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Stand By Me Day coming to Brownsville July 23

Annual event is a fundraiser for Linn County Museum Friends

BROWNSVILLE — Plans are underway for this year's annual Stand By Me Day on July 23 commemorating the movie filmed in Brownsville. The event will be held throughout downtown Brownsville on



Folks who attend the annual Stand By Me Day in Brownsville on July 23 can take part in a blueberry pie eating contest, or just stay clean and buy a slice of blueberry pie. The annual event commemorates filming of the popular movie in Brownsville and other Oregon communities 40 years ago.



Tuesday, July 23, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Headquarters will be in front of the Linn County Historical Museum at 101 Park Avenue.

With it falling on a Tuesday, local businesses will be open and ready for the fans.

Last year's event was held on a Sunday and about 3,000 or more fans showed up to celebrate the coming of age movie and small-town life.

Many fans fly in from across America and some from around the world for this very special fan favorite event.

The movie Stand By Me has become more popular through the years as many people find something in the movie they can relate to from their own childhood. This event is a social gathering, a chance to rub elbows with fellow fans, walk the streets, hear the stories, and if you're brave, enter the blueberry pie eating contest! The wildly popular contest will again be conducted by the Central Linn Lion's Club, you can sign up on location. You can also purchase slices of delicious blueberry pie for those who want a cleaner eating experience.

There are guided walking tours all day leading fans to scene locations, telling stories along the way and a Fan Forum complete with Emcee in a conversational setting including fans and any special guests who might appear.

Vintage cars will be on display, including some from the movie.

There will be a 50/50 Raffle at the end of the day as well, along with T-shirts and other souvenirs for sale, all proceeds benefitting the Friends of Linn County Museum

For extra fun, Caesar the No Drama Llama will be there to pose for a 'stand by' photo opportunity.

Keep an eye out for a few of the Benevolent Order of Antelopes as well as four boys wandering around looking for some railroad tracks. Just maybe the Red Food Trailer will be serving Verno Burgers!

For more information contact the Linn County Historical Museum at 541-466-3390 or lchm@co.linn.or.us.



Stand By Me Day 11 a.m. — 5 p.m., July 23 Brownsville, Oregon