



New CTE Building Brings Hands-On Skills Back to Central Linn

Training returns after several-year pause

By Sravya Tadepalli, Staff Writer

The Central Linn School District held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new Career and Technical Education (CTE) building, now home to welding, small engines, and FFA activities.



Grant Wahl, a sophomore poses at one of the CTE building's new welding stations.

The new welding and small engines shop classes began in January. Students completed safety training and are now learning basic skills. The programs were designed with the area's agricultural community in mind, giving students practical repairing and building equipment.

"Students haven't had a welding class consistently for about four years, so the ability to be out here and actually weld has been a lot of excitement," said Allison Williams, a first-



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Central Linn High School's new Career and Technical Education (CTE) building opened this year, providing space for welding, small engines, and FFA programs

year agriculture teacher at Central Linn High School.

Students, industry representatives, and school board members explored the new space during the ceremony. Students expressed interest in working on a range of projects, from fabricating attachments to building trailers.

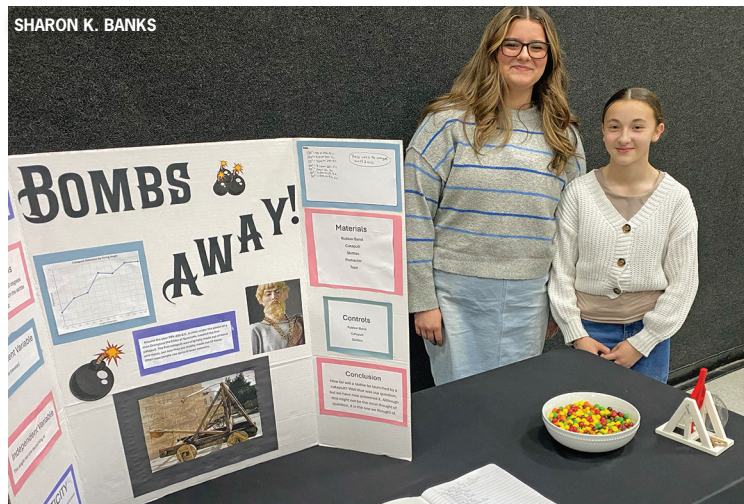
"There are a lot of opportunities that are going to benefit especially the kids in the ag[riculture] community because they don't have a lot of time with school to work on the projects that apply to them in real life," said Elle Glaser, a Central Linn sophomore who sang the national anthem at the ceremony. "I feel like the shop will let them pursue what they're going to actually apply in real life."

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PIONEER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Students Put Science on Display at Annual Academy Fair

By Jeff Brown and Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writers



Shayla Zehr, left, and Hanna Birky present their "Bombs Away" catapult project during Pioneer Christian Academy's science fair March 6. The demonstration, which explored how launch angles affect distance, earned the middle school scientific content award.

Students in grades 5 through 12 filled Pioneer Christian Academy with curiosity, creativity, and hands-on discovery Friday evening, March 6, during the school's third annual science fair.

The event featured 22 student projects spanning chemistry, engineering, physics, and everyday science. Families and community members circulated through the exhibits as students explained their research, demonstrated experiments, and answered questions about their work.

Science teacher Daryn Nolt said the fair gives students opportunities that reach beyond the lab.

"It's all about the science, but these projects give kids a chance to expand their skill sets," Nolt said. "They learn art and design, presentation skills, and communication skills."

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New Liquor Store Opens on Bishop Way

A new liquor store has opened in Brownsville at 160 E Bishop Way, now owned and operated by Komal "Captain" Singh and his family.

The business operates under a liquor license previously held by longtime local owner Debra Larsen, who ran Brownsville Video & Spirits on Spaulding Way. Following Larsen's retirement and move to Nevada, the license was transferred to Singh with the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission's approval.

After obtaining the license, the Singh family established their store at a new location on Bishop Way, creating what is now the Highway 228 Liquor Store.

The family, originally from Eugene, is working together to build their business and become part of the Brownsville community. "We are blessed to be here," Singh said, noting his appreciation for the town's welcoming, small-town atmosphere.

The ownership transition became official on Nov. 20 — a date that also marked a personal milestone for the family, as they welcomed their first daughter, Jabji, later that same day.

Now open for business, the family-run store represents both a new beginning for the Singhs and a continuation of local service under new ownership.



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Left to right: Harry Brar, Komal Singh, Mavdeep Kaur holding baby Jabji, Pawan Kaur, and Ashleen Brar inside the Highway 228 Liquor Store in Brownsville. The Singh family took ownership of the building on March 6.

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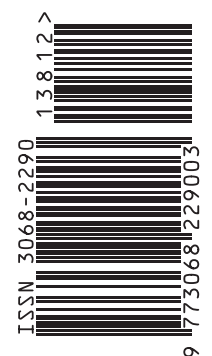
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ONGOING EVENTS

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.

American Legion Bingo Night

Saturdays in March (and possibly April) • 6 p.m.
American Legion Travis Moothart Post 184
132 N. Main St., Brownsville

Bingo is a popular community gathering and fundraiser supporting programs such as Quilts of Valor and local senior activities. Community members are invited to come play and support the Post.

Modern Square Dance Lessons

Sundays • 5:30-7:30 p.m. • 541-401-9780
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>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 share images and stories from his explorations across Australia's out-back. 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.

Alice in Wonderland

Thursday-Saturday, March 19, 20, 21 • 7:30 p.m.
Albany Civic Theater, 111 W 1st Ave, Albany

Charlotte Chorpenning's youth-friendly adaptation follows Alice down the rabbit hole into Wonderland, where she meets the White Rabbit, the King of Hearts, the Mad Hatter, and many other classic characters.

\$18 General Admission, \$16 for 18 and under, and \$16 for seniors 60 and over.

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

For the Love of Birds Munch Night

Friday, March 20 • 6 p.m. • \$15

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 \$10 cash
9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. general admission \$5 cash

Linn County Fairgrounds, Santiam Building, 3700 Knox Butte Rd. E, Albany

Shop antiques, collectibles, vintage goods, and unique finds from dozens of vendors. 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

Founder's Birthday – Free Rides All Day

Wednesday, March 25 • 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Albany Historic Carousel & Museum
503 1st Ave. W, Albany

Celebrate founder Wendy Kirbey's birthday at the Carousel with free unlimited rides throughout the day. Stop in anytime to join the celebration.

<https://albanycarousel.com> • 541-497-2934

Silver Screen Cinema 'Little Shop of Horrors'

Friday, March 27 • 7 p.m. • \$2.

American Legion Travis Moothart Post 184
132 N. Main St., Brownsville

Featuring the 1960 cult comedy "Little Shop of Horrors," directed by Roger Corman with an early appearance by Jack Nicholson.

RSVP to 541-915-9322

Spring Blossoms Bazaar

Saturday, March 28 • 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

American Legion Post 10, 1215 SE Pacific Blvd., Albany
(Parking in back off 7th Street)

Local crafters, bakers, and other talented individuals will be showcasing their creative wares the weekend before Easter for your shopping pleasure. Sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary Albany Unit 10, this event is a primary fundraiser for the Children and Youth Programs to help provide scholarships to deserving young ladies in the high school graduating class of 2026.

The Food Garden 2026 — Grow Successfully Free Lecture Series

Saturdays, March 28-May 2 • 10 a.m.-noon

Lebanon Senior Center, 80 Tangent St., Lebanon

Free gardening lecture series with Master Gardeners. Hands-on planting included. New this year: doors open at 9:30 a.m. Free Seed Wagon, garden magazines, and info tables.

- March 28 — Growing Strong Plants & Plant Family Tips
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- April 11 — How to Grow Gourmet Mushrooms
- April 18 — Easy Plant Propagation Methods
- April 25 — Confessions of a Serial "It'll Fit" Gardener
- May 2 — Pests & Predators in Your Garden

Register: casteen@aol.com (include name and phone). Free tomato plants and growing tips offered May 16 at 10 a.m.

Kitty the Unicorn Joins the Carousel

Saturday, March 28 • 11 a.m.

Albany Historic Carousel & Museum
503 1st Ave. W, Albany

Celebrate the debut of Kitty the Unicorn as the Carousel's 47th finished animal. Cake will be served in honor of Kitty's first birthday while supplies last.

<https://albanycarousel.com> • 541-497-2934

MORE EVENTS ONLINE

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

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ALBANY HISTORIC CAROUSEL AND MUSEUM

Kitty the Unicorn Joins the Carousel

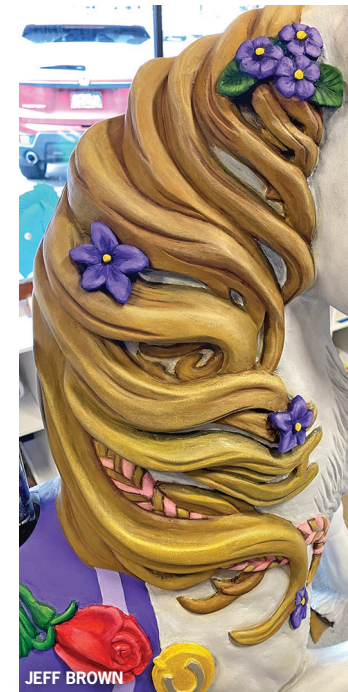
By Jeff Brown, Staff Writer and Columnist



A new carousel character, Kitty the Unicorn, will soon join the Albany Historic Carousel and Museum — the result of over a decade of volunteer craftsmanship and a heartfelt tribute.

The European-style unicorn has been 14 years in the making and was created in memory of Katherine "Kitty" (Wright) Doherty, who passed away in 2007 after battling cancer. Known for her love of animals, Kitty inspired her family to sponsor a carousel figure in her honor, ensuring her spirit lives on in a place filled with joy.

A small group of dedicated volunteer carvers spent years in the carousel's basement workshop, carefully shaping the figure piece by piece. Along the way, they added meaningful details to honor both Kitty and her family, turning the unicorn into a deeply personal work of art.



Now nearing completion, the figure is getting its final protective clear coat — three layers applied over a week to preserve its vibrant finish. Visitors can currently see Kitty in the upstairs painting room, where her braided mane and detailed carving already attract attention.

Like all carousel figures, Kitty was finished using a stipple painting technique, in which paint

is carefully dabbed onto the surface with cloth rather than brushed on. The method requires patience but gives the animals their signature softness and bright color.

The project was funded by Judy Allen's friends and family, whose support helped finalize the long-standing effort.

Kitty the Unicorn will officially join the carousel at 11 a.m. on March 28, when she is mounted and ready for riders as the doors open. Cake will be available for visitors attending the unveiling.

After 14 years of work, the newest addition to the carousel is ready to start delighting riders — and continuing a story of love, remembrance, and community craftsmanship. 🌟

THE BROWNSVILLE TIMES

Coverage Expands to Harrisburg Area

HARRISBURG — The Brownsville Times is expanding its local coverage in Harrisburg and the surrounding rural communities by collaborating more closely with city leaders and renewing its focus on community reporting.

Readers can anticipate more extensive coverage of Harrisburg City Council meetings, local schools, community events, and civic issues that impact daily life in the area. The aim is to ensure Harrisburg residents see their neighbors, organizations, and local decisions accurately represented in the newspaper.

To help spread the word, The Brownsville Times is mailing informational postcards to residents in and around Harrisburg to introduce the expanded coverage and invite community participation.

The newspaper is also seeking local volunteer correspondents who want to help report on the people and stories that matter most to Harrisburg. Correspondents may cover public meetings, school activities, community milestones, and other local happenings.

Those interested in contributing or learning more can contact the Editor, Mikayle Stole, at editor@brownsvilletimes.org.

LINN COUNTY VETERANS DAY PARADE

Committee Seeks 2026 Theme Ideas, Volunteers

The Linn County Veterans Day Parade Committee is already planning for 2026 and invites the community to get involved.

Organizers are now seeking ideas for a theme for the 2026 Veterans Day Parade. Community members are encouraged to share concepts that honor veterans and showcase the pride and patriotism that make Linn County one of the most patriotic communities in the nation.

Along with theme ideas, the committee is also seeking volunteers to help staff the parade and assist with planning and hosting the annual Veteran of the Year banquet. Both events depend heavily on community support, and new volunteers are always welcome.

Those interested in sharing a theme suggestion or volunteering their time to help are asked to contact Al Severson at 541-928-7676.

Community involvement helps keep the parade and banquet honoring local veterans meaningful and memorable.

STAND BY ME DAY

Sponsors Sought for 40th Anniversary

BROWNSVILLE — Organizers of this year's Stand By Me Day celebration are asking local businesses and community members to support the event as it reaches a special milestone.

The annual celebration honoring the classic film "Stand By Me" will mark its 40th anniversary this year. The event is set for Saturday, July 25, 2026, in Brownsville.

Each year, the celebration attracts visitors from throughout Oregon and across the world who come to see the small town where much of the movie was shot. Organizers say the event keeps growing, and interest is already high for the anniversary year. Some local lodgings have already started to fill up as fans plan to attend.

Event organizers are now looking for sponsors and donations to make the celebration happen. This year's goal is to raise at least \$10,000 to cover the cost of the day's activities.

There are three sponsorship levels available.

General Sponsors can contribute up to \$999. Special Event Sponsors can give between \$1,000 and \$2,999. Presenting Sponsors are those who contribute \$3,000 or more. Businesses and individuals may also donate goods, services, or volunteer their time.

Stand By Me Day is held in partnership with the Linn County Museum Friends, a nonprofit organization that supports the Linn County Historical Museum in Brownsville. All donations are tax-deductible, and funds raised from the event help support the museum.

Anyone interested in sponsoring or donating can contact Linda McCormick at 541-367-8591 or email her at themacs@hevanet.com.

Checks can be made payable to Linn County Museum Friends with "SBM" written on the check and sent to LCHM Friends, PO Box 607, Brownsville, OR 97327.

CORRECTION: 1950s Costume Donations

We previously informed readers that 1950s costume donations for the upcoming celebration could be dropped off at the Brownsville Museum. Unfortunately, the museum does not have the storage space to accept these items.

The Brownsville Times will instead accept donations of 1950s costumes at our office located at 343 Main Street in Brownsville. Donations can

be dropped off Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Please note that while we truly value community support, we cannot promise to return donated items.

Thanks for helping bring the 1950s spirit to our community event.

Rob Reiner Autograph & Poster Raffle for Stand By Me Day

Mema's Country Kitchen is selling raffle tickets for a signed card and an authentic movie poster from the recently deceased director Rob Reiner, who directed the 1986 film "Stand By Me." The raffle started on March 1 and will run through Stand By Me Day in July.

According to organizers, all proceeds from the raffle will benefit a local charity.

Stand By Me Day has become one of Brownsville's most popular yearly events, honoring the classic film partly shot in the community and attracting visitors from across the country every summer.

Raffle tickets are now available at Mema's Country Kitchen located at 403 N Main St., Brownsville. Stand By Me Day event organizers encourage residents and visitors to join for a chance to win a unique piece of movie memorabilia while supporting a good cause.




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AMERICAN LEGION POST 184

The Bingo Shake-up: A War of Words and Numbers

By an ordinary seaman

In the hierarchy of high-stakes drama, there is the NFL playoffs, the selection of the next Pope, and the Saturday night Bingo draw at Travis Moothart Post 184. To the uninitiated, Bingo is a 16th-century Italian lottery derivative involving cardboard and hope. To the regulars in downtown Brownsville, it's a tactical exercise in cognitive endurance, usually soundtracked by the authoritative baritone of Commander Norm.

But we have a situation. A logistical "code red." Commander Norm, our veteran caller, District 3 chief, and the only man who can make "B-11" sound like a royal decree, is shipping out. Not to a theater of war, but to Thailand, to visit his son and new granddaughter. It's a noble mission, but it leaves the Bingo cage in the hands of the reserves. And as any sports fan knows, when the star quarterback sits, things get... experimental.



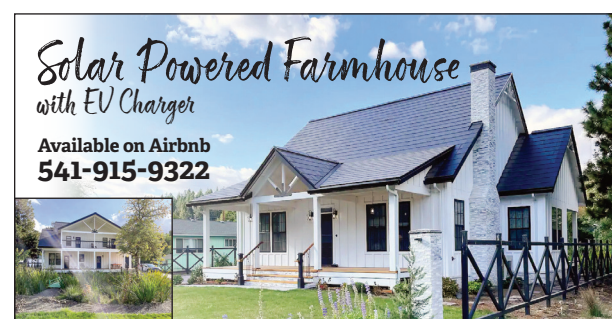
Stepping into the breach is John Lee. John is a Past Post and District Commander, a man of immense dignity, and, by his own admission, a little "rusty." In Bingo terms, "rusty" is code for "might accidentally call out his old locker combination instead of the numbers."

Then we have Adjutant Jeff Brown. Jeff is the Post's administrative engine. He critiques restaurants for this very paper. But calling Bingo? Jeff has as much experience with the hopper as I do with synchronized swimming. A great caller needs the enunciation of a Shakespearean actor and the pacing of a thoroughbred trainer. If Jeff goes too fast, there might be a mostly peaceful demonstration.

Perhaps Jeff will bring a "restaurant critic" flair to the game. "I'm pulling an O-62; it's bold, slightly salty, with a lingering finish of disappointment for those waiting on O-63." Maybe John Lee will rediscover his rhythm and turn the session into a masterclass of military precision.

Bingo is our social glue. It's a fundraising powerhouse that keeps the lights on so Quilts of Valor sewers and senior citizens can gather. It's a game where the simplest rules provide the greatest thrill of chance.

So, come down to 132 Main St. 6 p.m., Saturdays, March and maybe April. Support the Post, watch the substitutes sweat. Even if Jeff accidentally calls out a lunch special instead of a number, remember it's all for a good cause. 🌞



SILVER SCREEN CINEMA

Careful What You Feed the Flowers

By an ordinary seaman

If you've ever tried to get a committee of three to agree on the color of a napkin for an American Legion potluck, you know that human productivity has its limits. We move at a "rural pace," which is a polite way of saying we'll get to it after the second cup of coffee and a long look at the clouds.

Then there is Roger Corman.

In 1960, Corman directed "The Little Shop of Horrors." He didn't just make a movie; he sprinted through cinema. He shot the entire thing in two days. Two days! That's less time than it takes me to find a matching pair of work gloves in the mudroom. He used leftover sets, a budget of about \$27,000, hardly enough to gravel a driveway these days, and a "cheesy" plant puppet named Audrey Jr. that looked like it was struggling with a bad case of cucumber beetles.

The plot is a classic Skid Row fable: Seymour, a clumsy florist, grows a plant that doesn't want Miracle-Gro; it wants a pint of O-Negative. It's a "sick" joke of a film, a dark, deadpan comedy that is far more bizarre and unpredictable than anything you'd expect to find at a Friday evening film show.

But the real reason we're still talking about this 66-year-old B-movie at Travis Moothart Post 184 is a 23-year-old kid named Jack Nicholson. Long before he won an Oscar, Nicholson popped up as



Roger Corman's 1960 "Little Shop" filmed in just two days represents a masterclass in fast, cheap film-making.

Wilbur Force, a masochistic dental patient. He walks into a dentist's office and begs for a root canal without Novocain because he just loves the pain. It is a masterpiece of deranged, chipper acting. Interestingly, that same dental set was re-used decades later in 1989's "Batman", where Jack played the Joker. Life is funny that way.

The movie is a total hoot, and proof that you don't need a fancy studio to create something that lasts.

Sometimes, all it takes is a little grit, a wild imagination, and two days of caffeinated chaos to make something legendary. It's the kind of underdog success story we can all appreciate, though I'd suggest sticking with tomatoes in your garden this year.

Come see for yourself, Friday, March 27, 7 p.m., \$2, Post 184, Main St, Brownsville. 🌞

CENTRAL LINN LIONS CLUB

Donated Glasses Find New Life Through Lions Program

By Jeff Brown, Staff Writer and Columnist

Many people around town have noticed small blue-and-yellow boxes in grocery stores, libraries, banks, and other public places that collect used eyeglasses. These boxes are part of a Lions Club program that helps provide clear vision to people in need — both locally and globally.

For millions of people in developing countries, poor eyesight can prevent them from attending school, earning a living, or performing daily tasks. In many of these areas, eye exams and glasses are either unavailable or too expensive. A donated pair of glasses can have an immediate, life-changing impact.

When glasses are dropped into one of these donation boxes, their journey begins close to home. In this area, collected glasses are first sent to Coffee Creek Women's Correctional Facility in Wilsonville. There, participants clean, test, and sort each pair. Lenses are measured, prescriptions identified, and frames inspected to ensure the glasses are suitable for reuse. The program also provides valuable job

skills and meaningful work for those involved.

After processing, the glasses are sent to Lions eyeglass recycling centers and then distributed exclusively to developing or third-world countries through medical missions, clinics, and outreach programs. Eye care professionals and volunteers match donated glasses with people in need, often allowing someone to see clearly for the first time.

It is important to note that used eyeglasses are not distributed in the United States. The Lions Club runs a separate vision assistance program for people in the U.S. who need help. Through this program, eligible individuals receive new eyeglasses and professional eye care with correct prescriptions.

Disposed glasses are responsibly recycled, preventing materials from ending up in landfills and aiding environmental initiatives.

If residents want to donate glasses but can't find a blue and yellow collection box, they are encouraged to contact their local Lions Club for assistance. Club members can provide information on drop-off locations or help arrange a donation.

Those small blue and yellow boxes serve more than just a convenient place to leave old eyewear. They link local generosity with global need, transforming unused glasses into opportunities for learning, employment, and independence — one pair at a time. 🌞



FRAUD FIGHTERS: PROTECTING OUR SENIORS

Never Share Personal Info Over the Phone

By Danielle Myers, Esq., Columnist

Dear Reader, As we continue our efforts to look out for one another here in our small corner of Oregon, I'd like to share one of the most important pieces of fraud-prevention advice I know. It is simple, direct, and worth remembering: never share personal information over the phone. Not your Social Security number (SSN), not your bank account details, not your Medicare number, and absolutely not your passwords. These items are precious, and once they escape your hands, they can cause damage that is both difficult and painful to undo.

Scammers have many tricks, but one of their favorite tactics is to make a phone call sound official. Perhaps the caller claims to be from your bank and says there is "suspicious activity" on your account. Maybe they say they are from Medicare and must "verify your number" before continuing your benefits. Some pretend to be from the Social Security Administration, warning that you may lose payments unless you confirm your SSN. Others insist your account will be frozen unless you act quickly. The goal is always the same: to get you talking before you have time to think.

These calls can seem convincing. Some scammers use technology to fake the number that appears on your caller ID, making it look as though the call is coming from your local bank branch or a government office. Others use polite, friendly tones as they guide you into sharing personal information "for verification purposes." A few rely on intimidation, raising their voices or threatening consequences if you do not comply. But no matter how the conversation begins, it

always leads to the same place: an attempt to take something that belongs to you.

Let me say this clearly. Legitimate organizations do not call you out of the blue and demand private information. Your bank will never ask for your account number or online banking password over the phone. Medicare will not call and request your Medicare ID. The Social Security Administration will not ask you to confirm your full SSN during an unsolicited call. And no government agency demands personal information to avoid fines, arrest, or loss of benefits.

If someone calls you unexpectedly and asks for sensitive information, the safest response is also the simplest: hang up. You are not being rude. You are protecting yourself. Afterward, you can call the real organization using the phone number printed on your statements or found on an official government website. If the matter is legitimate, they will tell you. If not, you will have saved yourself from a scammer's trap.

The Central Linn area is a community that cares for its own, and part of that care includes sharing knowledge that keeps our neighbors safe. In this series, we will continue to shine a light on the tricks and tactics used by those who try to deceive our seniors. The more we learn, the harder it becomes for these scammers to succeed.

Until next time, trust your instincts, guard your personal information closely, and remember: a hang-up is often your strongest form of protection.

Danielle Myers is an attorney committed to helping everyday people navigate the legal system and protect themselves from fraud. ☯

CTE continued from cover

When the previous CTE building was demolished in 2023, vocational agriculture programs paused — something many in the community missed. Students were enthusiastic about the reinstatement of these real-world skills classes.

"I've been hoping for this since middle school," said Gage Leabo, a junior. "I've gotten to weld and do mechanics in this building, and it's one of my favorite classes."



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FFA members Gage Leabo, Elle Glaser, Mia Fiorito, and Madeline Durringer at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new CTE building.

Tim Walter, who oversaw the project, hopes the program will eventually expand into additional trades such as construction and mechanics, along with potential training in food service and health occupations.

"We want to make this as flexible of a space as we possibly can," Walter said. "The jobs students prepare for in 10 or 15 years may not be the same as today." ☯



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The Bear at Summer Camp

By Opal Hetterle (A First-Hand Account)

It was the summer of 1945. My sister Carol and I longed to go to summer camp, but with nine children in our family, money was tight. So, you can imagine our excitement when someone came to our home and told us the camp had been paid for. We were going to spend a whole week in the mountains!

It was more wonderful than we had ever imagined — horseback riding, swimming, hiking, games, and sleeping in tents. We were the last to arrive and had our choice of the two remaining tents. One sat near a creek with a large shade tree behind it. We chose that one, certain it would be the most exciting.

Each girl had her own bed. In those days, little girls wore dresses — no one wore pants — so we hung our dresses on a rope stretched between the tent posts. Our coats hung there, too, for the chilly mountain nights. A small wooden chest held our belongings.

Meals were served in a large lodge, and they were delicious — food we rarely had at home. I still remember the cinnamon rolls. Evenings were my favorite: campfires filled with singing, charades, and laughter beneath the stars.

On the final Friday night, dark clouds rolled in during the campfire. Before we reached our tent, heavy raindrops were falling, and thunder rumbled in the distance. Our counselor told us to go straight to bed while she attended a meeting in the lodge.



Soon, someone whispered, “It’s leaking.” Rain poured where the tent roof met the walls, soaking into the beds. We dragged them around, crowding together wherever it was dry, sometimes two girls to a bed. Lightning flashed brightly, thunder cracked, and one little girl began to cry for her mother.

Then suddenly, a scream pierced the tent: “There’s a bear in here!”

We froze. Someone insisted she saw it lying by the door. Lightning lit up the tent, and we could see something furry, rippling in the wind. My sister Carol, brave as ever, asked for a flashlight. When she switched it on, she burst out laughing.

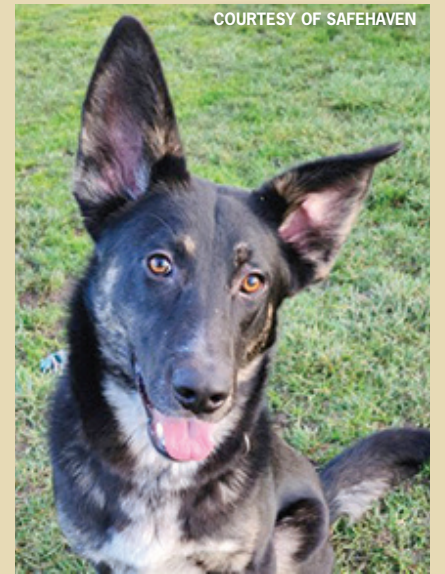
The “bear” was our counselor’s large fur coat. It had fallen from the hanger and landed in a heap by the door. In the flashing lightning, it truly looked alive.

Our fear turned into shrieks of laughter just as our counselor returned. When she heard the story, she laughed, too. Unfortunately, her bed was completely soaked, so we gathered our dry blankets and headed to the lodge, where we slept on the floor.

It was the most exciting week of camp I ever had — and the only bear we encountered was made of fur and imagination. 🌟

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Meet Bounty!



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Bounty is a sweet and affectionate boy who lives up to his name — he’s overflowing with gentle kisses, happy tail wags, and love for the people around him. He enjoys spending time with his humans, whether that means playtime, cuddle time, or simply following along to keep you company. Bounty is also a big fan of treats, and a snack or two will quickly make his day.

He rides well in the car, walks nicely on a leash, and enjoys staying close by during adventures. Bounty has been around children and cats before, but slow introductions are recommended. He can be a little nervous around some men at first and may need time to warm up. Bounty generally does well with other dogs, and a meet-and-greet is recommended for households with existing pets.

Interested in adopting Bounty? Visit SafeHaven Humane Society in Tangent, open daily from noon to 5 p.m., or view adoptable pets at <https://safehavenhumane.org> or call them at 541-928-2789. 🌟

BUSINESS BEAT

Big Factory Could Be Coming to Albany Area

By Jeff Brown, Staff Writer & Columnist

ALBANY/MILLERSBURG — A new manufacturing facility could soon be built near Albany. Ball Corporation, a global producer of aluminum beverage cans, plans to establish a plant in Millersburg just a few miles away.

The project, formerly called “Project DeLorean” during early planning, features a modern production facility, warehouse, and office space. Officials say it could create around 100 new jobs with competitive wages.

Ball is one of the largest can manufacturers in the world, and the new facility is expected to improve service to West Coast customers while strengthening the region’s manufacturing industry. Local leaders say the investment could boost economic activity and attract skilled workers to the mid-Willamette Valley.

Construction is already in progress, with production expected to start in mid-2026. More details — including specific production plans and hiring timelines — are still coming out, and residents and businesses in Albany and Millersburg are watching for updates closely.

Ball Corporation, founded in 1880 and based in Westminster, Colorado, operates facilities worldwide and is well known for its aluminum packaging. The company has focused on investing in modern plants to meet increasing demand for recyclable materials, with projects like the Millersburg facility as part of its broader sustainability plans. 🌟

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LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners Remember John Lindsey

By Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer

ALBANY — Linn County Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Sherrie Sprenger, and Will Tucker commemorated the five-year anniversary of the death of former commissioner John Lindsey at their March 10 board meeting.

Lindsey was 54 when he died on March 9, 2021.

He had served as a Linn County Commissioner for 22 years and was one of the youngest commissioners in Oregon when he was first elected in 1998.

Board Chairman Nyquist said that in recent weeks, he has been reflecting on Lindsey's passing and what he did for the citizens of Linn County, including being an advocate for the development of an aquatic district in Lebanon.

In 2021, Nyquist said that Lindsey was passionate about his beliefs, "and at times the passion was through the roof, but in the end, it always worked out."

He praised Lindsey as someone who didn't hold grudges and had a great sense of humor.

All three commissioners agreed that Lindsey was committed to serving Linn County residents.

Commissioner Tucker said he and Lindsey served in the Navy, adding that Lindsey was a "strong advocate for the timber industry and especially advocated for Secure Rural Schools funding."

Although they occasionally disagreed on issues, Tucker said there was usually a piece of logic in what Lindsey had to say.

"You always knew where you stood with John," Tucker said. "And if you disagreed with him, he never held it against you the next day"

Commissioner Sprenger said she only served with Lindsey for two months before his passing, but he had sent her numerous emails during her 13 years as a state representative.

"I would get interesting emails from him, but they were always for issues that were near and dear to the hearts of the people who live in Linn County," Sprenger said.

She called Lindsey a "world-class thinker and leader."

In 2021, County Clerk Steve Druckenmiller said that he and Lindsey were close friends for many years.

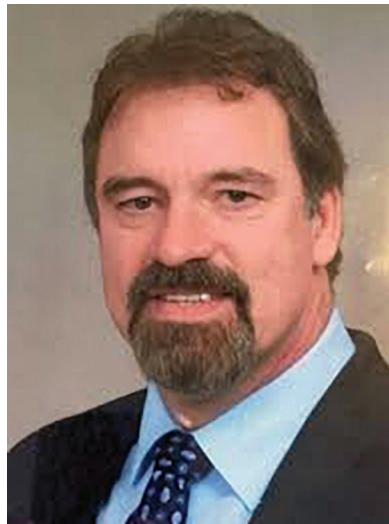
"John was a warrior. You always knew where you stood with John because he would tell you," Druckenmiller said. "He dearly loved Linn County and our country. If you had John as a friend, it's as good as you could get in life, because he always had your back. He was an honest and decent guy."

In July 2021, a redwood tree was planted in Lindsey's honor on the north side of the courthouse lawn. Commissioner Tucker said he can see the tree from his office window, the same office that had been used for many years by Lindsey.

Lindsey was a Lebanon High School graduate and served in the U.S. Navy during Operation Desert Storm. He was a staunch advocate for veterans and was a strong supporter of the Edward C. Allworth Veterans Home in Lebanon.

He worked in the field of refrigeration before becoming a county commissioner.

Lindsey enjoyed spending time with his family and playing the guitar.



In other business, the commissioners:

- Approved the sale of a small piece of property near Old Salem Road to the Albany First Evangelical Church of North America, with a bid of \$285.
- Were informed by Planning & Building Director Steve Wills that there were 65 land use permits issued in February, compared to 45 in February 2025. There were 250 total building permits issued in February, compared to 234 a year ago. There were 22 new code enforcement cases, compared to nine a year ago, and 10 cases were closed, compared to 18 a year ago.
- Received an update from Troy Jones about the Friends of Gap Road and that group's efforts to stop the potential construction of a large solar energy park on farmland near Harrisburg.
- Approved a new Radio Systems Manager position within the Linn County Sheriff's Office. 🌀

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Notice of Budget Committee Meeting

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Tangent RFPD in Linn County, Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, will be held at the Tangent RFPD Classroom, 32053 Birdfoot Drive, Tangent, OR. The meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2026, at 7 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to present the budget message and to allow the public to comment on the budget. This is a public meeting where the Budget Committee will deliberate. Any person may attend and discuss the proposed programs with the Committee. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after March 23, 2026, at the Tangent RFPD Office, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. 🌀

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Projects covered a diverse array of topics and methods. Cadence Hostetler and Rachel Martin investigated chemiluminescence, examining chemical reactions that emit light. Alyssa Miller, Alyssa Hiebert, and Kathy Mast showed how salt influences ice and the freezing process.

Other students focused on engineering and technology. Drew Birky, Karsen Logan, and Morgan Hostetler demonstrated electroplating and explained how electrical current can coat objects with metal. Jordan Baker designed a wireless phone charger and walked visitors through the science behind the technology.

Several projects highlighted everyday science in engaging ways. Ruby McLain, Kimberly Birky, and Addison Schrock tested what happens to gummy bears placed in different liquids. Lilly Cheek and Elijah Darling demonstrated a lie detector experiment that responds to changes in skin moisture.

Principal Chad Schrock said the event is designed to bring learning into the community.

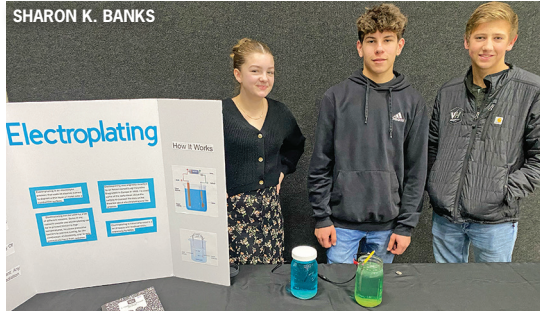
"This is really a community event," Schrock said. "It gives people a chance to come in and see what the kids are learning here at the academy."

Projects were divided into middle school and high school divisions, with awards presented for creativity, presentation, and scientific content. Overall winners were also selected in each division.

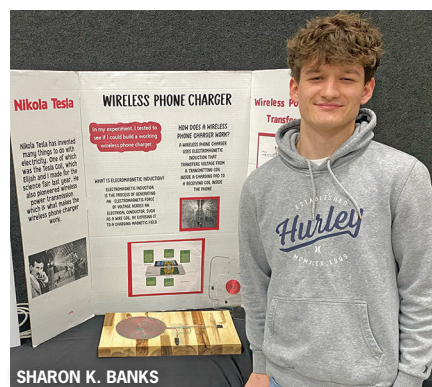
Middle school creativity honors went to Cosmo Hostetler, Ethan Hiebert, and Colten Schrock for building a battery-powered mini plasma cutter capable of slicing tin foil. The presentation award went to Ruby McLain, Kimberly Birky, and Addison Schrock for their gummy bear experiment, while Shayla Zehr and Hanna Birky earned the scientific content award for "Bombs Away," a catapult demonstration exploring launch angles and distance. The overall middle school winner was "Hostetler Hydraulics" by Jackson, Dominic, and Wilson Hostetler.



Students test oobleck, a cornstarch-and-water mixture that behaves like a solid under pressure and a liquid at rest. The hands-on project is named after Dr. Seuss's "Bartholomew and the Oobleck."



Karsen Logan, Drew Birky, and Morgan Hostetler demonstrate an electroplating experiment showing how electrical current can coat objects with a thin layer of metal.



Jordan Baker presents his wireless phone charger project that earned the high school creativity award.

CENTRAL LINN ELEMENTARY

Halsey Turned Hitsville

By Eva Wada, Staff Writer

An exhilarating evening was had by all at Central Linn Elementary School (CLES) on Wednesday, March 11. With Mrs. Klein's third-grade class seated on either side of Ms. Branson and Mr. Wilson's fourth-grade classes on risers, parents were treated to a variety of music from across our nation and through the decades.

The spring concert featured a song list titled "Destination America",

led by Mrs. Laryssa Rank, choir teacher at CLES and Band Instructor at nearby Central Linn Junior and Senior High School in Halsey, Oregon. "Hitsville, U.S.A.," by Roger Emerson, started low, and the students swayed and snapped their fingers; their smiles shone brighter than the twinkling lights behind them.

As the concert progressed, the students sang about lively guitars and the lights of Broadway. More advanced choir techniques were applied, such as harmonizing, rapping, and singing in rounds. Moves, choreographed by Mrs. Rank, no doubt, kept the less enthusiastic singers engaged, while speeches between songs were given to the students who sang firmly during

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A Record Store Selfie Station was set up with props for everyone to get silly and capture the smiles after the CLES concert featuring music from across the nation and through the decades. Back row left to right: Kate Wada, Maley Leabo, Esther Neal, Maci Gaskey, Amber Mitchell; front Hannah Geyer

CENTRAL LINN VARSITY BASEBALL

Cobras Begin Spring with Home-Heavy League Schedule

The Central Linn Cobras varsity baseball team enters the 2025-26 season looking to build momentum in the 2A/1A Special District 3 league under head coach Ty Kohler. With a balanced schedule that includes key league matchups against Culver, Regis, Monroe, Santiam, Crosshill Christian, and Mohawk, the Cobras will be tested both at home and on the road. Early non-league games will give the team a chance to settle into the season before district play intensifies in April. Fans can expect a competitive spring as Central Linn works toward league standings and postseason contention.

Regular Season Schedule

- March 16, 4:30 p.m. at home vs. Elmira HS
- March 19, 4 p.m. at home vs. Douglas HS
- March 20, 4:30 p.m. at Valley Catholic HS, Beaverton
- March 25, 9:30 a.m. at Enterprise/Joseph HS, Neutral site
- March 31, 4:30 p.m. at home vs. Culver HS*
- April 3, 2 p.m. at Culver HS*
- April 7, 4:30 p.m. at Regis HS,* Stayton
- April 10, 2 p.m. at home vs. Regis HS*
- April 14, 4:30 p.m. at home vs. Monroe HS*
- April 17, 2 p.m. at Monroe HS*
- April 21, 4:30 p.m. at East Linn Christian Academy,* Lebanon, OR
- April 24, 2 p.m. at home vs. East Linn Christian Academy*
- April 28, 4:30 p.m. at home vs. Santiam HS*
- May 1, 2 p.m. at Santiam HS,* Mill City
- May 5, 4:30 p.m. at Crosshill Christian HS,* Turner
- May 8, 2 p.m. at home vs. Crosshill Christian HS*
- May 12, 4:30 p.m. at home vs. Mohawk HS*
- May 15, 2: p.m. at Mohawk HS,* Marcola

*Denotes a league game. 🌀

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the weeks of practice beforehand. Almost all students agreed that their favorite speech, by fourth grader Allan Rogers, was about how Rock 'N' Roll has "been thrilling kids and scaring parents for generations!"

To match the theme, a record-store backdrop was set up in the lobby at the perfect height for the little stars to grab a prop to accentuate their glitzy attire. Students were told to dress up for the event but also given the choice to "match any of the musical genres from the concert: Motown, Country, Rock 'N' Roll, or Broadway," according to the parent letter set out by Mrs. Rank. A great number of third and fourth-grade girls jumped at the opportunity, or maybe it was their parents who got excited to see their little girls in poodle skirts, cowgirl hats, or sequined dresses. The boys didn't disappoint either, with some even wearing bow ties!

The concert season has just begun. Family and friends of the Cobra fifth- and sixth graders are excited to watch their performance in the CLHS gym on March 17. Many audience members and staff noted that they were so thankful that Mrs. Rank could put together so many events before her maternity leave begins soon. She stated she was eager to coordinate the CLES concerts this month, specifically because March is "Music in Our Schools Month," as determined by the National Association for Music Education. Let's all take note and spend some time singing at the top of our lungs with our children in the car or dusting off that old guitar in the attic. As the kids sang: "When you rock, and you roll, you are hip and in control! Go Guitars!"

CENTRAL LINN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Approves CTE Loan, Adopts 2026-27 Calendar

By Sharon K. Banks

The Central Linn School Board addressed several major items during its March 9 meeting, including approving financing for the completion of the Career and Technical Education (CTE) building and adopting the 2026-27 school calendar.

Board members unanimously approved a loan of up to \$760,000 to complete the CTE building, selecting a 10-year repayment option. District leaders said the project remains central to Central Linn's long-term vision and noted the district may still pursue up to \$1 million in potential federal grant funding.

The board adopted calendar option C for the 2026-27 school year with two changes: November 25 will become a full non-school day rather than a half-day, and December 4 will be changed to a school day.

Ashley Duncan, the district's McKinney-Vento liaison, reported that 64 students — about 8 percent of the district's population — meet the federal definition of homelessness. Board members discussed increasing awareness and support for the district's clothing and supply pantry.

Administrators also reported on recent activities and academic initiatives, including strong attendance at Lit Night, progress in reading programs, and updates on CTE classes such as small engines and ag metals.

The district reported a beginning fund balance of \$768,832, higher than projected due to increased federal and Medicaid-related funding.

Superintendent Rob Hess also outlined the district's "Onward Upward" vision, aimed at strengthening academics, workforce preparation, and expanded CTE opportunities.

CENTRAL LINN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Central Linn Junior/Senior High School Announces Honor Roll

Central Linn Junior/Senior High School has released its latest honor roll, recognizing students for outstanding academic achievement.

Seventh Grade

C.J. Baney, Porter Branson, Zaylee Bremner, Nevaeh Brummett, Oliver Cervantes, James Cunningham, Addison Fleckenstein, Landon Gaskey, Callan Glidewell, Levi Haskett, Sophia Hillsman, Allison Holloway, Zakkaria Hull, Bentley Larsen, Paisley Meadors, Faith Moye, Kamdyn Patterson-Ramsey, Gabe Pitts, Augustus Sanders, Sabastian Sartuche-Doan, Charlotte Torres-Kline.

Eighth Grade

Kyrah Bagg, Wyatt Cooley, Eleanor Curtis, Syrha Erickson, Hudson Gatchet, McKenzie Glidewell, Monica Jones, Liam Moran, Adam Nielsen, Vayda Oberson, Zander Osborn, Khaidyn Patterson-Ramsey, J.D. Reese, Kavin Reilly, Lia Rogers, Yareli Serna Cabrera, Chloe Sharabarin, Lesli Silva Ortiz, Kennedy Spencer, Paisley Spencer, Poeth Tenorio, Avanna Todd, Hayden Van Cleave, Ray Wellhouser.

Ninth Grade

Paesi Baney, Destiny Brazil, Kamie Curran, Rylinn Day, Jeremiah Donahue, Kendall Funk, Brooklyn McCord, Allie Pieske, Wyatt Ramshur, Zeke Schack, Matthew Torres-Kline.

Tenth Grade

Madeline Durringer, Mia Fiorito, Reine Franklin, Alyse Glenn, Anya Griffith, Hazel Huxford, Jenna Miller, Brody Moody, Kayla Moore, Jeremy Munoz Fragozo, Ruby Nielsen, Celia Rodriguez, Lillianna Rojas.

Eleventh Grade

Lorelai Adams, Paisley Cervantes, Ethan Denison, Lindy Dillon, Ashley Greeno, Colton Hein, Brylee Johnson, Isaac Kropf, Gage Leabo, Creed Mast, Aren Schneider, Alonzo Silva Ortiz, Wyatt Smith, Danvee Wingren.

Twelfth Grade

Kenah Cervantes, Heidi Clifton, Isabelle Curtis, Lily Diaz, Jackson Durringer, Peyton Gaskey, Sawyer Kirk, Enrique Luis Gonzalez, Don Martinez Ware, Brogan Melero, Kahaeli Morris, Jayne Neal, Dakota Ramshur, Greyson Tenbusch, Hannah Travis, Georgia Wahl, Brooklyn Winningham, Addison Wolff.

Students named to the honor roll are recognized for their dedication to academic excellence and consistent performance in the classroom.



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SHARING HANDS

Community Member Gives Thanks for Compassionate Service

A local volunteer is expressing his gratitude for Sharing Hands Food Bank and the positive effect the organization has on the community.

In a message to staff, Stephen Haskett expressed gratitude for both the organization's daily service and the opportunity to participate in a special holiday program.


"I would like to extend my deepest thanks to everyone at Sharing Hands Food Bank for the incredible work you do and for the generosity you show our community every single day," Stephen Haskett wrote.

Haskett served as Santa Claus during the non-profit's Christmas Greeters program, an experience he described as deeply meaningful.

"Being welcomed into that role was truly an honor," he wrote. "Seeing the smiles, hearing the laughter, and witnessing moments of joy — especially during a season that can be difficult for so many — was profoundly meaningful to me. You allowed me to be part of something that truly warmed my heart. It was a powerful reminder of the impact of kindness, connection, and human compassion."

Haskett said Sharing Hands provides more than food assistance.

"Sharing Hands Food Bank doesn't just provide food — you provide dignity, warmth, and hope," he wrote. "The care and respect shown to every individual who walks through your doors is something truly special, and it left a lasting impression on me. I am incredibly grateful for all that you do."



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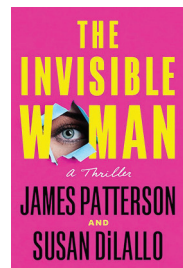
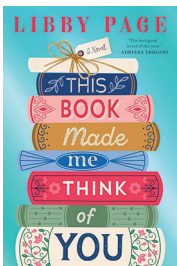
Fresh Fiction and Large-Print Favorites

By Sherri Lemhouse, Brownsville Librarian

Looking for your next great read? Here are this week's page turners, from heartfelt fiction to gripping mysteries — plus large-print favorites.

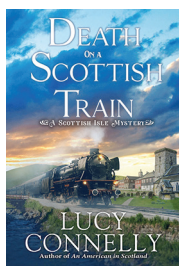
Adult Non-Fiction

"This Book Made Me Think of You" by Libby Page — Tilly Nightingale receives a call telling her there's a birthday gift from her husband waiting for her at her local bookstore...



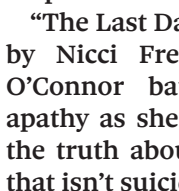
"The Invisible Woman" by James Patterson and Susan DiLallo — No one sees her, but she observes everything. A humorous mystery about a woman detective, Elinor Gilbert, who once a successful career at the FBI.

"The Last Days of Kira Mullan" by Nicci French — Detective O'Connor battles institutional apathy as she works to uncover the truth about a sudden death that isn't suicide.

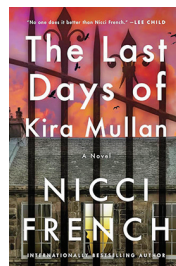


"Death on a Scottish Train" by Mary Connelly is a murder mystery set on the newly refurbished Storyteller's Train in Scotland.

"Has Anyone Seen Charlotte Salter" by Nicci French is a new murder mystery series by a husband and wife writing team, set in England, featuring Detective Inspector Maud O'Connor.



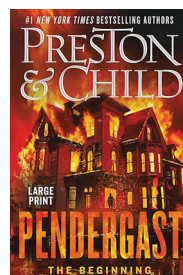
"The Killing Hills" by Chris Offutt — A combat veteran turned Army CID Agent helps solve a small-town murder.



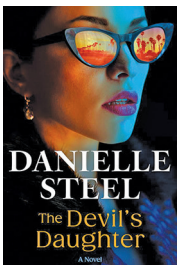
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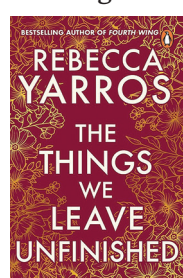
"Pendergast: The Beginning" by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child is a prequel to the Agent Aloysius Pendergast series.



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"The Devil's Daughter" by Danielle Steel — The queen of romantic suspense is back with her newest novel.

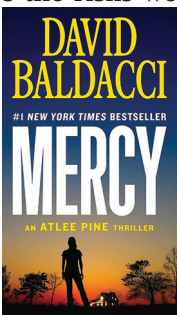


"The Things We Leave Unfinished" by Rebecca Yarros is told in alternating timelines. This book explores the risks we

take for love, the scars too deep to heal, and the endings we can't bring ourselves to see coming.

Large Print

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POLLYANNA CLUB

St. Patrick's Dinner Kicks Off March Meeting

By Nancy Diltz, Staff Writer and Columnist

The Pollyanna Club met on Thursday, March 12, for its regular monthly meeting. The gathering began with a St. Patrick's Day friendship dinner featuring Irish baked potatoes with the works, beef barley soup, festive green broccoli cheese soup, and a lemon cake prepared by Jimmie and Judy.

Secretary Nancy read the minutes. Under old business, Treasurer Susan presented the treasurer's report. Members collected \$47 from the February raffle, and two Pollyanna Club cookbooks were sold for \$10 each. The cookbook — featuring recipes from members, former members, and local families — is still available. For information, contact Nancy Diltz at misscabc@yahoo.com.

Members also paid \$10 each for previously printed Pollyanna Club member brochures.

During new business, members discussed ideas for the club's float in the 2026 Pioneer Picnic parade. Jimmie also informed the group that Walmart now offers free grocery delivery to Brownsville and nearby areas, meaning the volunteer grocery pickup and delivery service will no longer be needed.

Plans were also announced for the club's 2026 Festival of Trees entry, which will feature a honeybee theme.

Members approved a motion to donate any leftover food from the Pioneer Picnic "Chicken in a Pot" game prizes and soda sales to the local food bank.

The next meeting will be held on April 9. 🌟

BROWNSVILLE LIBRARY CALENDAR

Parents & Pals Story Time

Wednesdays • 10-10:15 a.m.
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Wednesdays • 1-3 p.m. • History Room
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KIDS' KORNER

Yoga Movement with a Twist

By Nancy Diltz, Staff Writer and Columnist

Bend, twist, breathe. Yoga is the ancient practice of moving the body and focusing the mind. Anyone can do it! The book "Yummy Yoga, Playful Poses and Tasty Treats" by Joy Bauer, published in 2019, goes

one step further than simply explaining yoga stretches. This book is "a wildly imaginative introduction to yoga and nutrition," according to the book jacket. Included are eight kid-friendly recipes and multiple photo demonstrations of yoga poses kids can practice. "Written by beloved health expert Joy Bauer, 'Yummy Yoga' is a fun and fresh introduction to yoga and nutrition. Playful photographs feature a diverse group of kids demonstrating yoga poses. On the opposite sides of the spreads, imaginatively sculpted fruits and vegetables mirror the same poses! Lift the gatefold flaps to find simple, child-friendly recipes incorporating all the healthy ingredients featured in each photo," from the Publisher's Summary.

That sounds great! I enjoy yoga, and now I might add a fruit or vegetable snack break to my routine to make it even healthier and more enjoyable.



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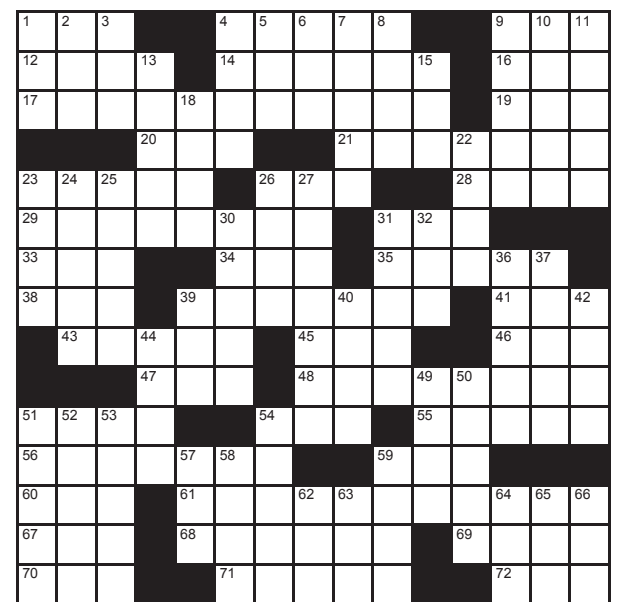
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Why try yoga? Yoga is for everyone, but it is especially beneficial for kids. Yoga improves children's emotional regulation. Yoga "helps children learn to be in the present moment while relaxing and gaining a peaceful state of mind," according to azearlychildhood.org. Yoga can also boost self-esteem, improve body awareness, memory, concentration, physical strength, and flexibility. That sounds like a good deal! "Yoga is a fun way for kids to move their bodies and feel great. Yoga is like a special game where you move your body in different shapes to feel strong, happy, and calm," from yogibeans.com.

How many poses can you try? 🌀



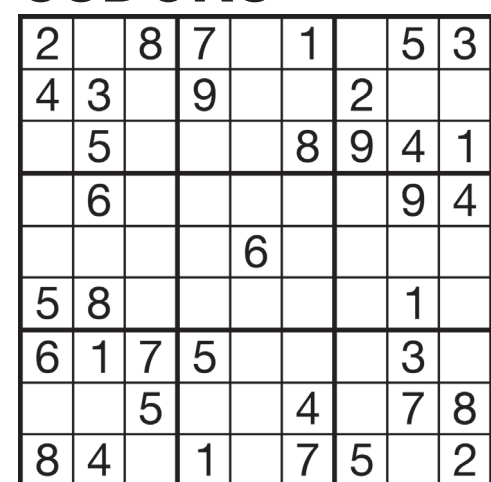
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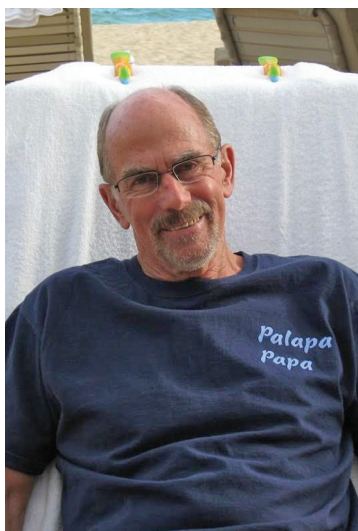
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OBITUARY

David Rogers

David Rogers, 82, of Brownsville, passed away on February 10, 2026, while receiving loving care at the Samaritan Evergreen Hospice due to complications from lung cancer. He is survived by his wife, Kathryn; his son, Laurence; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Deborah; his son, Daniel; and his brother, Ross.

There will be a private scattering of his ashes, and the family plans to hold a Celebration of Life later this spring. The details are still being arranged. Those wishing to honor Dave's passion for wetlands and waterfowl conservation can donate to organizations such as Friends of Gap Road, The Wetlands Conservancy, Delta Waterfowl, Nature Conservancy, Ducks Unlimited, or others. ☀



OBITUARY

Cindy Lou Fowler

Cindy Lou Fowler, also known as "GG," of Brownsville, Oregon, was born to Paulina and James Bails in Bottineau, North Dakota. Surrounded by family, she went to be with Jesus in heaven on Feb. 28, 2026.



She was preceded in death by her first husband, Mike; her second husband, Robert; a half-brother; and a stepdaughter.

She is survived by three sisters, one brother, a half-sister, six children, eight grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, four step-children, eight step-grandchildren and 16 step-great-grandchildren.

Cindy worked as a certified nursing assistant and as a dishwasher until her retirement. She often said she wanted to spend the rest of her life traveling in a van with a goat, living a carefree "hippie life" like she had in her younger days. She often said those were the "best" days.

A little about our "spicy" mom, sister, daughter and friend: Her hobbies included painting, pottery, decorating and gift-giving. Say the word "Cher," and she would be there singing and dancing her heart out. When it came to horses, glitz and glam, she would answer with an enthusiastic "Oh yes, ma'am!"

She saw herself — as others did — as sassy, classy and a little brassy. She sparkled, she shone, and she had a heart of gold and a witty mind. She would give you the shirt off her back and then advise you on how to wear it.

She loved her family and friends fiercely, often going without to make sure others had what they needed. She taught us the importance of family, speaking our minds, putting our best foot forward and staying true to our hearts.

She loved getting all "dolled up" at Brownsville's 7th Heaven beauty shop, listening to stories, telling her own, and celebrating achievements and milestones. Christmas was her favorite holiday. She loved the decorations, the lights, and the togetherness of family.

She often said she was a religion "no" and a Jesus "yes," believing the only way to heaven was through Christ Jesus.

This is only a snapshot of how wonderful and amazing she was. We miss her immensely and will cherish the memories we made with her forever.

As she often said, "It was really nice spending time with you."

Until we meet again — we love and miss you deeply, GG.

A celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date.

"You are always with me; you hold me by my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory."

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Are you ready to take your vegetable gardening to a whole new level? Linn County Master Gardeners are offering a series of six free lectures on a wide group of subjects from Growing Strong Plants (March 28) to How to Grow, Harvest, and Cook Herbs (April 4). Then there is How to Grow Gourmet Mushrooms (April 11).

Please register at casteen@aol.com. Just provide your first and last name and phone number, and you are signed up for all classes. Classes begin at 10 am and run until noon at the Lebanon Senior Center, 80 Tangent Street in Lebanon.

Free tomato plants and growing tips will be offered on May 16. Updated listings of the specific classes will be found in the Calendar of Events section of on page 2. 🌱

HALSEY LIBRARY

Seed Library Returns for Spring Growing Season

HALSEY — Gardeners of all experience levels can dig into spring with the return of the Halsey Public Library's Seed Library.

The free program allows community members to stop by, select seed packets, and grow flowers, herbs, and vegetables at home. Whether planting in a large backyard garden or a sunny windowsill pot, the collection offers options suited to a wide range of spaces and skill levels.

Seed varieties are displayed inside the library and are available during regular business hours. The program is designed to encourage sustainable gardening, food security, and hands-on learning for families and individuals alike.

Library staff invite residents to explore the selection, try something new, and enjoy the rewards of growing their own plants this season. 🌱



KAITLN WATTS

The Band Perry is Coming to the 2026 Linn County Fair

ALBANY — The Linn County Fair Board is excited to announce that The Band Perry, the Grammy® and ACM Award-winning country music duo, will be the Saturday night headline act during the 2026 Linn County Fair.

The Band Perry has sold 2.5 million albums, 12 million singles, and has racked up over 1 billion streams.

The Band Perry features Kimberly Perry and her husband, Johnny Costello.

The concert will cap off fair week on Saturday, July 18, 2026 — part of three full days of family-friendly fun, live-stock events, carnival rides, competitions, and more at the Linn County Fair & Expo Center, 3700 Knox Butte Road East, Albany.

The Linn County Fair runs Thursday, July 16, through Saturday, July 18, offering thousands of attendees a full weekend of exhibits, shows, entertainment, and community celebration.

Known for their string of crossover hits like "If I Die Young," "Better Dig Two," "All Your Life," and "You Lie," The Band Perry has thrilled fans worldwide with powerful vocals, energetic performances, and genre-blending sound. Their return to live touring in 2026 promises an unforgettable concert experience for fair-goers of all ages.

"We are thrilled to bring The Band Perry to Saturday night at the Linn County Fair," said Roger Nyquist, Linn County Commissioner and Fair Board member. "This performance elevates our entertainment lineup and gives the community a concert experience that's truly special."

Ticket Information:

Reserved seats for the concert — which include fair admission — and general fair admission tickets will be available online at <https://www.linncountyfair.com>. Fair admission grants access to all fair attractions, rides, exhibits, and nightly entertainment.

Whether you're a longtime fan or discovering them live for the first time, this summer concert is set to be the highlight of fair week.

Stay tuned for additional entertainment announcements as fair week approaches. 🌱



OSU EXTENSION SERVICE

Youth Tractor Safety Certification Courses Scheduled This Spring

Teens interested in agricultural work this summer can gain valuable skills and certification through upcoming Youth Tractor Safety Training courses offered by the Oregon State University Extension Service.

Designed for youth ages 14-17, the Tractor Safety Training and Certification program prepares participants for farm jobs by combining online lessons, homework, and hands-on tractor driving practice. Students must attend all scheduled sessions to earn certification. The course costs \$75.

A South Valley session takes place April 10-11

in Junction City. Classes are from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

A Linn County session is scheduled for May 15-16 at Boshart Trucking. Friday's training runs from 4 to 8 p.m., followed by a full day on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The program is designed for youth looking for summer jobs in the upcoming farming season and offers certification needed for many farm positions.

Registration and more details are available at <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/youth-tractor-safety-certification>. 🌱



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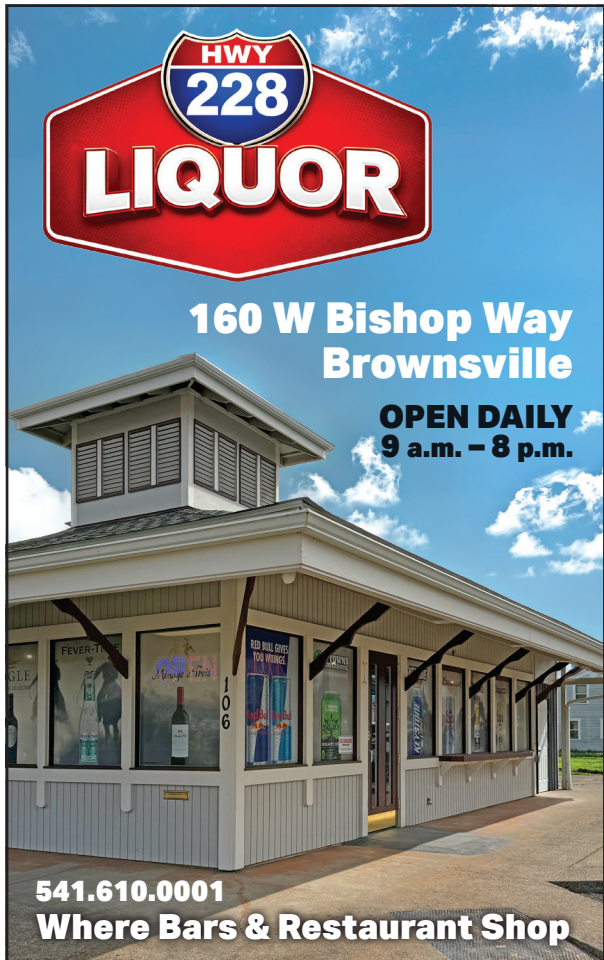
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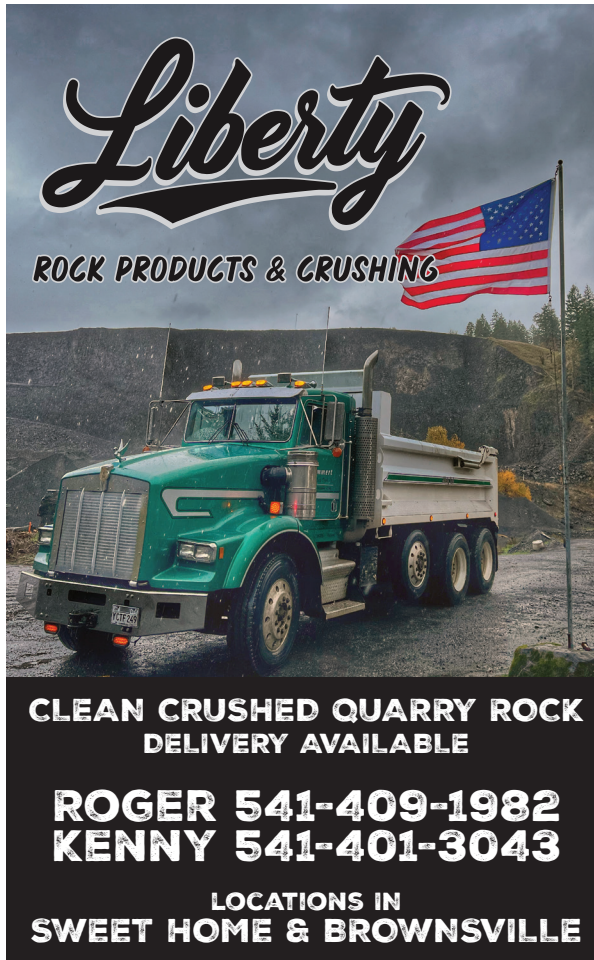


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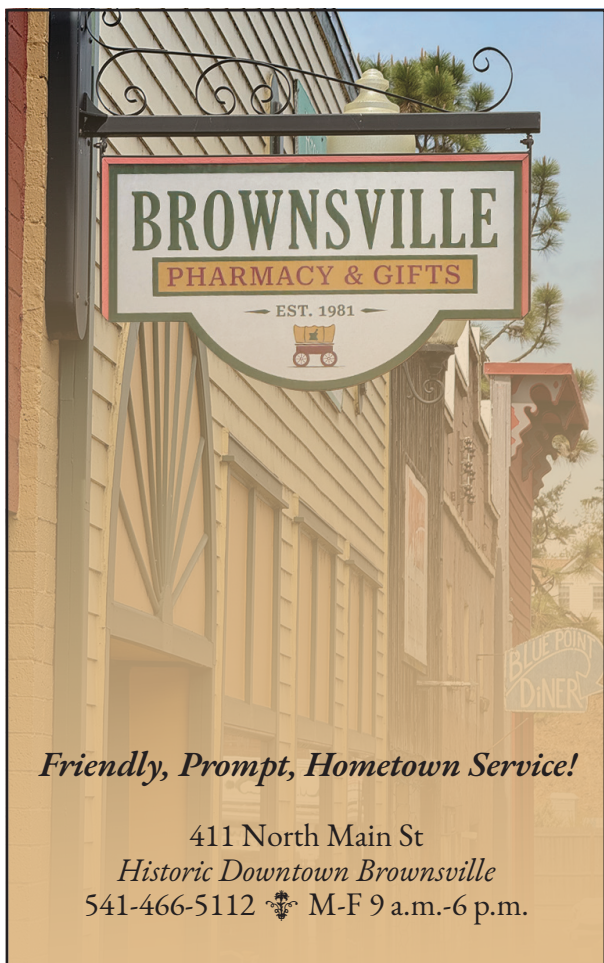


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LINN COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES

Free Community Training to Address Emerging Substance Use Trends Among Youth



ALBANY — Linn Together, in partnership with the Linn County Alcohol and Drug Program, will host a free community training titled “High in Plain Sight” on Wednesday, April 1, at the Russell Tripp Performance Center at Linn-Benton Community College in Albany.

Officer Jermaine Galloway, known as the “Tall Cop,” will present the free “High in Plain Sight” training on youth substance use trends April 1 in Albany.

The training will be presented by Officer Jermaine Galloway — widely known as the “Tall Cop” — a nationally and internationally recognized expert on alcohol and drug trends. Through this engaging two-part training, Officer Galloway will share current insights into substance use patterns, concealment methods, and the role of digital culture in youth substance use.

The training is designed for parents and professionals working in prevention, education, treatment, and enforcement.

Participants may attend one or both sessions:
Session 1: 9–11:30 a.m. — Emerging drug trends and concealment tactics

Session 2: 1–3:30 p.m. — Digital influence: social media, substance use, and youth party culture

The training is provided free of charge through Linn Together and the Linn County Alcohol & Drug Program, and it includes MHACBO-accredited continuing education. Spanish translation will be available at the event. Registration and additional details can be found at: <https://linntogether.org/training/tall-cop>.

Update to “Preparedness Still Matters As Global Tensions Rise” that ran in the March 12 issue.

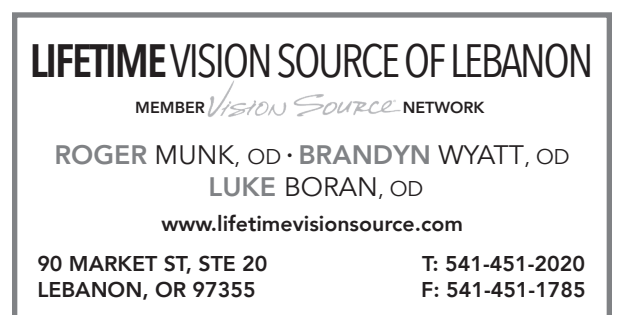
Recent Incidents Raise Concern, But Local Risk Still Low

Several recent violent incidents across the country have renewed focus on security concerns as tensions persist overseas. Authorities are investigating attacks, including a shooting at Old Dominion University in Virginia and violence at a synagogue in West Bloomfield Township, Michigan.

Officials say these kinds of incidents are often carried out by individuals acting alone rather than as part of a larger coordinated plan.

Security experts continue to say that large cities, major events, and well-known locations are more likely targets. There have been no public warnings suggesting that rural communities like those in the Central Linn area are at risk.

Emergency officials continue to recommend basic readiness and staying informed.



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SHERIFF'S REPORT

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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).

Sunday, March 8

10:27 a.m. — Caller reported losing a firearm in the 25600 block of Timber Rd., Brownsville.

3:41 a.m. — Caller reported a suspicious situation involving neighbors in the 400 block of W D St., Halsey.

7:11 p.m. — Deputy assisted with a found dog in the 32400 block of Twin Buttes West Dr., Halsey.

8:02 p.m. — Deputies helped a citizen get home in the 33100 block of Hwy 228, Halsey.

Monday, March 9

12:13 a.m. — Deputy responded to a roommate issue in the 600 block of W 2nd St., Halsey.

7:39 a.m. — Ellen Crowson, 70, of Junction City, was cited for speeding in the 31000 block of Bowers Dr., Harrisburg.

8:35 a.m. — Deputy took a report of a stolen bike in the 100 block of Washburn St., Brownsville. The bike was stolen sometime between the first week of December and March 8, 2025. Report taken.

11:05 a.m. — Caller reported a juvenile driver and their behavior while parked near his residence in the 200 block of Clay Ct., Harrisburg.

3:14 p.m. — Store clerk reported a suspicious male near businesses in the 200 block of N 3rd St., Harrisburg. The deputy contacted the male and learned

that he was waiting for a ride. Non-Criminal.

4:10 p.m. — A caller reported that sheep had escaped from a fenced field at Lake Creek Dr. /Falk Rd., Halsey. The citizen notified the sheep owner, enabling the deputy to respond to a higher-priority call. Non-criminal.

4:27 p.m. — Deputy responded to a civil dispute between family members in the 800 block of W Bishop Way, Brownsville, and successfully de-escalated the situation. Non-criminal.

7:58 p.m. — Deputies found an e-bike in the 100 block of Washburn St., Brownsville. The owner claimed it while deputies were still investigating.

Tuesday, March 10

4:48 p.m. — Deputies responded to a citizen experiencing mental health issues in the 300 block of N Main St., Brownsville.

10:23 p.m. — Caller requested a welfare check in the 500 block of S 3rd St., Harrisburg. Deputies responded.

11:14 p.m. — Deputies checked on a suspicious vehicle parked by the side of the road at Hwy 228/Ogle Rd., Halsey. The vehicle later drove away when asked.

Wednesday, March 11

1:46 a.m. — Carol Rebecca O'Leary, 54, was cited and released on two warrants at Hwy 228/Ogle Rd., Halsey.

8:46 a.m. — Deputy conducted extra patrol for speed as vehicles entered town in the 600 block of N Main St., Brownsville. No violations were observed. Traffic was minimal.

12:05 p.m. — Dylan Elder, 30, of Sweet Home, was cited for driving with a suspended driver's license, driving without insurance, and failing to register his vehicle in the 300 block of Washburn St., Brownsville.

1:16 p.m. — Deputy took a report of a stolen vehicle in the 31900 block of Rolland Dr., Tangent. The vehicle was found and returned to the owner. Investigation ongoing, report taken.

2:03 p.m. Deputies conducted a timber patrol in the 35000 block of Cochran Creek Dr., Brownsville.

Thursday, March 12

3:16 a.m. — Anna House, 41, of Brownsville, was cited for warrants from the Albany and Lebanon Municipal Courts in the 1000 block of

Pine St., Brownsville. Report taken.

7:56 a.m. — Deputies responded to a possible DUII driver in the 34300 block of Hwy 99E, Tangent. They located the vehicle but did not have probable cause for a DUII after speaking with the driver.

10:46 a.m. — Caller reported her camera recorded a female knocking on her door around 3:30 a.m. in the 1000 block of Ash St., Brownsville. This was related to a call deputies handled early that morning.

11:13 a.m. — Deputy began investigating a child abuse case in the 500 block of S 6th St., Harrisburg.

11:28 a.m. — Deputies cleared the road of deceased turkeys at Belts Dr./Gap Rd., Harrisburg.

2:01 p.m. — Deputy helped a motorist find their destination in the 33900 block of Looney Ln., Tangent.

2:40 p.m. — The Sherman Bros Trucking property in the 32900 block of Diamond Hill Dr., Harrisburg, has been broken into multiple times over the past few months, including as recently as earlier this week. Approximately \$3,600 worth of aluminum and tools were stolen, and about \$1,500 in damage was caused to fencing and a vehicle.

6:05 p.m. — Caller reported a stalking complaint in the 31900 block of N Lake Creek Dr., Tangent. Information was documented about ex-spouses.

7:15 p.m. — Deputies responded to a fraud report in the 34100 block of Powell Hills Loop, Shedd.

Friday, March 13

3:34 a.m. — Caller reported a disturbance in the 800 block of Maple St.,

Brownsville. It was a verbal argument between a couple ending their relationship.

4:19 a.m. — Caller reported a suspicious vehicle at N Main St./Kirk Ave., Brownsville. The car had been parked in the same spot for a long time. The deputy found that the person inside was sleeping.

7:05 a.m. — Julio Virrueta Valencia, 19, of Lebanon, was cited for failing to renew his vehicle registration at N Lake Creek Dr./McFarland Rd., Tangent.

10:09 a.m. — Bar manager in the 100 block of S 2nd St., Harrisburg, reported damage to a lotto machine with an unknown repair cost. Investigation ongoing, report taken.

11:50 a.m. — Citizen reported online threats of upcoming protests in the 500 block of S 3rd St., Harrisburg, and asked for additional patrols.

3:31 p.m. — Anacleto Corronado Rodriguez, 51, of Junction City, was cited for speeding 50 in a 35-mph zone at Coburg Rd./Tosta Rd., Harrisburg.

4:59 p.m. — Deputy conducted a welfare check on an individual who was concerned after receiving some texts from them in the 33100 block of Fuchsia Ln., Tangent. The individual was doing well.

6:37 p.m. — A citizen flagged down a deputy in the 33200 block of Hwy 228, Halsey, to report a sheep on I-5. The deputy notified Oregon State Police about the loose sheep.

9:52 p.m. — Gunner Williams Kometz, 21, of Lebanon, was cited for careless driving at Oak St., Hausman Ave., Brownsville.

11:07 p.m. — Andrew Michael Collard, 50, of

Halsey, was cited for driving while suspended and speeding 56 in a 45-mph zone at W Bishop Way/Pearl St., Brownsville.

Saturday, March 14

5:31 a.m. — Ciara White, 36, of Eugene, was cited for careless driving and no Oregon license after failing to slow down and take proper actions at a crash scene with two ODOT trucks blocking one full lane and workers in the roadway at Hwy 99E/Substation Dr., Harrisburg.

12:02 p.m. — Deputy recorded information about a suspicious male who handed a business card to a juvenile in the 33600 block of Hwy 99E, Tangent.

12:32 p.m. — Deputy took a theft report from Sherman Bros Trucking on the 32900 block of Diamond Hill Dr., Harrisburg, where additional parts were stolen. Estimated value is \$2,500. Investigation ongoing, report taken.

7:10 p.m. — Deputy responded to a suspicious vehicle parked in a farm field pullout in the 20600 block of Coburg Rd., Harrisburg. The vehicle was gone when the deputy arrived.

7:13 p.m. — Caller reported a neighbor's dogs barking in the 38200 block of Courtney Creek Dr., Brownsville.

8:05 p.m. — Deputy observed an abandoned RV parked in the 27900 block of Hwy 99E, Halsey. Deputy forwarded the report to OSP.

10:00 p.m. — Deputies responded to a single-vehicle crash off the road in the 23600 block of Brush Creek Rd., Sweet Home. The driver reported an injury, and a courtesy ride was arranged to a local hospital for evaluation. Non-criminal, report taken. ☀

PUZZLE KEY

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Janky Bird Misfits Mixer

By Eva Wada, Staff Writer



EVA WADA

Tattoo artist and co-owner Jeff Smith, doesn't buy into the cinematic drama of ink enthusiasts breathing like they're giving birth. "To be honest, if I know the person well, I tell them 'Suck it up buttercup!'"

Prior to the shindig, co-owner and tattoo artist, Jeff Smith, needed to take a chill pill when he realized which century the theme would spotlight. Jeff quipped in his blog, found on <https://www.jankybird.com>, that the tatting party "wasn't 'found in an old trunk' energy; it was 'found in a mall in 1987' energy," neon and bold. He had wrongly assumed his talented staff wanted to create the crows and coffins of the 1880s Victorian era. Perhaps that'll be the tune of a future flash. In

Walking into Janky Bird Tattoo & Tobacco, you immediately feel the weight of their mantra — a righteous blend of "old-world craft and bad habits done well."

On March 6, fresh friends and wickedly cool road warriors flocked to the Brownsville shop for a totally tubular 1980s Flash Party.

the meantime, Jeff delighted us with groovy Slimer from "Ghostbusters" (1984), instead.

The nostalgia was thick, even if the history was fuzzy. Artist Kaitlyn Watts confessed, "I

feel like I'm doing cosplay today," having not lived through the 80s herself. Most patrons were equally stumped by the era. When asked trivia questions from the highlighted decade, newly tatted client Amanda Braden joked, "Can I phone a friend?" hilariously, she wasn't aware that the "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" phrase she used was, in fact, from 1989. Rachel Streitberger, Shareen Mutch, and Shelley Hazelton schooled those kids on what it was like in the very loud era of bright makeup and stiff hair. They reminisced about killing time outside until the first lamppost turned on and the bodacious babes of bubblegum pop music. Shelley even won an eighty-dollar gift certificate for her rad tutu and Gremlin purse pal.

The "bright, weird, Saturday-morning side of the 80s" [jankybird.com] in this flash was imagination to the max! At Janky Bird Tattoo & Tobacco, whether you're a preppy or a misfit, a bit of purple



EVA WADA

Over the last two weeks, the 80s-inspired neon and bold designs by each of the three artists were revealed on the Janky Bird's Facebook page. Be sure to follow!



EVA WADA

Shelley Hazelton, draped in neon nostalgia and winner of the \$80 costume prize, selected a "secret menu" body art by Kaitlyn Watts.

ink and a "no duh" attitude make for a radical time. To get inked in the future, email co-owner Tara Smith at tara@jankybird.com.

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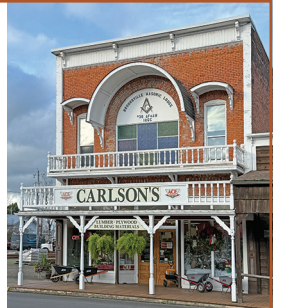
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