



Have a safe and happy 4th of July

What's happening in Linn County, Oregon

July 2022

## Commissioners

adopt \$224.6 million

FY 2022-23 budget

**A**LBANY — Linn County Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Sherrie Sprenger and Will Tucker adopted the county's budget for the 2022-23 fiscal year during a brief meeting June 23.

The budget had previously been approved by the Budget Committee after four days of meetings in May at the Linn County Fair & Expo Center. In addition to the commissioners, Budget Committee members are Jennifer Stanaway, Kerry Johnson and Mellissa Barnard.

County Treasurer Michelle Hawkins said the budget the commissioners were being asked to adopt was the same as approved by the Budget Committee, but with an additional \$3 million for the Health Department, allocated by the State of Oregon.

In all, the budget is for \$224,627,296 with a tax rate of \$1.2736 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

The Law Enforcement Levy is \$2.98 per \$1,000 of property value. It helps fund the Linn County Sheriff's Office, District Attorney's Office and Juvenile Department.

Board Chairman Nyquist said he would vote in favor of the budget with the condition the commissioners get more information about how the Health Department plans to use the funds, which the county had not asked for.

Commissioner Tucker said the State has recently distributed funds to all counties, focused in part on bolstering mental health program staffing.

Administrative Officer Darrin Lane and Health Services Director Todd Noble will prepare an outline of how the funds will be utilized and present that information to the board before any money is expended.

The total General Fund is \$53,852,724, which includes a contingency of \$1,199,266.

Immediately after the Commissioners meeting, the 4-H & Extension Service District budget of \$967,047 was approved with a tax rate of 7 cents per \$1,000 of property valuation.

Commissioner Nyquist thanked Michele Webster of the Extension Service for the work all of the local staff does in supporting agriculture and 4-H programs.

Commissioner Sprenger added that the Extension Service casts a "broad net about what it does in our communities. It impacts nearly everyone and is an economic driver."

The Board of Commissioners will meet again in regular session July 5.



Linn County Fair & Expo Center Director Randy Porter has a cap for every county fair since he was hired in 1998 — except one. This will be Porter's last fair from a management standpoint, as he plans to retire at the end of the year.

## See you at the Linn

## County Fair July 14 -16

By Alex Paul  
Communications Officer

**A**LBANY — Linn County Fair & Expo Center Director Randy Porter has a big challenge ahead of him when the 2022 fair kicks off July 14-16.

The 2021 event was a gangbuster with a record 34,330 attendance. And Porter would like to close out his 24 years with the fair on a high note. He will retire at the end of the year. "I think we're going to have another great fair," Porter said. "Last year was amazing and this year, with gas prices as high as they are, I think families are going to look for entertainment that's close to home." Porter said he has enjoyed his work and the great variety of people he has worked with over nearly a quarter of a century.

Porter has a cap from every fair except 1998 attached to a wall of his office and he plans to leave the caps for his successor.

"It's kind of bitter sweet for me," Porter admitted. "I came to work here in March 1998. The work is great because it is always different. It's been a great experience. I have loved working with people from all over Linn County and the staff has been

## Fair LEGO contest

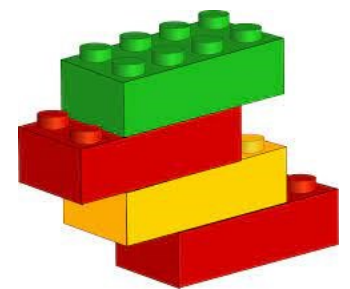
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phenomenal."

Linn County Fair Board President Kris Latimer said she and her fellow Fair Board members "have our fingers crossed for the same sort of community support as we saw last summer."

Latimer added, "Fairgoers can expect outstanding entertainment throughout the venue, whether it's the grounds acts in Family Land that you've come to love or the big acts on stage," Latimer said. "We are ex-

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## LINN COUNTY FAIR ... From P. 1

"We are excited to welcome back a local favorite Sara Evans on Thursday (reserve seat tickets are nearly sold out) Five for Fighting - a new to the community headliner on Friday and a super crowd pleaser Sawyer Brown on Saturday night," Latimer said.

Latimer added that the 4-H and open classes will ensure lots of activities in the barns and in the Calapooia Arena, there will be the always favorite Mutton Bustin' on Friday night.



"On Saturday we'll have our eyes on the prize as we participate in the 4-H Livestock Auction," Latimer said. "The Linn County 4-H Livestock Auction was off the hook last summer and we're hoping for the same sort of support this year."

Latimer said the cherry on top of the fair-going sundae is all of the "great food booths, beer garden, carnival, displays and exhibits."

"We hope everyone will come spend at least one day with us - but we'd welcome you to all three!" Latimer said.

### Here's what you need to know about the upcoming Linn County Fair

**Admission/carnival specials:** one day and 3-day passes: adults; \$7/\$21; children under 12 free; Seniors: \$5/\$15; Parking: \$5/\$15. Thursday is Senior Day (60 and older) and Military Day (bring ID), admitted free.

**Family Fun Pak:** four admissions and four all-day carnival ride wrist bands; Pick a Day Fun Pak, any single day admission, plus all-day carnival pass, \$35.

**Calapooia Arena:** Free with paid admission. Thursday: 6 p.m., Hell on Hooves bull riding; Friday, 6 p.m., Wild and Woolly mutton bustin'.

**4-H Livestock Auction:** 8 a.m., Saturday, Calapooia Arena.

**Main Stage Entertainment:** Free with paid admission, or reserved seating available. **Thursday:** 8 p.m., Sara Evans; **Friday:** 8 p.m., Five For Fighting; **Saturday:** 8 p.m., Sawyer Brown. (Get reserved seating tickets at [www.linncountyfair.com](http://www.linncountyfair.com).)

**New this year:** Monster Truck carnival ride; vendors: Oregon Smoke Shack BBQ; the Wurst Food Cart, authentic German food; Quoli Serve-Greek food; Kracked Crab- seafood.

**New commercial booths:** Saffron Cosmetics, Pine Need Wood, Maui Melts and Dare to Dazzle.



Many hands made light work setting up livestock pens at the Linn County Fairgrounds on June 21. The annual 4-H and FFA Fair will run from June 11-16. Photo courtesy Abby Johnson

## Schedule of Events

### Linn County 4-H/FFA Fair

#### Monday, July 11

8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Livestock move-in and vet checks (Cascade Barn)  
8 a.m. - 9 a.m. Beef weigh-in (Cascade Barn)  
9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Sheep, swine and goat weigh-in (Cascade Barn)  
1-8 p.m. Small animal move-in and vet checks (Santiam Bldg.)  
3-7 p.m. Static exhibits interviews and judging (Willamette Bldg.)  
5-8 p.m. Sheep, swine and goat weigh-in (Cascade Barn)  
8:30- 9:15 p.m. Beef weigh-in (Cascade Barn)

#### Tuesday, July 12

7:30 a.m. Livestock/small animal exhibitors meeting (Swine Ring)  
9 a.m. Poultry, market, showmanship, breeds (Santiam Bldg.)  
2 p.m. Meat goat, market, breeds (Sheep/Goat Ring)  
3-5 p.m. Horticulture drop-off  
5 p.m. Swine, breeds (Swine Ring)  
5 p.m. Beef, market (Beef Ring)  
5:30 p.m. Coastal Farm & Ranch BBQ for FFA/4H members and family

#### Wednesday, July 13

7:30 a.m. Livestock/small animal exhibitors meeting (Swine Ring)  
9 a.m. Rabbit/cavy, market, showmanship, breeds (Santiam Bldg.)  
9 a.m. Swine, market (Swine Ring)  
9 a.m. Dairy/pygmy/fiber goat showmanship (Sheep/Goat Ring)  
1 p.m. Sheep, market (Sheep/Goat Ring)  
4 p.m. Meat goat, showmanship (Sheep/Goat Ring)  
4 p.m. Beef showmanship (Beef Ring)

#### Thursday, July 14

7:30 a.m. Livestock/small animal exhibitors meeting (Swine Ring)  
9 a.m. Swine, showmanship (Swine Ring)  
9 a.m. Dairy/pygmy/fiber goat breeds (Sheep/Goat Ring)

9 a.m. Honey Bunny Quiz (Santiam Bldg.)  
10 a.m. Poultry testing (Santiam Bldg.)  
1 p.m. Rabbit agility (Santiam Bldg.)  
2 p.m. Sheep, showmanship, breeds (Sheep/Goat Ring)  
3 p.m. Small animal costume contest (Santiam Bldg.)  
4 p.m. Dairy cattle, showmanship, breeds (Swine Ring)  
4 p.m. Beef, breeds (Beef Ring)  
5 p.m. Cloverbud Show and Tell (Santiam Bldg.) Cloverbud tour of livestock barn to follow  
6 p.m. Pack goat demonstration (Sheep Ring)  
7 p.m. Obstacle course goats/sheep (Sheep Ring)  
7 p.m. Static awards ceremony (Willamette Bldg.)  
7:30 p.m. Barnyard Olympics (Beef Ring)

#### Friday, July 15

7:30 a.m. Livestock/small animal exhibitors meeting (Swine Ring)  
8 a.m. Chug-a-Lug contest (Swine Ring)  
9 a.m. Open class beef show (Beef Ring)  
9 a.m. Open class sheep show (Sheep/Goat Ring)  
9 a.m. Livestock judging (Swine Ring)  
10 a.m. Small animal master showmanship (Santiam Bldg.)  
4 p.m. FFA large animal master showmanship (Swine Ring)  
5 p.m. 4-H Large animal master showmanship (Beef and Sheep/Goat Rings)  
6:30 p.m. FFA awards ceremony (Swine Ring)

#### Saturday, July 16

9 a.m. Livestock/small animal exhibitors meeting (Swine Ring)  
9 a.m. 4-H awards ceremony (Auction Ring)  
1 p.m. Market livestock auction (Calapooia Arena)

#### Sunday, July 17

9 a.m. Animals/static exhibits released



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# County takes ownership of historic Cascadia State Park

By Alex Paul  
Communications Officer

**A**LBANY — Linn County has managed and maintained Cascadia State Park for three years and June 14 the Board of Commissioners agreed to take over ownership of the historical spot east of Sweet Home from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.

Parks Director Brian Carroll said the project has been in the talking and planning stages for almost 20 years.

“This has been a long time in the making,” Carroll said. “I am very happy to bring this before you today.”

Carroll said that in 2013, the Legislature included a State Parks budget note that identified eight state parks that might be more effectively managed by their respective counties.

“Cascadia State Park was a poster child for this,” Carroll said.

He added that the county’s trial management over the last three



Group camping area at Cascadia State Park.

years has been very successful. The state made a number of improvements to the park before the transition and Linn County has completed improvements as well.

Carroll said the park was being maintained by State Parks employees who had to drive from Detroit or the Eugene area.

“Since we acquired Clear Lake Resort several years ago and began managing the U.S. Forest Service campgrounds on the South Santiam River, our crews drive by Cascadia State Park every day,” Carroll said. “It just makes good sense for our taxpayers for us to do this.”

Linn County already has several campgrounds on Foster and Green Peter Reservoirs and has an on-site ranger at River Bend Campground at Cascadia.

Commissioner Sherrie Sprenger was in the State Legislature when the issue first came up.

“Brian, you are likely the only person who has been involved from the very start,” Sprenger said. “It is quite a feat in your career and you should feel very good about this.”

Cascadia State Park sits next to the South Santiam River and is surrounded by an old-growth forest and is near the historical Cascadia Caves used by Native Americans as a gathering spot for centuries.

The park is open for camping from May to September.

The park offers 22 first come, first served campsites, group tent sites and a picnic area.

A three-quarter mile trail leads to Soda Creek Falls. Ruts on the historical Santiam Wagon Road are still visible.

Carroll said an official “handing over” ceremony including State Parks officials will be held at the park some time this summer.

### Benefits to Linn County Acquiring Ownership of Cascadia State Park

Linn County Parks and Recreation Department

- A single recreation provider in the South Santiam River recreation area. Linn County Parks manages Foster Reservoir, Green Peter Reservoir, Waterloo and McDowell Creek, River Bend, as well as the USFS

- recreation areas along the South Santiam River.
- Linn County Parks would be

- the one agency to go to with questions or comments about the above recreation areas
- Logistics

- Linn County Parks currently travels past Cascadia State Park during their management of other nearby parks.
- Linn County Parks has Rangers and staff that live at River Bend Park and Sweet Home, approximately 10-15 minutes from Cascadia State Park.

- Manager level staff will be much closer to Cascadia SP than the current 1.5 hour drive.
- The proximity to nearby county park work locations would allow for faster response to sudden unforeseen or urgent situations by park personnel.

- Linn County Parks has a reservation system, which can handle reservations at Cascadia State Park.
- Linn County Parks staff has

- experience with the area, given their current recreation portfolio, and should be successful in providing quality information and services to the public.
- Linn County Parks well suited to build on existing partnerships

- and community relations in the Cascadia area.
- Linn County Parks has close access to work crews and other county

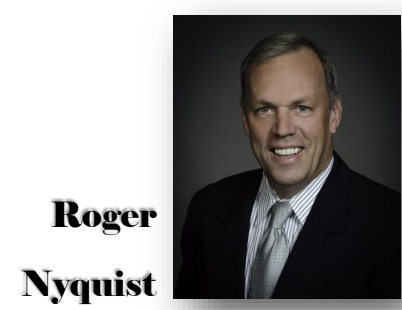
- resources to conduct more labor-intensive projects at Cascadia State Park.
- Though Cascadia State Park is of statewide significance in terms of quality recreation and outstanding natural beauty, the transfer would allow Southern Willamette MU to focus work on other worthwhile properties where the return on the investment may be higher.

- The transfer would reduce fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions due to fewer miles driven to manage the park.
- The transfer would increase safety of Oregon Parks and Recreation Department staff by reducing travel to Cascadia during inclement weather, in addition to overall travel.

- The transfer should save OPRD money, despite the loss in revenue. Also, the revenue/operations ratio should be higher for Linn County Park.

*The public is invited to attend an ownership transfer ceremony at Cascadia State Park at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, August 26 at the park.*

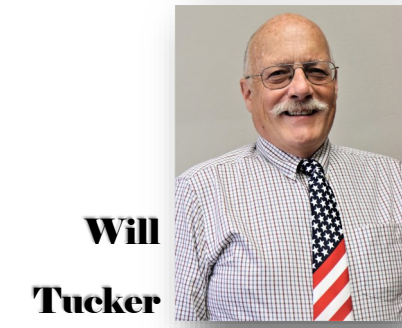
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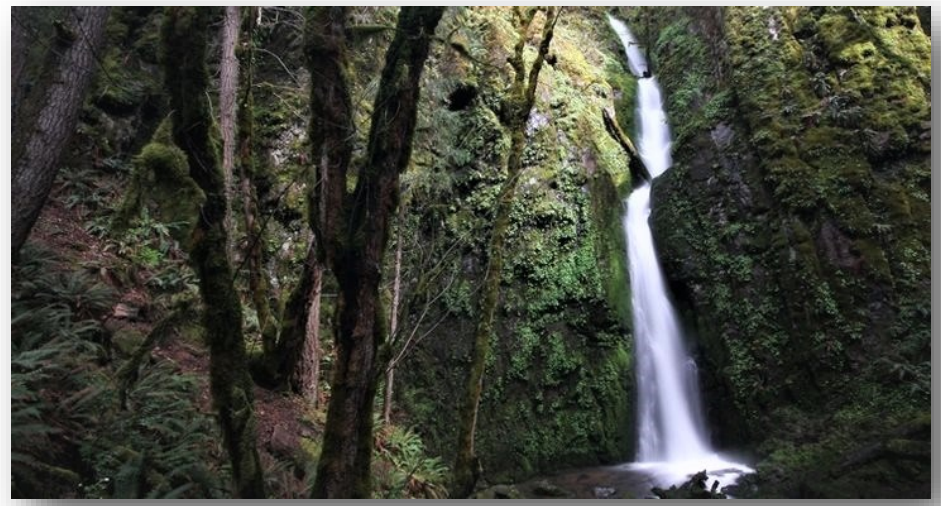


**Sherrie Sprenger**



**Will Tucker**

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Soda Creek Falls



# Brownsville prepares for Stand By Me celebration July 23

By Barbara Andersen  
Linn County Museum

With less than a month to go till Stand By Me Day 2022 on July 23 we are busy putting the final touches on our biggest celebration yet.

In honor of the 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the release of this wonderful movie we are pulling out all the stops! Stand By Me Day falls on a Saturday this year giving us the opportunity to welcome fans from all over the world. The pandemic slowed us down for two years, but we are back and better than ever.

The always popular guided walking tours start at 11 a.m., along with a Geocache Challenge, 1950s kids games, a cruise in featuring classic 50s autos and maybe even one or two from the movie.

There will be a fan forum at 1p.m., a costume contest at 3 p.m. just before the blueberry pie eating contest, all on the Main Stage at Brownsville's beautiful Pioneer Park.

At 4 p.m. we will have live music from the Uncaged Locals and from 7-9 p.m. the Easy Targets will be turning out the 50s classics for the Sock Hop in the Dance Pavilion. All that will be topped off by the showing of the movie in the park at dusk, around 9 p.m.

All day we will have several food trucks as well as the Castle Rock Kitchen turning out delicious Verno Burgers — remember how the boys had to wrap their hamburger around a stick to cook it over the fire? We will have our extraordinary blueberry pie and our favorite farmer will be here with his tractor churning out delicious vanilla ice cream to go with your pie.

Of course we will have memorabilia for sale including our brand new t-shirts designed by our t-shirt contest winners and new posters for sale as




There will be something for all ages at the annual Stand By Me Day in Brownsville July 23.

Photos courtesy Peter Campbell Thompson



well.  
For more information call the Linn County Historical Museum at 541-466-3390 or follow the museum on Facebook.

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**2022**

- 11-7 PICNIC & FOOD VENDORS
- WALKING TOURS
- GEOCACHE CHALLENGE
- KIDS GAMES
- 11-3 CRUISE IN
- 12-1 STAND BY ME SINGERS
- 1-2 FAN FORUM
- 3 COSTUME CONTEST
- 3:15-4 PIE EATING CONTEST
- 4-6 LIVE MUSIC WITH UNCAGED LOCALS
- 7-9 SOCK HOP WITH EASY TARGETS
- 9 LIVE MUSIC WITH JUST CUZ
- 9:30 MOVIE & POPCORN

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## Free fishing derby fun

More than 100 young people had a grand time at the Roaring River County Park Fishing Derby June 18. Everyone took home fish, plus numerous prizes donated by Sportsman's Warehouse.

Organizer Commissioner Sherrie Sprenger said Linn County Parks staff also had an information booth and fielded numerous comments potential improvements to the park's pond.

## Linn County residents to vote on mushroom issue

**A**LBANY — Linn County residents will have the opportunity to vote on whether they want to allow the production of psilocybin mushrooms outside of incorporated cities on the November ballot, Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Sherrie Sprenger and Will Tucker agreed unanimously June 21.

In the November 2020 election, Oregonians approved Ballot Measure 109, which legalized the use of psilocybin — often referred to as psychedelic — mushrooms. Proponents believe psilocybin may be effective in the treatment of PTSD and drug addictions.

Although the ballot measure passed statewide, it was defeated in Linn County, 55% to 44%. The commissioners said they believe Linn County residents would like to vote on the issue locally.

All of Oregon's 36 counties were included when the measure was passed statewide, but the measure allows counties to refer the issue to prohibit the production, manufacture and development of service centers to local residents.

The commissioners all agreed that the state's previous forays into legalizing marijuana and decriminalizing harder drugs such as methamphetamines and heroin, have failed.

Board Chairman Nyquist said that decriminalizing hard drugs may "work in some society, somewhere, but that has not been the case in Oregon."

He said the state was warned by members of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission that legalizing marijuana — without putting curbs on quantities of production to match consumer demand — would lead to a huge over production issue and it has. The current estimate is that the state produces five times more marijuana than Oregonians consume, which has led to a major black market issue. "It is a mess," Nyquist said.

The commissioners also agreed that marijuana grow operations have caused contamination issues in homes, due to the high humidity needed to grow the plants. It leads to mold and other issues in homes, often rented from other people.



## Small talks are NOT a big deal

**T**he Linn County STAND (Simply Trust and Never Doubt) youth council recently filmed a series of short videos with tips for parents on talking to teens about alcohol and other drugs. The bottom line is that small talks are NOT a big deal. The youth council teens — made up of high school students from throughout Linn County— believe that most teens are willing to talk to their parents.

They suggest that ongoing, casual "small talks" are the best way to approach teens.

Their video series demonstrates the follow-

ing from the teen's point of view:

"Parents, please . . ."

- Don't overwhelm us with information.
- Find a good time to talk to us.
- Don't assume your kids aren't drinking. Ask them directly.
- Don't be evasive or ignore us when we ask questions. Let us learn from your experience.

Follow Linn Together on Instagram to see additional STAND youth council videos as they are released.





# Have a safe 4th of July; know Oregon fireworks laws

Courtesy the State Fire Marshal's Office

## What type of fireworks can I use in Oregon?

**Retail:** Oregon consumer legal fireworks — also referred to as retail fireworks — can be used without a permit from our office. Commonly-known Oregon consumer legal fireworks include fountains, flitter sparklers and ground spinners.



**Limited:** 1.4g products — known as consumer fireworks — may be used in Oregon only with a valid permit issued by our office. Common 1.4g fireworks include bottle rockets, Roman candles, firecrackers, and certain aerial fireworks.

## Where can I purchase Oregon consumer legal fireworks, also called retail fireworks?

They can be purchased at an Oregon permitted retail fireworks sales location during the sale dates of June 23 to July 6.

## When can I use Oregon consumer legal fireworks, also called retail fireworks?

Under Oregon law, the Office of State Fire Marshal has no regulations on when you can use retail fireworks purchased during the retail fireworks sale dates of June 23 to July 6; however, check with the local government for local regulations.

## Where can I use Oregon consumer legal fireworks, also called retail fireworks?

You can use Oregon consumer legal fireworks, also called retail fireworks, where fireworks are not prohibited. Some prohibited locations include Oregon State beaches, parks, campgrounds, and State and Federal forest lands. You may also want to check local regulations. For more information, visit their websites.

## Can I bring fireworks to Oregon from another state?

No, fireworks must be purchased from an Oregon permitted retail fireworks sales location.

## Can I use fireworks that fly in the air?

Fireworks that fly in the air, explode, or behave in an uncontrolled and unpredictable manner are not allowed in Oregon without the proper permit issued by our office. A limited fireworks

display permit allows the use of 1.4g fireworks, such as bottle rockets, Roman candles, firecrackers, and certain aerial fireworks.

## Can I use sky lanterns in Oregon?

No, the law prohibits the use of sky lanterns in Oregon.

## Can I use fireworks at a private event?

**Retail:** You can use Oregon consumer legal fireworks, also called retail fireworks, where fireworks are not prohibited.

Some prohibited locations are Oregon State beaches, parks, campgrounds, and State and Federal forest lands. You may also want to check local regulations. For more information visit their websites.

**Limited:** Yes, if you completed the permitting process for a limited display permit allowing a fireworks display using 1.4g, also known as consumer fireworks.

## Can a local jurisdiction ban the sale and/or use of legal fireworks?

There could be local restrictions in place. Always check with your local city, county, and other local authorities' jurisdictions before using fireworks.

## Consequences

### What can happen if I'm caught using fireworks in prohibited areas?

Under Oregon law, officials may seize fireworks and you may be charged with a class B misdemeanor, which could result in a fine of up to \$2,500 per violation and a civil penalty of up to \$500.

### Can I be held liable for damage and costs incurred in suppressing fires caused by fireworks used by myself or my child?

Yes, those who misuse fireworks or allow fireworks to cause damage may be held liable and required to pay fire suppression costs or other damage.

### How can I report illegal fireworks usage?

Do not call 911 unless it's an emergency! You can report the illegal use of fireworks by calling your local law enforcement agency's non-emergency dispatch. Under Oregon law, they are authorized to enforce fireworks



## Lebanon Strawberry Festival fun

Linn County was represented at the annual Lebanon Strawberry Festival and parade.

Above, Sheriff Michelle Duncan rode with the Mounted Posse, while Linn County Veterans Services preferred horsepower of a different nature riding in their new outreach Jeep.



## Cast with a Cop in Lebanon

The Linn County Sheriff's Office was honored to join the Lebanon Police Department at their annual Cast With a Cop Event held at Camp Tadmor outside of Lebanon.

Cast With a Cop brings law enforcement together with kids from the community and gives them a fun morning of fishing!



## Chip sealing projects in August

This year's Road Department chip sealing projects will be primarily in the Scio and Sweet Home areas and will take place in August.

More info as projects get closer.



### Free Veterans' Stand Down July 21

**C**ORVALLIS — The Mid-Willamette Valley Vet-Net and the Corvallis Elks Lodge 1413 will host a Linn-Benton Veterans' Stand Down from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 21, at the Corvallis Elks Lodge, 1400 NW 9<sup>th</sup> St., Corvallis.

Eric Rice with Linn County Veterans Services said the event's goal is to provide area veterans — especially the homeless — with dental and medical aid, information about Disability and Social Security benefits, employment services, housing and utilities assistance, alcohol and drug treatment, VA medical benefits, Section 8 housing and more.

All services are free and refreshments will be provided.

No registration is necessary, but pre-register for the dental van services by calling 541-768-7800.



Eric Rice

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### Don't leave kids or pets in cars this summer

**W**ith summer here — and with it the hot weather —the Linn County Sheriff's Office wants to share some important reminders to help you avoid leaving your child in a hot car.

- Always check the back seat and make sure all children are out of the car before locking it and walking away.
- Avoid distractions while driving, especially cell phone use.
- Be extra alert when there is a change in your routine, like when someone else is driving your child or you take a different route to work or childcare.
- Have your childcare provider call if your child is more than 10 minutes late.
- Put your cell phone, bag, or purse in the back seat, so that you check the back seat when you arrive at your destination.
- If someone else is driving your child, always check to make sure they arrived safely.
- Keep your car locked when it is parked to prevent a curious child from entering when no one is around. Many hot car deaths have occurred when a child mistakenly locks themselves inside.

Stay safe everyone!



Linn County Sheriff Michelle Duncan with Patrol Lieutenant Craig Vogt during a retirement party in his honor June 27.

### Retirement ahead for Patrol Lt. Craig Vogt

**P**atrol Lieutenant Craig Vogt retired June 27 after 28 years of service to Linn County. Sheriff Michelle Duncan said Vogt started as a summer marine patrol deputy and then went to patrol in 1994.

She said Vogt has held numerous roles including Field Training Officer, was a member of the Traffic Team, served as a SWAT commander and was an advisor for the Search and Rescue program.

He has held the ranks of corporal, sergeant, first sergeant and patrol lieutenant.

"Thank you Lt. Vogt for your service and commitment to Linn County," Duncan said. "You will be missed."

### Native Encampments planned



**July 29-31**

*Sunnyside County Park*

**August 26-28**

*Cascadia State Park*

### Super sale at New Beginnings Garden

Greenhouse and nursery flower and plant orders are available for pick up only on the following business day. Pick ups are between 12-1 p.m., and 4-5 p.m. No pick ups on weekends.

Products marked as "trees" are now 60% off. Use the discount code **TREES60** at checkout.

Products marked as "Shrubs" are now 50% off. Use the discount code **SHRUBS50** at checkout.

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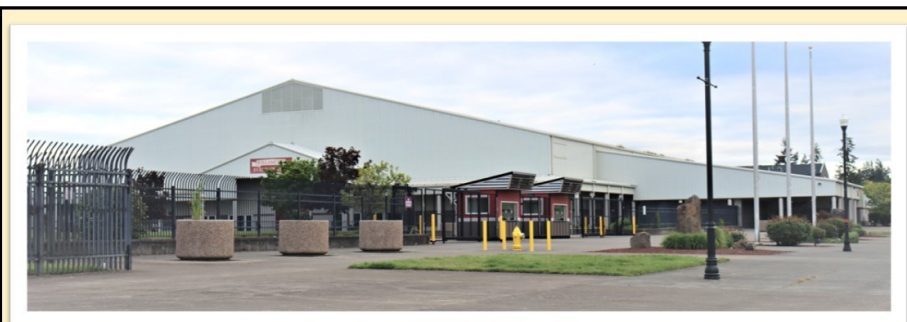
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<https://new-beginnings-garden.myshopify.com/>



The Linn County Fair July 14-16 is looking for temporary janitorial help.

Must be at least 18 years old.

**\$18 per hour.**

Contact Express Employment Services.

**541-967-3600**

Parking lot attendants.

Must be 15 years old.

**\$16.50 per hour.**

Contact TCB Security Services at

**541-265-5265**



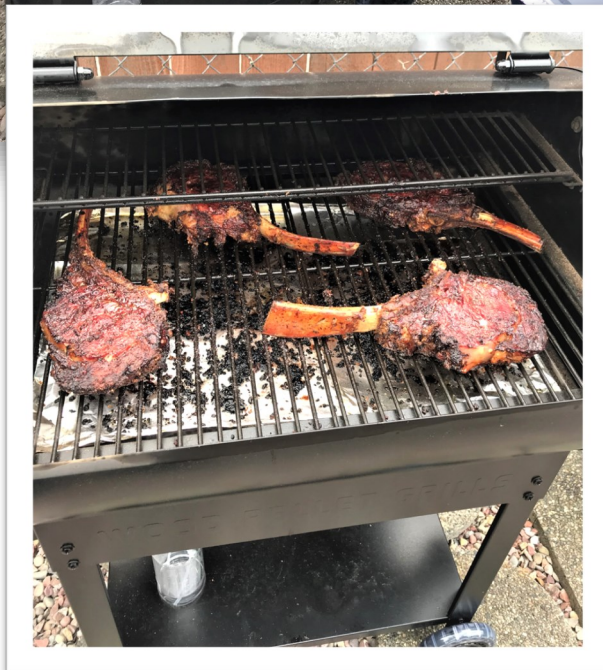




## 4th of July cookin' (and eatin') are right around the corner

We didn't get his secret recipe, but Mike Duffy (he's Heather Svensen in Tax & Assessment's dad) certainly knows how to grill. These photos are from their family's Father's Day family gathering. Heather said her dad used a dry rub marinade and let it rest for 12 hours before it went into the smoker for 14 hours. Low and slow you know. "They were delicious," Heather said. Her dad used the new Z Grill he got back in January.

"My Dad picked up his skills from his late father, RJ Duffy, who owned and operated a well-known steakhouse called Duffy's in Roseburg in the 1960s and 70s," Heather said.



## Smoked salmon summer favorite

**Alex Paul**  
Communications Officer

I'm certainly no expert when it comes to cooking, but I do enjoy smoking things, especially salmon.

I like both thin and thick pieces.

You have to keep track of smoking times so you don't dry out the smaller pieces too much, or fail to thoroughly cook the thicker pieces.

I start with brining the salmon pieces. You can buy pre-packaged brine or just add salt, sugar and brown sugar in lukewarm water. Put the salmon in the brine for at least a few hours, but I like to leave them covered for at least 12 hours, sometimes 24 hours.

Take them out of the brine, rinse them and pat them dry.

Since I like my smoked salmon on the sweet side, I coat the pieces with more brown sugar — or honey — before putting them into my smoker. I also put on a liberal coating of black pepper and garlic salt.

I used bagged wood chips, usually apple for salmon and I keep a steady flow of smoke on them for several hours, until I can flake off a piece of the salmon and see that it is completely cooked.

Make sure the thicker pieces are on the lower racks and keep that smoke rolling.

My wife doesn't like her salmon too



*I have had this Little Chief smoker for about 40 years. She isn't fancy, but she gets the job done.*

smoky, so I take some out a bit earlier for her.

I like my salmon very smoky, so I leave pieces in as long as I can and still keep them a little moist.

Happy and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July everyone!

(And since smoking takes several hours, there's time to fill peppers with cream cheese and pop them into the smoker as well for a little snack.)



Photo courtesy Inspired Taste

## Avocado Egg Salad

(Gluten/Dairy free, Keto friendly)

- 1 medium avocado, diced
- 1TBSp fresh lime juice
- 4 hardboiled eggs, peeled and diced
- 2 celery stalks, diced
- ¼ cup mayo
- 1 TBSp minced cilantro

Salt and pepper, to taste

Mash ingredients together until desired consistency

**Shelby Sayer-Cameron**

Linn Benton Breastfeeding Coalition

**Remember to send us your favorite summer vacation photos.**