fundraiser started on March 8 and continues through Saturday, March 15, with bidding ending at 2 p.m.

Participants can view items, create a bidder profile, and place bids at <https://app.bidbeacon.com/#/auction/ZD4EWA>.

Organizers report strong early interest, with bidders already competing for themed gift baskets, local gift certificates, handcrafted items, and unique experiences donated by area businesses and supporters. Proceeds will support Tangent Together's community events and scholarship programs throughout the year.

"This fundraiser helps us continue creating opportunities for connection and support in Tangent," Marcy Hermens said. "Every bid goes back into the community."

The event concludes with an in-person celebration on Saturday, March 15, at Dixie Creek Saloon. The Auction Wrap-Up Party takes place from noon to 3 p.m., giving supporters a chance to gather, celebrate, and connect with neighbors after a week of online bidding.

Winning bidders can begin picking up their items starting at 2 p.m. during the event.

Organizers encourage participants to keep an eye on their favorite items as the auction enters its final days, noting that bidding activity typically intensifies as the closing deadline approaches.

Community members can also follow Tangent Together on Facebook for auction updates, featured items, and event reminders.

Tangent Together is a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening community connections and supporting local initiatives in Tangent through events, partnerships, and service projects. ☺

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Please no expired items.

- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
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- Laundry soap

2026 LINN COUNTY LAMB AND WOOL FAIR

Junior Court Applications Due March 17

Linn County second graders have an opportunity to represent their communities as members of the 2026 Linn County Lamb and Wool Fair Junior Court.

Applications are now open for the program, which selects up to five children through a random drawing process. Junior Court members participate in parades and public appearances that promote the annual Lamb and Wool Fair while serving as youth ambassadors throughout the fair season.

To qualify, applicants must live in Linn County or attend school within the county and be enrolled in second grade or a homeschool equivalent. Completed applications must be submitted by Tuesday, March 17, 2026.

The Lamb and Wool Fair Royal Court Committee will review all applications for eligibility and completeness before conducting the drawing. Families of selected participants will be contacted directly. All other applicants will receive notification by email.

Junior Court members are required to attend several official events, including:

- Royal Court Social — Saturday, April 18, 2–4 p.m. in Scio
 - Royal Court Coronation — Friday, May 15, 6–8 p.m. in Scio
 - Lamb and Wool Fair Parade — Saturday, May 16, 9 a.m.–noon in Scio
- Members may also participate in additional summer parades, including:
- Lebanon Strawberry Festival Grand Parade — Saturday, June 6
 - Brownsville Pioneer Picnic Parade — Saturday, June 20
 - Stayton Fourth of July Parade — Saturday, July 4
 - Sweet Home Sportsman’s Holiday Parade — Saturday, July 11

Times for summer parades will be announced.

Parents are responsible for providing transportation to and from all events as directed by the Royal Court Committee.

Junior Court members receive official attire, including a dress, sash, tiara, and Royal Court shirt. Participants are expected to wear designated outfits and approved hairstyles during appearances.

Throughout their term, members take part in promotional photos, attend formal ceremonies, ride parade floats, and interact with Royal Court Princesses and community members. The program is supervised by the Lamb and Wool Fair Royal Court Committee, which retains sole discretion to dismiss a member at any time.

Applications are available at <https://forms.gle/zwbqd1qTfjCiA9557>. Late or incomplete submissions will not be considered.

Questions may be directed to Royal Court Coordinator Sydney Rimer at LWRoyalCourt@gmail.com.

LINN COUNTY PIONEER ASSOCIATION

Calling all Pioneer Descendants

BROWNSVILLE — The Linn County Pioneer Association (LCPA) invites all descendants of the Linn County Pioneers to be in the Grand Parade June 20, 2026 in Brownsville. The descendants can display their family name on a sign or banner! The parade starts at 10 a.m. on the corner of Highway 228 and Templeton St. in Brownsville. There will be a horse & wagon ride available until it is filled up or you have the option of walking the parade route. For questions Call Karen at 541-619-5428. We hope to see you there for a fun time.

For the latest information, visit <https://www.pioneerpicnic.com>, find the Linn County Pioneer Association on Facebook, call 541-466-5656, or email lcpa1887@gmail.com.



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CALAPOOIA FOOD ALLIANCE

For the Love of Birds: OSU Student to Speak at March Munch Night

BROWNSVILLE — Bird enthusiasts and backyard naturalists are invited to learn how they can help protect and support bird populations during Calapooia Food Alliance’s March Munch Night on Friday, March 20.

The program will feature Meredith Love, an Oregon State University Fish and Wildlife Conservation student with extensive academic and field research experience. Love will discuss the increasing challenges faced by birds in a rapidly changing environment and share practical ways community members can make a difference nearby.



Black-capped Chickadee

Her presentation will highlight the importance of habitat, birding safety, the impact of human activities on bird populations, conservation efforts, recommended equipment and mobile apps, and how residents can support bird research through backyard birding.

Munch Night starts at 6 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 339 N. Main St., Brownsville. This month’s menu includes a salad buffet with broccoli, kale, and pasta salads, fresh rye bread with spinach artichoke dip, and cake made by the CFA Board.

Guests are asked to bring their own place setting and a non-alcoholic beverage. A \$15 donation is suggested.

More information is available at <https://www.calapooiafoodalliance.org> or by emailing calapooiafood@gmail.com.



Calapooia Food Alliance presents

FOR THE LOVE OF BIRDS

Meredith Love, an OSU Fish and Wildlife Conservation student with years of study and field research will be discussing; habitat, safety, human impact, conservation, equipment/apps and how we can help with research of backyard birding.



Friday, March 20
6 p.m. • \$15
Munch Night
American Legion
339 N Main St., Brownsville



Contact Us
www.calapooiafoodalliance.org
calapooiafood@gmail.com

We will be serving a salad buffet, fresh rye bread, spinach artichoke dip and cake. Please provide your own non-alcoholic drink and place setting.

Fresh Clay, Fresh Finds at Peoria Pottery Cart

By Mikayle Stole, Editor

PEORIA — The self-serve pottery cart at 29526 Peoria Road has been restocked with a fresh collection of handmade ceramics by local artist Diana Cook.



COURTESY OF DIANA COOK

Diana Cook's self-serve roadside pottery cart on Peoria Road in Halsey features a rotating selection of her handmade ceramics, offering locally crafted mugs, bowls, and kitchenware on the honor system.

Cook, a retired environmental research scientist, says pottery has become both a creative outlet and a grounding daily practice. Growing up along the banks of the Willamette River, she developed a lifelong connection to nature that now influences her work at the wheel.

"I love playing in the mud," Cook said with a laugh, describing the meditative rhythm of throwing clay. "It's relaxing, creative, and keeps you fit."



A variety of Diana's handmade ceramics fill the shelves of her pottery cart.

Her studio, which overlooks the river, is shared with her husband, painter Cory Cook, creating a household immersed in the arts.

Cook's latest pieces feature a range of functional and decorative ceramics, including mugs, bowls, serving dishes, and kitchenware. Prices range from \$3 to \$25, with most mugs priced at \$10.

Her designs draw inspiration from several sources, including her Scandinavian heritage and a love of classic blue-on-white pottery. She is also experimenting with glaze colors that echo the vivid blues and turquoises of Yellowstone's Morning Glory Pool.

Cook studied pottery under Salem instructor Craig Martel, whose mentorship helped shape her technical foundation.

She expressed gratitude to customers who placed special orders this past month and to the many community members who continue to support local handmade art.

The pottery cart is open to the public and operates on a self-serve basis. ☺

BROWNSVILLE ART ASSOCIATION

Watercolor Batik Class Explores Luminous Wax-Resist Technique

Register by March 14

Area artists and creative learners are invited to explore the layered beauty of watercolor batik at a hands-on workshop coming up at the Brownsville Art Center.

Instructor Mishelle Tourtillott will teach "Watercolor Batik on Japanese Rice Paper" on Saturday, March 21, from 1 to 4 p.m. The three-hour class introduces the unique wax-resist technique used to create richly layered, luminous watercolor artwork on delicate Japanese paper.

Participants will learn the complete batik process while creating their own finished piece. Tourtillott will provide wax, brushes, Japanese paper, wax-resist materials, pens, and newspapers. Students are asked to bring their own watercolor paints and brushes.

The class is open to individuals aged 16 and older and is limited to eight students to provide personalized instruction. A minimum of five participants is necessary. The fee is \$50 per student. The Brownsville Art Center is located at 255 N. Main St. Visit <https://brownsvilleart.org> for details and registration. ☺



COURTESY OF MISHELLE TOURTILLOTT

LINN COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

A New Exhibit Tells the Story of Linn County's Agriculture

By Mandy Cole, Staff Writer

Way back in 1982, soon after the Linn County Historical Museum was installed in the Southern Pacific train depot, a team of energetic volunteers went to work assembling exhibits from a random collection of artifacts donated by local descendants of pioneer settlers. These artifacts were cleverly crafted into museum displays such as the Dry Goods Store, the Dressmaker's Shop, and the Agriculture exhibit. Now, over four decades on, some of the exhibits need updating, especially the Agriculture display. Because Linn County's agriculture has such an interesting and important history, a better story needs to be told.

Here's a sneak preview of the story the new exhibit will tell: we'll begin 13,000 years ago with the Indigenous inhabitants of the Willamette who maintained the abundance of animal and plant foods through seasonal burning of the prairies. When settlers entered the Willamette Valley in the mid-1800s, they were entranced by the fertility and park-like nature of the landscape, not realizing the land was a product of Kalapuyan ecological practices. The new arrivals overtook Native lands, installed fencing, stopped the annual burning, and began subsistence farming. Linn County's story continues with the growing importance of agriculture as an economic en-

gine. More and more laborers were needed, attracting a diverse work force of immigrants from China, Hawaii, Mexico, and including Europeans, African Americans, and Black pioneers; consequently, Linn County's social and cultural picture was transformed. Today, agriculture plays a hugely important role in Linn County's and Oregon's economies, driving our prosperity and livability.

Since creating a new Agriculture exhibit costs heaps of money, museum staff applied to the Linn County Cultural Coalition for funding and, fortunately, were granted \$2000. The Friends of the Linn County Museum contributed \$500 in matching funds. The project is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

Watch for the opening of the Museum's updated Agriculture exhibit in early 2027. ☺



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The Cost of Creativity

Rising Expenses and Fading Volunteers Challenge Central Linn Arts

By Liam Hamilton, Guest Writer

On a Tuesday night, seven women circle a long table at the Brownsville Art Association, painting ornaments for the town's holiday tree fundraiser. Acting President Lory Garcy said the center functions only because residents take ownership of it. "The city covers utilities," she said, "but the rest is us."

The partnership works because the city provides the space and essential utilities, allowing volunteers to focus on programming. City Manager Scott McDowell said, "They've created a vibrant art community here." The space is "productive for the community."

Volunteers run classes, clean the building, and manage outreach and fundraising — sometimes on top of full-time jobs. "It's really nice to do something totally different when you get home from work," longtime member Rhoda Fleischman said.

Upstairs, Fleischman explains that the center relies on work few people ever see, months of planning events, restocking supplies, mending equipment, and stepping in when someone can't make it. "It takes a lot of hands to keep this place running," she said.

That unseen labor is the backbone of community arts organizations across Linn and Lane counties.

While large metropolitan museums may employ paid staff and development teams, rural and small-town arts centers often operate on patchwork budgets and rely on volunteer energy. Rising utility costs, supply expenses and insurance premiums strain already thin resources. At the same time, many longtime volunteers are balancing jobs and family responsibilities or stepping back after years of service.



Tuesday night art group members gather at the Brownsville Art Center in November 2025 to create handmade ornaments for the annual Festival of Trees fundraiser, one of many volunteer-led efforts that help sustain local arts programming.

A 2024 Oregon Cultural Trust report noted that volunteerism is declining nationwide, even as the need for stable and accessible cultural funding continues to grow. In towns the size of Brownsville, even a small shift in participation can have an outsized effect.

Community arts spaces depend not just on artists, but on organizers, bookkeepers, teachers and custodians. They rely on neighbors willing to unlock doors, hang exhibits, manage social media pages, and host classes. Often, the same people wear multiple hats.

Financial pressures add another layer. Sales of smaller gift items may remain steady, but larger pieces can sit longer before finding buyers. Fundraisers, membership drives, and donations become critical sources of revenue. Grants help, but they are competitive and rarely cover all operational costs.

Despite the challenges, these spaces continue to serve as gathering points in communities with limited venues for connection. They offer affordable classes for children and adults, exhibition space for local artists, and a place to unwind and create.

In rural communities, art centers are more than galleries. They are meeting rooms, classrooms, and creative outlets. They foster friendships, mentorships, and a shared sense of ownership.

In Brownsville, the lights are still turned on. Classes are still taught. Exhibits are still hung. Volunteers still show up to sweep floors, organize supplies, and welcome visitors.

It may not always be easy, and it may not always make financial sense on paper. But as long as neighbors continue to pick up brushes and give their time, community art in Central Linn County endures. ☼

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SEASONS EATINGS

Sweet Auction Favorites That Always Disappear

By Lisa Keith, Columnist

I had a couple of requests for items I donated to the Sharing Hands Chili Cookoff and dessert auction.

The first is a modified version of a recipe from the 2018 Pollyanna cookbook. Pollyanna calls them “Candy Bar Cookies.” My friend Colleen says her family calls them “Magic Bars” because they disappear. I’ve also heard them called “7 Layer Bars.” When I worked at Scatter Joy Tearoom in Junction City, they called them “Hello Dolly Bars.”

The second recipe was given to me in 2008 by one of my daughter’s babysitter friends. Both recipes have been shared before and did very well at the auction.

7 Layer Bars

- 1 stick (½ C) butter
- 1 C graham cracker crumbs
- 1 C flaked coconut
- 1 C dark chocolate chips
- 1 C white chocolate chips
- 1 C butterscotch chips
- 1 C chopped nuts
- 1 can (14 oz) sweetened condensed milk

Melt butter in a 10-by-15-inch pan in the oven at 350°F. Sprinkle graham cracker crumbs evenly over the melted butter. Layer coconut, dark chocolate chips, white chocolate chips, butterscotch chips, and chopped nuts in that order. Pour sweetened condensed milk evenly over the top. Bake 25 minutes. Cool completely, then cut into bars or squares.

These are an easy sellout at bake sales. They also helped sell more than 100 cookbooks.

Gluten-Free Peanut Butter Cookies

- 1 C peanut butter
- 1 C sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp vanilla

Mix all ingredients well. Form into balls and place on a baking sheet. Use a fork to make a crosshatch pattern on each cookie. Bake at 350°F for 7 to 10 minutes.

I love hearing what’s happening in your kitchens and on your tables — your notes and conversations keep this space lively. Have a recipe to share, a cooking puzzle to solve, or an idea for a future column? Reach out to me at iamcheflisa@gmail.com. 🌻



TABLE TALK: DINING IN AROUND BROWNSVILLE

Five-Star Reviews Point the Way to Local Grindz Food Truck

By Jeff Brown, Staff Writer and Columnist

SWEET HOME — I was in Sweet Home the other day around lunchtime and needed to find something to eat. As I usually do, I pulled out my phone and looked for the best lunch spots nearby. The first place that showed up was Local Grindz Food Truck, known for its Hawaiian-style plates. What caught my attention immediately were the solid five-star reviews. It was the first time I can remember seeing a place with an all five-star rating. That, along with its location at 800 Long Street, just down the road, made it an easy choice.

This is a food truck, not a sit-down restaurant, but they do have outdoor seating. Orders are taken at the window, and the setup is simple and efficient. I was greeted by Christopher Marocco, the owner and cook, who has been running this location for nearly three years. Originally from Maui, he said he wanted to bring some of the foods he grew up with to the Sweet Home area.

The menu offers more than just a few options. Along with their plate lunches, they serve kalua pork, ahi poke bowls, yakisoba noodles, and much more. They also have regular specials, including Happy Yakisoba Wednesday and Taco Tuesday, which give customers something new to look forward to during the week.

I ordered the signature Hawaiian plate, which included pulled pork, rice, and macaroni salad. The food was prepared fresh and served quickly. The pulled pork was tender and well-seasoned, without being too heavy. The rice was cooked properly and complemented the meat well, while the macaroni salad was creamy and balanced.

The portion size was generous and satisfying, making it a great value for lunch. Everything on the plate complemented each other, and the quality matched the positive reviews I had seen online.

Local Grindz Food Truck provides a dependable lunch spot in Sweet Home for anyone seeking tasty Hawaiian-style comfort food. 🌻



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Commissioners OK Enterprise Zone Agreement

By Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer

ALBANY — At their March 3 meeting, Linn County Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Sherrie Sprenger, and Will Tucker approved an extended Enterprise Zone Tax Abatement Agreement for Valliscor LLC.

Linn County is a cosponsor of the Albany Enterprise Zone. The City of Albany had already approved the agreement, which will provide property tax incentives for the development of a chemical manufacturing plant by Valliscor LLC.

Valliscor LLC is based in Corvallis and manufactures high-value compounds used in the pharmaceutical and semiconductor industries. According to the company’s website, its chemicals are used in medications to treat asthma, COPD, breast cancer, and other diseases. Other products are used to make logic and memory chips in the semiconductor field.

The company is expanding to include a 16,000-square-foot manufacturing facility on 12-acres on Ferry Street in Albany.

Albany Economic Development Manager Sophie Adams told the commissioners the project will create 40 new jobs that pay at least 150 percent of the average wage in Linn County, with a long-range plan of 100 total jobs in the future. She said this is a \$25 million investment by Valliscor.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Approved a temporary employment agreement with LCSO Lieutenant Detective Randy Voight. He will retire from the Sheriff’s Office on April 30 and the agreement will allow him to work back for one more year.
• Approved contracts to provide 9-1-1 communications by the LCSO with the following: Albany Fire Department, Brownsville Rural Fire Protection District, Halsey-Shedd Rural Fire Protection District, Lebanon Fire District, Scio Rural Fire Protection District, Sweet Home Fire & Ambulance District, and the Tangent Rural Fire Protection District.
• Approved the purchase of a tax-foreclosed property at 2948 44th Ave. SE, Albany by the former owner for \$35,432.52.

- Added Trail Bridge Campground on Highway 126 to the list of U.S. Forest Service campgrounds managed and maintained by the Linn County Parks & Recreation Department. The campground was closed for almost a decade due to infrastructure work in the area by the Eugene Watershed Enhancement Board. This brings the total number of Forest Service campgrounds managed by Linn County Parks & Recreation to 26.
• Approved a letter of support for the Sweet Home Water Treatment Plant generator project. The city is seeking federal funding to modify the water treatment plant due in part to turbidity issues caused by the drawdown of Green Peter Reservoir. A generator would ensure water treatment processing could continue if storms knock out commercialy-provided electricity.
• Announced that a Management Staff meeting would be held at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 4, in the courthouse basement meeting room.

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Tangent Together Earns Regional Innovation Award

By Marcy Hermens, Staff Writer & Tangent Correspondent



COURTESY OF MARCY HERMENS

Tangent Together members display the OFEA Ovation Award for Innovation and the Combine King championship belt, honoring the success of the 2025 Tangent Harvest Festival's Combine Demolition Derby.

Tangent Together was recently honored by the Oregon Festival and Events Association (OFEA) with the Ovation Award for Innovation for the 2025 Tangent Harvest Festival. OFEA's Innovation Award recognizes organizations that bring new life to events through creative, fresh, and functional approaches — original ideas that break the mold and successfully transform festivals into something truly memorable. For 2025, OFEA recognized Tangent Together for doing exactly that with the introduction of the Combine Demolition Derby to the Tangent Harvest Festival.

Their idea was bold: take retired farm combines and transform them into crowd-thrilling machines that celebrate our agricultural heritage in the most unexpected and high-energy way imaginable. The Derby blended nostalgia, humor, and high-energy fun into one unforgettable spectacle — and it fit right at home alongside everything else that makes the Tangent Harvest Festival a beloved tradition for our community.

The response was overwhelming. Attendance soared, and visitors traveled from across the state to experience it for themselves. New faces discovered the festival, while longtime attendees found fresh reasons to celebrate. Together, it all added up to a memorable festival!

This award recognizes the hard work and commitment of the Tangent Together team, but more than that, it belongs to everyone who showed up, volunteered, cheered from the bleachers, and made the 2025 Harvest Festival and Combine Demolition Derby something truly special.

Trina Henderson stated, "Thank you for being the heart of everything Tangent Together does — we can't wait to see what we dream up next." Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 19, 2026, for the 2026 Tangent Harvest Festival and Combine Demolition Derby. ☀

TANGENT PLANNING COMMISSION

Jones Appointed Chair; Property Solicitations, Solar Project Discussed

TANGENT — The Tangent Planning Commission met at 7 p.m. on Feb. 12 at City Hall, where they appointed new leadership and discussed development-related topics. No formal land use actions were taken.

A quorum was present with commissioners Beth Timmons, Greg Jones, and Lisa Coon attending. Zachary Harrison was absent. The commission chair position was vacant at the start of the meeting.

No Citizen Comments

No members of the public addressed the commission during the citizen comment period.

Consent Calendar Approved

Commissioners approved the Consent Calendar following a verbal report from city staff. The calendar included approval of the previous meeting minutes.

The motion passed unanimously without discussion.

Jones Named Commission Chair

Commissioner Beth Timmons moved to appoint Greg Jones as chair of the Planning Commission. Commissioner Lisa Coon seconded the motion, and Jones accepted the nomination.

The motion passed unanimously, formally filling the commission's leadership vacancy.

Property Purchase Notices Raise Concerns

Under new business, commissioners discussed mailing blanket property notices to Tangent residents.

Commissioner Coon expressed concern that the notices do not explain their purpose. She noted that in past cases, developers have used similar outreach to acquire property for redevelopment.

No action was taken.

Solar Farm Update

Commissioner Timmons provided an update on the Muddy Creek Solar Farm and encouraged residents to follow the Linn County permitting process as the proposal moves forward.

No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m. ☀

TANGENT FARMERS MARKET

Tangent Farmers Market Sets 2026 Season, Seeks Vendors and Community Booths

TANGENT — The 2026 season of the Tangent Farmers Market returns this summer with four monthly pop-up markets designed to bring fresh goods, local makers, and community engagement to town.



Markets will be held on the second Saturday of each month — May 9, June 13, July 11, and Aug. 8. All events take place in the parking lot shared by Baxter's Brew and Riverland Rentals, located at 33977 OR-99E in Tangent.

Vendor setup and check-in start at 8 a.m., the market opens to shoppers from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and vendors are asked to finish cleanup by 3 p.m.

Organizers say space is limited and applications are reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis, with priority given to local vendors. Anyone interested in participating must submit an application.

Artisan vendors are those offering handmade, homegrown, baked, or creatively crafted products. The booth fee is \$20 cash for each 10-by-10-foot space, paid at check-in. Vendors may reserve multiple spaces if needed. Direct sales businesses — such as Tupperware or Pampered Chef — are not allowed.

Vendors must supply their own 10-by-10 canopy, tables, and chairs. Booth weights such as sandbags are required for safety. Insurance is highly recommended. Electricity and Wi-Fi are not available at the site.

Informational booths are available for organizations and businesses that share community resources or services. These booth spaces are free, and promotional items and giveaways are welcome. Religious and political organizations cannot be accommodated.

For questions or vendor information, contact Leslie Harrison by phone at 541-270-9859 or email at tangentfarmersmarket@gmail.com. Harrison looks forward to welcoming vendors and community partners for another lively market season. ☀

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TANGENT TOGETHER

Bingo Season Closes with Groovy Finale

Costumed participants brought 1970s flair and big hair to Tangent Together's adults-only "Not Your Grandma's Bingo" season finale on March 2 at Dixie Creek Saloon. The high-energy evening was hosted by Mrs. Roper with cheeky bingo calls and community camaraderie as players competed for cash prizes and raffle winnings.



COURTESY OF MARCY HERMENS
Paul and Marcy Hermens join a group of women channeling their inner Mrs. Roper with colorful caftans and curly red wigs during the themed bingo night, paying tribute to the beloved character from the 1970s sitcom "Three's Company."

Hosted by Tangent Together, the event was part of a fall and winter series designed to bring adults together for lighthearted fun while supporting local programs and scholarships. The finale marked the last game of the season in Tangent, closing out months of lively Monday gatherings.

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LOOMS *continued from cover*

His first job at the mill was in the washroom, one of the dirtiest and most unpleasant areas. Raw wool arrived straight from freshly sheared sheep, and it was Howard's responsibility to clean it. He placed the wool into a large tub, added soap and water, and then removed debris — including what he bluntly described as "dingieberries." After washing, he fed the wool into an extractor to remove the water.

The work was messy and demanding, but it left a lasting impression. Howard said the job taught him a strong work ethic and even cured him of biting his fingernails.

He worked every summer during his high school years and was hired full-time after graduation, earning 50 cents an hour. While modest by today's standards, it was better pay than many other local jobs available to young people, such as picking beans.

More importantly, the job revealed his natural mechanical ability. Howard learned how the mill's machines worked and quickly became the person others relied on for repairs. The experience gave him hands-on skills and confidence that stayed with him for life.

Howard believes strongly that young people benefit from working. "It teaches them skills and the value of money," he said.

He remembers the constant drone of machinery and the distinctive smell of wet wool. His summer workdays ran from 8 a.m. to noon. At midday, he would walk home to his family's house at 608 Oak Street for lunch, then return to work from 1-5 p.m.

Howard formed many friendships during those years, though he notes with sadness that most of his coworkers have since passed away.

He was careful with his earnings, saving every penny. In 1951, at just 17, he purchased his first car, a shiny black 1939 Chevy Coupe, for \$200 cash. "I was proud of that car," he recalled. But everything changed on March 1, 1955.

Late that evening, a fire broke out at the mill. A little after six, Howard looked out the window and saw a glow in the sky. He heard the fire siren wailing and the whistle from the mill sounding the alarm. From across Brownsville, he could see flames lighting up the night sky within minutes. Residents rushed to help, but the fire could not be stopped. The entire mill was destroyed. Howard went with his dad to investigate, and the scene was devastating.



COURTESY OF BROWNSVILLE PHOTO GALLERY



The Brownsville Times front page on March 3, 1955, reports the fire that destroyed the historic Brownsville Woolen Mill. (Brownsville Times archive)

In a single night, dozens of people lost their jobs. Howard's entire family became unemployed. Howard was just 20 years old.

After that fateful day, Howard visited the woolen mill in Harrisburg. He told the manager that he just wanted to look around the spinning room. As he entered the room, he noticed the spinning machine was not operating. He offered to fix it, and the operator said, "Be my guest." He fixed it with ease, and they hired him on the spot.

Howard's dad got a job at the Foster plywood mill, and his mom stayed home after that. Many others were not so fortunate. Some families were forced to leave Brownsville in search of employment, and the town's population declined in the years that followed.

Today, Howard still vividly remembers the sounds, smells, and lessons of the woolen mill. The experience shaped his work ethic, his mechanical skills, and his life.

Howard Hamilton would later go on to become a well-known hypnotist — but that, he says with a smile, is another story.

The mill may have burned in 1955, but in Howard's memory, its looms are still running, echoing the hard work and determination of a generation that helped build Brownsville.

SNAP Recipients Encouraged to Use Local Job and Volunteer Resources

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer & Columnist

Central Linn-area residents receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits may be affected by expanded federal work requirements, and state officials are encouraging participants to connect with free employment, training, and volunteer opportunities to remain eligible.

According to the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS), updated federal rules now require more SNAP recipients — including some adults up to age 64 — to show they are working, looking for work, participating in training programs, or completing approved volunteer service to receive benefits beyond three months.

Because Linn County has nearby workforce

services, residents are generally expected to meet the requirements unless they qualify for an exemption.

While the Central Linn area does not have a WorkSource Oregon office, free assistance is available at nearby centers in Albany and Lebanon. Services include career coaching, job search assistance, resume and interview preparation, job readiness workshops, and connections to GED programs and short-term training opportunities.

Volunteering may also count toward meeting SNAP requirements. Approved activities can include helping at nonprofits, schools, community programs, or local service organizations.

The Brownsville Times, a nonprofit community

newspaper, offers volunteer opportunities for writers, photographers, and community contributors that may qualify when coordinated through ODHS or WorkSource Oregon.

Officials note many participants may already meet requirements through current work, education, or volunteer activities.

Residents who have questions or believe the changes may affect them are encouraged to contact ODHS to review their eligibility or possible exemptions.

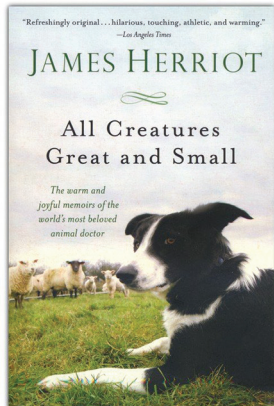
For assistance, contact the SNAP ABAWD Team at 1-833-947-1694 or visit <https://benefits.oregon.gov>. Information about employment services is available at <https://worksourceoregon.org>.

KIDS' KORNER

All Creatures Great and Small

By Nancy Diltz, Staff Writer and Columnist

You might already have a favorite book, one that is especially treasured and loved. Maybe it is a gift you cherish? When I was young, that special book for me was "All Creatures Great and Small" by James Herriot. Herriot was a Scottish veterinarian in Yorkshire, England. He wrote eight "All Creatures Great and Small" books, along with "Herriot's Dog Stories," "Herriot's Cat Stories," and "Herriot's Yorkshire Stories," all containing true stories about his experiences and adventures as a vet in a small rural countryside starting in the 1930s.



His patients included dogs, cats, sheep, cows, horses, and even birds. His stories are filled with humor, kindness, and occasional sadness. His descriptions of animal encounters will make you feel like you are right there with him on his rounds in the barns and homes of rural England. "Capturing the spirit of the Yorkshire Dales on the cusp of change, before tractors and machines had taken over and before modern medicines and antibiotics transformed veterinary work, a beloved cast of characters emerges — not the least the animals, who are always at the heart of Herriot's stories," according to panmacmillan.com.

The characters in Herriot's stories are also fun and quite interesting, devoted to their pets and livestock, and rely on Dr. Herriott to care for their animals. You will get an up-close look at how people lived in rural England about a hundred years ago. For fifth grade readers and older, these stories are great to read aloud to younger children. They are available at the Brownsville Library. ☺



Author Nancy Diltz's pet cat Lucy and dog Timmy

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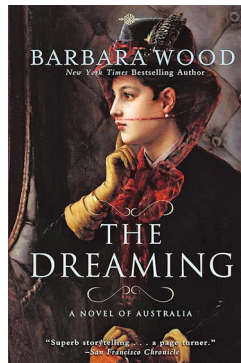
Australia Takes Center Stage at Library Travel Program

By Sherri Lemhouse, Brownsville Librarian

Next Thursday, March 19, at 7 p.m., Don Lyon will present World Cultures & Travel — Australia's Wild Side. If his program sparks your curiosity, the library has plenty of great reads about — or set in — Australia to keep the adventure going.

Fiction

Mystery fans can follow Inspector Napoleon Bonaparte of the Australian Police in Arthur William Upfield's series. Barbara Wood's "The Dreaming" explores family destiny and Aboriginal legend, while Mardi McConnachie's "Cold Water" tells the story of three sisters raised on a remote penal colony.



Australian-set favorites include Colleen McCullough's "The Thorn Birds," Patrick O'Brien's "Desolation Island," Kate Morton's "The Forgotten Garden," and M.L. Stedman's "The Light Between Oceans," where a lighthouse couple's quiet life changes after a baby washes ashore.

Nevil Shute, a WWII coast watcher, wrote several novels set in Australia, including "A Town Like Alice," "On the Beach," and "The Breaking Wave." Western author Zane Grey also ventured Down Under with "Wilderness Track."

Nonfiction selections

In Margaret Lowman's "It's a Jungle Up There," a mother and her sons share their adventures exploring tropical rainforest treetops around the world. In "Desperate Voyage," John Caldwell recounts sailing a 20-foot cutter from Panama to Australia after World War II to reunite with his bride. Bill Bryson's "In a Sunburned Country" offers his trademark humor and insight on Australian travel.

Charles Percy Mountford's "Brown Men and Red Sand" blends adventure, travel writing, and scientific discovery while reflecting the author's deep admiration for Aboriginal culture. Stephen Moore's "Battle for Hell's Island" tells the true story of the Cactus Air Force and its role in the fight for Guadalcanal.

For younger readers

Junior nonfiction titles include "The Koalas of Australia" by Linda George, "Strange Animals of Australia" by Toni Eugene, and "Australia" by Henry Arthur Pluckrose.

Junior fiction favorites include "Dingoes at Dinnertime" by Mary Pope Osborne, where the Magic Tree House carries Jack and Annie to Australia during a wildfire, and Andy Griffiths' wildly imaginative Treehouse series. ☺

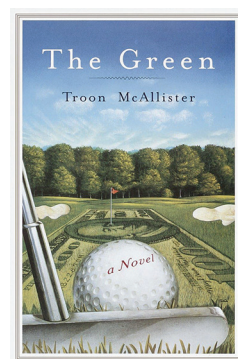
BOOKS TO CONSIDER

Troon McAllister on Golfing — It's Never Too Late!

By Nancy Diltz, Staff Writer and Columnist

I started playing the great game of golf in my 60s. It's never too late to learn something new. Although, in the case of golfing, it can take a lifetime to master all the nuances, rules, and culture of the game. The author, Troon McAllister (a pseudonym for the thriller writer Lee Gruenfeld), can help. His books about golf, "The Green," "The Foursome," and "Scratch," are as entertaining as they are informative. Whether you already have an interest in golf or have never played before, you will probably still enjoy the quirky characters and fun found in Troon McAllister's golf stories, along with a genuine sense of the game and its unique vernacular.

In "The Green," the focus is on the Ryder Cup, which is "a biennial tournament considered the premier event in the golfing world, pitting the 12 best players in the United States against the 12 best of Europe in a pressure-filled contest that can even paralyze the most seasoned tour veterans. United States captain Alan Bellamy, with one crucial spot still open and none of the top tour players willing to participate against a clearly superior European team, makes a desperate decision to uphold America's golfing honor. He chooses Eddie Caminetti, a low-life, two-bit hustler from a municipal course in South Florida, as his twelfth man. The most prestigious tournament in golf will never be the same. As the unexpected consequences of Caminetti's participation on the Ryder team unfold riotously, Troon McAllister takes you into the thoughts and souls of elite professional athletes and asks a question as old as golf itself: Why would God create a game even He can't play?" according to thriftbooks.com



"The Green" is a fun read for both the avid golfer and the soon-to-be golf fan. Available on Libby eBooks at the Brownsville Library. ☺

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Local Author Michelle Heaton to Present 'The Dream Guardian' at March 28 Town Hall Event

By Annie Swensen, Staff Writer and Columnist

SWEET HOME — Michelle Heaton will share her newly published book, "The Dream Guardian: Sasquatch and the Path to Awakening," on Saturday, March 28, at noon during a Town Hall Meeting at the Dam Bar, 6099 Hwy 20, Sweet Home.

Michelle was born and raised in Michigan, then traveled the world as a photojournalist before settling in Sweet Home six years ago. The area's forests and trails brought her childhood dreams of Sasquatch to life. In her quest for Bigfoot, she found herself surrounded by locals who shared her passion and offered their own insights. She created trail maps and founded Sweet Home Sasquatch, a research group that has grown into a large community of wilderness explorers who share their experiences.

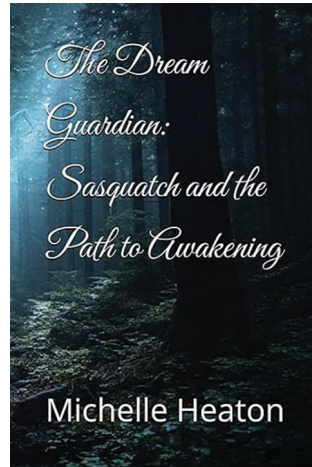
"I want to inspire those who have dreams, to reach out to others, pay attention to their hearts, and to themselves... to realize what humanity

is and emit love," Michelle stated.

Her book description highlights her personal discovery over time. "Michelle's path unfolds in whispers and signs, guiding her toward a deeper understanding of herself and the world. This book is a testament to the power of nature to heal, to teach, and awaken the soul."

Michelle will also be sharing her book on July 10-11 at the Sasquatch Summerfest, where researchers gather in Oakridge at Green Waters Park.

Signed copies may be requested by reaching out to Michelle Heaton on Facebook. Both paperback and e-book editions are also available on Amazon.



COURTESY OF MICHELLE HEATON

HOME SALES REPORT

January and February 2026 Property & Home Sales in Central Linn County

In January and February 2026, the Central Linn County area saw a range of home sales across Brownsville, Harrisburg, Shedd, and Tangent with sale prices ranging from \$189,485 to \$1.9 million. Properties sold primarily include single-family residences with one to four bedrooms and one to three bathrooms, reflecting a mix of modest homes and higher-value properties across a range of lot sizes and settings.

Date	Street Address	City	Sale Price	Sq Ft	Year Built	Beds	Baths	Acres
Jan. 2	961 9th St	Harrisburg	429,000	1,356	2003	3	2	0.16
Jan. 6	31843 Meadowlark Lp	Tangent	607,500	2,061	2000	4	2	0.27
Jan. 13	300 Averill St	Brownsville	320,000	1,620	2024	2	2	0.16
Jan. 16	550 6th Pl	Harrisburg	375,000	1,168	1977	3	2	0.24
Jan. 26	1119 Ash St	Brownsville	415,000	1,844	1920	4	3	0.16
Jan. 26	920 Filbert St	Brownsville	412,500	1,248	2005	3	2	0.17
Jan. 29	32874 Hwy 99E	Tangent	250,000	1,486	1940	3	2	1
Feb. 2	888 9th St	Harrisburg	499,990	2,213	2025	4	3	0.18
Feb. 3	903 Smith St	Harrisburg	302,400	1,571	1996	3	3	0.2
Feb. 6	881 Arrow Leaf Pl	Harrisburg	412,500	1,596	2004	3	3	0.16
Feb. 6	870 Monroe St	Harrisburg	400,000	1,419	1994	3	3	0.17
Feb. 9	25845 Gap Rd	Brownsville	990,000	1,204	1976	2	1	61.11
Feb. 13	930 Sommerville Lp	Harrisburg	915,000	1,608	1911	4	1	7.44
Feb. 17	900 Pine St	Brownsville	429,000	1,892	2020	2	3	0.17
Feb. 18	860 Burton St	Harrisburg	189,485	638	1948	1	1	0.14
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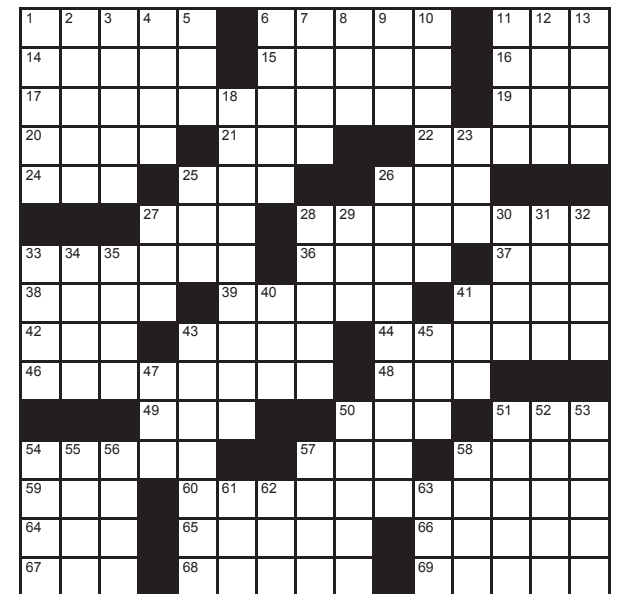
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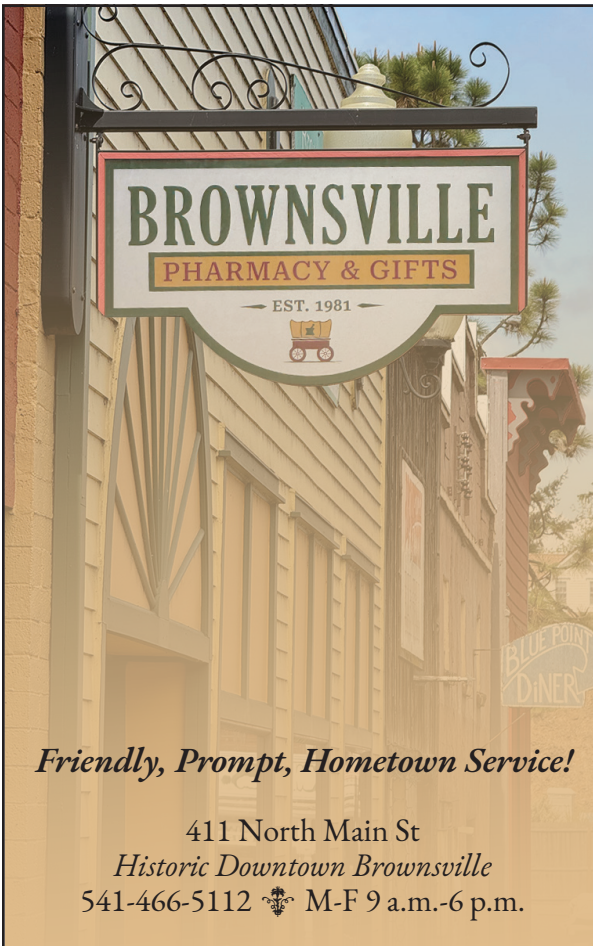
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OBITUARY

Eleanore 'Ellie' Stith

June 27, 1942—February 28, 2026

Ellie Stith of Brownsville, OR, peacefully passed away, surrounded by her family, on February 28, 2026, at age 83.

Ellie's life can best be encapsulated by these words: Family, Faith, Food, and Fun.

Family: Born in 1942 in Anaconda, MT, to John and Dorothy Morgan, Ellie's childhood years were spent in Montana and Oregon. In high school, she was a cheerleader, worked for the school newspaper, and performed in two plays: "The Wizard of Oz" as the lion and Tiny Tim in "A Christmas Carol." After graduating, she took a bus to California, enrolled at San Jose Bible College, and worked her way through college to earn a BA in Biblical Studies. There, she met Joel, her husband for 61 years. They raised three children and have eight grandchildren. Joel & Ellie served in ministry together at churches in Oregon, California, and Idaho for 60 years and regard the people they ministered to as lifelong family.

Faith: Ellie met Jesus at youth group when she was 14 and spent the rest of her life serving Him. She was passionate about discipling women, helping them grow in their walk with Jesus, and cheering them on as they became the women God designed them to be. She loved studying the Bible and listening to worship music. She was the absolute best at giving Godly advice and encouragement.

Food: Although she said she didn't really like to cook she was amazing at it. Her French Toast was legendary and her family loved her Swedish cookies, chicken enchiladas, homemade bread, and bran muffins.

Fun: Ellie's grandchildren loved spending time at grandma's, which always included cooking together, sewing, reading, and hanging out. She was famous for changing the details in story-books and seeing if the grandkids would notice, which they always did. "No, grandma, Cinderella did not lose her dragon; it was her slipper." Even simple things like chores were fun with Grandma. Setting the table was done while only speaking in a British accent; yard work was accompanied by singing opera (Luciano Pavarotti was her favorite), and some days she would declare there would be no speaking, but all communication had to be done in the form of opera. What a fun challenge! She also loved giraffes and had a huge collection of them. She would enlist the grandkids to help her name the giraffes, such as Sir Hillary, Steve, Geoffrey, and G'day Mate.

Ellie is survived by her husband, Joel Stith; daughter Jennifer and her husband, Kevin Hill of Sweet Home; son Jeffrey and his wife, Kristine Stith of CA; daughter Janice and her husband, Scott Van Wig of CA; and eight grandchildren.

A celebration of her incredible life will be held on Saturday, March 14, at 11 a.m. at Brownsville Christian Church. ☼





LISA KEITH

Brownsville now has a new liquor store at 106 W. Bishop Way. The Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission recently appointed Komal "Captain" Singh as the area's new agent, moving the store from its longtime location on Spaulding Avenue. The previous Brownsville Spirits and Video building at 130 Spaulding Ave. has been sold. A detailed feature about the new location and ownership will be published in an upcoming issue of The Brownsville Times.

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Scholarships Available

Students in Linn and Benton counties have an opportunity to receive local scholarship support through the Linn-Benton Chapter of Oregon Women for Agriculture.

The chapter awards two scholarships each year. One scholarship is designated for students from Linn or Benton County high schools who plan to major in agriculture. The second scholarship is open to students in any field of study who are a child or grandchild of a Linn-Benton Women for Agriculture member.

Applications for the 2026 scholarships are due April 15, 2026.

Scholarship information and application materials are available online at: <https://www.owaonline.org/chapters/linn-benton>.

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TAKING ROOT

Fooling Mother Nature

By Donald Lyon, Staff Writer and Columnist

In our last column, we discussed soil temperatures and the need to take measurements before planting because when the soil is too cold, seeds will not germinate or plants will be stunted. Different seeds have different soil temperature requirements. Let's talk about ways to raise the soil temperature and get a jump on planting times. For many gardeners, the first step in the spring is to rototill the soil. This is an ineffective plan for several reasons we can discuss in another column, but for the moment, I'll just say that the soil needs to be quite dry before it can be rototilled. In Linn County, dry soil doesn't happen until May or June. Rototilling, if done at all, is best done in the fall before the rains begin.



DONALD LYON

Broccoli seedlings thrive in the greenhouse.

The best way to get a jump on successful planting is warming the soil. This can be accomplished in two ways — bringing the soil indoors via pots on the windowsill, in a greenhouse, or cold frame. Heat mats or heating cables will further boost the soil temperature, and clear plastic domes of some sort trap heat and maintain humidity (Recycled produce lids work great).



DONALD LYON

Plant now, eat later, the joy of gardening

The second way of warming the soil works for plants that are best planted directly into the ground — peas and onions come to mind.

Lettuce is a cool-weather crop that can be planted in the greenhouse or outside. To boost the soil temperatures for direct

seeding, try mounding up the soil in a row until it is four to five inches higher than the surrounding soil. If your rows run north to south, they will receive significantly more solar radiation than otherwise, and excess moisture will drain away — high and dry! A strip of black plastic sheeting will provide additional heat. Once the seedlings emerge, switch to clear or opaque plastic or create a low tent of row cover material. For large seeds, such as my favorite, snow peas, I germinate the seeds in a plastic bag before planting. This speeds up emergence (seedlings poking up from the soil) significantly. It is not nice to fool Mother Nature, but she can always use a helping hand.

Got a gardening question?

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OREGON SENATE

Oregon Lawmakers Move to Shut Down Ticket Rip-Offs

The Oregon Senate has unanimously approved legislation aimed at safeguarding consumers from deceptive ticket sellers and inflated resale prices.

Senate Bill 4024 targets “speculative” ticket sales — a practice where vendors list tickets they do not actually own or are not authorized to sell. These listings often appear on websites designed to resemble official venue or performer pages, misleading buyers and sometimes leaving them stranded at the door despite spending a lot on tickets, travel, and lodging.

“Speculative ticketing can take many forms. However, the downside is always the same: concertgoers who may have spent thousands of dollars on tickets, airfare, and hotels getting turned away at the door,” said Kathleen Taylor, who carried the measure in the Senate.

The bill bans unauthorized resale practices, enhances protections against deceptive websites, and strengthens Oregon’s existing restrictions on the use of bots and software that hinder fair public access to tickets. Violations would be considered unlawful trade practices enforceable under Oregon consumer protection law.

The measure passed 29-0 with bipartisan support and now goes to Tina Kotek for her signature. ☼

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Preparedness Still Matters as Global Tensions Rise

By Jeff Brown, Staff Writer and Columnist

As tensions escalate in the Middle East involving the United States, Israel, and Iran, many of us wonder if overseas conflicts could affect our daily lives here at home. Although the United States is not directly at the center of the fighting, global events often prompt questions in communities both large and small.

Based on publicly available information from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and other government agencies, the chance of a large-scale attack inside the United States remains low. Officials have recent statements indicating that the overall security situation can become more complex during times of global tension, but there is no sign that smaller communities are specific targets.

Most analysts suggest that if international conflicts affect Americans at home, the effects are more likely to be indirect. Concerns often include cyber disruptions, online misinformation, or isolated actions by individuals influenced by overseas events, which authorities monitor during times of international conflict.

In the Central Linn area, the overall risk seems low. Historically, large cities, key transportation centers, military bases, and other critical infrastructure tend to be the main focus in national security discussions.

Still, emergency preparedness and basic readiness are worthwhile regardless of where someone lives. Information from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and state, county, and city emergency management agencies recommends that households keep simple emergency supplies on hand. A small kit with water, shelf-stable food, flashlights, extra batteries, and a battery-powered radio can help families manage short-term disruptions such as power outages or communication problems.

Cybersecurity has also become part of that discussion in recent years. News reports and government briefings have noted that hackers linked to foreign governments have sometimes targeted computer networks during times of geopolitical tension. For residents and small businesses, basic precautions like strong passwords, multi-factor authentication, and keeping software updated can help lower risk.

Another advantage in smaller communities is local awareness. In towns where neighbors know each other, unusual activity tends to stand out more quickly. Local law enforcement agencies typically encourage residents to report anything suspicious.

While international tensions may seem alarming when highlighted in national headlines, most experts say there’s little reason for people in smaller towns to expect major disruptions. Staying informed, maintaining basic preparedness, and watching out for neighbors are the practical steps communities like those in Central Linn can take. ☼

Step Inside Local Law Enforcement at Citizens Academy

By Jeff Brown, Staff Writer and Columnist

Residents curious about what happens after dialing 911 — or about the key differences between a city police department and a sheriff’s office — will soon get the chance to find out.

The Linn County Sheriff’s Office invites community members to join its upcoming Citizens Academy, a nine-week program that provides an inside look at local law enforcement operations. The academy is open to qualified Linn County residents seeking a better understanding of how the Sheriff’s Office serves the community.

Classes will meet on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon, from April 1 through May 27. In addition to weekly classroom sessions, participants will join a Sunday field trip to the firearms range and the county’s Animal Control facility. That date will be announced later.

Throughout the course, attendees will learn about the Sheriff’s Office divisions and specialty teams. Deputies and staff members will lead lessons on patrol procedures, criminal investigations, corrections and jail operations, traffic enforcement, narcotics investigations, and search and rescue. Participants will also gain knowledge about specialized teams, including swift water rescue and dive recovery.

The program blends classroom lectures with hands-on demonstrations to provide residents with a practical understanding of how calls for service are managed and how cases progress through the system. Organizers call the academy both informative and interactive, offering opportunities for participants to ask questions and engage directly with deputies and staff.

The minimum age to participate is 18. However, individuals as young as 16 may be permitted if they attend with a parent or guardian.

The Citizens Academy aims to enhance understanding between the Sheriff’s Office and the community it serves by providing transparency into daily operations — from patrol to the jail.

For more information about eligibility or how to apply, interested residents can contact Community Services Specialist Michael Mattingly at mmattingly@linnsheiff.org or apply online at <https://www.linnsheiff.org/volunteer-programs/citizens-academy>. ☼

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The following is a list of abbreviations that may appear in our log reports: LCSO (Linn County Sheriff's Office); OSP (Oregon State Police); 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).

Sunday, March 1

12:35 a.m. — Jared Christensen, 36, of Woodburn, was stopped for lighting violations and cited for no insurance at Hwy 228/Falk Rd., Halsey.

7:25 a.m. — Deputy responded to a single-car crash in the 29800 block of Seven Mile Ln., Shedd. No injuries. Non-criminal. Report taken.

10:49 a.m. — Deputy responded to a possible domestic disturbance at a trailer park in the 23600 block of Peoria Rd, Harrisburg. After investigating, he did not establish that any crimes had been committed.

11:49 a.m. — Deputy responded to a mailbox hit and run in the 32100 block of Old Hwy 34, Tangent. Investigation ongoing, report taken.

8:42 p.m. — Deputies responded to a suicide attempt by stabbing and gunshot in the 32500 block of Priceboro Dr., Harrisburg. Under investigation, report taken.

Monday, March 2

7:29 a.m. — Deputy conducted a welfare check in the 800 block of Sommerville Loop, Harrisburg.

9:30 a.m. — Caller reported a parenting dispute in the 40300 block of Crawfordville Dr., Sweet Home.

10:11 a.m. — Deputy assisted in returning dogs to their home at N 4th St./Smith St., Harrisburg.

11:35 a.m. — Juan Morales, 43, of Salem, was stopped for equipment violations and was cited for failing to carry proof of insurance at Hwy 228/Enos Dr., Brownsville.

1:44 p.m. — Animal Control received a report of a cat hanging from a fence by its back leg. The cat was freed by the officer but escaped underneath some clutter in the yard in the 600 block of N 7th St., Harrisburg.

2:17 p.m. — Deputy took a report of someone's vehicle tire being slashed while parked in the 200 block of Smith St., Harrisburg. Under investigation, report taken.

2:21 p.m. — Jeramie Stucky, 19, of Eugene, was cited for using a cellphone while driving in the 24200 block of Hwy 99E, Harrisburg.

4:19 p.m. — Deputy responded to a welfare check in the 32900 block of Diamond Hill Dr., Harrisburg, and learned the subject no longer lives at the location.

4:45 p.m. — Caller reported fraud in the 900 block of Ash St., Brownsville. \$300 was lost. Report taken.

4:49 p.m. — Deputy assisted a dog owner in catching some of her stray dogs in the 700 block of Washburn St., Brownsville.

8:08 p.m. — Deputy responded to a report of identity theft in the 500 block of N 7th St, Harrisburg, and learned it was a misunderstanding.

Tuesday, March 3

12:58 p.m. — Teresa Bosch, 55, of Cheshire, was cited for failing to renew a vehicle registration in the

23500 block of Peoria Rd., Harrisburg.

2:48 p.m. — Deputy assisted Halsey Fire Dept. with a fire in the 29400 block of Peoria Rd., Halsey.

4:30 p.m. — A DHS 307 referral was reported in the 32500 block of Priceboro Dr., Harrisburg. Law enforcement investigation is ongoing.

Wednesday, March 4

7:15 a.m. — Scott Butler, 55, of Eugene, was cited for speeding in the 28800 block of Peoria Rd, Halsey.

11:48 a.m. — Manuel Smith, 19, of Monroe, was cited for multiple equipment violations in the 500 block of S 3rd St., Harrisburg.

12:23 p.m. — Deputy responded to a DHS 307 referral regarding concerns about a juvenile's behavior in the 300 block of W G St., Halsey. The deputy spoke to the juvenile and the parent and discussed mental health treatment. Non-criminal, report taken.

12:32 p.m. — Deputy responded to a trespassing call at a private residence in the 400 block of Emily Ln., Harrisburg. The deputy spoke to the male who was soliciting for a company. Male was informed of the soliciting permit requirements and left the location without further issues. Non-criminal.

3:17 p.m. Deputy investigated a theft of \$429 worth of product and damage caused in the 23000 block of N Coburg Rd., Harrisburg. Report taken.

Thursday, March 5

2:50 a.m. — a driver was cited for failing to register her vehicle in the 30000 block of Hwy 99E, Shedd.

10:10 a.m. — Whitney Spent, 36, of Sweet Home, was arrested for a warrant in the 40900 block of Hwy 228, Sweet Home. Report taken.

10:13 a.m. — Scott Heinz, 38, of Sweet Home, was arrested for three Linn County Circuit Court warrants in the 40900 block of Hwy 228, Sweet Home. Report taken.

10:37 a.m. — Joshua Harden, 46, of Brownsville, was arrested and booked at the Linn County Jail for criminal mischief I, disorderly conduct II, and reckless endangering another person in the 25500 block of Gap Rd., Brownsville. Report taken.

12:43 p.m. — a juvenile was cited for aggressive driving at Seven Mile Ln./Glaser Dr.,

Tangent.

1:34 p.m. — Deputy responded to a report of suspicious activity over Discord messages by the caller's juvenile child in the 700 block of Diamond Hill Dr., Harrisburg. It was determined that nothing criminal occurred, and the caller had resolved the issue.

1:40 p.m. — Deputy responded to a civil dispute about a business owner wanting his father to leave in the 1300 block of W 1st St., Halsey. The deputy spoke with both parties about ongoing civil issues, and the father agreed to leave. Non-criminal.

4:09 p.m. — Deputy documented reported damage to a citizen's vehicle in the 100 block of W Park Ave., Brownsville.

6:34 p.m. — Deputies investigated a dog bite in the 27900 block of Pine View Rd., Brownsville. Report taken.

Friday, March 6

10:15 a.m. — Deputy responded to a motorcycle blocking a loading zone in the 400 block of N Main St., Brownsville. The motorcycle was moved.

2:19 p.m. — Deputy spoke with a citizen in the 20600 block of Meadowview Rd., Harrisburg, regarding trespassing on private property.

2:35 p.m. — Deputy responded to a report of a vehicle break-in in the 200 block of Smith St., Harrisburg. A cellphone and wallet were taken. Report taken.

4:32 p.m. — Deputy responded to an injury motor vehicle crash in the 28100 block of Brownsville Rd., Brownsville. Medics transported a female to Albany General Hospital with non-life-threatening inju-

ries. Report taken.

8:58 p.m. — Mountain deputies conducted targeted patrols for minor-in-possession parties and other unlawful activity in the Timber Rd./Courtney Creek Dr., Brownsville. No activity that night.

Saturday, March 7

4:04 a.m. — Deputy attempted to conduct a traffic stop in the 100 block of S 2nd St., Harrisburg. Vehicle refused to stop and left the area at a high rate of speed. Due to policy restrictions, the deputy did not pursue the vehicle. Report taken.

5:23 a.m. — Deputies assisted OSP with debris in the roadway in the 22200 block of S I-5, Shedd.

7:19 a.m. — Deputy responded to a hit-and-run at 900 Smith St., Harrisburg, which was a vehicle that had fled from the deputies earlier in the morning. Investigation ongoing, report taken.

12:12 p.m. — Manuel Santana, 33, of Lebanon, was arrested on an outstanding warrant in the 36200 block of Courtney Creek Dr., Brownsville. Report taken.

4:53 p.m. — Deputy responded to a civil matter involving a contractor in the 31300 block of Seward Dr., Tangent.

6:02 p.m. — Deputy talked to a citizen regarding a no-contact order in the 200 block of Smith St., Harrisburg.

6:03 p.m. — Deputy performed a security check at the Tangent Elementary School.

10:26 p.m. — Deputy investigated a suspicious circumstance in the 800 block of Sommerville Loop, Harrisburg. ☀

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RURAL PROUD ENTREPRENEURS

RAIN Partners with The Brownsville Times to Support Rural Small Businesses

Introducing Rural Proud Entrepreneurs, a new monthly column in collaboration with Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network (RAIN)

RAIN is partnering with The Brownsville Times on Rural Proud Entrepreneurs, a small business and entrepreneur advice column.

For over a decade, Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network (RAIN) has empowered rural entrepreneurs and small businesses supported by experienced Entrepreneurship Navigators. RAIN provides free coaching, mentorship, accelerators, and educational workshops, helping new and existing rural businesses to launch, grow, and thrive. RAIN is centered in rural communities, ensuring that economic opportunity reaches all parts of Oregon.

We welcome you to submit your small business and entrepreneurship questions, and we'll get you answers!

Dear RAIN,

I'm just starting a new business. What do I need to know about registering my business?

Signed, Ingrid in Albany

Dear Ingrid,

Congratulations on starting your new business! Oregon law mandates registering assumed business names with the Secretary of State Corporate Division. This public record establishes the name

and provides contact information for legal matters. Failure to register may inhibit your ability to open bank accounts, obtain licenses, and enter into contracts.

There are different types of registries, including Assumed Business Name (ABN), Limited Liability Company (LLC), C Corporation, S Corporation, and Benefit Company.

The type of registry you choose may significantly impact your taxable income and liability. When choosing how to register, I recommend that you clearly identify your planned growth trajectory, estimated annual net income, estimated annual expenses, hiring plans, and whether you will be seeking equity investment.

Once these items have been clearly identified, your CPA and your legal counsel will help guide you to the entity best suited for your business and needs. You can then reach out to the State Registry office for the direct process to move forward with your business registration.

— Heather Blake, Entrepreneur in Community, RAIN

Heather Blake has extensive entrepreneurship experience across various industries. She mentors and connects rural small businesses with local community organizations and serves as an Entrepreneur in Community with RAIN.

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.

The first group of inductees will showcase the school's rich history of achievement and the enduring influence its graduates have had throughout Oregon and beyond.

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 the CL Athletic Director Rodney Baney at rod.baney@centrallinn.k12.or.us.

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