



Cobra Wrestlers Shine on State's Biggest Stage

By Mike Day, Central Linn Wrestling Coach



RACHAEL TRAVIS

Gradi Spencer of Central Linn has his hand raised after defeating a Glendale opponent during consolation-round action at the OSAA Class 2A/1A State Wrestling Championships at Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Portland. Spencer battled back through the bracket to earn a fourth-place finish.

The season has come to an end — and what a great finish. Four wrestlers traveled north to Portland to compete in the 2026 state championships, hosted by the Oregon School Activities Association at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum. The three-day event brought together top wrestlers from across the state, resulting in deep and highly competitive brackets.

They did a great job representing themselves, their school, and their community. Juniors Jacob Helms and Colton Hein both wrestled well, gained valuable experience, and will be back again next year. Jacob lost in overtime to the eventual fourth-place finisher. Colton drew a tough bracket and lost to the eventual second- and third-place finishers, wrestling strong matches against both.

Junior Gradi Spencer did Central Linn proud and came home with a fourth-place finish. After losing his first match, he battled all the way back through the consolation bracket.

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RACHAEL TRAVIS

Hannah Travis of Central Linn celebrates a win over Culver at the state championships in Portland. Travis went on to place fifth.

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TANGENT TOGETHER

St. Patrick's Day Auction Opens Friday!

The luck of the Irish arrives in Tangent this week as Tangent Together launches its Third Annual St. Patrick's Day Online Auction — with bidding opening on March 6.

Community members are invited to browse and bid on a wide range of items, including local favorites, gift certificates, handmade goods, themed baskets, services, and one-of-a-kind experiences. Each winning bid directly supports Tangent Together's local initiatives and free community events throughout the year, as well as scholarships for students with ties to Tangent.

Tangent Together is a 100 percent volunteer-run 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing people together, fostering unity, and making a positive impact in the community. Through fundraising events such as the St. Patrick's Day Auction, the organization strengthens local connections and invests in Tangent's future.

Online bidding runs from March 6 through March 15, closing at 3 p.m. Participants can create a bidder profile and browse items at <https://app.bidbeacon.com/#/auction/ZD4EWAs>. Organizers encourage bidders to check back often, as friendly competition often heats up in the final hours.

The fundraiser will conclude with an in-person "Wrap Party" on Sunday, March 15, from 1–3 p.m., at the Dixie Creek Saloon. The event offers a chance to celebrate, connect with neighbors, and pick up winning items.

Join the fun by placing generous bids in support of Tangent Together. 🍀

CENTRAL LINN BOOSTER CLUB

The Ultimate Cobra Community Night March 14

By Eva Wada, Staff Writer

We are thrilled to invite you to the Cobra Booster Club Auction and Dinner on Saturday, March 14, at Central Linn High School in Halsey, Oregon. This event is a wonderful chance for all of Linn County to come together for an evening of food and fun! All proceeds support the Cobra Students of the junior and senior high school.

The Booster Club is made up of community volunteers dedicated to contributing to the financial needs of our children when school district funds cannot. The auction is our biggest and most vital fundraiser of the year. Every dollar donated creates lasting memories and opportunities for the students of Central Linn.

The evening kicks off with doors opening and the silent auction beginning at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 5:30, and the live auction starting at 7. We would love your support to make this evening a success.

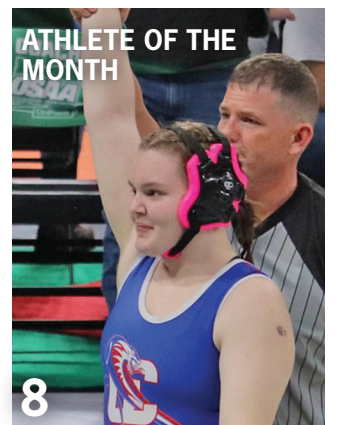
Already have plans but still want to help? You can donate sets of themed items for display at auction. Want to make a huge impact? We urge you to contact the Booster Club by email to donate funds specifically toward the event's production costs.

Tickets are \$25 at the door. To have your name mentioned or your company recognized, reserve a full table for ten peo-



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The centerpieces at the Booster Club Auction, on March 14, will proudly represent the Cobra sports and clubs.

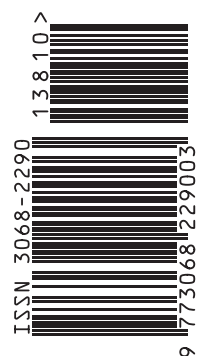


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ONGOING EVENTS

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>
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tangent Together St. Patrick's Day Online Auction Opens

Friday, March 6 • Opens online

Tangent Together's Third Annual St. Patrick's Day Online Auction opens for bidding. Community members can create a profile and bid on donated items and experiences. Bidding continues through March 15, with the auction closing at 3 p.m.

<https://app.bidbeacon.com/#/auction/ZD4EWA>

Johnathan Sterling Live

Friday, March 6 • 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Tallman Brewing, 2055 Primrose St., Lebanon

Local favorite Johnathan Sterling will perform live. Community members are invited to enjoy an evening of live music in a relaxed setting.

Sunshine Industries Annual Fundraising Dinner

Saturday, March 7 • 5-8 p.m.

Boys & Girls Club, 880 18th Ave., Sweet Home

Family-friendly dinner, live music by Trevor Tagle, silent auction, and raffle to benefit Sunshine Industries Unlimited. Admission: \$20 adults (13-64), \$15 seniors (65+), \$10 youth (5-12), free for children 4 and younger. 541-367-2765

<https://www.sunshineindustriesoregon.org>

Flash Party: 1980s Tattoo Event

Sunday, March 8 • 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Janky Bird, 134 Spaulding Ave., Brownsville

A one-day-only event featuring bold, neon-inspired designs. Tattoos are \$80 each, flash-only with no changes. Arms and legs preferred; other placements at the artist's discretion. Walk-ins only, first-come, first-served. Dress in authentic 1980s style for a chance to win an \$80 shop gift card for Most Authentic Look, crowned at 5 p.m.

<https://www.jankybird.com>

LCSWA Quarterly Board Meeting

Monday, March 9 • 4:30 - 7 p.m.

OSU Extension Office, 33630 McFarland Rd, Tangent
The Linn County Small Woodlands Association quarterly board meeting is open to members and friends.

The evening will begin with a one-hour presentation by OSU Extension forester Lorelle Sherman on the role of mycorrhizal fungi in forest health and an update on the Emerald Ash Borer. The board meeting will follow, including welcoming newly elected board members Greg Harty and Dan Lowrie, a report on the 31st annual seedling sale results, and other business.

<https://linncountyswa.com>

Halsey City Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 10 • 7 p.m.

Halsey City Hall Council Chambers, 100 Halsey St.

Public comment is welcome. Remote attendance via Zoom and information on submitting written comments are available. Agendas and meeting packets are posted at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Audio recordings, when available, are posted within 48 hours. Approved minutes are posted following Council approval.

<https://www.cityofhalsey.com>

CLES 3rd & 4th Grade Program — Destination: America!

Wednesday, March 11 • 6 p.m.

Central Linn Elementary School Gym, Halsey

Central Linn Elementary students in grades 3 and 4 will present "Destination: America!" a tribute to American musical genres. Families and community members are invited to enjoy an evening of student performances celebrating music from across the United States.

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>

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. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m., with first rounds beginning 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.

<https://ootfa.org>

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

Sunshine Industries to Host Fiesta-Themed Fundraiser March 7

By Jeff Brown, Staff Writer and Columnist

SWEET HOME — Sunshine Industries Unlimited will host its Annual Fundraising Dinner on Saturday, March 7, from 5-8 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club, located at 880 18th Avenue in Sweet Home.

The evening promises a family-friendly atmosphere with dinner, live entertainment, and opportunities for community members to show their support. Admission is \$20 for adults ages 13-64, \$15 for seniors 65 and older, \$10 for youth ages 5-12, and free for children 4 and younger.

Dinner will be prepared by Casa De Reyes, and live music will be provided throughout the evening by Trevor Tagle Music. In addition to food and entertainment, guests can participate in a silent auction featuring a variety of items. Special raffle tickets will also be available for purchase, offering additional chances to win prizes while supporting a meaningful cause.

Sunshine Industries Unlimited, located at 1333 Clark Mill Road in Sweet Home, has served the community since 1974. The organization was founded by a dedicated group of local parents seeking better opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities. Today, Sunshine continues that mission by enriching the lives of the individuals it serves through a range of programs and services designed to help them fulfill personal goals and visions.

A key focus of Sunshine's work is supporting clients in gaining employment throughout the area, helping them build skills, confidence, and a sense of belonging within the community. Through job placement and ongoing support, the organization helps individuals become integrated, contributing members of the local workforce.

Community support plays a vital role in sustaining these services. Proceeds from the Annual Fundraising Dinner directly benefit Sunshine's programs and the adults who rely on them.

Residents are encouraged to attend, enjoy an evening of good food and entertainment, and contribute to an organization that has been making a difference in Sweet Home for more than 50 years. For more information, contact Sunshine Industries Unlimited at 541-367-2765 or visit <https://www.sunshineindustriesoregon.org>.

HALSEY PARKS & LIBRARY

Community Cookbook Project: Call for Recipes

The Halsey Parks & Library Committee is collecting recipes for a new Halsey Community Cookbook and invites residents to contribute. Family favorites, holiday dishes, and everyday recipes are welcome, especially those tied to a story or tradition.

Recipes may be submitted online, in person, or by email to Library@halseyor.gov. Online submissions are accepted via the Halsey Community Cookbook Recipe Submission Form at <https://www.halseyor.gov/CommunityCookbookRecipeSubmission.php>. Contributors may upload a handwritten recipe, submit a link, or enter a recipe directly.

In-person submissions are welcome at Halsey City Hall or at the Halsey Library.

STAY CONNECTED WITH CENTRAL LINN!

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

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

TARWEED FOLK SCHOOL

Limited Openings Remain in March and April Classes

CORVALLIS — While most March classes at Tarweed Folk School are now full, a few openings remain in two upcoming offerings at Wade Hardware, 400 SW 2nd St., Corvallis.

Bowls on the Spring Pole Lathe, taught by Kiko Denzer, still has seats available for Session 1 (Sunday, March 22, 9 a.m. to noon), Session 2 (Sunday, March 22, 1–4 p.m.), and Session 4 (Thursday, March 26, 5:30–8:30 p.m.). Session 3 is full.

This three-hour introduction offers students hands-on experience with a traditional spring-pole lathe — a foot-powered machine with roots stretching back thousands of years. With personalized instruction, participants learn to shape a prepared blank into a bowl while experiencing the rhythm and coordination that come from working in harmony with spinning wood. The class is physically active, comparable to an uphill hike, and requires basic hand strength and stamina. Tuition is \$125, plus a \$15 materials fee. Ages 14 and older may attend, with height and strength considerations.

Looking ahead to April, Make a Wooden Rake (April 17–19) still has openings. This three-day class begins Friday evening with an introduction to tools and techniques, continues Saturday with harvesting and preparing hazel handles, and concludes Sunday with shaping oak teeth, assembling components, and finishing the rake.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF TARWEED FOLK SCHOOL

Students will explore responsible harvesting practices and land-tending as part of the course. The class is offered in collaboration with Sustainable Northwest to support education in sustainable land stewardship and practical skill-building. Designed for adults 18 and older, the course includes both indoor and outdoor work, including walking on uneven ground. Tuition is \$220, plus a \$50 materials fee.

Organizers note that Tarweed classes fill quickly. Interested students are encouraged to register soon. Scholarships covering full or half tuition are available

(materials fees are not included). They often have class cancellations, and they encourage folks to join the waitlist for classes they are interested in. Register at <https://www.tarweedfolkschool.com/classes>.

Founded to celebrate traditional skills and lifelong learning, Tarweed Folk School offers hands-on classes in crafts, music, homesteading, fiber arts, and more. The school brings together instructors and students of all ages to share knowledge in a welcoming, community-centered environment. Tarweed offers workshops and gatherings throughout the year to preserve heritage arts and build connections across generations.

CORVALLIS SUSTAINABILITY COALITION

Sustainability Fair Returns March 12 at OSU Alumni Center

CORVALLIS — The 2026 Sustainability Fair will bring together local food, local talent, and local initiatives on Thursday, March 12, from 5–7 p.m. at the CH2M Hill Alumni Center on the Oregon State University campus. The event is free and open to the public, welcoming all ages.



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Hosted by the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition, the annual fair will showcase more than 60 hands-on exhibits and action teams advancing sustainability efforts. Attendees can explore displays on climate resilience, transportation, food systems, waste reduction, renewable energy, and community health.

Guests will enjoy a spread of local food from New Morning Bakery, along with live music from the Nick Rivard/Ben Woodman Jazz Guitar Duo.

Organizers note that the entire event is designed to be waste-free, with recycling and composting stations throughout the facility. Immediately after the fair, the 2026 Sustainability Town Hall will be held from 7–9 p.m. in the Alumni Center Ballroom. While no registration is required for the fair, seating for the Town Hall is limited, and advance registration is required.

Organizers encourage folks to attend, explore local initiatives, enjoy live music, and connect with others working toward a more resilient future in Oregon.

LINN COUNTY PIONEER ASSOCIATION

139th Pioneer Picnic Set for June 19–21: Theme Honors “250 Years of American Spirit”

BROWNSVILLE — The 139th Pioneer Picnic — Oregon’s oldest annual, continuous celebration — will return to Brownsville June 19–21. The Linn County Pioneer Association has announced this year’s theme, “250 Years of American Spirit,” and named Joe and LeAnne Ervin as Grand Marshals.

The weekend tradition begins Friday with the Kiddie Parade through downtown Brownsville, followed by the Penny Scramble, Spelling Bee, and Coronation. The evening’s Coronation festivities will also include the annual raffle drawing and the Queen’s Reception.

Princess applications are now available at the Central Linn Elementary and High School offices and online at <https://www.pioneerpicnic.com>. The application deadline is March 12 at 3 p.m. Princesses will begin selling raffle tickets later this spring.

Saturday features the Grand Parade, including Pioneer Descendants, a Car Show, and a full lineup of stage entertainment. Performers include the One More Time Marching Band and the NW Scots. Quilts of Valor will honor local veterans during the program.

Additional Saturday activities include the Summer Reading Program kickoff, Pie-Eating Contest, Talent Showcase, Beard Contest, and an evening dance in the historic dance hall.

Sunday’s schedule includes the Pioneer Dam Run, Community Church Service, Penny Scramble, Family Games, and the 65th annual Logger Jamboree.

Throughout the weekend, families can enjoy carnival games, inflatables, arts and crafts booths, the Quilt Show, the Flower Show, the Student Art Show, and the Horseshoe Tournament.

The Linn County Pioneer Association is also seeking proposals from a community group or company to operate the Pavilion Kitchen during the Pioneer Picnic, June 19–21, 2026. Information and application details are

available on the association’s website.

The association meets the third Tuesday of each month from 6:30–8:30 p.m. at the American Legion. Community members are welcome to attend and help plan this historic celebration.

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



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BROWNSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Franchise Waste Rates Rise as Council Reviews Goals, Hears Solar Opposition

By Sravya Tadepalli, Staff Writer

At the February Brownsville City Council meeting, the Council approved a 2.62 percent increase in solid waste rates from Sweet Home Sanitation.

Librarian Sherri Lemhouse discussed ongoing library programs, including the World Cultures and Travel series, estate planning, and an upcoming March 26 presentation titled "Avoid Scams with Sam." Lemhouse expressed appreciation for Thea Madell, the volunteer who leads story time crafts. "She walked into the library 16 years ago and said, 'I'm going to help you with crafts, and I'll bring my own supplies,'" said Lemhouse.

In the Council packet, McDowell reported on progress the Council has made toward many of its goals, including carefully managing Brownsville's treasury and refining the Brownsville Municipal Code. However, during the meeting, he reported on several goals that still need work.

McDowell recommended that various subcommittees of councilors meet soon to discuss pending issues, including building standards, private developments, and communications. On the advocacy front, McDowell said the Council needs to be prepared to push back against a potential state elimination of system development charges (which allow cities to charge fees for public utilities) and unfunded mandates. McDowell also said the Small Municipalities Advocacy Coalition would reconvene in April.

Troy Jones, a representative of Friends of Gap Road, spoke during public comment on the status of the proposed Muddy Creek Energy Park, a solar photovoltaic facility that would occupy approximately 1,600 acres of private farmland in Linn County. He said the park must begin construction by July 2026 to qualify for federal subsidies.

"Friends of Gap Road will continue to push

back on this project in every aspect by continuing to do public records releases and attorney actions and attending every Energy Facility Siting Council meeting, which I have done personally since January 1, 2024," said Jones.

Kenneth Jackola, the mayor of Lebanon, spoke during public comment to introduce himself to the Council and to say he was running to represent Oregon House District 11 in the state legislature. He said few state lawmakers have served as a city councilor or mayor.

"They have no idea what their policymaking does to small communities or any community," said Jackola. "I tell them up there all the time that their regulatory system is outpacing our ability to comply, period."

Jackola said Brownsville and Lebanon face similar issues.

"Your numbers are smaller here, but for the size of budget in comparison to Lebanon, it's outrageous," said Jackola. "We went from \$30 million to the wastewater facility for capital improvements and we predicted it will go up to \$70 million."

The Council appointed Victoria Petersen, an office manager at Acme Counseling, to the Brownsville Budget Committee. Petersen was the sole applicant for the position.

City Manager McDowell reminded councilors to file their annual Statement of Economic Interest (SEI) report with the Oregon Government Ethics Commission as soon as possible.

The Council held an executive session to discuss the terms of McDowell's contract renewal as city manager. The Council voted to renew McDowell's contract for eight years, with details to be determined before the next meeting. ☀

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners Hear January Juvenile Department Report

By Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer

ALBANY — The Linn County Juvenile Department held 31 young people in January, director Torri Lynn told Commissioners Roger Nyquist and Will Tucker at their February 24 meeting.

There were 20 youth from Linn County held for 181 days. Of those, 16 were male, and four were female.

Eight youth — six males and two females — from Benton County were held for 64 days.

Three boys from Lincoln County were held for 50 days of care. There were no young people from Clackamas and Marion counties.

Lynn said his department received 34 referrals in January, 22 of which were criminally oriented.

There are 192 young people in the Probation Unit, with 32 assessed as high-risk.

The victim advocate made 125 contacts.

The Tier I work crew completed almost 131 hours of community service in 11 days. In January 2025, the work crew of nine youth completed almost 118 hours of community service.

The 22-member Tier II work crew completed almost 451 hours of community service, compared to 16 youth completing almost 472 hours of community service in January 2025.

Three young people completed 26.25 hours in the restitution program, and two youth completed 25 hours through the wildfire risk reduction program.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Approved the transfer of \$71,000 within the General Grants Fund to the Health Fund to support the drug deflection program through the District Attorney's Office.
- Approved a Declaration of Necessity to acquire right-of-way for the Bowers Drive Bridge Replacement Project for the Road Department. The project will replace the existing bridge with one meeting current standards to reduce road safety hazards for vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles. The project is federally funded for \$2,561,522.31, with a 10.27 percent match by Linn County.
- Approved a contract between the Linn County Sheriff's Office and AA Towing of Albany.
- Approved a 4.7 percent increase to the food services contract between the Linn County Sheriff's Office and SUMMIT Food Services for meals at the Linn County Jail. The increase will add about \$20,000 to \$21,000 over the next 12 months. ☀

STAND BY ME DAY

Help Bring the 1950s Back to Brownsville

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

We are seeking donations or loaned items such as:

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

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

If you have items to donate or lend, please drop them off at the museum. Your contribution will help make this 40th anniversary celebration unforgettable — and keep our shared history alive. ☀



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HALSEY PARKS & LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Committee Advances 5K Plans, Pollinator Garden, and Summer Programs

The Halsey Parks & Library Committee met Thursday, February 19, at 5:45 p.m. at the Halsey Public Library to review upcoming events, fundraising efforts, and park improvement projects.

Among the key items discussed was the annual "Book It" 5K, scheduled for May 9. The race website launched at the end of January to encourage early sign-ups. Committee members discussed strategies to boost registration, including more social media promotion and outreach to past participants. Members also noted that website traffic is down compared with previous years and agreed to develop and launch the race website earlier next year to maximize visibility.

In addition to the 5K, the committee reviewed other community events. Rather than hosting a full "Party in the Park" this year, the group plans to set up an informational table at the City's surplus sale in June to share details about the Summer Reading Program and other library offerings.

Lit Night is scheduled for March 5, with plans to distribute information about the pollinator garden, summer reading dates, the seed library, the library of things, the passport program, and the 5K.

The committee also discussed reviving the

Lego Derby car event in the fall, given its popularity during last year's Summer Reading Program. Members considered ways to make the event more financially sustainable while remaining accessible to participants.

Planning is underway for Arbor Day and Pollinator Garden Plant Day. Committee members discussed enrolling in Oregon State University's free Bee Stewardship program to access educational materials and resources. Proposed garden beds would measure 4-by-8-by-3 feet and be built from cedar and corrugated metal, with local businesses donating materials to reduce costs. The group emphasized selecting native, pollinator-friendly plants and coordinating potential field trips with the elementary school.

Looking ahead to summer, the Museum of Natural and Cultural History is scheduled to present on Aug. 1 as part of the Summer Reading Program. Additional speakers and hands-on activities are being considered.

Park updates included a discussion of a spring work party to clean up the area around the Halsey sign and prepare the baseball field for the upcoming season. Once a date is set, the City will announce volunteer opportunities. 🌻

HALSEY MAYOR'S CORNER

Spring Renewal and Community Pride

By Jerry Lachenbruch, Mayor of Halsey



As we welcome March, signs of spring are beginning to appear around Halsey. The longer days and early blooms remind us that this is a season of renewal and growth. It's also a great time to reconnect with neighbors, enjoy our parks and walking areas, and begin preparing our homes and gardens for the warmer months ahead.

Many traditions that shaped early Halsey still guide us today — neighbors helping neighbors, volunteerism, and a strong sense of community. From farming families who have lived here for generations to new residents discovering Halsey for the first time, our shared history continues to connect us.

As we look ahead this spring, city staff and volunteers are preparing for seasonal maintenance, park improvements, and upcoming community activities. Warmer weather also brings opportunities to clean up yards, check your property for debris, weed, and do anything that helps keep our neighborhoods looking their best.

I also encourage everyone to take time to support local businesses and community organizations. Small towns thrive when residents show up for one another, whether by attending local events, volunteering, or simply checking in on a neighbor.

Halsey's greatest strength has always been its people. As we move into spring, let's build on our town's proud history while looking ahead to the opportunities the coming months will bring. Thank you for continuing to make Halsey such a wonderful place to call home.

As always, I remain YOUR Mayor. The Council and I work for you. We welcome your concerns, comments, and ideas. 🌻

AUCTION

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ple for \$300. For reservations or to offer your support, please email cobraboosterclub@hotmail.com.

Last year's auction was a massive success, raising over 52,000 dollars! Booster Club President Chriszma Erickson said, "While many know us for helping coaches fund uniforms, equipment, and tournament fees, we also aid students directly with everything from digital cameras and field trips to items needed for the end-of-the-year luau." She added, "These funds also provide essential support for scholarships and facility updates."

Without the generous donations from the Booster Club Auction, students would be stuck constantly fundraising for these basic needs — and there simply aren't enough vehicles in Linn County for all those car washes! 🌻



CLHS students contribute to the Booster Club Auction by setting up, displaying auction items, and even decorating the dinner tables.



For decades, Linn County has looked forward to socializing and raising funds for Central Linn Jr and Sr High School.

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SEASONS EATINGS

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Three Ways to Dress Up a Classic Favorite

By Lisa Keith, Columnist

This week, I'd like to share my very favorite salad and dressing recipe, plus a couple of different versions. Caesar salad has always been my very favorite because it is so simple and can be thrown together in a very short time. The first two recipes have been with me since high school. The third came from my mother-in-law about 10 years ago. She is in SoCal, and they make this on a regular basis.

Classic Caesar

- 1 1/3 C extra virgin olive oil
- 1 egg yolk
- 1/2 tsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 Tbsp mustard
- 3 Tbsp lemon juice
- 1 Tbsp minced fresh garlic
- 1/4 tsp red pepper flakes
- 2 anchovy fillets (yes, you need this for the perfect flavor)
- Salt & pepper to taste

Blend or process everything until smooth. You know the drill: toss with clean, dry, chopped romaine lettuce, grated Parmesan, and croutons. Simple and delicious.



Cheater Romaine Dressing

- 1 Tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 3 Tbsp oil
- 1/4 tsp apple cider vinegar
- A shake of each salt, pepper, and garlic powder

Whisk until emulsified. Toss with clean, chopped romaine lettuce and Parmesan.

Mexican Caesar Salad

- Handful of fresh cilantro, chopped
- Handful of pepitas
- Half a medium head of cabbage, chopped
- 2 bunches of romaine, washed and chopped
- 1 small package of tortilla chip strips, garnish size
- Crumbled queso fresco
- Green avocado/tomatillo dressing

Toss everything and enjoy.

I'm so thankful for the smiles and kitchen conversations we share around town — your encouragement keeps this column simmering. If you have a favorite recipe, a cooking question, or an idea to feature, email me at iamcheflisa@gmail.com. 🌿



HEALTH & WELLNESS

Water and the Body

By Lynlee Bischoff, Staff Writer and Columnist

The average human body is 60 percent water. The exact amount varies based on a variety of factors. For example, we are juicier as babies and drier as we age — a fact we may never have consciously considered, but it is pretty obvious to the naked eye. Another factor is our body composition. Lean muscle holds significantly more water than fatty tissue. Irrespective of these variations, ALL bodies are more than half water BY WEIGHT! Let that really sink in for a minute.

Water itself is pretty incredible. The more science learns about it, the more mysterious it becomes. Not only is it essential for all life, but everything about it is exceptional. It behaves in ways that defy logic, physics, and the basic rules of chemistry. The list is LONG, but these are my favorites: it is the only substance that exists as a solid, liquid, and gas at Earth temperatures. Pure water has no taste, color, or smell, making it unique among liquids. It expands when it freezes, which is why ice cubes float and a frozen blueberry sinks.

Water is known as the “universal solvent” because it dissolves more substances than any other liquid. Whether it's salts, sugars, acids, gases, or even proteins, water has an almost magical ability to pull molecules apart and keep them suspended. Without these abilities, our bloodstream wouldn't carry oxygen. Our food wouldn't digest. Our neurons wouldn't fire. Life wouldn't exist.

Then there are the emotional properties of water. Studies by Dr. Masaru Emoto showed that words and thoughts could physically alter water's molecular structure. Positive words or thoughts produced more pleasing structures (think snowflakes), while harsh words or thoughts produced a more disjointed structure. This scientifically disproves the accuracy of the saying “sticks and stones... but words will never hurt me.” A positive emotional environment keeps our internal waters in a more positive physical state, which in turn keeps us healthier.

If we think of our body as a giant container of vegetable soup, there needs to be plenty of fluid to allow all the other ingredients to move around. Not enough fluid, and things get thick, stick together, and have a harder time getting where they need to go. Don't drink enough water, and the body struggles. Headaches, brain fog, fatigue, irritability, and muscle tension can all result from dehydration. From a massage perspective, dehydrated muscles feel “sticky” because there is not enough water keeping them fluid and supple.

The recommended daily intake of water is a staggering 15 cups for men and 12 for women. Thankfully, that includes the water in the foods we eat, but staying hydrated throughout the day still requires conscious effort. Buying a nice metal or glass container for your water is key. Avoid using plastic, which breaks down and affects the quality of the water, which is just as important as the quantity. If you drink alcohol, sodas, or caffeinated drinks, remember they do not count toward your daily H2O requirements, as they are dehydrating and require you to drink MORE water to compensate.

The human body is an incredible tool, one we have to take care of if we want it to go the distance. Water plays a major role in that journey. So grab a glass of water, whisper some kind words, and think juicy. Your body, mind, and spirit will thank you. Until next time, Cheers! 🍷

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CENTRAL LINN HIGH SCHOOL MARCH STUDENT ATHLETE

Travis Secures State Spot, Anchors Growing Girls Program

Central Linn High School senior Hannah Travis has been named Athlete of the Month following a standout stretch of competition that highlights not only her talent but also her leadership and dedication to the Cobras program.

Travis, a key member of the Central Linn girls' wrestling team, has consistently delivered strong performances on the mat this season. Most recently, she placed second to qualify for the OSAA state championships. This is her fourth career trip to state.

Beyond podium finishes, Travis has become a cornerstone of the program. As one of four seniors honored on Senior Night, she has helped pave the way for younger athletes in a growing girls' wrestling program, setting the tone with her work ethic, focus and sportsmanship.

Coaches describe Travis as a steady presence — the kind of athlete who leads by example. Whether in practice or competition, she brings intensity and discipline, pushing herself and her teammates to improve every day.

Her commitment extends beyond wins and losses. Travis represents the values Central Linn athletics strives to build: perseverance, accountability, and pride in wearing the Cobra uniform.

As the postseason approaches, Travis continues to raise the bar, proving that success comes from preparation, resilience, and heart.

For her leadership, competitive excellence, and impact on the program, Hannah Travis is Central Linn High School's Athlete of the Month. 🌟



Hannah Travis secures a decisive victory on the mat during recent competition, earning a second-place finish and qualifying for her fourth career appearance at the OSAA state wrestling championships.

WRESTLING

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He dislocated his kneecap in one of the matches, then came back and pinned the wrestler who sent him to the third- and fourth-place match. As some might say, that's "dirt tough." Proud of you, Gradi — well deserved.

Senior Hannah Travis came through some very tough matches, stayed solid, and did her thing. A four-time qualifier and now a state placer, she earned fifth place to finish off her high school wrestling career. She also defeated the wrestler for fifth, who had beaten her twice earlier this season. Goal achieved — stand on that podium.

Great kids, great coaches, great families. Competing on the state's biggest stage, against some of Oregon's best wrestlers, these Cobras showed heart and grit.

This was truly a great day to be a Cobra. 🌟



Colton Hein of Central Linn competes against Waldport during state championship action at Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Portland.



Jacob Helms of Central Linn works for control against Glendale during state championship action in Portland.

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CENTRAL LINN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Attendance Bill Raises Reporting Concerns

By Sharon K. Banks, Staff Writer and Columnist

House Bill 4154 is raising questions locally about increasing reporting requirements and how best to address student attendance challenges in Oregon schools.

The bill, which has passed the Oregon House but not yet the Senate, would increase transparency and public access to student attendance data. While the full implications are still unclear, Central Linn Superintendent Rob Hess said more guidance is expected this fall following the rulemaking process.

Hess expressed concern about what he described as legislative overload in public education. He noted that the number of mandatory state reports has quadrupled over the past 20 years, creating additional strain on smaller districts like Central Linn, which operates with three district office employees.

“Every time a new law is passed, it often results in more required reporting,” Hess said, adding that increased bureaucracy can divert time and resources away from students.

Rather than expanding reporting requirements, Hess suggested lawmakers consider focusing on incentives that encourage student attendance and engagement.

He clarified the difference between overall attendance rates and “regular attendance,” which measures the percentage of students attending at least 90 percent of the time — a benchmark widely considered a stronger predictor of student success.

Central Linn High School’s regu-

lar attendance rate last year was 56 percent, compared to the statewide average of 64 percent. Hess said the district is working to improve that trend.

He also pointed to the lasting effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on attendance habits. The shift to remote work and expanded virtual learning options has made it easier for students to miss school. While remote learning offers flexibility, students may miss out on important social experiences, including sports, peer interaction, and recess. At Central Linn, Greenways Academy allows students to learn remotely while still participating in district activities.

Hess emphasized that the district’s mission remains focused on helping students pursue their dreams, set meaningful goals, and graduate with confidence.

“The low bar right now is just getting students to show up,” Hess said. “But ultimately, we need to focus on what students are doing once they’re here.”

Questions have also been raised about why additional reporting may be necessary when the state already collects attendance data from districts. Hess noted that new mandates often lead to expanded administrative oversight at the state level.

While attendance is critical, district leaders say meaningful engagement and goal-setting remain equally important to long-term student success. 🌟

CENTRAL LINN ELEMENTARY GIRLS’ BASKETBALL

Young Cobras Experience Big-Time Basketball at Matthew Knight Arena

EUGENE — On March 1, 2026, the Central Linn third- and fourth-grade girls’ basketball team was rewarded for a successful season with an unforgettable trip to Matthew Knight Arena to watch the University of Oregon women’s team take on the Washington Huskies.

Organized by Coach Jeremy, the outing gave the young Cobras a chance to experience collegiate basketball at the highest level. The girls even had the chance to high-five the Oregon players as they entered the arena — a moment that brought them face-to-face with athletes competing on one of the sport’s biggest stages.

The game was intense and closely contested. Oregon fell to Washington by just one point, but the electric atmosphere and high level of play made it a thrilling matchup from start to finish.

Beyond the final score, the experience offered something more lasting. Watching the Ducks compete on their home court gave Central Linn players a glimpse of what dedication, hard work, and perseverance can achieve — and created memories that will stay with them for years to come. 🌟



Members of the Central Linn third- and fourth-grade girls basketball team pose with the Oregon Duck mascot during their trip to watch the Oregon women take on Washington. Pictured are Lily Bearson, Rays Johnson, Avery Vasquez, Harper Massey, Maya Geider, Jewel Headings, Charlotte Carrier, Alexys Vasquez, Ingrid Walton, and Emmalina Ropp.

CENTRAL LINN MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS’ BASKETBALL

Middle School Boys Cap Undefeated Season with Championship Win



The Central Linn Middle School boys’ basketball team closed out a remarkable season Wednesday, February 25 at Central Linn Elementary School, defeating Northwest Christian Academy 67–31 to finish an undefeated 10–0 campaign.

The Cobras dominated throughout the season, finishing with an impressive average margin of victory of 34 points per game, highlighting depth, teamwork, and consistent execution on both ends of the court.



Adam Nielsen elevates for a contested layup.

The victory carried special meaning because it marked the final middle school game for the team’s eighth graders before they transition to high school basketball next winter.

Following the game, coaches Brandon, Joel, and Brian Krabill honored players at a postgame awards banquet, recognizing individual achievements and team contributions that fueled the perfect season.

Eighth graders Jackson Hostetler, Noah Purvis, and Adam Nielsen were commended for their leadership and scoring, each recording multiple 20-plus-point games during the season. Isaiah Jeffrey earned praise for his perimeter shooting and defensive effort, while Trayce Hite was recognized for his work ethic and readiness to step in whenever needed.

Seventh grader Landon Gaskey also played a pivotal role in the Cobras’ success. Despite being one of the younger players on the roster, Gaskey provided steady scoring and strong post defense, highlighted by several games in which he recorded more than 10 blocks.

Coaches also acknowledged eighth graders Ray Wellhouser, Hayden Van Cleave, Dominic Hostetler, and Conner Birky for their valuable contributions to both the A and B teams, and encouraged them to continue competing as they transition into the high school program.

Members of the Cobra B team — Trenton Ciullo, James Cunningham, Cozmo Hostetler, and Preston Neiman — were also recognized for their dedication and improvement throughout the season. With several key players graduating to the high school level, the group is expected to assume larger roles in the years ahead.

The undefeated season reflects not only strong individual performances but also a cohesive team effort, setting a promising foundation for the future of Central Linn basketball. 🌟



Jackson Hostetler pushes the ball upcourt in transition, helping the Cobras maintain pressure during their undefeated season finale



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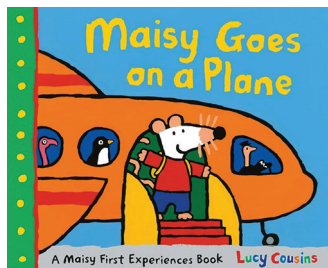



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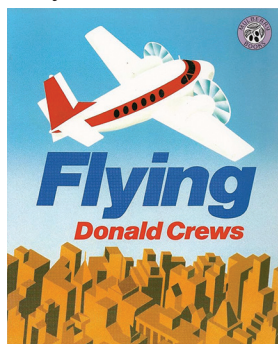
By Nancy Diltz, Staff Writer and Columnist

My youngest son has a job that flies him on airplanes all over the United States, to as many places as he would like to go! He hops on a plane and soon arrives at a big concert venue, a huge arena, or a stadium. He takes a plane flight to each job. You might think he is tired of flying, but his vacation is coming soon, and he will be flying to Europe! What is it like to fly? You can find out all about flying in these books:

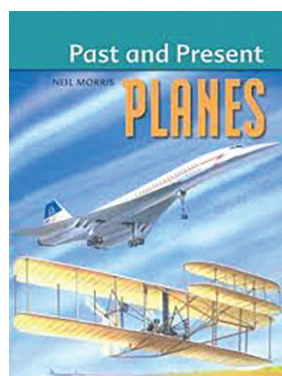


For younger readers ages 2-5, "Maisy Goes on a Plane" by Lucy Cousins, published in 2015, is available through the Brownsville Library on Libby eBooks. According to the publisher's summary; "What is it like to travel by plane for the first time? Little flyers are in good company with Maisy leading the way. Maisy is going to visit her friend Ella, and she is traveling on a plane. She's very excited!"

"Flying" by Donald Crews published in 1986, is a book for readers in grades 1-3. "Flying," available at the Brownsville Library, is "a children's picture book that follows an airplane's journey from takeoff to landing, using minimal text and colorful illustrations to depict the experience of flying over cities, mountains, and clouds. It is part of Donald Crews' popular transportation series," according to the publisher's summary.



For older readers in grades 3-6, "Planes" by Neil Morris, published in 2002, also available at the Brownsville Library, is part of "The Past and Present" book series, known as the "Traveling Through Time" books. "'Planes' explores the history of aviation from early flight to modern air travel using simple language and illustrations," according to Goodreads.



I hope you enjoy learning more about flying. I already have tickets for my next flying adventure coming up soon!

The plane will take me to see my grandchildren, the best destination of all!

Activity

Make a list of every place you would like to visit. Will you take a car, a bus, a train, a boat, or a plane to get to each location? ☺

BROWNSVILLE LIBRARY

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Makes Lasting Impact in Central Linn

By Sherri Lemhouse, Brownsville Librarian

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program (Imagination Library) began in 1995 in Dolly's home state of Tennessee. Currently, there are Imagination Library programs in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, and the Republic of Ireland.

This program sends a new book monthly to each registered child until they turn 5 years old. The Imagination Library came to Oregon in 2007, with Linn County among the first partners. Corvallis Morning Rotary was the sponsoring party. The prime mover was Don Wirth. He recognized the importance of getting books into the homes and hands of babies and preschool-aged children. He convinced his fellow members to support the Imagination Library.

This program has been studied repeatedly over the years. When I started administrating our Central Linn Area in 2009, there was a study that said third-grade children who had received Imagination Library books at home tested 30 percent higher than their peers who had not been part of the program. This benefit lasted through their school career and beyond. When the State of Oregon took over administrating duties in September 2025, we had 342 children registered in Brownsville, Halsey, Shedd, and Harrisburg. Imagine the impact. Imagine the reading. These children learned to read — top to bottom, left to right, front to back. They looked at the fabulous art. They heard beautiful and kind words read by their families. What a difference this influence has made in our community. ☺

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Songs, Rhymes & More Story Time

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

Brownsville Book Club

Wednesday, March 18 • 7 p.m. • Kirk Room

World Cultures and Travel Series:

Australia's Wild Side
Thursday, March. 19 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Kirk Room

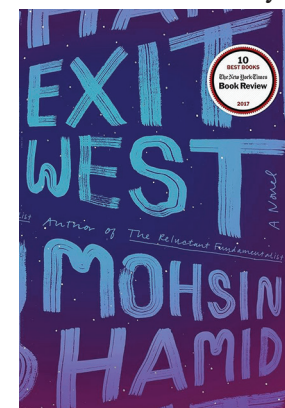
Travel photographer Don Lyon presents "Australia's Wild Side," a pictorial tour of the outback and its unique wildlife. The free program is the final World Cultures & Travel presentation of the spring series.

BROWNSVILLE BOOK CLUB

'Exit West' Sparks Thoughtful Discussion

By Barbara Andersen, Staff Writer and Copy Editor

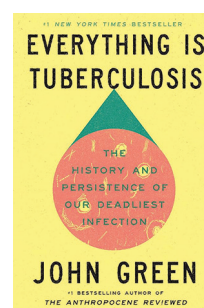
I have been a member of the Brownsville Book Club for most of the 11 years I have lived here. Why? A number of reasons, but probably the two I most cherish are the chances to read books I might never pick up on my own and the thoughtful, engaging discussions that follow. I do not always enjoy the books, but I try to read them all the way through, mostly to see if they ever redeem themselves. Some members give up early, some are too busy to get to the reading, some will hate a book others love, all that is OK and part of what makes for lively and heartfelt discussions.



This brings me to the book we read in February, "Exit West," published in 2017, written by Mohsin Hamid, a Pakistani writer. We all agreed that his writing was excellent; some of his sentences were so insightful that we wanted to underline and bookmark them. This is a love story that begins just as war comes to their town. The country is never identified beyond its Muslim culture. Before their relationship has had a chance to deepen and be tested, their town explodes with warfare, and they finally make the decision to leave through one of the "doors" to another place. This story is fictional, but deeply of our time as these two young people find themselves in refugee camps in foreign countries, trying to find ways to make a life for themselves, all while trying to keep their love and connection intact.

The writing is heartfelt and honest, at times heartbreaking. Some felt the story was so sad, others felt it was honest and timely. This story of navigating refugee life, told with so much heart, is a mind-expanding and heart-expanding experience. The book can be found at the Brownsville Library.

This month, we are reading "Everything is Tuberculosis, The History and Persistence of Our Deadliest Infection" by John Green. The book can be picked up at the library if you would like to join us on March 18 at 7 p.m. in the Kirk Room at the Brownsville Library. All are welcome. ☺



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LONG GRAY BRAID MUSINGS

Happy St. Patrick's Day

By Annie Swensen, Columnist and Copy Editor

My dear friend arrived for our monthly catch up. She set a decorated bag by the table and with a warm "hello," we sat. She immediately pulled a tissue wrapped object from the bag and pushed it across to me. The unwrap revealed a five-inch square plaque — a shamrock painted green, with a hook attached to its back. (There would be a new nail hole in my wall somewhere.) "Happy St. Patrick's Day!" she squealed. Really? And I didn't even get her a card. I laughed gleefully, internally rolling my eyes as I replied, "You really shouldn't have." She didn't know that I meant every syllable I spoke.



I have discovered that there are two kinds of gifters. There are those who stress and scramble, without a plan, to find something... anything... that can show their friends and family, they are remembered.

Yearly birthday and Santa gifts are the most this class of givers will manage. They spend more time expressing their love in the card, than they do shopping. They expect no thanks for following the cultural norms. This is me.

The second kind are those for whom gifting is an art. Their offering is a representation of their considerate heart, hours of shopping, and an absolute belief that you'll love it. They have a flair for tissue paper and bows, and they can't find enough days in the year to make a presentation. It is really out of the giver's control. Their generosity is innate and true. This is my friend.

Four years ago, I thought that in one year I could be ready to sell my property with a house and two barns. It took me three. There were a few reasons, but the most significant problem was the result of unstoppable benevolence. Perhaps it was my minimalist decorating style that begged friends to help, or my well-worn vintage wardrobe that inspired family to adorn me with new. With hearts of gold, they brought bowed boxes, enclosing presents. Years later, an array of useless, though at times charming things, were stuffed into barns and closets, tacked to walls, and leaned in corners.

This same friend has witnessed the absolute chaos of me clearing out my belongings. As I was plucking oddities off my walls, she was bringing me more. On this fine St. Patrick's Day, my courageous self could take no more. I looked at her with love and gratitude for her friendship, and simply told her that I did not want anymore presents. She gave me a pout, and I knew she could not stop. So, I gently told her, "If you have to get me a present, it has to be something edible."

If she follows through, when I exclaim, "You shouldn't have!" for the very first time, I won't really mean it.

CRITTER CHRONICLES

Shadow & the Bull

By Opal Hetterle, mother of Sharon Banks

It was a beautiful morning in 1962 when I asked my three little children whether they wanted to walk with me to the mailbox. It was a long walk, but the sun was shining and the air felt fresh. Of course, Shadow — our big black Labrador/Elkhound mix — wouldn't let us go anywhere without him. He trotted happily alongside us, his thick, bushy tail wagging so hard it swatted the children as we walked.

On either side of the driveway, five-strand barbed wire fences stretched, pulled taut to keep cattle in. We walked along peacefully, enjoying the quiet morning, until we finally reached the mailbox.

Just as I reached inside to retrieve the mail, I heard something that made my heart stop — hoofbeats pounding down the driveway, which curved over the hill behind us. I turned to look.

Around the corner came a huge bull with long, menacing horns — and he was angry. He pawed at the dirt, snorted, and shook his head when he spotted us.

I froze. I had a two-year-old, a three-year-old, and a six-year-old with me. There was nowhere to run. Nowhere to hide. The bull lowered his head and charged.

Before I could even think, Shadow leaped straight into the bull's face. He grabbed the bull by the nose and held on with everything he had. The bull bellowed in rage, shaking his massive head to fling the dog away — but Shadow would not let go.



That brave dog bought us precious seconds. I rushed the children across the road and pushed them under the barbed wire fence. I told the two older ones to grab baby Sharon's hands and run home. "When you get there, crawl under the fence and get inside!" I shouted.

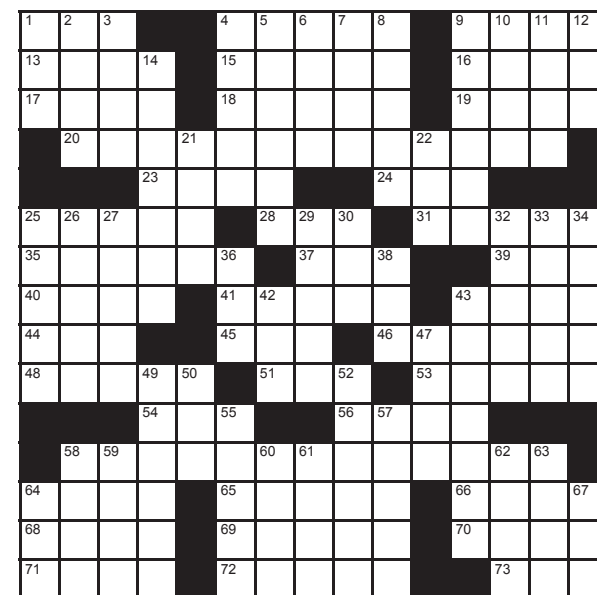
I was seven months pregnant and couldn't crawl under or climb over the fence. So I turned and ran as fast as I could toward the house.

Just as I reached the door, here came Shadow. He had finally broken free. The bull, distracted and furious, chased him down the hill and away from us. Shadow outran him, cut across the pasture, and came straight for home.

As I opened the door and slipped inside, Shadow scooted in right behind me.

Good old Shadow had saved our lives.

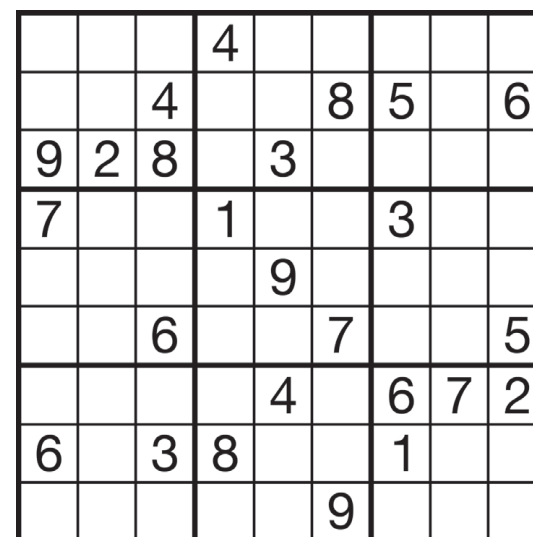
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LINN COUNTY ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAM

March Highlights Problem Gambling Awareness and Free Local Support

ALBANY — March is Problem Gambling Awareness Month, a time to increase understanding of problem gambling — a serious but often misunderstood mental health condition.

The Linn County Alcohol and Drug Program is raising awareness and reminding community members that free, confidential treatment services are available.



Problem gambling refers to gambling behaviors that harm a person's family, work, or personal life. According to the Oregon Health Authority, an estimated 2.6 percent of Oregon adults experience moderate to serious gambling-related problems. Approximately 2.2 percent of Oregon adolescents are considered at risk for — or meet the criteria for — a gambling disorder.

The effects often extend beyond the individual, affecting spouses, children, and other loved ones.

Warning signs may include gambling more often or for longer than intended, lying about how money is spent, declining performance at work or school, or borrowing money to gamble. A full list of warning signs and a confidential self-evaluation are available at <https://www.opgr.org>.

In Oregon, gambling treatment services are free for all residents and include both inpatient and outpatient care. Family members and supporters may also access counseling and support, even when their loved one is not ready to seek help.

Linn County residents can contact the Linn-Benton Gambling Treatment Program through the Linn County Alcohol and Drug Program at 541-967-3819. Services include individual assessment and evaluation, individual, group, and family counseling, education on gambling addiction and relapse prevention, and specialty classes such as equine therapy and mindfulness.

"For anyone who feels gambling is taking control of their life, help is available without judgment," said Brian Mayta, a certified gambling treatment counselor with the Linn County Alcohol and Drug Program.

Oregon residents can also call the Oregon Problem Gambling Helpline at 1-877-695-4648. The helpline is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and connects callers with trained professionals who offer confidential support and referrals. Spanish-language support is available at 1-844-888-2537.

Throughout March, the Linn County Alcohol and Drug Program will host community outreach activities, including a Problem Gambling Awareness Art Search contest for middle school students and social media education via Linn Together.

The Linn County Alcohol and Drug Program provides prevention, treatment, and recovery support services for substance use and gambling disorders. Services are confidential and available to Linn County residents, with a focus on education, early intervention, and long-term recovery support. ☎

Samaritan Brownsville Clinic Expands Walk-In Hours

BROWNSVILLE — Samaritan Family Medicine — Brownsville has expanded its walk-in clinic to five days a week, increasing access to same-day medical care for area residents.

The clinic, part of Samaritan Health Services, provides care for acute medical conditions that require prompt attention but are not life-threatening.

New walk-in hours are Monday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Hours may vary depending on daily provider availability.


Patients may seek walk-in care for common concerns such as sore throats, ear pain, minor cuts or burns, muscle strains, and cold or flu symptoms. The service is intended for medical issues that cannot wait for the next available primary care appointment.

Samaritan Family Medicine — Brownsville can be reached at 541-451-6940 for additional information. ☎

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LINN COUNTY OSWA

2025 Volunteers of the Year: Joe and Shirley Holmberg

By Jim Merzenich, Linn County OSWA President

The American Tree Farm System promotes responsible forest management. The Oregon Small Woodlands Association (OSWA) helps members manage their property to meet tree farm goals.

Tree farmers often buy land with a history of abuse. After planting trees on a restored site, weeds around each seedling are controlled until the trees are “free to grow.” Without this effort, most planted seedlings would die from drought. Whether the primary interest is timber production, wildlife, or recreation, rehabilitated timber stands become a tree farmer’s pride and legacy.



Shirley and Joe Holmberg were honored as the 2025 Linn County Volunteers of the Year by the Oregon Small Woodlands Association at the Linn County OSWA annual meeting on Jan. 17.

Joe and Shirley Holmberg moved to Mt. Hope Drive, east of Lebanon, in 2000. Joe retired from the Corps of Engineers in 2001 and worked with OSU Forestry Extension until 2007. Their tree farm was certified, and both Joe and Shirley became Master Woodland

Managers. Joe has actively assisted other tree farmers ever since.

For twenty years, Joe helped select Linn County Tree Farmers of the Year and organized tree farm tours. In 2016, Joe and Shirley were named Linn County Tree Farmers of the Year. The commitment in the Holmberg household runs deep. Shirley served as the Linn County chapter treasurer for over fifteen years.

The Holmbergs exemplify the determination and spirit of tree farmers. Joe and Shirley could have spent their retirement years in town. Instead, they bought fifty acres of hard-scrabble brush and an uninhabitable century-old house. Their rehabilitated stands and restored home are jewels in the local landscape and serve as an inspiration to others.

We were proud to honor Joe and Shirley Holmberg as the Linn County Volunteers of the Year for 2025 at our annual meeting on Jan 17, 2026, held at the Scio Z Hall.

Shirley fought cancer for several years, and it appeared to be in remission when it returned in 2024. She passed away on Jan 9, 2026. Shirley’s obituary is available at <https://www.fisherfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Shirley-Jane-Holmberg?obId=47218189>.



CALAPOOIA FOOD ALLIANCE

Reviving Timeless Skills: Tarweed Folk School Shares Traditions at CFA Munch Night

By Donald Lyon, Staff Writer and Columnist

With our busy modern lives, we have often forsaken timeless skills that past generations relied upon to feed, clothe, and sustain themselves.



Margot Schwarz of Tarweed Folk School visits with Barbara Andersen, Peggy Purkerson, and Ameica Henson-Whistler during Munch Night at the Brownsville American Legion Hall.

Margot Schwarz, spokesperson for Corvallis-based Tarweed Folk School, spoke about the revival of hands-on skills, such as making goat cheese. She displayed examples of traditional crafts, including sturdy baskets and cloth dyed with native plants.

The Feb. 20 gathering was hosted by the Calapooia Food Alliance at the American Legion Hall in Brownsville. Guests enjoyed a healthy meal of “you stuff ‘em” baked potatoes, salad, and two desserts, all prepared by CFA board members.

Schwarz, with a background in sustainable food practices, shared her passion for raising goats and crafting goat cheese. She also discussed the growing interest in folk schools nationwide and highlighted upcoming classes, including instruction on turning wooden bowls on a simple spring-pole lathe.

If one was wondering about the name of her organization, Margot had a jar of seeds she had harvested from the lovely yellow Tarweed plants that cover the hillsides in spring. The seeds were a mainstay of the indigenous Kalapuya diet.

Those interested in learning more about the classes are invited to visit <https://tarweedfolkschool.com>.

Ms. Schwarz was presented with a jar of local CFA blackberry honey as a thank you by the Calapooia Food Alliance.

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Flash Party: 1980s Brings Big Hair and Bold Ink to Brownsville

BROWNSVILLE — Get your hairspray ready and your denim jackets prepped. Flash Party: 1980s is bringing serious throwback energy to Brownsville on Sunday, March 8, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Janky Bird, 134 Spaulding Ave.

The one-day-only tattoo event is inspired by neon lights, bold lines, power moves, and the unmistakable attitude of a decade that went way too hard — and everyone loved it for that. Organizers promise a curated selection of 1980s-inspired flash designs that are loud, nostalgic, iconic, and tattoo-ready. Flash designs will be released before the event.

Tattoos are \$80 each, flash-only, with no changes. Arms and legs are preferred placements, though other placements are at the artist's discretion. The event is walk-in only and operates on a first-come, first-served basis.

In true 1980s fashion, the day also features an authenticity challenge. Guests are encouraged to fully commit to an era-defining look — whether as a leather-clad metalhead, a spandex-wrapped fitness fanatic, or a full denim-on-denim mall rat.

At 5 p.m., artists will crown the Most Authentic Look. The winner will receive an \$80 gift card for the shop. The 80s never died — they just got better linework. ☺



How to Report a Flickering or Out Street Light in Linn County

By Jeff Brown, Staff Writer and Columnist

Residents of Linn County who notice a street light that is out or flickering are encouraged to report the issue to the appropriate utility.

In most areas of Linn County, street lights are owned and maintained by Pacific Power, a division of PacifiCorp. Residents can report malfunctioning lights online via the company's website or by calling 1-877-508-5088, available 24 hours a day. Some issues can also be reported by text.

When submitting a report, residents should provide the exact location of the light, including the nearest address or intersection. If available, the pole number — typically on a small metal tag attached to the pole — can help crews identify the correct fixture more quickly. Callers should also describe whether the light is completely out, flickering, or staying on continuously.

In certain incorporated cities in Linn County, local public works departments may help residents determine who maintains a specific light.

Officials advise that if a street light issue involves downed wires or poses an immediate safety hazard, residents should call 911 and contact Pacific Power immediately. ☺



POWERING LINN State Passes Solar Consumer Protection Bill as Central Linn Interest Grows

By Mikayle Stole, Editor



As interest in residential solar continues to grow across Central Linn County — and as The Brownsville Times has reported on both large-scale solar proposals and individual rooftop installations — new state legislation seeks to protect homeowners from deceptive sales practices.

The Oregon Senate passed House Bill 4029 on Feb. 25, establishing new consumer protections for the residential solar market.

The measure addresses misleading sales tactics, high-pressure marketing, and exaggerated claims of long-term savings, all of which have surfaced as federal, state, and utility incentives have accelerated demand for solar systems.

“We’re preventing bad actors, often from out of state, from taking advantage of Oregonians,” said Sen. Anthony Broadman, D — Bend, who carried the bill on the Senate floor.

House Bill 4029 requires clearer disclosures, more transparent contracts, and stronger cancellation rights for consumers considering rooftop solar installations. Violations would be enforceable under Oregon’s Unlawful Trade Practices Act.

The legislation passed the Senate by a 25–4 vote and now heads to Gov. Tina Kotek for her signature.

Locally, conversations about solar have ranged from utility-scale proposals that affect farmland to homeowners exploring rooftop installations to reduce energy costs. As those discussions continue, the new law is intended to ensure that Central Linn residents receive clear information and fair treatment when considering solar investments.

The Brownsville Times will continue covering solar-related developments affecting Brownsville, Halsey, Shedd, Tangent, and the surrounding rural communities. ☺

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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).

Saturday, February 21

1:28 p.m. — Deputy took a report of an online tech support scam in the 400 block of Washburn St., Brownsville. The victim provided personal information but reported no financial loss.

6:13 p.m. — Deputy responded to a domestic and neighborhood dispute in the 1000 block of S 6th St., Harrisburg.

6:50 p.m. — Dog owner had questions about what to do with an unwanted dog in the 32900 block of Diamond Hill Dr., Harrisburg. The deputy referred them to SafeHaven Humane Society.

9:01 p.m. — Joshua Gleason, 27, of Harrisburg, was cited for driving uninsured in the 700 block of LaSalle St., Harrisburg.

Sunday, February 22

5:09 a.m. — David Schuh, 20, of Halsey, was cited for speeding at Tandy Ln./Hwy 99E, Harrisburg.

8:33 a.m. — Deputy took a report of child sexual abuse in the 700 block of LaSalle

St., Harrisburg. Investigation ongoing, report taken.

2:22 p.m. — Elijah Ring, 21, of Brownsville, was cited for speeding, 75 in a 55-mph zone in the 32400 block of Hwy 99E, Tangent.

3:04 p.m. — Caller reported a domestic disturbance in the 33100 block of Fuchsia Ln., Tangent. Female was trespassed.

3:12 p.m. — Caller reported a child being verbally threatening and becoming violent. Deputies responded and coordinated with DHS to assist the family in the 700 block of N 8th St., Harrisburg. Non-criminal.

Monday, February 23

4:33 a.m. — Rick Lloyd Walnum, 47, of Brownsville, was cited for driving uninsured and driving with a suspended license in the 400 block of Territorial St., Harrisburg.

8:34 a.m. — Deputy tagged a vehicle being stored on the street in the 400 block of Depot Ave., Brownsville, and spoke to the owner about the municipal code parking restrictions.

8:35 a.m. — Ernesto Mancilla-De La Cruz, 21, of Springfield, was cited for expired vehicle registration in the 22100 block of Coburg Rd., Harrisburg.

9:35 a.m. — Deputy contacted a suspicious person dumpster diving for cans in an apartment complex in the 600 block of LaSalle St., Harrisburg. The deputy warned the male for trespassing.

10:06 a.m. — Johnie Claasen, 78, of Brownsville, was cited for failing to stop at a stop sign in the 32900 block of Seven Mile Ln., Tangent.

10:18 a.m. — Mitchell Tudor, 38, of Harrisburg, was cited for driving while suspended, uninsured, and failing to register a vehicle at Territorial St./N 4th St., Harrisburg.

10:33 a.m. — Deputies stopped a vehicle for unlawful window tint at W 2nd

St./W H St., Halsey. The operator was cited for driving while suspended and uninsured and warned for the window tinting.

11:07 a.m. — Deputies conducted a welfare check on a resident in the 600 block of Egret Ave, Halsey.

12:43 p.m. — Deputy found a dead sheep in a field at Forry Dr./Brownsville Rd., Brownsville. The deputy notified the owner, who said they would take care of it quickly.

4:32 p.m. — Kevin Hecht, 62, of Harrisburg, was cited for offensive littering at the Harrisburg River Front Park.

4:40 p.m. — Caller reported ID theft in the 600 block of W 1st St., Halsey, from an online scam company and requested documentation from LCSO.

7:33 p.m. — Caller reported a domestic disturbance in the 31900 block of N Lake Creek Dr., Tangent. The deputy discovered it was a non-criminal domestic situation between a mother and daughter.

8:11 p.m. — Deputy responded to a suicidal juvenile in the 1000 block of S 6th St., Harrisburg.

8:42 p.m. — Logan Odell Boles, 26, of Harrisburg, was arrested and lodged in the Linn County Jail on assault IV, reckless endangering another person, and failing to register as a sex offender in the 24000 block of Hwy 99E, Harrisburg.

Tuesday, February 24

4:18 a.m. — Timothy Allen Groff Jr., 25, of Crawfordsville, was cited for speeding 60 in a 45-mph zone at W Bishop Way/Pearl St., Brownsville.

4:49 a.m. — Deputy observed a suspicious female out on the roadway in the 600 block of N Main St., Brownsville. Female was a local resident and was outside to cool down.

7:41 a.m. — Deputies attempted a warrant service in the 700 block of Amelia Ave., Brownsville. Male appeared to have moved out.

9:50 a.m. — Shonna Bosch, 52, of Harrisburg, was arrested for DUII and reckless driving, along with traffic violations for driving uninsured and failing to obey a traffic control device, at LaSalle St./S 6th St., Harrisburg. Report taken.

10:03 a.m. — Deputy warned Jerry Stroud of Junction City for livestock at large in the 24000 block of

Hwy 99E, Harrisburg.

10:33 a.m. — Deputy assisted Salomon Acevedo, 20, with removing his vehicle from a ditch at Lake Creek Dr./Seefeld Dr., Brownsville.

10:38 a.m. — Iokepa Leslie, 31, of Corvallis, was cited for driving while suspended, driving uninsured, and failing to renew vehicle registration at W Bishop Way/Pearl St., Brownsville.

10:52 a.m. — Gordan Maxwell, 39, of Sweet Home, was cited for driving while suspended at W Bishop Way/Pearl St., Brownsville.

11:06 a.m. — Isaac Madison, 18, of Roseburg, was cited for driving uninsured at W Bishop Way/Pearl St., Brownsville.

12:14 p.m. — Gary Seiders, 61, of Harrisburg, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured in the 200 block of Washburn St., Brownsville.

12:38 p.m. — A male, 16, of Harrisburg, was cited for not wearing his seat belt and failing to stop at a stop sign at N 7th St./Dempsey St., Harrisburg.

1:00 p.m. — Brett Blair, 27, of Harrisburg, was cited for failing to stop at a stop sign, illegal window tinting, and driving uninsured in the 200 block of N 3rd St., Harrisburg.

1:02 p.m. — Deputies documented a civil dispute between an employer and an employee in the 300 block of Spaulding Ave., Brownsville.

1:19 p.m. — Deputy helped return a dog to its home in the 300 block of W I St., Halsey.

1:53 p.m. — Paula George, 55, of Coos Bay, was cited for driving uninsured and arrested for warrants and a driving while suspended misdemeanor at W Bishop Way/Pearl St., Brownsville.

3:29 p.m. — Deputy waited for a tow for a stranded motorist in the 34600 block of Hwy 228, Brownsville.

4:47 p.m. — Deputy warned two juvenile males for riding lawnmowers in Halsey's city park, causing minor damage.

6:32 p.m. — Deputies responded to a single vehicle non-injury crash in the 33700 block of Peoria Rd, Corvallis. Report taken.

6:38 p.m. — Deputies responded to a semi vs. structure non-injury motor vehicle incident in the 32900 block of Diamond Hill Dr., Harrisburg. The semi-trailer damaged a covered area and a sign. Investigation ongoing, report taken.

7:11 p.m. — Caller reported high water on the roadway at Linn West Dr./Hwy 99E, Shedd. The deputy confirmed high water and posted warning signs.

10:15 p.m. — Deputies responded to a verbal disturbance in the 26500 block of Nye Rd., Brownsville.

Wednesday, Feb. 25

12:28 a.m. — Jenisty Ray, 29, of Eugene, was cited for failing to obey a traffic control device after running a stop sign, driving uninsured, and failing to register a vehicle at W Bishop Way/S. Main St., Brownsville.

4:18 a.m. — Olivia Danielle Bushor, 29, of Springfield, was cited for driving while suspended, speeding 54 in a 35-mph zone, and driving uninsured at W Bishop Way/Washburn St., Brownsville.

8:14 a.m. — Deputy took a fraud report of money attempted to be withdrawn by a forged check in the 31400 block of Harris Dr., Harrisburg. Investigation ongoing, report taken.

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PUZZLE KEY

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9:07 a.m. — Caller reported theft of a package from a mailbox in the 100 block of E. Cooley Ave., Brownsville. Investigation ongoing, report taken.

12:38 p.m. — Deputies found an abandoned vehicle during a forest patrol in the 25600 block of Timber Rd., Brownsville.

1:53 p.m. — Deputy seized marijuana from school staff at Harrisburg High School. Female, 16, was referred to the courts for minor-in-possession. Report taken.

2:42 p.m. — Deputy arrested a female, 14, for assaulting another student at Harrisburg High School. Report taken.

10:33 p.m. — Robert Lindsey, 60, of Shedd, was issued a criminal citation in lieu of custody for driving while suspended at the misdemeanor level in the 33100 block of Hwy 228, Halsey. Report taken.

10:40 p.m. — Deputy assisted a motorist backing

their truck up safely in the 30400 block of American Dr., Halsey.

Thursday, February 26

10:17 a.m. — Deputies responded to an overdose ingestion of pain pills in the 500 block of N 7th St., Harrisburg. The male was voluntarily transported to a local hospital.

4:12 p.m. — Drivers had a disagreement about appropriate driving behavior, which resulted in a yelling match in the 200 block of Galbraith St., Brownsville. Nothing criminal.

5:18 p.m. — Deputy responded to the report of a stolen package in the 800 block of Sommerville Loop, Harrisburg.

5:20 p.m. — Deputy issued a written warning to a dog owner for dog violations in the 600 block of Dempsey St., Harrisburg.

8:18 p.m. — Deputy responded to a situation involving texted threats in the 800 block of Sommerville Loop, Harrisburg.

9:14 p.m. — Caller re-

ported a verbal argument in the 200 block of S Main St., Brownsville. Parties had left prior to contact with law enforcement.

10:08 p.m. — Caller requested assistance transporting personal property in the 100 block of E Blakely Ave., Brownsville. The deputy informed the caller that it was not a service they provide.

Friday, February 27

7:47 a.m. — Raul Cardenas, 54, of Brownsville, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured in the 100 block of S Main St., Brownsville.

9:28 a.m. — Zachary Gutierrez, 38, of Brownsville, was arrested on four outstanding warrants and for driving while suspended at the misdemeanor level and was cited for failing to carry proof of insurance in the 200 block of Templeton St., Brownsville.

11:53 a.m. — Jeanie Adams, 47, of Brownsville, was arrested on an outstanding warrant and cited

for driving while suspended and driving uninsured in the 100 block of E Park Ave., Brownsville.

1:31 p.m. — Tyson House, 18, of Brownsville, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured in the 500 block of Kay Ave., Brownsville.

3:04 p.m. — Rick Walnum, 48, of Brownsville, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured in the 400 block of Hume St., Brownsville.

3:23 p.m. — Leo King, 18, of Brownsville, was arrested for an outstanding warrant and contempt of court in the 200 block of Spaulding Ave., Brownsville. Report taken.

7:55 p.m. — Intoxicated person reports their own dogs as found strays in the 1000 block of Pine St., Brownsville. The deputy informed the caller that the dogs are supposed to be at the location.

9:14 p.m. — Zane Gregory Tice, 19, of Brownsville, was cited for speeding 53 in a 35-mph zone at W Bishop Way/Hume St., Brownsville.

Saturday, February 28

12:17 a.m. — Deputy investigated a juvenile complaint in the 800 block of N Main St., Brownsville. During the investigation, five juveniles were arrested for minor-in-possession.

1:10 a.m. — Deputy investigated a vehicle in the 300 block of North Ave., Brownsville, and found five minors in possession of alcohol. Report taken.

12:12 p.m. — Deputies responded to a death investigation of an adult male in the 600 block of W 3rd St., Halsey. Report taken.

8:04 p.m. — Deputies responded to a male walking on the shoulder of the roadway at Diamond Hill Dr./Weatherford Rd., Harrisburg. The male was given a ride home by the OSP.

9:15 p.m. — Haley Breanne Beyerlin, 38, of Florence, was arrested and lodged in Linn County Jail for eluding at Gap Rd./Belts Dr., Harrisburg. 🌀

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