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LINN COUNTY LAMB AND WOOL FAIR
Scio, Oregon hosts this annual event each May. The fair includes champion sheep dog trials, sheep sheering demonstrations, goat show, lamb show, exhibits and entertainment. For more information contact Audie Heikkila, (503) 394-3389 <http://www.sciolambfair.com/index.htm>

CHAUTAUQUA EVENTS

Spring Tea and Program
Each spring the Albany Regional Museum hosts a tea and program. Past programs have featured quilts, hats and handkerchiefs.
Annual Meeting and Program
Each fall the Albany Regional Museum introduces a special guest for a featured presentation. Speakers have included Gerald Brennenman and Rod Tripp, Judge Jackson Frost, Editor Hasso Herring, and Sherrif Burkhardt, all sharing their stories to bring history to life.
Advance reservations are recommended. For more information contact the Albany Regional Museum (541) 967-7122 www.armuseum.com.

PIONEER PICNIC

Linn County Pioneer Picnic is Oregon's oldest continuing celebration. The first Picnic consisted of a reunion of Oregon Trail pioneers in 1887. With the passing of time and the pioneers, the Picnic changed to include other entertainment and activities. Today's picnic focuses on family fun with games, food booths, logger jamboree, equestrian events, talent shows and entertainment. For more information contact the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce, (541) 466-5709. <http://www.historic-brownsville.com>

LINN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAMS

The purpose of the Linn County Historical Society is to encourage the preservation of local, Linn County and Oregon history; to stimulate interest in and knowledge of the county's heritage; and to disseminate historical information. Free programs are offered on Sunday afternoons in January, March, May and October. (541) 926-4680 or gr.harrison@comcast.com

EVENTS

Community events offer residents and visitors an opportunity to experience life here in the Willamette Valley. These unique festivals, programs and tours represent the true heart of Linn County and provide a glimpse into the history of our people. Albany and Linn County are known throughout the Northwest for our entertainment and events; take the time to join in the celebration and, you'll know why.

ANTIQUES & ART IN THE STREETS

Each September, the Saturday after Labor Day browse through Historic Downtown Albany with antiques literally filling the streets. For more information contact the Albany Downtown Association. (541) 928-2469 or (800) 526-5526

VETERANS DAY PARADE

With around 200 entries, and as many as 40,000 spectators, Albany hosts the largest Veterans Day parade west of the Mississippi. It is organized and run every year by the volunteer efforts of the Veterans Commemoration Association. The parade features veterans from wars past and present, marching units, military vehicles, and marching bands. For more information contact the Veterans Commemoration Association, (541) 981-2390 or e-mail albanyveteransdayparade@gmail.com

MONTEITH SOCIETY DAILY LIFE 1859

Each year the Monteith House museum fills with the sights, sounds and smells of the pioneer era. Demonstrations include things like pioneer cooking, sewing, woodworking, candle or soap making, blacksmithing and more. June 20, 2009 (541) 928-0911 or (800) 526-2256

CHRISTMAS PARLOUR TOUR

Second Sunday in December, 2pm-7pm Tour the parlours of several historic homes beautifully decorated for the holidays. Ticket price includes hot drinks, entertainment, and trolley & horsedrawn wagon rides. (541) 928-0911 or (800) 526-5526

HISTORIC INTERIOR HOMES TOUR Last Saturday in July, 11am-5pm. Each home has been lovingly restored, and reflects the best of both historic architecture and modern function. Ticket price includes refreshments, entertainment and trolley & horsedrawn wagon rides. Tickets: sales begin at 10am on tour day at the Albany Visitors Association. Call for more information. (541) 928-5008 or (800) 526-2256

NIGHT TIME MAGIC December 1-January 1 Wander through one of Albany's three nationally registered historic districts after dark to see the magical effect of over 200 historic homes lit with white lights for the holidays. Call the Albany Visitors Association for more information. (541) 928-5008 or (800) 526-2256

OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Experience the sights and sounds of an old fashioned Christmas in Albany's Downtown Commercial Historic District. Home-town parade, community tree lighting, holiday concert & holiday matinee. All free to the public. For information, call the Albany Downtown Association. (541) 928-2469

CHRISTMAS CAROLING TROLLEY TOURS

Oh what fun it is to ride in a vintage trolley through a winter wonderland of historic homes lit with thousands of white lights. Tours include a song leader/guide and refreshments Saturday & Sunday prior to Christmas. For times and additional information, call (541) 928-0911

CHRISTMAS EVE SING-A-LONG

Whitespires continues the tradition of singing community carols in the decorated sanctuary of the 1891 gothic Whitespires church. The fun starts at 7pm, December 24th. Come and enjoy this family tradition. Refreshments.

UPSTAIRS DOWNTOWN TOUR

The first Friday each May Albany hosts the annual upstairs downtown loft tour and Rotary wine walk. The tour is part of Albany's celebration of Historic Preservation Month. Several downtown lofts, living spaces, and historic downtown buildings will be open for touring from 4-8pm. Maps showing the locations of the lofts will be available at several locations marked with balloons. This self-guided tour has become increasingly popular. Tickets are also sold for wine tasting on the day of the event. For more information contact the Albany Downtown Association (541) 928-2469 or visit www.albanydowntown.com

CARRIAGE ME BACK

Carriage Me Back is a somewhat historic, always enjoyable, community drama. Dressed in period costumes, our local actors take on the personalities of historical characters. Visitors ride in a horse-drawn carriage from the Linn County Historical Museum to the 1881 Moyer House enjoying reenactments at stops along the way. Plan to spend the day. For more information contact Linn County Historical Museum, 101 Park Ave., Brownsville, OR 97327, (541) 466-3390, <http://www.historicbrownsville.com>

MONDAYS AT MONTEITH CONCERT SERIES

Under the stars of the evening sky along the banks of the Calapooia and Willamette Rivers, community members spread their blankets, pull up a chair and take time out from their busy lives Monday evenings in July and August. For more information contact City of Albany Parks and Recreation. (541) 917-7777. www.cityofalbany.net

NW ART & AIR FESTIVAL

The Northwest Art and Air Festival is an annual festival in Albany that celebrates local art and aeronautics. Awarded best event by the Oregon Festival and Events Association in recent years the festival has averaged 40,000 visitors during the course of the event. Colorful hot air balloons fill the morning sky. Enjoy juried art show, night glow, air fair, live entertainment & fire works.

RIVER RHYTHMS THURSDAY CONCERT SERIES

Each summer for over 25 years, thousands of people gather to experience Thursday evenings filled with diverse music, food, entertainment, and fun. Children of all ages have hands on opportunities to discover their creativity through pre-concert art projects. It's no wonder this event was awarded the best music series in the state by the Oregon Festivals and Events. River Rhythms concerts take place on Thursdays at Monteith Riverpark in Downtown Albany. Performances begin at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are encouraged. For more information contact City of Albany Parks and Recreation. (541) 917-7777. www.riverrhythms.org