

The Town Times

May 2026



JUNE 2ND ELECTION:

Jesz and Small are Running for Open Trustee Position.
Read each candidates questionnaires on pages 2 & 3.

**Dark Horse Rescue Ranch
in Tennessee Has Ties to Langford**

Read about their mission on page 4.



Langford's Graduation is on

Saturday, May 16, at 2:00p.

Congrats, Class of 2026!

See a class listing on page 6.

FREE diaper & wipe drive:
Every second & forth
Saturday,
from 10a-12p,
at First Presbyterian
Church
in Britton.

★ FAGERLANDS TO PANAMA ★



Seth & Marcella Fagerland are
going to Panama!

Read their April update on pages 5 & 6.

Kat Perkins is Coming to Town!

Kat will be the headliner live band
on Friday, July 24,
during the Summer Fest celebration.



The Strand Theater in
Britton is open every Friday,
Saturday, and Sunday, with
showings beginning at 7p.

The Marshall County
Food Pantry
is open every
Friday & Saturday
from 10AM-12PM.
Located at 909 Main
Street, Britton.



REMINDER:
Garbage collection is
every Wednesday!

ELECTION QUESTIONNAIRE

PAGE 1 OF 2

Background information (family, work, etc.)

Orrie Jesz: I am married to Sarah. He has three boys, Isaak, Daniel, and Ethan. He worked 16 years at DaMar as a bulk fuel driver.

Micah Small: My father was an attorney in Britton, so I spent most of my youth learning about life in the area. I spent a majority of my adult career working in Emergency Management and as a Paramedic. I also owned and operated an IT Consulting business at the same time. Later in life, I decided to move into what I like to call career 2.0. Now, I'm the co-owner of two area businesses. We are proud to serve our communities with both businesses.

What is your reason for running for the board? What unique qualifications will you bring to the table?

Jesz: I enjoy helping to guide the community to a progressive future. I have also been a board member for 11 years.

Small: I believe that everyone has "big" ideas. I also understand that you can't attempt to make a difference if you don't step up and try. I am running so that I can learn and understand how Langford operates. Through years of both project management and emergency management training, I hope to be able to use my skills to help understand and organize resources. Working with the other board members, who are already doing a seemingly great job, I feel we can successfully help Langford grow.

What do you feel is the biggest issue facing Langford, and how do you think the city should deal with that challenge? Next priorities?

Jesz: The biggest issue is housing and affordable housing. I would encourage property owners to develop abandoned property. My next priority would be infrastructure, keeping the water, sewer, streets, and electrical services up to date to ensure a stable future.

Small: Each week I spend a few days listening to the citizens of Langford. With one of our businesses being the "local watering hole," we hear a lot of ideas. Like everywhere, the people seem to be most focused on the increased cost of living. I don't think there is one issue in particular necessarily. I feel that we need to listen to the public and do the best we can to try and reduce the cost of living. I understand that is a hard task. I understand the cost of living is an issue everywhere with the current economic climate. I feel that we need to look for ways to help draw people to Langford. We need to look for ways to provide affordable housing and grow our beautiful community. We have great local businesses, and we have a great school system. It would be ideal if we could attract young families to move to Langford. It would be excellent if we could entice today's youth to want to come back when they enter the workforce and raise their families here, where they grew up. My son will graduate this year, and he wants to attend SDSU and get a degree in Agricultural Education. He hopes to return to Langford so that he can teach here and act as the FFA advisor. Langford has so much to offer, and I firmly believe that together we can all help to cultivate the future. It is my goal to help the community grow. I want our youth to have a town to come back to.

ELECTION QUESTIONNAIRE

PAGE 2 OF 2

What does success look like for Langford over the next ten years?

Jesz: If we could figure out housing to help bring people to Langford, it would also bring support to businesses.

Small: In my opinion, we're already a very successful community. We have a wonderful small town with warm and welcoming neighbors. I hope to see increase the already successful town of Langford. I personally feel that trying to find a way to attract more individuals and families to town would only make what is already good even better.

Why should voters choose you over the other candidate?

Jesz: I have been a board member for 11 years. I have helped get the city through a water and sewer project and street improvements. We are also currently working on electrical upgrades. I am always available to talk to if you have something that the city can improve on. People of the community are the most important, and I try to do my best to keep the city moving forward.

Small: Langford is my home. It has become my son's home. This is the only place where he has felt like he truly belonged. I started spending a lot of time here in the mid to late 1990s. I met some of my closest and lifelong friends here, and now he has as well. I want what is best for my family. Langford is my family. I want what is best for Langford. It is my mission to work with the other board members and the community members to make Langford the place to call home. I do hope to have your vote on June 2nd. If I am elected, I will do everything in my power to listen to your ideas and bring them to the table at town meetings and advocate for you, the people. No matter the outcome, I will always stand up for Langford. I will always work to make our home a better place to grow up and to grow old.

-Courtesy of The Marshall County Journal (<https://www.marshallcountyjournal.com/article/5313,two-in-race-for-langford-trustee-spot>)



Orrie Jesz



Micah Small

Dark Horse Rescue Ranch in Tennessee Has Ties to Langford



Owner Jami & husband Jason Bennett

Jami Bennett, daughter of Lynette Bivens of Langford, owns and operates the Dark Horse Rescue Ranch, a nonprofit Cleveland, Tennessee.

Jami is the founder and CEO of Dark Horse Rescue Ranch, a sanctuary dedicated to helping horses, youth, and women who have experienced trauma or abuse. At the ranch, the healing process begins by using the therapeutic bond between horses and humans, all rooted in the power of Jesus Christ. With a passion for restoring hope and revealing true identity in Christ, Jami leads this ministry with compassion and faith.

To learn more about what they offer, visit their website at www.dhrr.org.

If you feel led to support Jami's mission, you may donate online:
<https://secure.anedot.com/dark-horse-rescue-ranch/donate>

OTHER WAYS TO CONNECT.

- Phone: 423-240-1039
- Email: Jami@dhrr.org
- Website: www.dhrr.org
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/DHRR2023

★ FAGERLANDS
TO PANAMA ★



Pictured Above: Maja, Marcella, Seth, and Benaiah Fagerland

Seth & Marcela Fagerland, along with their children **Benaiah and Maja**, are currently living in Costa Rica and attending Spanish Language Institute. In August 2026, they will be moving to Panama to serve with Word of Life.

MINISTRY. Seth and Marcela will help lead the Cross-Cultural Internship (CCI) program that has recently been growing in Panama as well as serving as liaisons for United States churches that partner with and visit for short-term ministry. In addition to this, Seth's role will help assist in raising funds for the Panama team and other countries in the region that need additional assistance with strategy.

April 1, 2026 | First ever Latin American 'Zone' Conference

Hello friends!

We wanted to share something exciting with you and ask you to be praying alongside us for an upcoming conference we'll be part of this April.

A few years ago, Word of Life (now serving in over 90 countries!) made the decision to unify all of Latin America into one region. Because of its size, the region was divided into seven zones to better foster connection and collaboration.

From April 16–19, 2026, the very first 'zone' conference will be held for Word of Life teams from Panama, Costa Rica, and Nicaragua. We'll also be joined by a young couple from Colombia who are just beginning a new ministry there.

Missionaries from these four countries will gather at the Word of Life camp in Panama, and the director from Word of Life Argentina will be coming as the guest speaker.

The heart behind this zone conference is to remind us that we are part of something much bigger than our individual locations. The theme, "Bridges," reflects the desire to strengthen connections between teams across our zone.

All of this comes from the conviction that we are better together than we are on our own. It's exciting to see how the Lord is moving—not only in Panama, but across these neighboring countries as well!

Please join us in praying both leading up to and during this special time. We will give you an update on how it went in our next newsletter in May. We are especially excited to attend as a family, as we look ahead with great anticipation to our transition to Panama this summer!

CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE...

★ FAGERLANDS TO PANAMA ★

CONTINUED...

To learn more about the Fagerlands and their mission, follow them online & on social media.

Website: www.sethandmarcela.com

Instagram: www.instagram.com/fagerlands2panama/

Support. If you feel led to financially support their mission, you may give via mail, phone, or online.

- **By Mail:** Word of Life Fellowship, Donations – P.O. Box 600 – Schroon Lake, NY 12870
- **By Phone:** 518-494-6000, option 5 (credit card, debit card, or check)
- **Online:** www.give.wol.org/sefagerland

This information has been provided from the Fagerland's official website (<https://www.sethandmarcela.com/>).



Back Row: Dawson VanderVorst, Tucker Hardy, Ethen Olson, Bradyn Small, Dylan Harmon, Julian Rodriguez, Conner Glines, Kassen Keough.

Front Row: Paytyn Marlow, Mariah Tosse, Grace Hatfield, Jordyn Nickson Brennan, Maddox Nickeson Brennan, Clarissa Guy

Langford's Graduation is on Saturday, May 16, at 2:00p.

Congrats, Class of 2026!

Library NEWS

NUMBER OF BOOKS CHECKED OUT IN

APRIL:
111

NEW BOOKS IN APRIL:

1. Worse than a Lie: A Beau Lee Cooper Novel
2. The Couple Next Door: A Novel
3. Earth's the Right Place for Love: A Novel
4. The Chicken Sisters: Reese's Book Club
5. Everything Is Tuberculosis: The History and Persistence of Our Deadliest Infection
6. All That Matters: A Novel
7. The Happiness Plan: A Novel
8. Claudia And The New Girl (Baby-Sitters Club: Collector's Edition)
9. Allegiant (Divergent Series, 3)
10. How to Solve Your Own Murder: A Novel (Castle Knoll Files)

WHATS HAPPENING?

Watch the Facebook page for the calendar of events for the upcoming months.

- Kids Club is on Mondays at 3:30 PM.
- Lego, Gaming, and STEAM Club alternates on Tuesdays at 3:30 PM.
- Mother Goose Story Time is every Wednesday at 9:45 AM.
- The Library will be Closed May 18th, 19th & 25th.
- Cookbook Club is May 26th at 6 PM.
- Bingo is Wednesday, May 20th at 1 PM
- Read and Enjoy!

TOP BOOKS CHECKED OUT IN APRIL:

1. Clifford: Clifford's Good Deeds
2. Princesses and Puppies
3. Clifford: Clifford Grows Up
4. Unicorn Day
5. Clifford: Fishing Lessons

Library Hours of Operation:

Monday: 2p-5p;

Tuesday: 1p-5p;

Wednesday: 9a-5p

Please note the library will be switching to their summer hours at the end of May.



NOTICE

There was a key & key fob left in the payment dropbox at the Finance Office

Please contact Kaitie to claim.

townoflangford@venturecomm.net



Obtain a permit from the Finance Office, Tuesday through Thursday.

Cost of permit is \$5.00.

MAY 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3 Read By The Hunk! 	4 ALL AGES 3:30-4:30 pm	5 Before Kindergarten Read to your child ALL AGES 3:30-4:30 pm	6 Mother Goose Story Time Pre-K 9:45-10:30 am 	7 Hours Starting May 25 th : Monday- 9am-2pm Tuesday- 9am-1pm Wednesday- 9am-2pm	8	9
10	11 ALL AGES 3:30-4:30 pm	12 ALL AGES 3:30-4:30 pm	13 Mother Goose Story Time Pre-K 9:45-10:30 am 	14	15	16
17	18 Library Closed	19 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL! Library Closed	20 Mother Goose Story Time Pre-K 9:45-10:30 am BINGO 1:00-2:00 pm	21 	22	23
24	25 Library Closed	26 ALL AGES 10:30-11:30 am 	27 Mother Goose Story Time Pre-K 9:45-10:30 am 	28	29	30
31 NEW HOURS START MAY 25 TH !!						

TOWN STAFF.

Board President

Orrie Jesz
Ph: 605-228-2870

Trustee

Chad Hardy
Ph: 605-470-0153

Trustee

Matt Fries
Ph: 605-290-8913

Finance Officer

Kaitie Stiegelmeier
Ph: 605-493-6610

Utility Manager

Sean Kramer
Ph: 605-470-0365

Asst. Utility Manager

Mitchell Wieser
Ph: 605-924-1465

Landscaper

Don Wieser

Librarian

Shelby Everson
Ph: 605-493-6690

COMMUNITY DIRECTORY.

BUSINESSES.

Agtegra Cooperative.....	605-846-1363
Back Forty Beef & Adventure Farm.....	605-941-2615
Bluestem Welding, LLC.....	605-323-3550
Community Transit, Inc., Britton.....	605-228-0862
County Line Seed, Inc.....	605-493-6677
Dacotah Bank.....	605-493-6474
DaMar C-Store.....	605-493-6421
Fallin' Fowl "Killer Korn" Camo.....	Check Facebook
Golden Glove Detailing, Benton West.....	605-824-4532
Gwen's Hair Salon, Gwen Planteen.....	605-493-6594
Hewitt Insurance Agency, Inc.....	605-493-6702
Inner Glow Studio, Stephanie Wieser.....	605-265-0712
J&S Machine.....	605-228-5001
Jensen Auto Service.....	605-493-6465
Langford Lumber Company.....	605-493-6443
Swearingen Service.....	605-380-5647
TG&B Lawn Care & Snow Removal.....	605-590-1095
USPS (Post Office).....	605-493-6446
Wieser Appliance, Mitchell Wieser.....	605-924-1465
Wild West Outfitters, Matt West.....	605-290-9789
TG&B Lawn Care & Snow Removal.....	605-590-1095

CHURCHES.

Langford E. Lutheran Church.....	605-493-6534
Rose Hill E. Free Church.....	605-493-6717

HOUSING.

Hardy Apartments, Pete Hardy.....	605-493-6587
Hoines Apartments, Derrick Hoines.....	605-493-6717
Langford Development Corporation.....	605-228-4538

LODGING.

B&B's Boarding House, Blair Healy.....	605-493-6738
Camping/RV Spots.....	605-493-6610

RESTAURANTS/FOOD BUSINESS.

DaMar C-Store.....	605-493-6421
Kristi's Catering, Pierpont.....	605-290-6797
PP's Barnyard BBQ.....	605-252-0830
Pont's Bar, Pierpont.....	605-325-3222
Remedy's.....	605-493-6570
The Bull Pen, Claremont.....	605-294-5414

DAYCARES.

Good Friends Daycare.....	605-493-6400
Barnyard Friends Daycare.....	605-216-0766

SCHOOL.

Langford Area School Dist. 45-5.....	605-493-6454
--------------------------------------	--------------