

Mayor Announces 'If I Were Mayor' Contest Winner

By Sarah Brown
Of The New Era

Eighth-grader Sydney Dominy was honored as the winner in the annual "If I Were Mayor" contest during the April 9 City Council meeting.

Mayor Susan Coleman presented Sydney with an award and gave her an opportunity to briefly sit in the mayor's chair. Coleman informed the council the essay has "a whole litany of" ideas for the city. The last paragraph in Sydney's submission read:

"In closing, if I were mayor, I would like to bring our town together. I would like to have our town become closer and be more family focused. I love our little town and only want to see it grow and our community members to come together to support each other."

Coleman said submissions to the contest indicated the students were well-informed about activities in Sweet Home. Dominy's winning essay will be entered into a statewide competition.

The mayor also presented an honorable mention to



Sydney Dominy, center, spends a few seconds in Mayor Coleman's seat after winning the "If I Were Mayor" contest.

Photo by Sky Chappell

Emma Davis, sixth grade, and read the last part of Emma's submission: "In conclusion, if I was mayor, it would be an honor serving such a wonderful community. I would work hard to improve the life

of all the citizens who live in Sweet Home. The first thing I would try to improve is maintaining water quality during drawdown periods. The next thing I would try to improve is helping the unhoused get

into housing. The final thing I would like to attempt to improve is getting more medical professionals in the area. As mayor, I would like to make

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Paintings and Needle Felted Art at City Hall

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City Hall is now decked out with artwork from two different area artists thanks to the ongoing efforts of Sweet Home Oregon Coalition for Artistic and Scholastic Enrichment (SHOCASE).

Ingeborg "Inge" Krebs' contribution shows a unique display from her personal collection of needle-felted work, including miniature animals, a pink weeping cherry tree, framed felted work that looks like wool-textured paintings, and a miniature diorama of a fiber artist's studio.

On the walls at City Hall hang the painted artwork of Dianne Hills, featuring landscapes.

Hills said she has been painting for "years and years." As a kid, she liked to draw a lot and then took an oil class when she was settled into adulthood.

"Then I really got to where I liked watercolor," she said. "It took awhile to find some good teachers, but I found them at Linn-Benton (Community College)."



Inge Krebs stands with a sampling of her felted creations.

Photo by Sarah Brown

So for about 30 years, Hills worked with watercolor until acrylics became popular. Most of her art at City Hall is a sampling of her work with acrylics. Though she's been using acrylics for about 10 or 15 years now, she said - apparently joking - that in about another 30 years she'll finally have it "down pat" and will

then move on to something different.

But she is beginning to try something new: painting people.

"It's very hard to capture a face or even a whole figure," Hills said. "That's what I'm trying to work on next, getting people into the paintings, because I've only put them in

three or four (paintings) and it took a lot of repair and fixing."

Hills was born and raised in Georgia, and landed in Oregon after her husband got a job in Lebanon. Eventually, she headed back east, but once again returned to Sweet Home in 2012 to be near her kids.

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OBITUARIES



David Matthew Skeen
August 17, 1995 - April 5, 2024

David Matthew Skeen, 28, of Corvallis, formerly of Sweet Home, passed away Friday April 5, 2024. He was born on August 17, 1995 to Michelle L. (Poor) and Steven R. Skeen in Baker City, Oregon.

He lived in Umatilla until he moved to Sweet Home in July of 1999. After David graduated from Sweet Home High School in 2013, he moved to Corvallis. David attended OSU graduating with a computer science degree. He worked at NuScale in Corvallis until he was laid off in January 2024.

David liked playing video games and working out at Next Round Fitness in Corvallis. He enjoyed reading, painting Warhammer models, playing board and card games with friends, streaming, disc golf and traveling.

He is survived by the love of his life, Kristen Roegner of Corvallis; parents: Darrel and Michelle Bidwell of Sweet Home, Dale Keene of Sweet Home, Steven and Sheila Skeen of Pendleton; in-laws, Keith and Lucy Roegner of Lebanon; siblings: Kiashandra Zimmerman and Alexander Skeen both of Pendleton; grandmother, Sheryl Wyant of Sweet Home; grandparents: Richard and Deanna Keene of Sweet Home, Larry and Karen Skeen of Baker City; multiple step-siblings, nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by grandfather, Arnold Wyant in 2003.

Celebration of Life will be 6 pm Saturday April 20th in the Walnut Barn at Dr. Martin Luther King Park, 4905 NW Walnut Blvd, Corvallis. Contributions can be made to Sweet Home Alumni Foundation designating the David Skeen Scholarship, to PO Box 83, Sweet Home. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. www.sweethomefuneral.com.

Merle Christine Linder

November 27, 1964 - April 7, 2024

Merle Christine Linder (King) who was known as Chris, 59, of Sweet Home passed away on Sunday April 7, 2024 joining her beloved husband Albert Paul Linder, her parents Marion Gail Loftis and Merle Donald King from Corvallis.

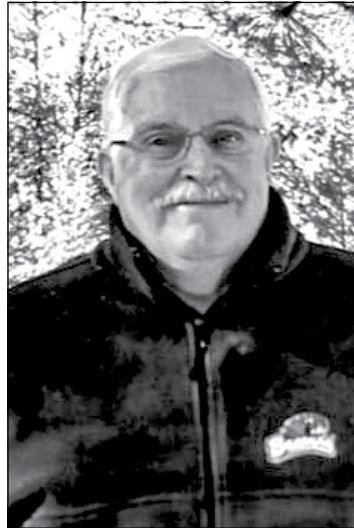
She moved to Western Oregon in the early 1990's eventually settling in Sweet Home, where she mostly stayed until her passing. Loving the area not only for its beauty but for the family and friends that live there.

Chris was able to be a stay at home mom after her children were teens. In her free time she enjoyed having coffee with her friends and spending time with her family and grandchildren. Family was everything to Chris. Earlier in life she proudly worked with her husband running A&C Construction and A&C Taxi in Sweet Home. Chris was the kind of person who would give you the shirt off her back and be there to support her loved ones in times of need, never expecting anything in return. Chris was a quick witted smart woman who got through all of the hurdles in life with an amazing sense of humor, trusting God was there by her side. She was a proud Christian. She loved life and enjoyed every minute she spent on earth.

Chris is survived by her children: Tye Daniel King, Russell Allen Ray Jr., Michelle Kimberly Ray, the bonus Linder children she raised with Al: Debbie, Ja-

cob, James, and her many grandchildren, as well as her siblings: Kevin King, Deborah Eckley, Terry Wright, Melena Loftis, Kim Vladyka, Bobby Joe and Rick Pulse, her adored Uncle David King and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services are being planned, additional information to come soon. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. www.sweethomefuneral.com



Daniel Paul Suing
May 17, 1944 - April 7, 2024

Daniel Paul Suing, 79, of Lebanon passed away Sunday, April 7, 2024. He was born to Edith A. (Bolf) and Clemens F. Suing on May 17, 1944 in Lebanon.

Dan served in the US Army from 1965-1971 including 13 months in Korea on the DMZ. He was born and raised on the family farm since he was two years old. In 1980 he built their own home and has lived there since.

March of 1968, Dan started working at Linn Gear Company where he worked for 48 years as a machinist and later in the engineering department before fully retiring due to health reasons.

Dan enjoyed building anything mechanical including a log loader, and any piece of machinery needed on the family farm. He also, with the help of his wife, constructed a park on the property along Hamilton Creek that has served many happy gatherings.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years Shirley Suing; love grandsons Eric and Luke Flierl and many family members. Preceded in death by his son, Todd Daniel Suing (1988), brother, Michael Suing (1943), and his parents Clemens and Edith Suing.

Memorial service will be 1 pm Tuesday April 16th at River of Life Fellowship in

Sweet Home. Live stream of the service can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/theriversho?mibextid=uzlsk>. Final burial with military honors will be at 3:30 pm at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Lebanon. Memorial contributions can be made to River of Life Fellowship. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. www.sweethomefuneral.com.



Dixylee Darleen Horner

January 25, 1935 - April 7, 2024

Dixylee Darleen Horner, 89, was born to Earl and Fannie Hopkins in Anaheim, CA on Jan 25, 1935.

She was raised in California, graduated from high school and later attended Idyllwild Arts Academy where she developed her singing voice. She married her high school sweetheart Bruce Horner in August of 1953. They had performed together in Broadway play performances during high school. Bruce was drafted into the army and they served in Germany in the fifties where their son Mark was born. Upon return to the USA they settled in Southern California where their second son Paul was born.

Dixylee later taught Special Ed students and began her years of service to others. In the early eighties, they moved to Sweet Home to be near family. Living out her deep faith, she became active in the Sweet Home Evangelical Church. She especially enjoyed working in her yard and hosting her dear friends from church and family for fun and fellowship. She was the ultimate hostess. Dixylee and Bruce traveled the US camping, always planning their next adventure as they went.

Dixylee passed into the Lord's presence on Sun-

day, April 7, 2024. She was preceded in death by her parents, her siblings, and husband Bruce (2000) as well as son Mark (1992). She is survived by son Paul Horner of New Mexico and granddaughter Cassandra of Oregon. She also leaves behind nieces and a nephew, great-nieces and great nephews, great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews, all whom she loved deeply.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Sweet Home Evangelical Church. A memorial service to remember her and let us celebrate the remarkable life of a woman whose strength, determination and wonderful sarcastic wit encouraged so many was held at the Sweet Home Evangelical Church on Wednesday, April 10th 2024. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling burial arrangements.



Norman "Norm" Morris

May 31, 1945-Dec 20, 2023

Julia "Julie" Wilson Morris

Feb 6, 1946 - Jan 7, 2024

A celebration of the lives of Norman "Norm" Morris (May 31, 1945-Dec 20, 2023) and Julia "Julie" Wilson Morris (Feb 6, 1946 - Jan 7, 2024) will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024 at 1 pm at The Barn at Community Chapel at 42250 Ames Creek Rd., Sweet Home.

Please join us as we celebrate their amazing lives, sharing stories and happy memories.

A luncheon will also be provided. If you have any questions, or would like to RSVP, please email skrlwlw@son@gmail.com.

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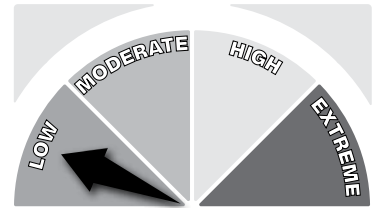
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April 9	64	45	0.00
April 10	66	37	0.02
April 11	64	40	0.00
April 12	62	47	0.02
April 13	56	42	0.03
April 14	62	48	0.53

FORECAST

DAY	WEATHER	HIGH	LOW
Thur	Mostly Sunny	70	40
Fri	Mostly Sunny	73	44
Sat	Mostly Cloudy	63	42
Sun	Partly Cloudy	63	41
Mon	Partly Cloudy	68	43
Tues	Partly Cloudy	65	45
Wed	Mostly Cloudy	62	45



TODAYS FIRE DANGER IS
LOW

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PRECIPITATION

Year to date: 14.52
April 19, 2023: 16.05

LAKE LEVELS

Foster Reservoir: 615.8
Green Peter Res.: 987.5

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James Boyd Search

March 2, 1966 - April 14, 2024

James Boyd Search, 58, of Sweet Home passed away April 14, 2024. He was born on March 2, 1966 to Thelma D. (Faulkner) and Mark Search Sr. in Klamath Falls.

Jim retired in 2016 from the Linn County Sheriff's after 25 years of service. He was then employed at Advanced Mechanical Inc. in Brownsville as a maintenance supervisor.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Heather Search, two children: Ian and Ashley Search, both of Shelbyville, Tennessee, and his brother Mark (Lawona) Search. He is preceded in death by his parents and older brother.

A celebration of life will be 2 pm Sunday April 21, 2024 at Sweet Home Community Chapel. Donations may be made in memory of Jim Search to: Linn County Search and Rescue, 1115 Jackson St. SE, Albany OR

97322. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements www.sweethomefuneral.com.



Karen Jane Wagner

January 6, 1936 - October 16, 2023

Celebration of life for Karen Jane Wagner (aka Gee Gee), Saturday May 4th, 2024 at Sunshine Industries (1333 Clark Mill Road, Sweet Home). There will be an open house from 1-4pm with a more formal time at 2:30pm for sharing and reflection on her beautiful life.

Our precious mom, sister, aunt, grandma, Gee Gee, wife and friend passed far too soon on October 16th, 2023. She touched so many lives with her unconditional love and endless generosity, especially the lives of her family.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Information for the Public Safety report in The New Era is sourced from local law enforcement and fire agencies. Incident details, which may not always be available from agencies in time for publication in our weekly paper edition, could be updated online as information becomes available. Addresses provided generally denote the location of the incident or arrest, occasionally indicating the origin of the call. It is crucial to emphasize that our reporting of an individual's arrest or citation for a crime does not imply guilt. Determination of guilt can only be established through legal proceedings in court.

April 8

9:39 a.m - Haven Austin Hansen, 28, was arrested for fourth degree assault constituting domestic violence and a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for a probation violation on an original charge for driving while suspended.

10:23 a.m - Aaron Phillip

Kepler, 31, was arrested on a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for a probation violation on an original charge for second degree criminal trespass. Kepler also was arrested on an Albany Municipal Court warrant for second degree theft, Linn County Circuit Court warrants for probation violations on unlawful entry into a motor vehicle and second degree theft, and Benton County Circuit Court warrants for failure to appear on two counts of second degree theft.

2:03 p.m - Caller reports trailer was taken from location, officer responded. Report taken for second degree theft. Valued loss \$800. 1600 block of Fir St.

April 9

1:55 p.m - Joe Allen Wayne Wood, 34, was arrested on a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on a criminal citation, an Albany Municipal Court warrant for contempt of court, a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to comply on an original charge for harassment, and an Oregon

State Parole Board warrant for a parole violation.

5:28 p.m - Caller reports male siphoned gas from his gas tank, and defecated in his yard. Officer responded, report taken for unlawful entry into a motor vehicle and third degree theft. Valued loss \$22. 1500 block of 52nd Ave.

10:21 p.m - Brent Anthony Prather, was arrested on a Linn County Justice Court warrant for second degree criminal trespass.

April 10

1:07 a.m - Kenneth Ray Faulconer, was arrested on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to comply on an original charge for second degree theft.

April 11

10:24 a.m - Darwyn Dwayne Thomas Reimann, 23, was arrested for felon in possession of a firearm, misuse of 911, reckless endangering and a probation violation. Lodged in Linn County Jail.

10:53 a.m - Caller reports gas siphoned from vehicle. Report taken, valued loss \$84.

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Emergency medical technicians surround a relaxed team member, Sherman Weld, as they practice their new skills in 1974. They are, from left, "Butch" Winslow, Donna Thompson, Dale Mathis, Walt Mulholland and Erv Reynolds.

April 18, 1974

Electric engraving pencils are available for loan through the library in an effort to help residents "burglar-proof" their belongings. The crime prevention officer of Linn County Sheriff's Department believes the number of burglary cases will decline if residents mark their items with the pencils.

A special TV presentation of the Foster "Open Door" demonstration school library program will air this week. The school district put the special together in honor of national library week. Foster School's librarian Mrs. Milodene Bolen taped the program at the school's media center. Viewers will see how students use the library's equipment and materials for study and recreation.

The Parks and Recreation Board is expected to recommend to City Council that the city register as a bicentennial city. If the city is designated as a participant in the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, Sweet Home could be eligible for federal matching funds for projects such as historical preservation, park development, youth employment, festival and education programs.

April 21, 1999

At \$166 per pie, Larry Blem said he's going to cut them into tiny slices. Blem, Mike Melchar and Gerald Cochran bid \$2,000 each to have a pie baked and delivered each month for a year by Mary Betts. The \$6,000 proceeds was a small piece of the total pie of \$97,000 raised during the annual Boys & Girls Club auction this year.

City Councilman Robert G. Danielson is not convinced that merging the ambulance and fire districts with city fire services is the best thing for the city. He noted the committee involved in the discussions has not yet touched on the question of how the consolidated district is going to acquire city-owned equipment and facilities.

Members of the Sweet Home Genealogical Society broke ground for a 2,500 square foot library and research center located southwest across the street from the public library. Richard Lillich said the need for the center has grown in recent years, especially with the amount of research material (5,009 books) the group has collected since forming. Funds for the project were provided by Jerry Mealey, a long-time member who passed away in 1997.

DEAR EDITOR

There was an incident posted in a SH page about the high school health class having a trans type person as a guest speaker. The allegations were not false per se but there was a great deal of info left out.

I took it upon myself to go in-person and talk to the principal and get to the bottom of this issue.

It's not simply a person that came to the school nor is this a new thing. The group is an advocacy group for Rape, Abuse and Domestic Violence and they've been coming for many many years to these schools. For the last nearly decade they had the same person doing this in person talk. This year they had a new individual that simply put had poor delivery.

The previous individual was very good at using past situations that came to them, using examples of the types of trauma they see, what kind of help they needed, what they can do to get help in a domestic situation, the kinds of domestic situations that are out there that are sometimes mutual and other times forced and abusive etc....

Unfortunately the new instructor wasn't nearly as good at this and delivered messages differently and made a few students feel as if having multiple partners in a relationship was a norm or was supposed

to be accepted.

Obviously not what our citizens want our kids learning, however. The school got on top of it.

The actual teacher knew pretty quickly that the delivery wasn't the same. Those things needed to change. The principal was notified and changes to the delivery, the style, etc, will be addressed. Because this group has been a part of this educational process for so long it was essentially brushed over and notices weren't sent out prior. It's been a solid program historically.

Talking to the Principal absolutely set me at ease because he was all over it. He told me how he deals with restrooms at the school for trans kids, ensuring everyone can be safe and nobody is made to feel as if they have to be uncomfortable with the opposite biological gender being in their restroom. They can use administrative restrooms, council restrooms etc. Furry stuff doesn't happen because they simply have a ban on dressing up, playing dress stuff, etc. They have specific days for school planned pride events people can dress up for, Halloween etc. Outside those times it's simply banned. Not because he doesn't support all children but simply because the only way to have a safe,

quality learning environment in which children can thrive is with legitimate guidelines, rules, safe areas, restrooms available to make "Everyone" feel as though they don't have to look over their shoulders.

Derogatory is Derogatory in his mind. Meaning we all know there are circles in school, groups, clubs, whatever. If the rancher/cowboy group is standing around and yell out nasty terms like jock, tyranny, homo etc... it is acted on, and on the same playing field if they get called hick, sheep herder etc. then it's acted on.

Everyone is treated the same. You don't get a pass because you are in a minority. You don't get a pass in the majority. You treat fellow humans with respect, period.

I could go on because I was there for nearly an hour talking to him and I respect the way he is handling issues, the way he is building our youth and dealing with troubled times. I appreciated that he was straightforward and dealt with me the way he did.

Anybody that knows me knows I'm definitely for accountability. He eased my tensions drastically and is going to be proactive in ensuring going forward the delivery is better, communications with home units are provided, and there is more involvement with the speakers' specific abilities.

- Robert Egner

LOCAL EVENTS

"The Prom" at Albany Civic Theater

Albany Civic Theater presents "The Prom," directed by Christi E. Sears and Mirinda Keeling, at 7:30 p.m. on April 18, 19, 20, 25, 26 and 27, and at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 14 and 21, located at 111 First Ave. W., Albany.

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Garden Club Flower Design Classes

The Lebanon Garden Club

will host free flower design classes at the Lebanon Senior Center from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the following dates: April 18 (stones & water design), April 25 (teacup class design), May 2 (green & petite design), May 9 (miniatures & dried design). This will be in anticipation of the club's upcoming annual flower show to be held on Friday, May 31, and Saturday, June 1.

Registration required to ensure enough supplies. The sign up sheets are located at the Lebanon Senior Center front desk, or contact Merrie Wales at 530.936.7464 or email happycelts@att.net.

Rock Identification

The East Linn Museum will be hosting a rock identification day, with geologist Robert Rose, April 20 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This event is free to the public. Bring unidentified rocks to be identified. 746 Long St.

Arbor Day and Kids to Park Day

The Sweet Home Park and Tree Committee will be hosting a community event Saturday, April 20 from 2-4 p.m. The event is free to the public

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Board Approves Improved Science Curriculum

By Sarah Brown
Of The New Era

After some discussion about schools essentially doing away with lessons on pencil and paper for a more digital version of learning, the school board approved the adoption of new science curriculum resources for the junior high and high school departments during its April 8 meeting.

Board Director Mary Massey expressed concern about whether there's a connection between declining scores and replacing pen-and-paper and textbooks with a digital platform. High school science teacher Michelle Snyder responded that the tests are actually all digital, but she believes the real problem lies in a standardized test that is biased against students in low-income families/areas.

"If we're going to have kids competing in an electronic world, then we need to be teaching them that," Snyder said.

Junior high science teacher Ryan Kildea shared information about Stile for the school's science curriculum, which staff selected as their curriculum of choice to start using next school year.

"What I felt was it meets the students where they are," Kildea said. "It's designed in kind of a newer technology age, and really utilizes those tools to try and enhance it for the students."

Kildea said the science department prefers to prioritize their lessons into more hands-on projects, and less technology and textbook focus.

"We believe that science is 'doing' and 'participating,'" he said.

The department chose Stile because it complements the activities the school is already doing and it's customizable based on what is most effective for the students, Kildea said. Though originating out of Australia, the company has now set up camp in Portland, so much of its content is derived from Oregon-based information. The program also requires less prep time and provides real-time data that instantly shows teachers how well students are comprehending the lessons.

"That was a huge selling point for us," he said.

He also reported Stile encourages the identification and use of evidence to support scientific claims, and en-



Photo by Sarah Brown

Samples of science curriculum from Stile and Savvas are set out on display at the School District office.

courages students to ask more questions and form their own opinions. He also liked the real-world application in its lessons. For example, a lesson revolves around a controversy about a lithium mine on the Oregon-Nevada border.

Snyder presented to the board the science curriculum her department would like to implement at the high school, Savvas.

One benefit of Savvas is it includes textbooks that would help the high school branch out into a pathway for health occupations, which is a goal at the school, Snyder said. She also pointed out that, in addition to hands-on labs, the company's virtual labs allow students to perform labs that are difficult to do in a budget-constrained district.

"It gives us the outline and it gives us a textbook and it gives us the labs, which we're very thankful for, but then it's what we do with that information that makes it even better," she said. "What we do is more than they could ever get out of a textbook any day of the week, in my humble opinion."

The workbooks and notebooks are all digital, which Snyder pointed out is common these days.

"Kids very rarely carry notebooks anymore; when you go to college, none of them do,"

she said. "So that's our goal; we're getting them college ready."

It was clarified that physical textbooks can be made available for students, but a majority of the time the kids prefer to access their books online. In addition, Snyder noted, there is quite a cost-savings to not buying a physical textbook for every student.

"I just want to make sure we all keep in mind how much of our curriculum is going to digital as opposed to a good old fashioned (tangible product)," Massey said.

Board Director Floyd Neuschwander noted that he, too, is "nervous about the digital revolution," but it is something that happened a long time ago, and there are some good benefits to today's technologies.

Massey raised the idea that if schools stop teaching certain skills, such as how to use a pencil, write cursive or hold a book, then there are certain things in a child's brain that don't get activated.

"It's a lack of knowledge that never is activated in the brain," she said. "I just want to be mindful."

In other business:

• Snyder, vice president of the Sweet Home Education Association, reported that the union representatives met with the school district to dis-

cuss contract negotiations and left the conversation "without having to be angry about anything."

• Supt. Terry Martin reported enrollment is down 13 students since last month. He said a decline in enrollment is common after spring break and there might be some early graduations that are contributing to the data, but it could also be related to a trend of enrollment decline across the nation.

• Junior high principal Nate Tyler accepted the award for highest attendance at 88%.

• Tyler reported on activities at the junior high school that support strategic plans for achievement, thriving citizens, thriving communities, and safe and welcoming services. He said one day was spent focusing on teaching students to be respectful, kind and safe. The school also held a food drive, held a fundraiser for a child battling liver cancer, held a day of kindness in the community, sent the leadership class to the Capitol, and reinstated the Interact Club.

• Heard a budget update by Kevin Strong, who reported that although the district's spending increased by more than \$1 million, it is staying "well within" the fiscal year budget.

• Following an executive session, which is closed to public view, the board accepted an evaluation of Supt. Martin. Board Director Mike Adams then made a motion to extend Martin's contract one extra year, making it a three-year contract. The motion did not pass.

• Following the executive sessions, the board approved adjustments to salary schedules for the 2024-25 school year.

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and will be located at Samkey Park. Events include; Tree plantings, outdoor kids activities and free seedling giveaway. For more information visit sweethomeor.gov

Indoor Organic Gardening Classes

Master Gardener Sheryl Casteen offers free gardening classes from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturdays, April 20 & 27, and May 4, at the Lebanon Senior Center, 80 Tangent St., Lebanon.

Casteen promises “a garden myth busted every week” and hands-on planting to take home, in addition to lessons on why plants don't produce, what soil needs, when to harvest, plant disease and nutrient deficiencies, and pests and predators.

Pre-registration is required. Call 541.791.6262, or email sherylcasteen@gmail.com.

Albany Farmers Market

The Albany Farmers Market will begin every Saturday from April 20 to Nov. 23 located in the city hall parking lot and on an adjacent street that fronts the Linn County Courthouse. The Albany Farmers market is the oldest continuously operated open-air farmers market in Oregon. For more information visit: locallygrown.org/albany-saturday-market/.

Auditions at Albany Civic Theater

“Spring Awakening” open auditions on April 22-23; performances in July. Directed by Christy Anderson, tuffy1299@comcast.net.

“Disney's The Little Mermaid Jr.” open auditions on

June 26-27; performances in August. Directed by Rebecca Douglas, rbbailey@hotmail.com. Visit www.AlbanyCivic.org for more information.

Dinner, Silent Auction Fundraiser

Lake Town Academy will host a pizza dinner, movie and silent auction at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 26, at House of Glory church, 30337 Fairview Road, between Lebanon and Sweet Home.

Cost is \$25 per person. Childcare is available for \$5 per child. Silent auction donations are sought. To purchase tickets, visit LakeTownAcademy.com/store. For more information, contact Ashley Knight at 541.224.6828 or email laketownacademy@gmail.com.

The funds raised through the auction help enhance the educational experience for the students, provide resources that may not be covered by the school's regular budget, and support scholarships. This year Lake Town is specifically trying to raise funds for a school van/bus that would allow them to get out and do more field learning, community service, and have an increased access to resources.

Blood Drive

The Sweet Home High School Interact Club will host a blood drive April 30 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Sweet Home High School activity gym.

Carriage Me Back

The Linn County Historical Museum in Brownsville will host its annual “Carriage Me Back” historical fundraiser event on May 4-5, recreating scenes and sharing stories from 1894.

Hop on the 20-seat wagon

and cruise around town to learn more about 1894 before being dropped off at the Moyer House for more drama inside. This year the wagon will be drawn by an antique tractor while a new horse is being trained to help pull the wagon next year.

Tickets are \$15 for ages 12 and older, \$5 for under 12. A whole wagon can be reserved for \$225. Tickets can be purchased at the museum 101 Park Ave., Brownsville or reserved by calling 541.466.3390.

Proceeds support the museum and Moyer House events and programs. For more information, call the Linn County Historical Museum at 541.466.3390.

The Linn County Historical Museum and Moyer House are maintained and operated by the Linn County Parks & Recreation Department.

Bi-Mart Mothers Day

Bi-Mart will be creating a personalized planter for mom, with the crew at Sweet Home Bi-Mart, May 11. Pot painting and planting will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Attendees will be able to choose from a selection of pots, paints, and plants to give mom something special this year.

Civil War at Cheadle Park

The Northwest Civil War Council (NCWC) will host a “Living History” Civil War reenactment from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, May 17 (school day), and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, May 18-19, at Cheadle Lake Park, 37941 Weirich Drive.

A donation of \$3 per student and \$5 per adult is requested, but not required, to help cover

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Photo by Sarah Brown

Dianne Hills poses with some of her beach scene paintings. Her paintings will be on display at City Hall until early July.

ART AT CITY HALL

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Inge, along with her husband Wolf Krebs, operate a small farm in Holley, raising sheep and alpaca that provide all the wool they could desire. The octogenarians noted, though, that they are phasing out their herd for retirement from the hobby.

“We do everything on the farm,” he said. “We make hay, feed the sheep, shear the sheep. She processes the wool, I make the frames for her pictures. So everything is made by us.”

Wolf tried knitting and crocheting once, and succeeded in making a potholder, but really “it's not my thing,” he said. Until recently, the pair would spin, wash and dye the wool to sell at local markets, but now Inge only sells some of her yarn and crafted work on Etsy at [TimberwolfWool.etsy.com](https://www.etsy.com/shop/TimberwolfWool).

Inge has done many different forms of craftwork such as knitting, weaving and wood turning all her life, but said she started felting because she now had her own sheep.

“When we came to Oregon,

we wanted to have a small farm and, because of my love for craft, we thought sheep are good because they are good for wool,” she said.

The Krebs' moved to Oregon in 2006 from the Caribbean. Looking into their past, it becomes apparent the two have an assorted background of experience. They had moved to an island in the Caribbean to teach anatomy at a medical school, but changed careers after a volcanic eruption destroyed the school.

The volcanic damage forced about half of the island's inhabitants to leave, Wolf said.

“We were in a safe part of the island, so we didn't have to leave,” he said. “We had a house and we had (meat) sheep, so we didn't want to go away.”

The two then opened a scuba diving shop and worked in veterinary medicine before moving to Oregon to start a wool sheep farm. Inge said it takes her between one hour and a few days, depending on what she's making, but that doesn't include the cleaning and dyeing of the wool itself.

Krebs' and Hills' art is expected to be on display until early July.

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Coleman said Emma’s submission was very insightful and had some good ideas.

Also during the city council meeting, the council unanimously approved stop signs to be installed at five locations throughout the city. They are at: Long Street and 15th Avenue, Elm Street and 6th Avenue, Mountain View Road and 22nd Avenue, Long Street and Clark Mill Road, and Poplar Street and 54th Avenue.

City Council held a work session on March 26 to discuss recommendations from the Traffic Safety Committee for stop signs at those locations, making each of them a full stop from every direction. According to a staff report in the agenda packet, the cost to install the signs is estimated at \$300 per sign, totaling \$2,700.

Suggestions made during the work session for other stop sign recommendations will be taken to the Public and Traffic Safety Committee for review, Young said.

In other business:

• Coleman made a proclamation for National Library Week;



Photo by Sky Chappell

Mayor Susan Coleman hands Emma Davis an honorable mention award for her submission to the “If I Were Mayor” contest.

• The Council dissolved the All Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee. City Manager Kelcey Young explained the committee was formed in 1996 when it was necessary for flood mitigation planning. The committee hasn’t met for several years now, laws for the committee have since changed, and the public/safety and health committees now manage most of the pieces.

• City Manager Kelcey

Young shared some goals staff has determined they’d like to implement in the future. They include: increase in activities at the library, become an autism certified city, create a new dais for council chambers, begin the wastewater treatment plant project, work on phase II of the police department upgrades, obtain Main Street Affiliate status, launch a citizen’s academy and more.

Sweet Home Community Foundation Announces 2024 Grant Recipients

The Sweet Home Community Foundation (SHCF) annually awards community grants to local projects and organizations that provide lasting improvements to our community. This year’s SHCF community grants of up to \$10,000 each were funded through the SHCF Endowment, the Tim and Jo Ann McQueary - Leave a Local Legacy Endowment, the Safe-way Foundation and the City of Sweet Home.

Grants were awarded in the following categories: Children and Families, Education, Livability, and Arts & Culture. Grant recipients for 2024 are as follows:

• The Sweet Home Parks and Tree Committee will receive \$10,000 for repairs and restoration of the historic Weddle Bridge.

• The Boys & Girls Club will receive \$10,000 to purchase and install two gymnasium scoreboards for use during youth competitions.

• The Arts and Culture Committee will receive \$5,000 to commission a new mural and kick off their downtown proj-

ect.

• The Family Tree Relief Nursery will receive \$5,000 to initiate and enhance their Childhood Development and Support programs in Sweet Home.

• Also receiving funding: The Friends of the Library - neighborhood Little Library Program, the Kids Food Pak Program, the Sweet Home Meals on Wheels Program and the Sweet Home Pregnancy Care Center - Baby Safety Program.

Any individual, family or estate can establish a named endowment under the SHCF’s tax deductible, “Leave a Local Legacy” program. These endowments can be established over a period of time, and they allow the donor to direct future financial support to local programs and projects. This program assures that a family or loved one will be permanently remembered by the community. Those wishing more information about SHCF or about establishing an endowment can visit the SHCF website at giveshcf.org or call 541-730-3670.

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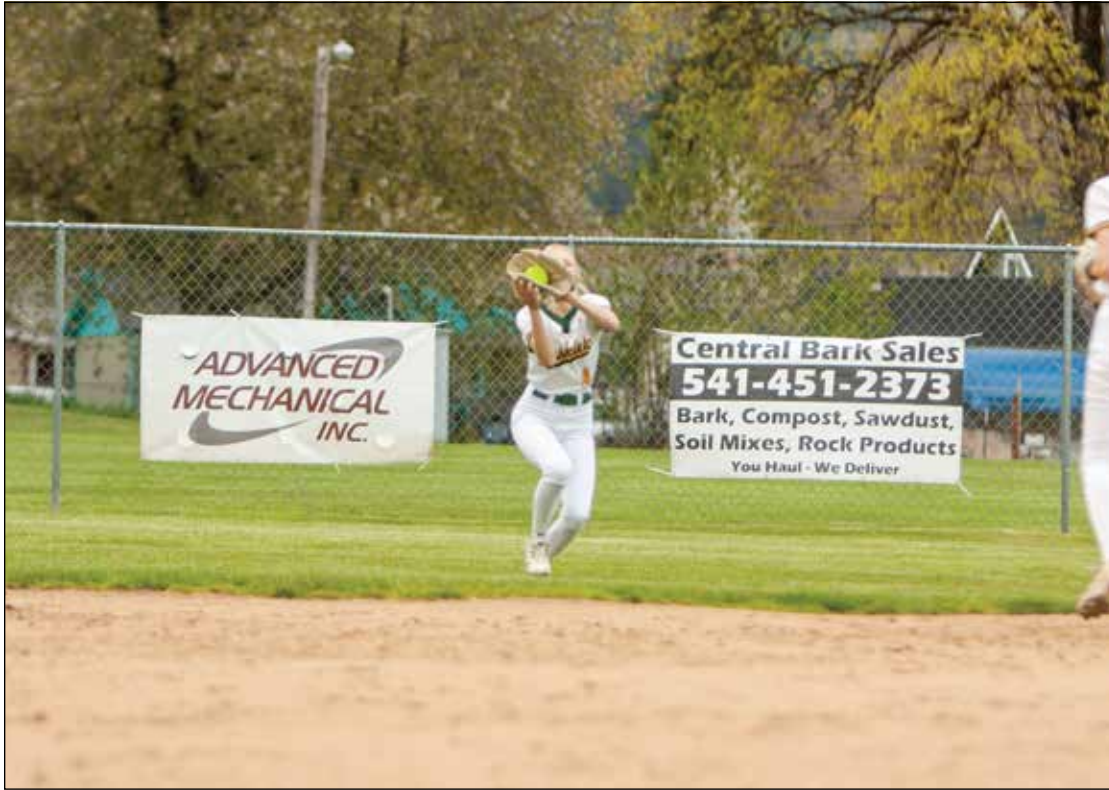


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Addy Vannice catching an outfield ball, ending the inning during the game against Newport, April 11.

By Sky Chappell
Of The New Era

The Sweet Home High School (SHHS) softball team (3-10) had a busy week going into their league play, ultimately winning one game and losing two.

The girls played away against Cascade (8-1) April 8. The game proved to be difficult for the team as they struggled to gain points ending the game 0-7.

The following game was away against Stayton (8-3) April 10, ending with another

loss for the Huskies.

“We played some good teams this week,” head coach Emily Marchbanks explained.

This didn’t stop the determination of the Huskies however, as they won their third league game against Newport (1-10) April 11, finishing 4-3.

“I am really proud of how the girls worked as a team to get a win against Newport,” Marchbanks said.

Along with a win to close up the week, Marchbanks

made a key point that the team will be looking to make adjustments in order to ensure high energy and stay focused throughout the game.

Looking forward, the girls have another full week of league games, first at home versus North Marion (9-2) April 15, followed by an away game against Philomath (0-12) April 17, and finally back at home versus Cascade (10-1) April 18.

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er costs to put on the event. The American Legion will also host a benefit breakfast for veterans on Saturday.

The nonprofit organization works to educate the public about the American Civil War through reenactments. Members wear authentically-reproduced clothing, use black powder weapons, cook over open fires and sleep in canvas tents as they participate in battle reenactments and live the military and civilian life. The reenactments across Oregon are a small sampling of what members do to share about the history and people during the Civil War era. For more information, visit www.nwcwc.net.

Contest for younguns

The Santiam Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution encourages kids in grades 3-12 to participate in the America’s Field Trip contest.

In 2026, the United States will mark our Semiquincentennial: the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Today’s young people are the leaders, innovators and thinkers who will shape the next 250 years, and it’s important their voices are heard as we commemorate this historic milestone.

America’s Field Trip is a new contest that invites students across the country in grades 3-12 to be part of America’s 250th anniversary by sharing their perspectives on what America means to them, and earning the opportunity to participate in unforgettable field trip experiences at some

of the nation’s most iconic historic and cultural landmarks.

Students may submit artwork, videos or essays in response to the contest’s prompt: “What does America mean to you?” There will be 25 first-place winners in each grade who will win a three-day, two-night trip to one of America’s historical or cultural sites with a parent/guardian. Three teachers associated with the top three winners will be awarded with \$1,000 cash. Also, 25 second-place winners in each grade will receive a \$500 cash award.

For more information and to submit entries, visit <https://america250.org/fieldtrip/>. Contest ends May 17. The local Daughters can also help answer questions via email at santiam.chapter@oregondar.org.

Dyno Days

Linn-Benton Community College will host “Dyno Days” from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, May 17-18, at the LBCC automotive technology training center, 2000 Oak St. Lebanon.

The two-day event will include booths, food vendors, tours, games and industry-related opportunity information, as well as the opportunity to run your vehicle on a dynamometer (a “vehicle treadmill”).

For \$50, have your front- or rear-wheel drive vehicle tested three times on the dynamometer to find out its torque and horsepower output. No motorcycles or all-wheel drives; semis are okay.

Reservations are not necessary, but are encouraged.

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Huskies Face Early Challenges in League, Remain Optimistic

By Sky Chappell
Of The New Era

The Sweet Home High School’s baseball team has had a challenging week during their first week of league, losing three games to Philomath (8-4) April 8, April 10 and April 11.

Philomath is currently ranked 12th in the state.

“Although the scores don’t look pretty, we played some good baseball this week,” head coach Evan Teter said.

Along with spending practice time to clean up errors in the field the team experienced during the non-league season, the Huskies also have upped their effort on defense.

“We have seen so much effort on defense; guys sacrificing their bodies, diving for the baseball,” Teter said. “We even had Jason Funk catch a ball while run-

ning into the outfield fence to end an inning and save some runs.”

In two of the three games, the Huskies were able to keep up, until Philomath pulled through in the later innings.

Looking forward, the team has a full week against North Marion (10-2) who is currently placed second in the state, first, playing at home April 15, followed by an away game April 17, and wrapping it up with another home game April 18.

Coach Teter is more than optimistic about these games stating, “We’re excited for another challenge next week as we face North Marion who is on top of our league standings, but we showed this week that we can hang with solid teams, because we are a solid baseball team ourselves.”



Jon Holley pitching during the April 10 game against Philomath.

Photo by Sky Chappell

New Writers Critique Group in Rough Draft Mode

By Sarah Brown
Of The New Era

There are slingers, gun-slingers and edible slingers, but the kind of slinger Jim Corley is looking for are ink-slingers.

Thus, naming his new group "Inkslingers," Corley seeks to bring together those who write (spill ink onto a page) for the purpose of help and encouragement.

"I find that writing is something you have to do by yourself, but it gets better with help," he said.

Corley said he had participated some time back in a critique group out of Arizona, which provided a lot of help for his own books and articles. He has published many nonfiction articles for magazines in addition to a few books. His most recent book is a children's book about elephants titled, "Kubwa," the Swahili word for 'huge.'

Corley also published "Harley the Redneck Shepherd: A Shepherd's Humorous View of the First Christmas," and a few other nonfiction books about shadowing Jesus. All of his books have been independently published, a strategy he learned at a college in California that he also now teaches.

Currently he is getting ready to publish a fiction piece, "The Secrets of Solomon's Seal: A Palestinian Story," through Amazon.

His Inkslinger group, which meets every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Sweet Home Public Library, is fairly new (a rough draft, so to speak), but so



Photo by Sarah Brown

At left, Isaac Denbo and Jim Corley share with DeMilt Morse, right, suggestions about writing books.

far two other writers have joined him.

DeMilt Morse is the most recent newcomer to the group. On his first visit, he brought with him a sample of the first book he is writing.

"This is all new for me; that's what I'm here for," Morse said. "I wanted to see what was available or see what I needed to work on to possibly publish a couple books."

It quickly became evident Morse is the humorist in the group, ready to jest when opportunity presented itself. Yet his preferred subject matter is far from comedic - politics and religion - which, he said, is a difficult subject

to broach in conversation and even more difficult to find people who understand what he's talking about. That's where his book might come in handy.

"I want to introduce the fact that America was founded on dirigisme," he said.

Within his first half hour of posing questions to Corley, Morse said he's already learned quite a bit.

"I see I have a long way to go," Morse said. "I have a lot of questions and I have no idea how to organize my production so that it fits the publication world, so I'm picking the brains as I see them - I want to eat your brains (he laughs). So that's

my purpose for being here."

After having looked over Morse's sample of work, Corley shared that it is well-written, but suggested his last two paragraphs might be better suited as the first two paragraphs. He also suggested the new writer consider who his audience will be, given that the vocabulary is heavy.

Isaac Denbo, who attends the meetings between a busy work schedule, also pointed out some ideas for Morse before the group proceeded to read aloud a chapter from Corley's current project.

Denbo said he joins the group to act as a sounding board for those who need

one.

"I like writing; I just don't have any time to write, so instead I read and edit," Denbo said. "I enjoy being a sounding board and I enjoy bouncing ideas off of (Corley)."

If he does ever take up a book project though, Denbo believes he would try writing maybe fantasy fiction. But, Corley noted, Denbo makes really good observations.

The goal of a critique group, Corley said, is not to pound a writer into the ground, but instead point things out and offer encouragement, and that's something Denbo does well.



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Commissioners OK Zoning Change for Proposed LBCC Ag Campus

By Alex Paul
For The New Era

Linn County Commissioners during the April 9 meeting approved a Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment that will allow 53.5 acres of land owned by Linn-Benton Community College to be rezoned from Exclusive Farm Use to Public Service.

The Planning Commission recommended approval of the application in March.

It paves the way for the college to begin working toward development of a new agricultural program campus on Looney Lane south of the main campus that will include classes about rearing horses, pigs, cattle and sheep.

And, perhaps most importantly, offering what people said is addressing a serious need of veterinary technicians.

The current program is housed on a much smaller parcel of land and its buildings are antiquated. The new campus will include classroom space, parking areas, a storage building and a manure containment barn plus barns for each animal species.

Although no one spoke against the proposal, neighboring farmer Don Jenks said that while he supports the project he is concerned about water run-off from the property and that some of the ground can get extremely wet in winter months.

Representatives of the project said stormwater will be contained in two on-site ponds and no added water is expected to be created from site run-off. Manure will be

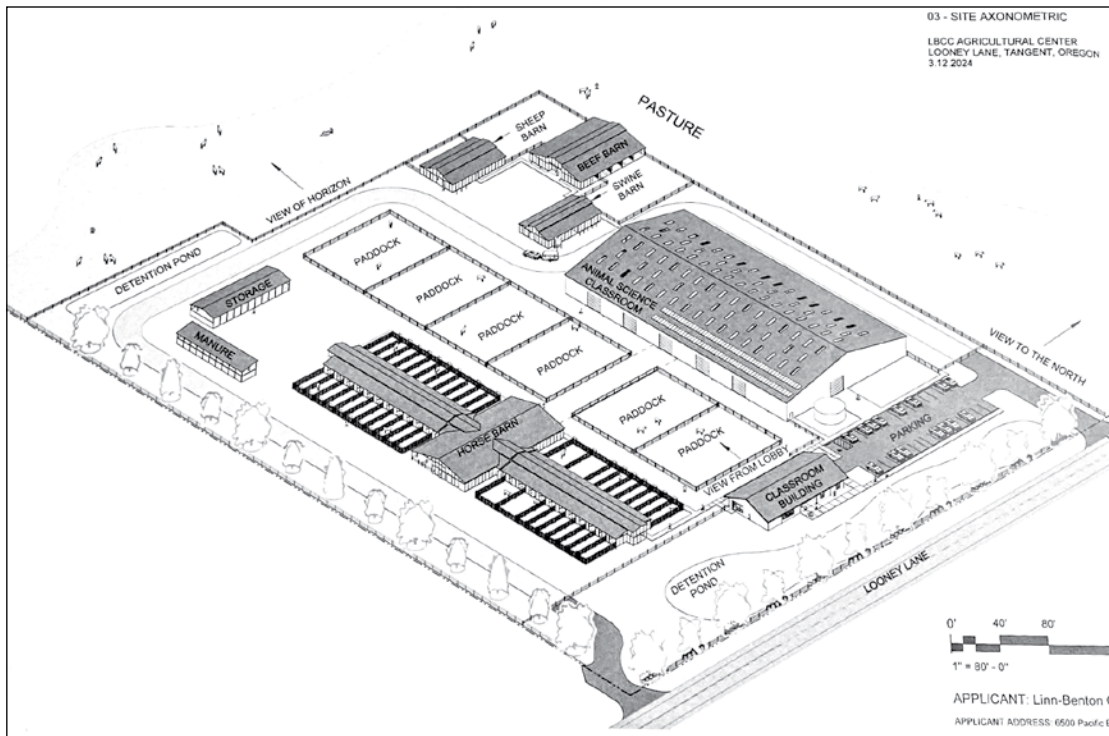


Diagram of the proposed agricultural education campus on Looney Lane.

stored in a covered building and composted. It will either be spread as fertilizer during the proper time of year, or hauled off-site.

Alan Sorem, of the Salem law firm Saalfeld Griggs, said the primary goal is to create a vocational education facility and not as a site for "a host of other uses." He acknowledged there are wetlands issues, but the college is prepared to purchase mitigation credits and to work responsibly in dealing with those issues.

There will be fire hydrants on site, buildings will be constructed with metal framing and materials and there will be fire sprinklers in the classrooms. Traffic is expected to be less than that associated with a nursery or public park.

Sheldon Flom, vice president of finance, said that

students currently often travel to area farms for their hands-on training. This can create scheduling conflicts due to travel times. Also, local ag producers often sell livestock, so opportunities fluctuate with market prices.

Veterinarian Chris Wyckliffe owns the nearby Cascade Equine Center and said the proposed new campus is greatly needed. He said there is a major shortage of veterinary technicians on the entire West Coast. He also said that 70% of his staff were trained at LBCC.

Although they voted unanimously to approve the application, each of the commissioners voiced concerns.

Chairman Roger Nyquist said he is always concerned about the potential conflict of "ag versus ag." In

this instance, an ag education center surrounded by working farms. He was also concerned about the potential to host large events in a rural area, but was assured that is not the college's intent.

Commissioner Sherrie Sprenger was concerned about potential water run-off issues. An engineer outlined the plan to retain stormwater and release it at historical rates.

Commissioner Will Tucker was concerned about the potential that the operation might be considered a Confined Animal Feeding Operation – the college already has 42 horses – which has numerous state regulations. **In other business, the commissioners:**

- Were told by Accounting Officer Bill Palmer that the county staff continue

to spend prudently. He said that although the fiscal year is about two-thirds over, overall spending is at 47% and the county fund balance of \$109,598,000 is almost \$10 million more than this time a year ago.

- Planning & Building Director Steve Wills said six permits for new dwellings were issued in March, three for single-family homes and three for additions. Seventeen new code enforcement cases were opened and 21 were closed. The department received two fire hardening grant applications for the North Canyon area.

- Approved a contract for \$228,856.50 with Legacy Contracting for the Cedar Creek Pedestrian Bridge Project in Mill City. The county will be reimbursed by Mill City.

- Approved a new classification of Veteran Service Officer Program Manager, management exempt and pay range 18.

- Reappointed Mayra Fabiola Herrera Hernandez, Kacey Wimmer and Lawrence Eby to the Health Advisory Council.

- Reappointed Scott McDowell and Debra Haile to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

- Announced that Budget Hearings for the 2024-25 Fiscal Year will be held on April 29 - May 3 at the Linn County Fair & Expo Center. All meetings are open to the public. A daily schedule can be found on the County Treasurer's page of the Linn County website linncounty.gov/treasurer.

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Eluding Chase Ends in Arrest

While on patrol, Lebanon police attempted to pull over a vehicle due to a lack of license plate and expired tags dating back to Jan. 23, on April 11 around 7:30 p.m.

Following an attempt to pull over the vehicle on Crowfoot Road, the responding officer

was unable to find success as the vehicle began eluding.

After a pursuit that ended in the 39000 block of Crawfordsville Drive, the driver, 22-year-old Brody Dylan Burrigh, of Sweet Home, was arrested and charged with fleeing or attempting to elude a police

officer, reckless driving and recklessly endangering another person.

Burrigh also has charges from Jan. 10 for two counts of felony fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, reckless driving and failure to appear on a criminal citation.

Lebanon Community Hospital Foundation Invites Scholarship Applications

The Lebanon Community Hospital Foundation is now accepting applications for its scholarship programs for east Linn County students pursuing careers in health care. Scholarships are available for medical, nursing and nursing education students as well as students enrolled in a Linn-Benton Community College health career program.

New this year, recipients of the John and Carol Dinges Medical Scholarship and the Nurse Education Scholarship who attend Linn-Benton Community College will have their scholarship matched by Inter-Community Health Network CCO in 2024.

The deadline to apply is 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30, unless otherwise noted. Scholarship recipients will be announced before June 1.

The following scholarships are available:

The Frank Girod, MD, Medical Scholarship, for students enrolled in medical school. This scholarship is named for the late Frank Girod, MD, a primary care physician who was instrumental in the establishment of Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital. Applicants must submit an application, a

written statement about their goals and any community service involvement, as well as a Cost and Resource Estimate Worksheet.

The Julietta A. Pape Scholarship Fund, for east Linn County students pursuing a medical degree at the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific-Northwest in Lebanon or Oregon Health Science University in Portland. The Julietta A. Pape Scholarship honors Pape's lifetime contribution to education. Applicants must submit an application, a cover letter introducing themselves, what degree they are pursuing, why they are interested in a medical career and an official college transcript.

The Rachel Easton, RN, Nursing Scholarship, for students enrolled in a nursing degree program. It is named for Rachel Easton, who was a longtime nurse at Samaritan Park Street Clinic in Lebanon. Applicants must submit an official transcript including fall grades, a one- or two-page typed statement discussing why they are pursuing a nursing degree, a listing of their goals, a completed application form, a Cost and Resource Estimate Worksheet, any special circumstances for the Easton

Scholarship Committee to consider, plus a signed and dated letter of recommendation from someone who knows the applicant well.

The John and Carol Dinges Medical Scholarship, for east Linn County students enrolled in an entry-level health care program at Linn-Benton Community College. Examples of entry-level programs include certified medical assistant, certified nursing assistant, medical office specialist and dental assistant. First preference will be given to seniors and graduates of Lebanon High School, but seniors and graduates at all high schools in east Linn County are invited to apply.

The Nurse Education Scholarship, for caregivers and certified nursing assistants who are pursuing continued education in the nursing field. Preference is given to applicants from the Lebanon area and single parents. The deadline to apply for this particular scholarship is 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28. Scholarship recipients will be announced by July 1.

For complete information about these scholarships, call 541.451.6303 or visit samhealth.org/Scholarships.

PUBLIC SAFETY

From page 3

1100 block of 57th Ave.

4:42 p.m. - Christian Jacob Boatwright, 31, was arrested on a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original criminal citation for first degree trespass. Boatwright was also cited for driving while suspended and speeding, 55/35.

April 12

2:18 a.m. - Shelly Cox, 53, of Brownsville, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

2:59 a.m. - Aaron Womack, 50, was cited for a warrant.

7:49 a.m. - Kenneth Saylor, 38, of Sweet Home, was cited for driving while suspended, careless driving and driving uninsured.

2:48 p.m. - James Paul Chapin, 36, was arrested on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for resisting arrest.

5:06 p.m. - Robert Corbin Anderson, 22, was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

April 13

12:28 p.m. - Lesa Hansen, 43, was arrested by Corvallis PD on a Sweet Home Municipal Court for failure to comply on an original charge for second degree disorderly conduct.

12:39 p.m. - Bryanna Sue Harley, 32, was arrested by Corvallis PD on Sweet Home Municipal Court warrants for failure to appear on two counts of third degree theft.

12:59 p.m. - Billy Joe Richardson, 57, was arrested on a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for a probation violation on an original charge for driving while suspended.

2:36 p.m. - Jeremy Lee Sanders, 41, was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving.

4:06 p.m. - Alex Yoder, 36, was arrested for driving while suspended at the misdemeanor, failure to perform the duties of a driver when property

is damaged.

10:01 p.m. - Barbara Record, 62, was cited on a Lebanon Justice Court warrant for contempt of court. Record was also cited for driving while suspended.

11:59 p.m. - Michael Ray Jensen, was arrested on Sweet Home Municipal Court warrants for failure to appear on charges for second degree criminal trespass and second degree criminal mischief.

April 14

4:32 a.m. - Heather Renae Fagan, was arrested by Albany PD on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for third degree theft.

4:33 a.m. - Luke Thomas Ludwig, was arrested by Albany PD on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for second degree criminal mischief.

10:35 a.m. - Charles James Marvel, 22, was arrested for unlawful manufacturing of meth, unlawful delivery of meth and attempted deliver within 1000 ft of a school. Marvel was also arrested on a Linn County Circuit Court warrant for attempt to commit a class B felony, and a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on a criminal citation for third degree theft.

10:45 a.m. - Aleece Rochelle Woods, 38, was arrested on Sweet Home Municipal Court warrants for failure to appear on two counts of third degree theft.

8:44 p.m. - Katelyn Jo Horn, was cited for driving while suspended.

9:58 p.m. - Sean Ever Robinson, was arrested on a Linn County Justice Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for contempt of court.

April 15

4:07 a.m. - Matthew Kincaid Nelson, was arrested by Lebanon PD on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to comply on an original charge for criminal driving.

CIRCUIT COURT

Warrants are out on the following individuals: *Damion Michael Aragon, Kaleb Kimber Banta, Jacob Reginald Bliss, Raymond Larry Bodda, Graydon Daniel Chapman, Hope Marie Connors, Curtis Ray Daniel, Ashlee Dee Flanagan, Aaron Thomas Halvorson, Noe Hernandez-Reyes, Michael Trevor Hilton, Ariel Shanea Kaping, Andrew Donald LeGore, Charles James Marvel, Bryce William McGowan, Eric Wayne McKnight, Larry Robert Morgan, Nicholas Alan Nelson, Daniel Austin Phillips, Julianne Nicole Phillips, Tammy Lavonn Robinson, Paul Levi Shelton.*

Joshua Alexander Williams, 23, was charged April 8 with failure to report as a sex offender.

Darwyn Dwayne Thomas Reimann, 23 was charged April 12 with felon in possession of a firearm, improper use of emergency reporting system and recklessly endangering another person.

Brody Dylan Burrigh, 22, was charged April 12 with fleeing or attempting to elude police officers, reckless driving and recklessly endangering another person.

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Sweet Home Sweeps Woodburn in Dual Track Meet

By Scott Swanson

For The New Era

Sweet Home's track and field teams enjoyed taking a victory lap after defeating Woodburn's boys and girls at home in a dual meet Thursday, April 11.

"The team did really well," head coach Nathan Whitfield said.

The boys won 89-44, while the girls outscored the Bulldogs 92-39 behind 33 personal bests on the boys side and 28 for the girls.

"We competed well and the weather was nice," Whitfield said. "What more could you ask for?"

For the girls, freshman Brooke Elder won the 100 (13.92), the 200 (29.39) and anchored both the short and long relay teams to victory - Woodburn didn't enter the 4x400 and was disqualified in the 4x100.

Other winners for the Huskies were senior Lydia Wright in the 400 in a season's-best 1:07.65, junior Amelia Sullens in the 800 (2:50.78), senior Rylee Markell in the 1500 (5:52.78), sophomore Delainie Pratt in the 100 Hurdles (19.58) and the Pole Vault (7-0) - both PRs, sophomore Selah Wright with a 9-inch PR in the Shot (29.10), and junior Peyton Markell with a 3½-foot PR in the Javelin (109-2), followed by Wright in second with 93-0, a 5½-foot PR.

"Selah and Peyton both had a great day and Delainie had a good meet as well, with PRs in both the Pole Vault and hurdles," Whitfield noted.

For the boys, junior Chase Cameron won the 200 (24.25), senior Kyle Sieminski the 400 (53.85), freshman Kason Koenig-Walters the 1500 (4:51.58) - a 10-second PR, freshman Nick Larson the 110 Hurdles (18.45), junior Dylan Sharp the Shot (43-6½), junior Conner Pace the Discus with a 10-foot PR (130-10), junior Rickey Erickson the Javelin in a 5½-foot PR (136-2), freshman Thomas Culbertson the Pole Vault (7-0), and senior Colin Nicholson the Triple Jump in a personal-best 39-10.

"Both the guys relays did really well," Whitfield said, "and both Kyle and Dillon (Davis) did really well in the open 400." Davis posted a 2½ second PR in the quarter mile, in 54.25.

Also, freshman Landon Murry placed second in the Long Jump with a nearly 2-foot PR (17-4).

Sweet Home traveled to North Marion on Tuesday, April 16.

This Saturday, April 20, with Cascade, the Huskies will

host the Meet of Champions at Husky Field. The meet, for which contestants must qualify, features most of the top performers in the 4A through 1A divisions in western Oregon thus far in the season.

"We have 37 teams right now signed up to come," Whitfield said. "We'll have the top 18 from those teams in field events, and the top 24 on the track. It's a good opportunity for our kids to see how they do against the top competition."

He noted that Sieminski and Davis, who were ranked third and fourth in the Oregon West Conference going into this week, will not be able to compete for the Huskies in the open 400 due to the state Greco and Freestyle wrestling championships being held that day, but Whitfield said most of Sweet Home's other top athletes are expected to participate.

"We'll have a better idea of who-all we get in the Meet of Champs after (North Marion) Tuesday," he said.

MOC field events start at 10 a.m., with running events at 11:30.

Sweet Home vs. Woodburn (April 11)

Boys Results

Team Scores - (1) Sweet Home 89; (2) Woodburn 44.

Top Three and Sweet Home Results

* Personal Best Time/Mark
100 - (1) Joaquin Parson (W) 11.35; (2) Chase Cameron (SH) 11.64; (3) Owen Elsasser (W) 11.81; (4) Conner Stevens (SH) 12.26; (5) Deacon Bachand (SH) 12.31*; (6) Landon Murry (SH) 12:40*; (10) Logan Estep (SH) 13.52.

200 - (1) Chase Cameron (SH) 24.25; (2) Owen Elsasser (W) 24.29; (3) Dillan Davis (SH) 24.51*; (4) Kyle Sieminski (SH) 24.99; (5) Conner Stevens (SH) 25.29; (7) Landon Murry (SH) 25.69.

400 - (1) Kyle Sieminski (SH) 53.85; (2) Dillan Davis (SH) 54.25*; (3) Karl Price (W) 57.43.

800 - (1) Karl Price (W) 2:09.62; (2) Kasey Kast (SH) 2:10.91; (3) Edgar Canchola Marquez (W) 2:19.17; (8) Kyle Porter (SH) 2:41.69*; (9) Izack

Slayter (SH) 2:41.78*.

1500 - (1) Kason Koenig-Walters (SH) 4:51.58*; (2) Hunter Clark (SH) 4:55.83; (3) Keagan Vogel (SH) 5:15.34; (5) Thomas Culbertson (SH) 5:34.58*.

110 Hurdles - (1) Nick Larson (SH) 18.45; (2) Nathan Sandoval Gonzalez (W) 19.68.

300 Hurdles - (1) Nathan Sandoval Gonzalez (W) 46.50; (2) Nick Larson (SH) 47.55*; (3) Carter Clark (W) 51.70; (5) Thomas Culbertson (SH) 57.00*.

4x100 Relay - (1) Woodburn 45.40; (2) Sweet Home (Conner Stevens, Kyle Sieminski, Dillan Davis, Chase Cameron) 45.70.

4x400 Relay - (1) Sweet Home (Kasey Kast, Dillan Davis, Chase Cameron, Kyle Sieminski) 3:42.81; (2) Woodburn 4:03.01; (3) Sweet Home "B" (Hunter Clark, Kason Koenig-Walters, Kyle Porter, Keagan Vogel) 4:16.12; (4) Woodburn "B" 4:19.55.

Shot Put - (1) Dylan Sharp (SH) 43-6½; (2) Gavin Tyler (SH) 42-3; (3) Sergio Bravo (W) 40-1¾; (5) Colton Bennett (SH) 36-3*; (6) Conner Pace (SH) 34-4½; (7) Jayden Mancilla (SH) 33-2*; (8) Jackson Barringer (SH) 32-9¼; (13) Caden Foley (SH) 29-0*; (15) Payton Messmer (SH) 25-7¼; (18) Kolton Kanui-Pollock (SH) 24-0½; (19) Jarron Slayter (SH) 23-10¾; (20) Henry Jones (SH) 21-8*.

Discus - (1) Conner Pace (SH) 130-10*; (2) Sergio Bravo (W) 113-3; (3) Dezmond Chavez (W) 108-8; (4) Dylan Sharp (SH) 99-10*; (5) Colton Bennett (SH) 92-7*; (6) Gavin Tyler (SH) 91-10; (8) Jayden Mancilla (SH) 87-8*; (9) Gunnar Summers (SH) 77-10*; (10) Jackson Barringer (SH) 73-3; (12) Liam Martin (SH) 65-8; (14) Payton Messmer (SH) 64-5*; (15) Jarron Slayter (SH) 63-1; (16) Caden Foley (SH) 62-11; (17) Memphis Gay (SH) 59-0*; (18) Kolton Kanui-Pollock (SH) 57-3; (19) Henry Jones (SH) 56-5*.

Javelin - (1) Rickey Erickson (SH) 136-2*; (2) Gavin Tyler (SH) 118-0; (3) Jack Simmons (SH) 104-2; (4) Kaeson Walker (SH) 100-10*; (5) Blake Arthur (SH) 94-6*; (6) Kolton Kanui-

Pollock (SH) 92-0; (8) Gunnar Summers (SH) 89-0; (10) Boden Sayer (SH) 85-6; (11) Memphis Gay (SH) 83-9; (12) Payton Messmer (SH) 82-3*; (13) Jarron Slayter (SH) 81-10*; (14) Caden Foley (SH) 59-5.

High Jump - (1) Colin Nicholson (SH) 5-10; (2) Joaquin Parsons (W) 5-10; (3) Noah Valdez (SH) 4-10*; (4) Elisha Scofield (SH) 4-8*.

Pole Vault - (1) Thomas Culbertson (SH) 7-0*; (2) Elisha Scofield (SH) 7-0.

Long Jump - (1) Carter Pickett (W) 19-2; (2) Landon Murry (SH) 17-4*; (3) Nathan Sandoval Gonzalez (W) 17-2; (5) Noah Valdez (SH) 16-0; (6) Logan Estep (SH) 16-0*; (7) Nick Larson (SH) 15-6; (9) Elisha Scofield (SH) 14-11.

Triple Jump - (1) Colin Nicholson (SH) 39-10*; (2) Kaeson Walker (SH) 33-9*.

Girls Results

Team Scores - (1) Sweet Home 92, Woodburn 39.

Top Three and Sweet Home Results

100 - (1) Brooke Elder (SH) 13.92; (2) Kaylynn Mamac (SH) 14.06; (3) Kiarah Bryant (W) 14.29; (4) Laralai Mark (SH) 14.54; (5) Stephanie Saultz (SH) 14.58; (7) Khloe Wood (SH) 15.23*; (8) Sophia Stock (SH) 15.33*; (10) Amelia Berg (SH) 16.03*; (15) Ally Downs (SH) 17.40*; (17) Madison Olheiser (SH) 17.80.

200 - (1) Brooke Elder (SH) 29.37; (2) Stephanie Saultz (SH) 30.38; (3) Lydia Wright (SH) 30.41; (4) Amara Gonzalez (SH) 30.59*; (5) Sophia Stock (SH) 31.61*; (8) Aivaih Duran (SH) 33.05; (9) Amelia Berg (SH) 34.20; (10) McKenzie Olheiser (SH) 35.50*; (12) Madison Olheiser (SH) 36.68*; (13) Ally Downs (SH) 38.04*.

400 - (1) Lydia Wright (SH) 1:07.65*; (2) Aivaih Duran (SH) 1:17.30*; (3) McKenzie Olheiser (SH) 1:22.70*.

800 - (1) Amelia Sullens (SH) 2:50.78; (2) Nadiyah Koenig-Walters (SH) 2:56.50*; (3) Miu Simmons (SH) 3:02.57*; (5) Koharu Yasuda (SH) 3:28.34*.

1500 - (1) Rylee Markell (SH) 5:52.78; (2) Miu Simmons

(SH) 6:07.13*; (3) Addison Kahut (W) 6:51.55.

100 Hurdles - (1) Delainie Pratt (SH) 19.58*; (2) Lola Heide (W) 19.67.

300 Hurdles - (1) Lola Heide (W) 50.99; (2) Delainie Pratt (SH) 57.78*; (3) Beatrice Reeve (SH) 59.20.

4x100 Relay - (1) Sweet Home (Stephanie Saultz, Amara Gonzales, Brooke Elder, Laralai Mark) 55.89; (2) Woodburn DQ'd.

4x400 Relay - (1) Sweet Home (Lydia Wright, Amara Gonzales, Amelia Sullens, Brooke Elder) 4:42.65.

Shot Put - (1) Selah Wright (SH) 29-10*; (2) Nathalia Alcantara (W) 28-8½; (3) Jess Martineau (SH) 27-3½; (6) Mailey Brewer (SH) 22-10; (8) Gracie Vaughn (SH) 21-11*; (9) Madison Looney (SH) 21-5¾; (12) Kaylee Looney (SH) 19-4*; (14) Timber Nobles (SH) 16-8*; (15) Mahala Gourley-Webster (SH) 16-5¾.

Discus - (1) Hannah Peterson (W) 94-7; (2) Nathalia Alcantara (W) 79-10; (3) Jess Martineau (SH) 76-5; (4) Selah Wright (SH) 75-3; (5) Mailey Brewer (SH) 69-5; (9) Gracie Vaughan (SH) 60-10*; (10) Kaylee Looney (SH) 54-3*; (11) Madison Looney (SH) 53-3*; (12) Emmersin Coelho (SH) 50-2; (13) Haylee Fortune (SH) 48-3*; (18) Mahala Gourley-Webster (SH) 34-0; (19) Timber Nobles (SH) 33-1.

Javelin - (1) Peyton Markell (SH) 109-2*; (2) Selah Wright (SH) 93-0*; (3) Abygail Foss (SH) 87-9; (4) Rylee Markell (SH) 75-10; (7) Emmersin Coelho (SH) 57-7; (9) Haylee Fortune (SH) 45-3.

High Jump - (1-tie) K'Lynn Bryant (W), Kiarah Bryant (W) 4-8; (3) Sophia Stock (SH) 3-10.

Pole Vault - (1) Delainie Pratt (SH) 7-0*; (2) Amelia Sullens (SH) 6-6; (3) Nadiyah Koenig-Walters (SH) 6-6; (4) Haylee Fortune (SH) 5-6.

Long Jump - (1) Kiarah Bryant (W) 14-5; (2) Amara Gonzales (SH) 14-0*; (3) Beatrice Reeve (SH) 13-11; (4) Khloe Wood (SH) 13-5; (9) Sophia Stock (SH) 10-11.

Triple Jump - No Sweet Home competitors.



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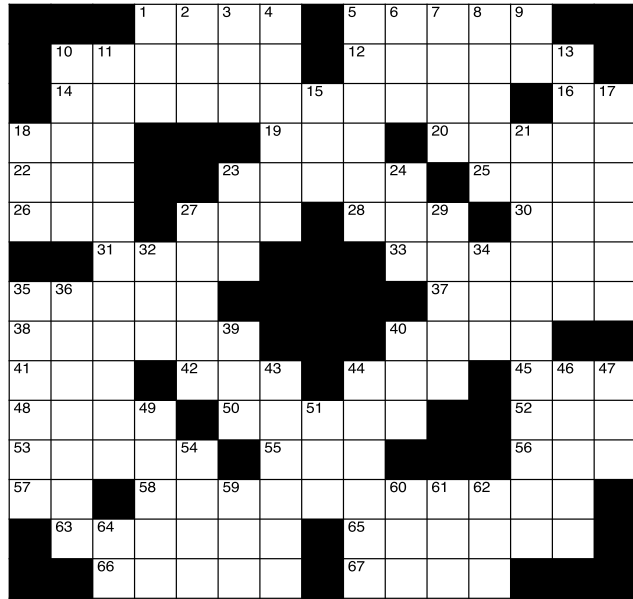
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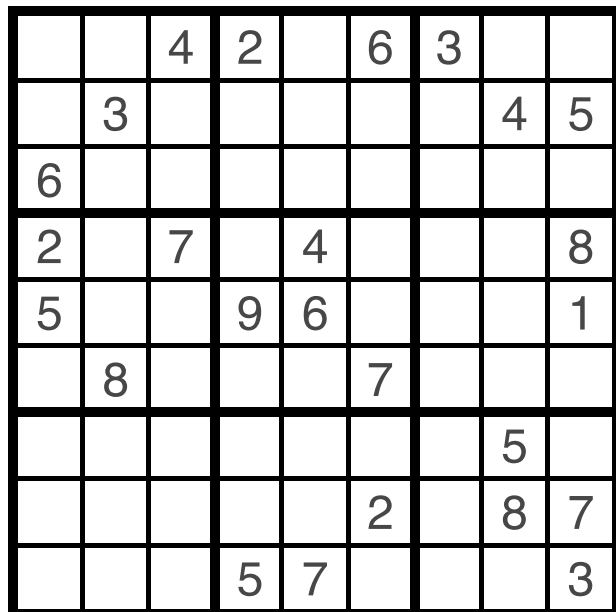
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- 63. Gadget
- 65. Another recording
- 66. Irregular bulges in cell membranes
- 67. Dark brown

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Licensed for Wall Street
- 2. Partner to flow
- 3. A very large body of water
- 4. Accumulate on the surface of
- 5. Central cores of stems
- 6. Angry
- 7. Spanish stew: ___ podrida
- 8. Fastened with a pin
- 9. On your way: ___ route
- 10. Soviet labor camp system
- 11. Enmities
- 13. B complex vitamin
- 15. Go quickly
- 17. Toast
- 18. A team's best pitcher
- 21. Philly culinary specialty
- 23. Small child
- 24. Unhappy
- 27. Trims away
- 29. Full of tears
- 32. Touch softly
- 34. Former OSS
- 35. A person's chest
- 36. Came from behind
- 39. Fall back
- 40. Nellie __, journalist
- 43. A part of a river where the current is very fast
- 44. Weather
- 46. Sports broadcaster Ian
- 47. Electroencephalograph
- 49. Phenyl salicylate
- 51. Web of Things
- 54. Ship goods as cargo
- 59. The bill in a restaurant
- 60. Young female
- 61. OJ trial judge
- 62. One's grandmother
- 64. West Siberian river

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Level: Advanced

LOCAL EVENTS

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To reserve a run on the dynamometer or for more information, call 541.917.4506.

Oak Heights Carnival

Oak Heights will host its annual Spring Carnival on May 18 to raise funds for a cover for the play area. More information forthcoming.

Breakfast for Habitat

Lebanon Habitat for Humanity will host a fundraising breakfast at 8 a.m. on Thursday, May 30, at Boulder Falls Inn Event Center, 605 Mullins Drive.

Did you know that Habitat builds homes for aging in place to make sure individuals can remain in their communities? Join the nonprofit for breakfast "on the house" as they share their plans to expand services in East Linn County. All donations go toward the two current home builds in Sodaville.

RSVP by May 17 at <https://bit.ly/3xojibB>. For more information, call 541.405.5213 or email info@lebanonhabitat.com.

Strawberry Festival

Lebanon's 115th annual Strawberry Festival will be Thursday, May 30, to Sunday, June 2, at Cheadle Lake Park. The event includes All Heroes Day, coronation, junior and grand parades, carnival rides, run/walk, fireworks, Garden Club flower & quilt show, live concerts and a church service.

On-grounds festival hours are: Thursday 4-11 p.m., Friday 1 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, 12 p.m. to midnight, Sunday, 12- 5 p.m. Entrance fees are: Single Day Adult (13+): online presale \$7, or at gate \$10; Multi-Day Adult (13+): \$25; Children (12 and under): Free. Entrance gives access to vendors and concerts. Carnival Wristband: online \$30, or at festival \$40.

For more information about the entire festival activities, which take place at the park and downtown Lebanon, visit LebanonStrawberryFest.com.

Flower & Quilt Show

Lebanon Garden Club hosts its 115th annual Flower &

Quilt Show on May 31 (1-4 p.m.) and June 1 (12-4 p.m.), at the former Wells Fargo building in downtown Lebanon, 809 S. Main St.

Area residents are encouraged to enter their best plant clippings and/or flower designs for free. Quilts will also be on display, and one will be raffled off. To learn more about the raffle or how to submit clippings and designs, contact Lynne at 541.990.3894.

OSWA convention

The Linn County Small Woodlands Association hosts the Oregon Family Forest Convention and Tree Farmer of the Year tour on June 13-15 at Boulder Falls Inn, 505 Mullins Drive.

The three-day event will include a Saturday tour of Oak Basin Tree Farm, a business convention, panels on various topics and a tour of the Freres mass plywood plant.

For more information, visit linncountyswa.com/events/.

Health summit

The Linn, Benton, Lincoln Partners for Health Coalition will host the 2024 Annual Community Health Summit from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Aug. 23. Location to be announced later.

The annual community health summit has been hosted by the Partners for Health Coalition since 2011. They have focused on such topics as childhood obesity, culinary education, holistic avention, adverse childhood experiences, screen time, food insecurity, generational poverty, mental health services and more.

The community health summits have been geared for both community members as well as community organizations and historically were conducted in person. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the coalition transferred the summits to a virtual format with the 2022 summit being the first summit to be hosted in a hybrid model (both in person and over Zoom).

For more information, visit <https://cccwn.org/partners-for-health/>.



Friends of the Library Celebrates 40 Years

By Sarah Brown
Of The New Era

The Sweet Home Friends of the Library is celebrating its 40th anniversary all year long by offering sale prices at its bookstore located at 1200 Long St.

President Amanda Wilde explained that a different section of the bookstore will be highlighted each month, selling books in that section for 40 cents apiece. The sale section in April is action/mystery/adventure. Next month they will highlight the self help section and -ology room (history, textbooks, biology). In December, Friends will host a week-long 40-cent book sale throughout the entire store.

Following a failed levy proposal in 1984, the City of Sweet Home had to close the library for lack of funding. In September that year, concerned citizens initiated the formation of Friends of the Library as a way to run library services through volunteers and provide other support.

The first president of the group, Don Rowe, told City Council, "The value of a community is in its library.



Photo by Sarah Brown

Friends of the Library President Amanda Wilde invites the community with an open door to the organization's bookstore where they are hosting year-long sales in celebration of 40 years.

The library gives a quality of life to a community."

The library was closed for five weeks before it reopened on a part-time basis thanks to \$25,000 from the city and more than two dozen Friends volunteers ready

to serve. The Friends also began planning its first book sale to provide supportive funding and materials, and in December of that year they sold baked goods and crafts at a holiday bazaar to benefit the library.

Today, the Sweet Home Public Library operates from grants and a local levy, but proceeds from Friends book sales help fund all of the library programs. According to Library Services Director Megan Dazey, Friends raises

more than \$10,000 a year for programs such as storytime crafts, the Summer Reading Program, (shipping costs for) the seed library, and new board games and puzzles. They also purchased instruments, furniture, the teen room television, and Nintendo Switch and games. "They fund all the fun things," Dazey said.

As the weather begins to warm, librarians and Friends are gearing up for the Summer Reading Program, which often takes place weekly at Sankey Park. Friends also recently received a grant to replace the little libraries around town with more weather-friendly boxes.

Friends sells books and movies donated from the community and the library, and is operated entirely by volunteers. Wilde has been volunteering there for seven years.

"It's a really great way to help out the community and volunteer," Wilde said. "Our mission statement is to help each person in Sweet Home who loves books to get a book in their hand and learn to read.

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