

## City Pursues Two Litigations Regarding Drawdown

**By Sarah Brown**  
*Of The New Era*

The City of Sweet Home is now pursuing two separate lawsuits regarding the deep drawdown at Green Peter Reservoir. The most recent is an attempt to prevent the next drawdown that is scheduled to occur this summer.

According to City Manager Kelcey Young, both Sweet Home and the City of Albany are filing a motion to intervene to stop the drawdown this year. The motion regards an injunction that requires the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to do a deep drawdown of Green Peter Reservoir every year. Part of the suit includes a claim that the action violated the Clean Water Act.

"The community has asked us to stop the drawdown, so we're doing our best to do so," Young said. "The drawdown so far has been really hard for our community."

The first deep drawdown that started last summer and became noticeable in late summer or early fall affected Sweet Home's drinking wa-



Green Peter Reservoir near the dam reveals bare borders as the water level reaches historically low depths in October 2023.

ter, caused a lot of concern for the citizens and created a lot more work for city staff, she said. If the drawdowns continue, the city will have to retrofit the water treatment plant at an estimated \$10 million.

"That's a huge deal for

Sweet Home because all of a sudden we went from having pristine drinking water to now having to figure out what to do in a high turbidity situation like this," Young said. "That's a huge cost for us and it's not anything that's budgeted. We are working to

try to find funding for that, but it's obviously very, very impactful for us."

Facing a possible multi million cost for water treatment comes at the same time the city prepares to up-

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## Motorcycle Crash Injures Two

**By Sky Chappell**  
*Of The New Era*

Lebanon Fire District (LFD) responded to a call of a motor vehicle collision at 9:13 p.m., in the 30100 block of Santiam Highway on Sunday, May 12. Upon arriving on scene at 9:22 p.m., crews assessed that it was a motor vehicle crash with injuries involving three motorcycles. The southbound lanes of Highway 20 were closed by emergency service personnel and assisting agencies included Linn County Sheriff's Office and Oregon State Police.

"One patient was transported to Lebanon Community Hospital," LFD Division Chief of Operations John Tacy said. "One patient was transported to Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center."

According to a log entry from OSP, a trooper determined a black Yamaha attempted to make a u-turn from eastbound to westbound on Highway 20. After the attempt, the male rider



Emergency vehicle lights illuminate a scene on Highway 20 where two motorcycles crashed.

was struck by another rider. According to OSP, drivers involved were Anthony Lee Bryant, 34, of Sweet Home, and Shawn Lezane Dawson, 60, of Salem.

It's believed the Yamaha driver was Dawson, who was taken to Lebanon Community Hospital with an arm injury, and Bryant was transported to Good Samaritan Hospital with a serious leg injury. Both motorcycles were towed due to damage.





# OBITUARIES



**Charlotte Lavona Whitlatch**  
August 11, 1928 - May 4, 2024

Charlotte Lavona Whitlatch, 95, of Sweet Home passed away Saturday, May 4, 2024. She was born on August 11, 1928 to Leota (Horning) and William Selvester in Pedee. She lived at the Oaks Retirement Facility in Lebanon for 10 years. Four months ago she moved to Wiley Creek Memory Facility in Sweet Home.

Charlotte was a homemaker for many years and worked as a secretary for the Oregon Fish and Wildlife until she retired in 1989. She liked to do artwork, drawing, needlework and make jewelry.

She is survived by her son-in-law Ken Johnston of Sweet Home; grandson Nathan Johnston of Stevensville, Montana; granddaughter Bethany and her husband Phillip Jackson of Sweet Home; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by her parents William and Leota Selvester; brother Delmar Selvester; husband Richard Whitlatch; daughter Sherry Johnston.

A memorial will be at a later date. Donations can be made to Samaritan Evergreen Hospice, 4600 Evergreen St SE, Albany, Oregon 97321. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. [www.sweethomefuneral.com](http://www.sweethomefuneral.com).

**Robert Earl Taylor**  
July 6, 1941 - May 7, 2024

Robert Earl Taylor, 82, of Sweet Home passed away Tuesday, May 7, 2024.

He was born on July 6, 1941

to Dorthea (Schulz) and John H. Taylor in Jefferson.

He grew up in Sweet Home and worked in local mills until he went into the National Guard from 1964-1969. Bob lived in the Portland area for many years, where he worked as a fork lift driver at an aluminum fabrication warehouse.

In his younger years, he enjoyed deer hunting. He was a member of the Sweet Home Evangelical Church. Bob enjoyed being a part of the Sweet Home Evangelical Mens Group. He liked to help people with projects. He helped with Christmas tree sales and other events with the mens group.

He is survived by brothers: John "Jack" Taylor (Linda), William "Bill" Taylor, brother-in-law: Victor Troyer, and many cousins, nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents, sister: Patricia Taylor, sister-in-law: Linda Taylor.

A memorial will be 1 pm Saturday, May 18th at the Sweet Home Evangelical Church. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. [www.sweethomefuneral.com](http://www.sweethomefuneral.com).



**Fern Mildred Martin**  
September 9, 1933 - May 6, 2024

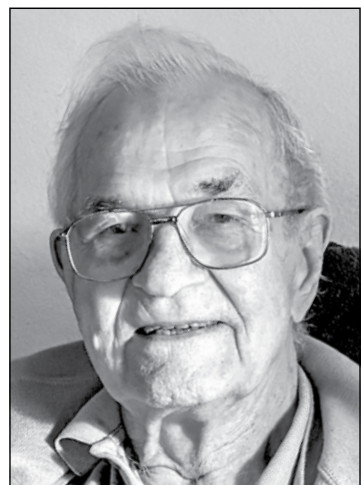
Fern Mildred Martin, 90, of Sweet Home passed away Monday, May 6, 2024. She was born on September 9, 1933 to Violet L. (Fisher) and Chester Hopkins in Minnesota.

She came to Oregon at a young age and grew up in Clatskanie. Fern enjoyed gardening and quilting.

She is survived by her children: DD (Jim) Harris, LoraLee

(Jim) Neuschwander, Dawn (Steve) Lincoln, Becky (Blaine) Anders; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Clayton Jesse Martin; and son, Joel J. Martin.

Graveside service will be 1:00 pm Monday, May 13th at Lewis Cemetery. A reception will follow at the New Life In Christ Fellowship Activity Center, 1266 44th Ave. Sweet Home. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. [www.sweethomefuneral.com](http://www.sweethomefuneral.com).



**Willard Eugene "Gene" Nelson**  
April 10, 1928 - May 3, 2024

Willard Eugene "Gene" Nelson, born April 10, 1928 in El Centro, CA, passed away May 3, 2024 at age 96 in Canby. After serving in the Navy from 1945 to 1946, he married his wife of 75 years, Virginia. The longtime resident of Sweet Home worked 38 years for Willamette Industries before moving to Canby in 1999. He was preceded in death by his parents J.W. and Luna Nelson of Brownsville, and sister Shirley of Brownsville, as well as several nieces and nephews. He is survived by his wife, brother James of Florence, daughter Judy of Canby, sons Steven (Norene) of Sweet Home and David of Houston, TX, seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

**Frank Edward Speck**  
April 27, 1937 - March 13, 2024

Frank Edward Speck, 86, of Sweet Home passed away on March 13, 2024. Frank was born April 27, 1937 to Carl Ed-

gar Speck and Dora May (Hudson) in Rufe, OK. He moved to Sweet Home in 1963.

Frank worked most of his life at Willamette Industries in Sweet Home. He joined the Elks Lodge in 1978 at which time he went through the chairs to become exalted ruler in 1986-1987. He loved working in the yard and hunting, and going on drives in the country with his children and grandchildren. Frank enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his spouse Louise Speck, children: Eugene Speck, William Foley, Paul Patton, Lea Ann Patton, Angie Bruijn, and Kaci Speck. He has 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sons; Carl Speck, Frank Speck; and siblings; Ray Speck, James Speck, Dennis Speck, Malcolm Speck, Mayrene Lewis, Fayrene Anderson, Lena Bowen, and Radine Speck.



**Phillip Alvin Rose**  
December 5, 1944 - February 14, 2024

Phillip Alvin Rose, 79, of Lebanon passed away February 14, 2024. He was born on December 5, 1944 to Delorse May (Caines) and Alvin Clarence Rose.

After graduating from Thurston High school in Springfield he joined the Marines. He moved to Berlin Road in 2004. Phillip was a truck driver for over 35 years. He had his pilot's license and liked to fly, loved to ride motorcycles and his family said he was a lucky gambler. His family was mu-

sical and he enjoyed playing guitar and keyboard. He loved animals, the outdoors and fishing.

Phillip is survived by his life partner: Alice Brunson; children: Debra Babcock, Paula Johnston; step-children: Dan Brunson and Sherry Vandeven; siblings: Sharon, Collene and Loren. Preceded in death by his parents; siblings: Darlene, Tana, and Connie. Memorial service will be at a later date. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements [www.sweethomefuneral.com](http://www.sweethomefuneral.com).

**Jessie Diane Marsh**  
August 23, 1944 - April 29, 2024

With a twinkle in her eye and a penchant for mischief, Jessie Diane (Lucas) Marsh danced her way into the great beyond on April 29, 2024, at the spry age of 79. Born in the sunny state of California on August 23, 1944 to Thelma (Justice) and Albert Lucas, Jessie's laughter and generosity brightened the lives of all around her.

After sashaying out of Central Linn High School in '62 and waltzing through Oregon State University in '64, She found her true calling alongside Daniel G. Marsh, flipping more than just pancakes at their establishment, The Dash In... in Crabtree.

She had a litany of culinary adventures, from The Villa in Brownsville to Shari's in Lebanon, and eventually co-owning Ralph's Place in Albany. Not to mention slinging root beer floats at A&W for over 15 thrilling years.

Jessie could be found at the lake, blissfully ignoring the fact that she couldn't swim, or crafting a new wardrobe for her girls with her sewing wizardry. Her coworkers knew to always watch their backs as Jessie was the queen of pranks.

Jessie is leaving behind a legacy of love and laughter, with her brother Dave Lucas and his wife Sandi; daughters, Diane and Lori Marsh, her squad of grandchildren - Codey, Brandon, Natasha, Amanda, Rachael, Raleigh,

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April	7	57	42	0.13
May	8	65	36	0.06
May	9	79	46	0.00
May	10	85	46	0.00
May	11	88	53	0.00
May	12	80	48	0.00

PRECIPITATION

Year to date: 17.90  
May 17, 2023: 19.38

FORECAST

DAY	WEATHER	HIGH	LOW
Thur	Partly Cloudy	79	50
Fri	Partly Cloudy	72	43
Sat	Sunny	71	43
Sun	Partly Cloudy	73	44
Mon	Partly Cloudy	66	43
Tues	Partly Cloudy	63	43
Wed	Showers	61	45

LAKE LEVELS

Foster Reservoir: 618.5  
Green Peter Res.: 999.4

TODAYS FIRE DANGER IS

LOW

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and Darick – and her battalion of 13 great-grandchildren. Jessie loved Scott, Chrissy and Patty Kleint like her own kids. Jessie also had a heap of nieces and nephews.

While we can't celebrate Jessie's grand finale just yet, keep your calendars open for a summer shindig in 2025. Donations can be made in her honor to the Wiley Creek Memory Care in Sweet Home. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. [www.sweethomefuneral.com](http://www.sweethomefuneral.com)

**Rev. David Adams**  
May 15, 1948 - Mar. 1, 2024

Rev. David W Adams of Sweet Home was born May 15th, 1948 in San Diego, CA to David and Marjorie Adams. He passed away on March 1, 2024 in Portland. He was a jack of all trades, from Army Vet to biker to logger to preacher. He had a working knowledge of auto mechanics, a strong love for family and community, and an even stronger love for Christ. Loved to go hiking, hunting and mushroom picking. There was seldom a week that went by that someone wasn't stopping by and being given a hot meal and if needed a dry place to stay for a bit. If he had it, he gave it...even if it wasn't something he had to spare.

Affectionately called Papa Dave or Shumba by so many over the last twenty to thirty years, He touched so many lives, brought together many in love, and was always sharing God's unconditional love from coast to coast.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rev. David and Mrs. Majorie Adams, sisters Marjorie Gurr and Patreicia Adams-Zedan, son Robert Hankins Sr, and granddaughter Savannah. He is survived by his wife Cheryl Adams, brothers; Thomas Adams, Richard Duke-Adams, Samuel Adams and Charles Adams as well as his children; David Adams Jr, Casey and Brian Walsh, Christopher Jurgens, Cassandra Hankins, Devyn Linder- Adams, and 13 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

A public service for him will be held on May 18, 2024 at 1 pm Hope Church 890 Mountain View Rd, Sweet Home

After the Service there will be a potluck please bring a side dish or dessert:  
<https://www.PerfectPotluck.com/XKUA6162>

In Lieu of flowers, please consider donating as every little bit helps. Thank you for your thoughts: <https://go-fund.me/7f7938ad>

**Patricia Ann Barnes**  
February 24, 1941 - May 8, 2024

Patricia Ann Barnes, 83, of Sweet Home passed away in Lebanon on Wednesday, May 8, 2024. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. [www.sweethomefuneral.com](http://www.sweethomefuneral.com).

**Mark Anthony Smith**  
December 25, 1957 - May 6, 2024

Mark Anthony Smith, 66, of Sweet Home passed away Monday, May 6, 2024. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. [www.sweethomefuneral.com](http://www.sweethomefuneral.com).

**John Everett Snyder**  
December 22, 1942 - May 10, 2024

John Everett Snyder, 81, of Lebanon passed away Friday, May 10, 2024. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. [www.sweethomefuneral.com](http://www.sweethomefuneral.com).

**Elizabeth Clydene Jones**  
August 27, 1958 - May 4, 2024

Elizabeth Clydene Jones, 65, of Sweet Home passed away Saturday, May 4, 2024.

Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. [www.sweethomefuneral.com](http://www.sweethomefuneral.com).

**James A. Stewart**  
December 1, 1954 - May 5, 2024

James A. Stewart, 69, of Sweet Home passed away Sunday, May 5, 2024. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. [www.sweethomefuneral.com](http://www.sweethomefuneral.com).

## 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.*

**May 6**

7:29 a.m - Damion Michael Aragon, was arrested on a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for a probation violation, a Lebanon Justice Court warrant for a probation violation on an original charge for driving while suspended. Aragon was also arrested on Linn County Circuit Court warrants for failure to appear on an original charge for second degree burglary, third degree robbery, third degree theft, resisting arrest, failure to appear on an original charge for second degree criminal mischief, failure to report as a sex offender and second degree failure to appear. Lodged at Linn County Jail.

9:01 a.m - Brandon Dale Miner, was arrested on a Marion County Circuit Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for second degree theft, and an Albany Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for third degree theft.

6:40 p.m - Jonathan Michael Hicks, 39, was arrested on a Linn County Circuit Court warrant for second degree sexual abuse. Lodged at Linn County Jail.

7:58 p.m - Jimmy Varner, 57, was cited for driving while suspended, driving uninsured and undisclosed warrants. Arrested by Linn County Sheriff's Office on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to comply on an original charge of third degree theft.

8:21 p.m - Catherine Jean Hampton, 34, was arrested on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for fraudulent use of a credit card.

10:35 p.m - Connie Pierce, 57, of Foster, was cited for driving while suspended, driving uninsured and a warrant.

**May 7**

12:51 a.m - Clayton Allen Birman, 50, was arrested for criminal driving while suspended, and was cited for driving uninsured.

1:11 p.m - Landon Frank Gerard, was arrested on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to comply on an original charge for second degree criminal trespass.

1:36 p.m - Kelly Duane Kearns, was arrested on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for second degree criminal

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### Crossword KEY

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### SUDOKU KEY

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4	5	1	3	6	9	7	8	2
7	6	8	2	5	1	3	4	9







LOCAL EVENTS

Community Market

The City of Sweet Home Community Market will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays, until Sept. 21, at 1141 12th Ave., next to the library. Vendor booths might include crafts, bakery items, art, fundraisers, kid and teen entrepreneurs, used items, vintage items, and community non-profits.

To be a vendor at no charge, fill out the registration form online at <https://www.sweethomeor.gov/community/webform/community-market-vendor-registration>.

Beautification Season Begins

The Sweet Home Beautification Committee needs volunteers to help plant and maintain the flowers through town. Scheduled work days are the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 8:30 a.m. Work days last about one to two hours. To volunteer, or for more information, contact Patty at 541.990.1487.

Teen Girls and Women's Fellowship Conference

The Freedom Hill Church will host a fellowship confer-

ence May 17-18 at the Freedom Hill Church in Sweet Home. On May 17 there will be a dessert fellowship with praise, worship guest speakers and activities from 6-8 p.m. On May 18 there will be a continental breakfast and lunch, praise, worship, speakers and a book swap from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free to attend. For more information, contact Simone Dankenbring at 503.779.7137.

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 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](http://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](mailto: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.

The two-day event will include booths, food vendors, tours, games and industry-related opportunity in-

formation, 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. 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.

Linn County Small Woodlands Association

Linn County Small Woods Association will be awarding four \$2,000 renewable college/university scholarships to students who plan on majoring in forestry or forestry related Natural Resource courses. Applicants must be graduates of a high school in Linn County. Applications and references must be

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# Vandal Charged with Poaching Thousands of Salmon

Nearly 18,000 young salmon died after a vandal poured bleach into a Douglas County fish hatchery tank on April 22, according to law enforcement authorities.

What may have started as vandalism evolved into poaching with the illegal killing of fish in one of four tanks at the Salmon Trout Enhancement Program (STEP) hatchery in Reedsport.

Douglas County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) deputies arrested Joshua Heckathorn, 20, of Gardiner, and lodged him at the Douglas County Jail on charges of second degree burglary, criminal trespass and criminal mischief.

According to an agency news release, on April 23 a DCSO patrol deputy saw Heckathorn walking south along Highway 101, then encountered him again that evening behind a locked gate in the hatchery facility. Heckathorn admitted to trespassing on the property, entering a storage location and handling the chemical bottle on April 22.

In a cooperative law enforcement effort, DCSO and Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division will collaborate efforts to address both

vandalism on the property and a significant poaching incident, according to OSP F&W Sergeant Levi Harris.

"The Douglas County Sheriff's Office has been a great partner for the OSP F&W Division," Harris said. "Their enthusiasm and professionalism is very much appreciated. Their coastal deputies have helped solve cases and/or held wildlife violators for us a number of times here in Western Douglas County."

Poaching charges will include unlawful taking of Chinook salmon for 17,890 fish, which raised the charge to a Class C felony. In addition, Heckathorn faces charges of making a toxic substance available to wildlife (a Class A misdemeanor), and first degree criminal mischief (damaging or destroying property of another in an amount exceeding \$1,000). Additional penalties could include a lifetime angling license suspension and damage suits for unlawful killing of wildlife.

The maximum civil penalty in Oregon for illegal take of a single Chinook salmon is \$750. Courts have the authority to multiply that amount by the number of fish taken, with a judgment



in this case potentially raising the amount to more than \$13 million, according to Harris. Although it is unlikely to elevate to that level, the case represents a significant loss to the STEP program.

"The killing of these fish is a real blow to the STEP Program volunteers, ODFW, fishermen and the community as a whole," Harris said. "In my 25 years as a game warden, this is one of the most senseless acts I have

seen."

Oregon legislators created the STEP Program in 1981 to give volunteers and others passionate about fish a way to contribute their time and effort. In the time since, thousands of volunteers have assisted Oregon's fisheries with materials, equipment and countless hours of time and labor. STEP volunteers complete stream habitat restoration work, conduct surveys, educate the public,

and hatch and rear salmon and trout eggs.

The estimated 18,000 fish lost contribute to the lower Umpqua River fall Chinook fishery and would have joined approximately 60,000 other fall Chinook pre-smolts that will be fin clipped and released in June. At Elk River Hatchery, about 60,000 fall Chinook of the same cohort are scheduled for release as smolts in Winchester Bay in early October.

## LOCAL EVENTS

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postmarked or email by May 20. Each scholarship will be awarded based on academic achievement, honors and awards, school and community activities and college academic plans. For more information contact Katie Kohl at [kohl@proaxis.com](mailto:kohl@proaxis.com).

### Cruise-in

The Rusty Bucket Tap House will host a cruise-in from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 25, at its location, 4102 Hwy. 20.

Come in and cruise the loop to show off your wheels. Members of the Rolling Oldies Car Club can enjoy 5% off their purchase at the restaurant.

### Master Gardeners with Answers

Master gardeners will be sharing their knowledge and information with anyone interested in learning more about gardening tips and tricks. Rich Little will be at Strawberry Park Community Garden from 12-2 p.m. on May 25.

They will answer any questions the community may have in regards to gardening. Do your tomatoes split ev-

ery year and you don't know why? Are Easter lilies impossible for you to get to bloom? This is your chance to speak with master gardeners and get answers to your botanical questions. You do not need to have a garden bed at the community garden to participate. This is open and free to everyone.

### 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](mailto: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](http://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.

### Tune it Up Tuesdays

Oregon Jamboree will host its Tune it up Tuesdays at 6 p.m. on June 4, 11, 18 and 25, at 1851 Tamarack St. The free event includes a car show, live music, and food and drinks.

### Albany Farmers Market

The Albany Farmers Market will be open every Saturday until 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/](http://locallygrown.org/albany-saturday-market/).

### 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/](http://linncountyswa.com/events/).

### The American Man

The eighth annual Honoring the American Man dinner and recognition will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, June 14, at the Sweet Home Elks Lodge, 440 Osage St.

Nancy Patton, a local community member, created the award to honor men for who they are and what they do. There is a small fee for dinner, but the honored men get a ticket at no cost.

For more information or to contribute to the cost of the trophy, contact Nancy Patton at [pattonprod2@aol.com](mailto:pattonprod2@aol.com) or by text at 541.409.4276.

### Healing Garden Tour

Lebanon Community Hospital Foundation will host garden tours of the Japanese Healing Gardens in Lebanon on June 14, July 12, Aug. 9 and Sept. 13.

Starting at 10 a.m., the one-hour tour will include information on the history of the two gardens and how they are maintained. Meet at the gazebo located at Boulder Falls Event Center next to the hotel, 605 Mullins Drive.

For more information, con-

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Photo by Sky Chappell

Kyle Zajic signing his letter of intent to wrestle for Southern Oregon University.

# Sieminski Joins Southern Oregon University After High School Wrestling Success

By Sky Chappell  
Of The New Era

The Sweet Home Wrestling program signed Kyle Sieminski as their last athlete for the season, May 3. This signing came after the annual “May Day” track meet.

Sieminski marked the fifth and final signing for the Wrestling program. He [Sieminski] is considered to have set history for the Sweet Home High School, being the first wrestler to win four consecutive state titles. He was the 50th athlete in Oregon to accomplish this feat.

Head Coach Steve Thorpe considers Sieminski a “forever kid” as he started with the program at the young age of four. Sieminski also has deep roots in the program. His father, Clint Sieminski, wrestled for Sweet Home High School. Clint was in two of the first state champi-

onships Thorpe coached in 98’ and 99’. Clint was the first ever three-time champion, with his oldest son following in his footsteps, Jacob Sieminski. Kyle was Thorpe’s first ever four-time state champion.

“Make no mistake, he isn’t just good because he had a dad that was good, or a brother that was good. He worked hard,” Thorpe said. “He definitely graduates [from] Sweet Home as one of the greatest kids I’ve ever coached.”

Sieminski was seen with his mom and dad [Tiffany and Clint] during his signing, signing for Southern Oregon University.

Over his wrestling career, Sieminski gained a record of 166-14, with 53 pins. He placed first in the 2024 Reser’s Tournament of Champions, first in the Pape Linn County Championships, first in the OSAA 4A Special

District 2 Championships as well as many other large scale wrestling events.

“If you were going to draw a resume to what he’s done, it’s going to take a little while,” Thorpe said. “He’s achieved so much.”

“I knew I’ve wanted to wrestle in college ever since I was little,” Sieminski said.

“It’s gonna be tough making the line-up. SOU signed some of Oregon’s best kids in the country,” Thorpe said.

Kyle plans on studying for a degree in secondary education, with plans to continue his wrestling career.

“I’m proud of the wrestler he is, but he’s a good person too,” Thorpe said. “He’s funny, he’s well rounded, and a good student. That means a lot. There’s a ton of great wrestlers out there, but he is a great person too, and a fun kid. I’m grateful we get to enjoy the next chapter with him.”

## CIRCUIT COURT

All information presented herein is obtained from publicly available Oregon court and law enforcement records. The Oregon Public Records Law, as detailed in the Attorney General's Public Records and Meeting Manual, allows public access to these records. Every individual named or referenced is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

**Warrants are out on the following individuals:** Kaleb Kimber Banta, Jacob Reginald Bliss, Jedidiah Trevor Childress, Curtis Ray Daniel, Ashlee Dee Flanagan, Aaron Thomas Halvorson, Noe Hernandez-Reyes, Michael Trevor Hilton, Ariel Shanea Kaping, Charles James Mar-

vel, Bryce William McGowan, Eric Wayne McKnight, Carrie Lynne Miller, Larry Robert Morgan, Steven Dale Myers, Nicholas Alan Nelson, Daniel Austin Phillips, Tammy Lavonn Robinson, Paul Levi Shelton, Harley Michelle Webb, Joshua Alexander Williams.

**Nathan Mark Wickersham**, 29, was charged May 7 with two counts of fourth degree assault constituting domestic violence, coercion and interfering with making a report.

**Zachariah Edward Winney**, 22 was sentenced May 1 to two days in jail, and a \$100 fine following a guilty plea for failure to report as a sex offender.

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# CTC Prepares Fire Trucks for Upcoming Fire Season



Photo by Sarah Brown

ODF prepares to inspect an orange fire truck to be used for CTC.

By Sarah Brown  
Of The New Era

Cascade Timber Consulting held its annual fire truck inspections on May 8, running through about 25 to 30 trucks in preparation for the fire season.

"We always do this at this time of the year because we're gonna see some hot weather coming now," CTC President Milt Moran said. "It's still pretty wet out there, but this will give us a chance to get them all inspected and if they have anything deficient, we'll have them ready for when the fire season actually starts."

Moran said that even though fire season is not here yet, he's going to deploy the trucks on their properties

starting Monday (May 13).

Staff from Oregon Department of Forestry assisted in the inspections. Using a pressure gauge on a hose, they checked to make sure each truck was pumping at least 30 gallons of water per minute at 115 pounds per square inch. Most trucks, Moran said, were well exceeding that minimum requirement.

While the state has mandated requirements for these trucks, CTC holds its contractors to higher standards in some instances.

"There's nothing wrong with the state standards; it's just we want more," Moran said.

In addition to a truck holding at least 1,000 gallons, CTC requires a bigger hose

and more hose, as well as special attachments that allow them to hook up CTC's big volume pump trailer in such a way as to prevent men from climbing the trucks.

"I've been here a long time and watched guys with cork boots go up on top of tanks and pull hoses; super dangerous. I've seen guys fall off."

Those special attachments required by CTC eliminate that risk.

The fire trucks are on site for CTC properties during fire season, but they also assist other fire fighting agencies when needed.

"We bring these fire trucks to bear out on wildfires that could threaten our neighbors and our town," Moran said.

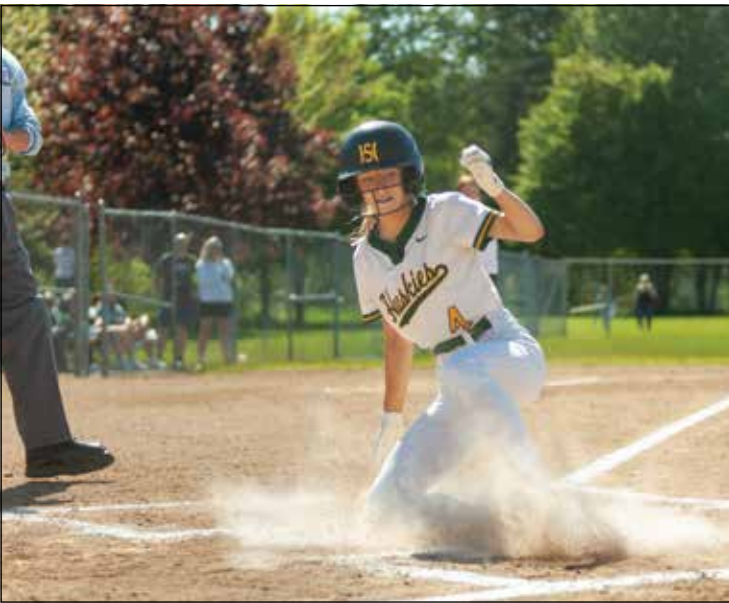


Photo by Sky Chappell

Addy Vannice half-sliding home and scoring a run for the team.

## Sweet Home Softball: Strong Finish, Off-Season Prep Ahead

By Sky Chappell  
Of The New Era

This week concluded the season for the Sweet Home Softball team (10-15). The team is currently sitting 27th out of 31 in the state, getting third in the 4A-3 Oregon West Conference.

The team walked away this week with a 3-1 record, starting with a double-header May 8, versus North Marion (5-17). Due to the increase in cancellations, the team saw back-to-back games, with the first one ending closely with 4-5 and the following game ending 13-1. The team struggled in the first game with their hitting, something they took note of and dramatically improved going into the next game.

In between these games, the Sweet Home softball team was able to recognize their seniors. Along with their recognition, Radiator Supply House was able to sponsor a free barbe-

cue for the event.

"The girls played hard," Head Coach Emily Marchbanks said. "They came back against North Marion in the second game, which was good."

Following the win against North Marion, the girls played away against Philomath/Alsea (1-22). This game ended in victory for the Huskins with the final score being 12-7.

The week finished, with a rescheduled game versus Newport (5-19), which finalized the team's league play, ending 16-8. Marchbanks attributed this win to the hard work the girls did with each of their jobs, ultimately coming together as a team in the end.

Although the season may be over, Marchbanks said there's still more in store for the girls. They'll be hosting open gyms over the summer, with an undecided play off game in the works.



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# Local Artisans Reveal Handicrafts at Community Market

By Sarah Brown  
Of The New Era

Local artisans made good use of a warm spring day by offering their handmade products for sale during the City of Sweet Home's second annual weekly Community Market event on Saturday, May 11.

A wide variety of selections were made available for anyone interested in items such as plants, clothing, hand-drawn designs, jewelry, used goods, face painting, crafts, refreshing drinks, wool products, meat, indigenous beadwork and baked goods.

Terry and Shawna Penix seemed happy to find Annie's Backyard Sourdough at the market, where they bought a jalapeno sourdough loaf. They said they'd first tried it several weeks ago and really liked the flavor.

"You can taste everything in there in every bite, the jalapeno and the cheese," Terry said.

Their friend Chad Van Scyoc also chimed in, raving about the flavor.

"You can taste the difference between a store-bought bread and this bread," he said.

Cindy Moore walked from booth to booth searching for tie-dye t-shirts. While she didn't find any vendors selling her desired fashion, Moore did

find reusable egg cartons and some hand-printed canvas bags to purchase.

Multiple booths displayed the wide range of skills of craft artisans residing in Sweet Home and the surrounding area. Caryn Wise sold fused glass art, Freddie Bigelow offered bird houses designed with faces of old bearded men, and Kitana Waterman and Kylan Kaping had jewelry made from tiny rubber bands.

According to Mayor Susan Coleman, the Community Market was implemented by the city in response to requests for opportunities to sell locally-made goods.

"We're just trying to stir up local interest in our downtown and give people something to do to go shopping in Sweet Home," she said.

Coleman explained how the weekly Saturday markets differ from the weekly Tuesday Farmers' Market held in the same location.

"The Farmers' Market is locally grown produce and the Community Market is more like artisan things, like woodworking or t-shirts," she said.

Clarice Lugo and her friends were selling handmade Native American seed bead jewelry.

"I think it's a good opportunity, mainly because it's my



Photo by Sarah Brown  
Chris Tenbusch hangs up wind spinners at his wife's booth, Jess's Craft Therapy.

first time ever doing it and it was very accessible," Lugo said about the opportunity to sell at the market. "You just need to sign up and it's free. Those are all pros, especially when it comes to being a first-time (seller)."

Next to her was Pam Hewitt's Rock 'N Wool Ranch booth, where one could find a

variety of unique items made from the wool of her own Navajo-Churro sheep, raised here in Sweet Home.

"They're an endangered breed, so we're trying to bring back their genetic diversity," Hewitt said. "They produce many different colors, typically one or two colors per sheep. The wool is relatively primi-

tive, relatively coarse, so it's good for weaving and making the blankets, as well as felting."

Hewitt's booth included felted wool mats, dryer balls and soap wrapped in wool. She explained that the wool helps lather the soap and reduces the chance for the soap to slip out of the hands; also, after the soap is used up, you're left with a washcloth.

Rock 'N Wool Ranch also sells beef, lamb, chicken, eggs and herbal tea.

Library employee Joy Kistner helped coordinate the market this year, directing vendors where to place their tables in the parking lot behind All Star Pizza. She expected more than 30 vendors at the first market event, but a couple unexpected vendors showed up as well.

Kistner noted that, although there is no charge to have a booth at the Community Market, it's important for sellers to register online through the city at [sweethomeor.gov/community/webform/community-market-vendor-registration](http://sweethomeor.gov/community/webform/community-market-vendor-registration).

The Community Market is expected to operate every Saturday through Sept. 21, but there might be some dates canceled due to city wide events, such as Sportsman's Holiday.

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# ODF: People Can Prevent Wildfires

In recognition of Wildfire Awareness Month, Oregon Department of Forestry encourages residents to create defensible space around homes and outbuildings.

According to ODF, each year more than 70% of Oregon's wildfires are started by people. Many are a result of escaped debris burn piles or gas-powered equipment and vehicles casting sparks or catching fire.

During the 2023 fire season, ODF reported that people were directly responsible for sparking 823 wildfires that burned 6,197 acres. Any spark can gain traction in dry vegetation, spread quickly and impact lives, personal property, and the many benefits provided by Oregon's scenic natural areas.

Before heading outdoors this summer, ODF urges recreationists to contact the agency or landowner who manages the land at their destination for an update on current fire

restrictions or bans. Any visitor to Oregon's natural areas should be familiar with these restrictions before building campfires or using equipment that could ignite a wildfire.

In his 80th birthday this year, Smokey Bear is the driving force behind a statewide "Keep Oregon Green" wildfire prevention campaign, with a call to action for the public to predict the outcome of their actions and do everything they can to prevent wildfire ignitions.

For more information, visit the following websites for Keep Oregon Green at [keeporegongreen.org](http://keeporegongreen.org), the Oregon Department of Forestry at [oregon.gov/odf](http://oregon.gov/odf), and the Oregon State Fire Marshal at [oregon.gov/osfm/education/pages/prevent-wildfires.aspx](http://oregon.gov/osfm/education/pages/prevent-wildfires.aspx). Follow Oregon wildfire news and prevention updates on Twitter at @keeporegongreen, @OR-DeptForestry and @OSFM.

# ODFW Seeks Fish Screening Task Force Member

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is seeking a candidate for the Fish Screening Task Force to represent agricultural interests. The ODFW Fish Screening Program helps water users install and maintain fish screens to prevent fish from entering water diversions.

The task force meets, on average, two to three times throughout the year. All meetings have a virtual option. Meetings may be virtual or in-person at various locations and may include a field trip for in-person attendees.

The task force advises ODFW on program development, implementation, monitoring, technology, funding and reporting. Additionally, over the next year the task force will participate in a statewide prioritization of unscreened water diversions. There are more than 55,000 surface water diversions in Oregon and many are authorized to operate without a fish screen. Prioritizing helps ensure that limited resources are maximized.

Water from these diversions is used for various purposes

including irrigation, livestock, commercial or domestic uses, and fire suppression. The impact of unscreened diversions, particularly on young, small salmon and steelhead migrating downstream can be significant. Given that few of these water rights are required to have fish screening, voluntary cooperation from water users is critical to protecting native fish at these diversions.

Task force members represent a variety of groups and interests, which is important for creating a program that's responsive to fish and social needs. This is an opportunity to get directly involved in helping make recommendations regarding Fish Screening Program implementation and to learn more about fish screening and passage issues.

The seven members of the task force are appointed by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission. Three members represent agricultural interests, three members represent fishing or fish conservation interests, and one member represents the public at large. Members serve

two-year terms and may be reappointed to serve up to six years.

The department is committed to ensuring the Fish Screening Task Force represents the age, racial, ethnic and gender diversity of Oregon. Prospective board members should demonstrate the ability to bring the perspective of people with different backgrounds, experiences and identities to Task Force deliberations and outcomes.

Applications are due by Aug. 1, 2024. The application form can be found on the fish screening program website at [dfw.state.or.us/fish/screening/index.asp](http://dfw.state.or.us/fish/screening/index.asp). Interested individuals should submit a completed application to Katherine Nordholm, ODFW Fish Screening Coordinator, via email at [katherine.e.nordholm@odfw.oregon.gov](mailto:katherine.e.nordholm@odfw.oregon.gov). Completed applications may also be sent by mail to the ODFW Fish Screening Program, 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE, Salem, OR 97302.

For questions or additional information regarding the task force, contact Katherine Nordholm at (503) 507-5843.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

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trespass.

4:59 p.m. - Caller reports theft of a bicycle. Officer responded, report taken. Valued loss \$150.

5:16 p.m. - Jason Dale Roy Avery, was arrested by Albany PD on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for harassment.

8:49 p.m. - Benjamin Philip Hyatt, 45, was arrested by Lebanon PD on a Sweet

Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for second degree criminal trespass.

10:40 p.m. - Michael John Hoffman, 51, was cited for driving while suspended.

11:27 p.m. - Kevin Corrington, 25, of Lebanon, was cited for driving uninsured, failure to install interlock ignition device, and switched plates. Corrington was arrested for driving while suspended, contempt of court, carrying a concealed weapon and unlawful possession

of a firearm.

### May 8

4:34 a.m. - Alice Grace Gerhold, was arrested by Portland PD on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for second degree criminal mischief.

9:43 p.m. - Kittens had created a distraction for a deputy while on a traffic stop. Kittens were taken into custody and returned to their owner.

### May 9

12:29 a.m. - Karissa Williams, 44, was cited for driving while suspended.

11:09 a.m. - Cheri Lynn Olson, 52, was arrested by Lebanon PD on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to comply on an original charge for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

11:10 a.m. - Brandin Martin Hugley, 36, was arrested by Lebanon PD on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to comply on an original charge for driv-

ing while suspended.

11:35 a.m. - Caller reports theft of a car battery. Officer responded, report taken for second degree theft. Valued loss \$316.99. NAPA Auto Parts.

1:53 p.m. - Caller reports a hitch to a truck stolen. Officer responded, report taken for second degree theft. Valued loss \$550. 900 block of 3rd Avenue.

3:00 p.m. - Caller reports a neighbor was playing music excessively loud. Officer responded, citation for excessive noise given.

7:19 p.m. - Brad Leroy Morgan, 38, was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

9:12 p.m. - Tristan Lawdermilt, 24, was cited for dog as a public nuisance.

### May 10

12:17 a.m. - Leslie Renee Maynard, 51, was arrested on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for menacing.

1:29 a.m. - Justin Joseph Rhoads, 34, was arrested by Lebanon PD on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for second degree criminal mischief.

9:57 a.m. - Lesa Carina Hansen, 43, was arrested by Oregon State Police on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to comply on an original charge for second degree disorderly conduct.

10:05 p.m. - Keegan Ryker Fox, 21, was arrested on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

### May 11

11:11 p.m. - Deputy responded to a report of a party with minors in possession. Deputy was unable to locate.

### May 12

12:06 a.m. - Deputy responded to a report of a party with minors in possession.

1:45 p.m. - Caller reports theft of car battery. Officer responded, report taken for second degree theft. Valued loss \$360. NAPA Auto Parts.

2:18 p.m. - Stephanie Irene Starkweather, was arrested on an Albany Municipal Court warrant for contempt of court.

4:19 p.m. - Judith Ann Dean, 82, was arrested for hit and run.



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## LITIGATIONS

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grade a failing wastewater treatment facility.

"So that's taking all of our funding," Young said of the wastewater project. "We're ready to move forward on that, but now we're at a point where we have to almost decide, like, which one?"

She noted the city "very much cares" about the Chinook salmon and they may be more inclined to support the drawdown if there were indications it was actually helping the endangered species.

"So far there has been zero evidence that it is helping," Young said. "In fact, just the opposite, there's been a fair amount of evidence that by increasing the temperatures, we're actually jeopardizing them being able to breed."

A February 2024 report from USACE indicated that water temperatures were continually recorded in the mid-60s. The report states, "These water temperatures are known to cause Chinook egg mortality, which very likely impacted redds in the South Santiam River below Foster Dam in October."

At the time of the report, recommendations for the 2024 drawdown had not yet been determined. The Corps and National Marine Fisheries Service might suggest some modifications to the deep drawdown, including changing the rate of drawdown as an effort to reduce high water temperatures.

"Adjusting the timing of initiation of the drawdown and the duration of the deep drawdowns may alleviate turbidity as well, reducing labor and operational costs for downstream drinking water

facilities," the report states.

A little further into the report, it states, "As with many of the injunction measures, spill for downstream fish passage is often in direct conflict with meeting downstream water quality standards or targets, and these tradeoffs should continue to be studied. Refinements to the deep drawdown timing and duration may be proposed to reduce the impacts from the drawdowns."

The suggested refinements are expected to be presented in the August 2024 Bi-Annual Status Report.

News and study reports on past dam drawdown projects elsewhere indicate muddy looking waters from silt cleared up after only a couple years, but Young said those drawdowns were "substantially smaller" and have different soil conditions compared to Green Peter Reservoir. Furthermore, the city was informed the drawdown would not impact the drinking water and, yet, that turned out not to be the case, so it's hard to say the silt will clear up after a couple years based on other-area drawdowns.

"It's very hard for us to be able to say that that's likely when there's already been so many unintended consequences that it negatively impacted us, and this is such a bigger drawdown than any of the others," she said.

Young also reported that it's not just a case of old silt being cleared away, but rather "huge landslides" are eroding off the reservoir, creating new sediment and silt to contend with.

"The entire sides of the hills keep crumbling into Green Peter, so we're going to have this silt and soil con-

tinuing to replenish itself," she said.

The USACE report states, "At this time, it is uncertain if this sediment is impacting Chinook eggs in gravels ("redds") below Foster Dam."

As city staff investigated other impacts to the community last summer during the drawdown, they determined that local businesses saw about a 20% decrease in tourism and profits during a time when people are known to recreate on the lakes and in the surrounding areas.

"Initially the discussion was that it (the drawdown) would mostly just happen during the winter," Young said. "That seemed fine, but it hasn't; it impacts our summer, so then we lose our boating and recreational activity in not just Green Peter, but also Foster Lake."

Young responded to concerns about impacts to wells, saying there does seem to be some validity to reports of wells drying up after the drawdown, but it appears to mostly impact areas outside city limits.

As for citizen complaints about chlorine affecting the health of pets and people, Young said staff "really looked into that," but they couldn't find any evidence from veterinarians or medical centers to substantiate them. She noted the higher-than-usual chlorine content in the drinking water was within safety levels and was even half of what Portland uses on a regular basis.

In fact, she noted, if the city had evidence the water was negatively impacting health, it would be a matter of importance to the city's case against the drawdown.

"If we had ever found any validity to that, that would

only strengthen our lawsuit," she said. "It would also have given us more emergency funding. At that point, where it's a health and safety issue, FEMA and other authorities would have to jump in."

Young said staff also looked into reports of discolored tap water and determined some houses were, indeed, seeing some yellowing in their water. Even her own home's tap water was discolored.

"But one of the things I think is important to understand, too, is there was never silt in the water," she noted. "It was this weird tint that came from the vegetation and stuff that was now getting filtered through the water. Like, think of a tea bag."

In the other lawsuit, Sweet Home and the City of Lebanon are pursuing charges related to damages to the municipalities from the effects of the drawdown. According to Young, the charges will be against USACE and, maybe, U.S. District Judge Marco Hernandez who ordered the injunction. The lawyers, she said, are still working out details.

The cities are figuring out the amount of damages that were incurred due to the drawdown, including increased costs for filtration and chlorine, increased labor costs, the necessity to

retrofit Sweet Home's water facility if drawdowns continue, and any future costs future drawdowns may incur. Young estimates Sweet Home's costs, so far, range between \$12 million and \$15 million.

"But this is also going to be ongoing for a while, so we don't know if we're going to be including this next year's drawdown into the damages or not," she said.

The motion to intervene will determine that.

As for businesses that were impacted by the drawdown, Young clarified they would have to seek their own suit for damages.

In preparation for the possibility of another drawdown this summer, the water treatment plant already has a third water filter online and the water team will be ready to work 'round the clock if necessary, Young said. The city does not expect to offer bottled water to the community, as the treated water always tests within completely safe parameters. If at any point it is considered unsafe, then the city will do something.

"We're doing everything we can to both try to stop the drawdown and to find funding to do a retrofit for our water treatment plant," she reiterated.

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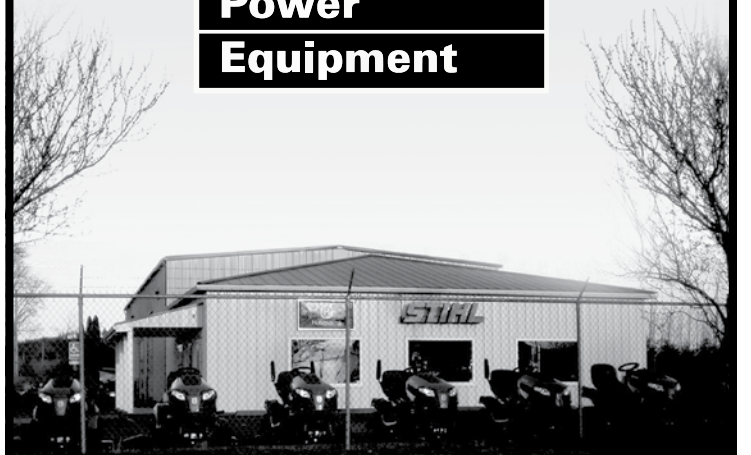
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# Huskies Notch Best District Track Finish in Years

By Scott Swanson  
For The New Era

The biggest surprise of the Oregon West Conference's district meet at Newport on Friday and Saturday, May 10-11, was the girls Pole Vault results, in which Sweet Home sophomore Delainie Pratt rose out of the pack to snag a berth in this weekend's state championships.

But there were a lot of other big performances by the young Huskies, who finished second, tied with Philomath, on the boys side with 134 points, behind Newport (173), the best finish for Sweet Home in years. On the girls side, Sweet Home finished fifth, which was projected, but with more points – 65.5 – than the Huskies were expected to produce. Philomath's girls won the district title with 208.5 points.

"They did good. They did really well," said Head Coach Nathan Whitfield of his athletes. "Pretty much all of the kids we thought could qualify did."

"The girls, as whole, ended up in the same place I thought they would, but they gained 15 to 20 points more than I expected. They performed better across the board than I expected."

Coaches said that temperatures in the mid-80s on Friday in Newport had a big impact, particularly in the distance races, though things cooled off Saturday.

"Day One was super hot, considering that three or four days before it was dumping rain and super nasty," Whitfield said. "It was 85 degrees. Saturday cooled off a bit, but the wind came up, though it was not a headwind."

"It is nice participating on hot days, but Friday was too hot

and Saturday was almost too cool," said senior Lydia Wright, who is arguably the most experienced member of the team. "But we made it work."

Sweet Home finished with two individual district championships and the boys 4x100 Relay team won a district title, but the Huskies qualified athletes in a total of eight events for the boys and one for the girls.

Senior Colin Nicholson finished first in the High Jump and junior Dylan Sharp in the Shot Put to win those titles, and the boys 4x100 Relay team of Conner Stevens, Kyle Sieminski, Dillan Davis and Chase Cameron cut nearly a second off their seed time to win in 45.39.

In addition to qualifying in the High Jump, Nicholson finished second in the Triple Jump to secure a state berth in that event.

The other qualifiers were Sieminski, a senior who made state in both the 400 and the 300 Hurdles; junior Kasey Kast, who notched a return trip to state in the 800 after battling the heat and Newport's Noah Larson down the stretch; and the boys 4x400 Relay team of Cameron, Kast, Davis and Sieminski, which finished second to Philomath – giving the Warriors enough points to tie Sweet Home, which was ahead by two points going into the final event.

Pratt, the only qualifier for the girls, placed second in the pole vault with a 4½-inch PR, clearing 7-4¼, and edging Philomath's Kyah Weeber on misses.

"Nobody saw that one coming," said Assistant Coach Dave Martin, who along with fellow assistant Spencer Hart, coached vaulters this year. "Spencer and I both talked to

her earlier in the week about making sure she cleared her first attempt. She did and the girl who got third didn't. Delainie executed the plan."

She cleared 7-4, and then she had to run the short relay. Then she had to jump 7-10."

He said going to state will be a great experience for the sophomore, who won't have to compete in a 100-meter sprint in the middle of the vaulting competition.

Whitfield said that he was most excited by "just the performances from the younger athletes. We had, I think, 59 PR's over the weekend. You can't complain about that."

Some of those were the distance crew, which in recent years haven't scored a lot of points at districts.

This year's group of two sophomores, three freshmen, and one senior, produced points in all three distance events, Martin noted.

Sophomore McKenzie Miller showed she's getting closer to the league's top runners, placing third in both the 3000 in Friday's heat in an 11-second PR of 11:16.60, then following that up on Saturday with an even bigger personal best in the 1500, finishing third again in 5:05.13, a massive 14-second which put her ninth on the high school's all-time list for that distance.

Martin noted that Miller just missed qualifying for state on a wildcard entry.

"She was the second-fastest wildcard in both events," he said. "She PR'd by 11 seconds in the 3K under miserable conditions. In good weather, she might have run 11 flat. She followed her race plan to perfection. She ran the second half of both races by herself because

she was behind the front two and nobody else could stay with her."

In the 3000 on Friday, freshman Kason Koenig-Walters finished sixth in 10:29.30, ahead of a Philomath runner who came in with a much faster time, Martin said. Sophomore Keagan Vogel was eighth. Though neither ran a PR, they ran "tough" in the "miserable" heat, he said.

On Saturday in the 1500, Koenig-Walters and fellow freshman Hunter Clark were the top ninth-graders in the race, finishing seventh (4:42.63) and eighth (4:44.46) respectively, both personal bests.

Clark also made final in 800 with a 3½-sec PR (2:11.95) on Friday, the second time he'd run the race in high school, though he was about five seconds slower in Saturday's final. But he still was on the podium as a freshman.

Another freshman who shined was Nick Larson, who was second in the 110 Hurdles on Friday with a PR of just over half a second (17.58), breaking the 17-second barrier. He then finished third in Saturday's final, half a second short of making a trip to state.

Larson, who also scored a 1½-second PR in the 300 Hurdles on Friday (45.39), finished sixth in that final on Saturday.

While Miller was a big scorer for the girls in the distances, junior Amelia Sullens also put points on the board in the 800, posting a 1-second PR of 2:41.10 in Friday's prelims, then cutting two more seconds on Saturday to finish fifth in 2:39.58.

Also in the distances, freshman Miu Simmons, a true rookie to track, posted a PR of 40 seconds in the 3000

(13:34.73), then followed that up with a seven-second PR on Saturday in the 1500 (5:48.21). She then followed that up with a 2-foot PR to go 27-11 in the Triple Jump, which she took up midway through this season.

Whitfield noted that the Huskies' 400 runners also had a good day. All three of the boys – Sieminski, sophomore Davis and freshman Landon Murry, made the final, placing second, fourth and seventh respectively.

On the girls side, Wright and junior Nadiyah Koenig-Walters both posted PR's to make the final, finishing fifth and seventh.

Also for the girls, freshmen Hannah Nicholson clocked 29.10, a 1-sec PR, and Brooke Elder a 2/10-second PR of 29.13 to make the finals in the 200. Elder scored another personal best, 28.93, to finish sixth and Nicholson finished seventh Saturday.

Wright said the Huskies have made progress in her four years in the program.

"We have a lot of new kids, a lot of freshmen, kids who had never done it before," she said of this year's team. "They've worked really hard. They've done a lot to get better."

"I've had some teammates through the years that have done a great job, but others just seemed to just want to be here. This year they're really trying to get better. There's a willingness to actually put in the work."

The state championships will be held Friday and Saturday, May 17-18, at Hayward Field on the University of Oregon campus. Events start at 9 a.m. Friday and 9:30 a.m. on Saturday.



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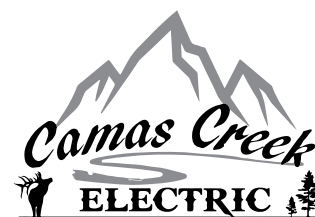
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**Boys**  
Team Scores - (1) Newport 173; (2-tie) Sweet Home, Philomath 134; (4) Cascade 125; (5) Stayton 64; (6) North Marion 24.  
100 - (1) Warwick Bushnell (P) 11.30\*\*; (2) Josiah Hawkins (C) 11.52\*\*; (3) Chase Cameron (SH) 11.62; (10) Conner Stevens (SH) 12.11.  
200 - (1) Warwick Bushnell (P) 22.54\*\*; (2) C.D. Nuno (P) 22.99\*\*; (3) Josiah Hawkins (C) 23.00\*\*; (4) Chase Cameron (SH) 23.42; (5) Dillan Davis (SH) 23.68\*; (9) Conner Stevens (SH) 24.81.  
400 - (1) Warwick Bushnell (P) 51.34\*\*; (2) Kyle Sieminski (SH) 52.09\* \*\*; (3) Merak Krutzikoswsky (N) 52.15; (4) Dillan Davis (SH) 53.66; (7) Landon Murry (SH) 57.00.  
800 - (1) Simon King (P) 2:02.53 \*\*; (2) Kasey Kast (SH) 2:03.22\*\*; (3) Noah Larson (N) 2:04.93; (8) Hunter Clark (SH) 2:16.42.  
1500 - (1) Finn Collson (N) 4:05.74 \*\*; (2) Noah Larson (N) 4:10.51 \*\*; (3) Lukas Hernandez (P) 4:15.56 \*\*; (7) Kason Koenig-Walters (SH) 4:42.63\*; (8) Hunter Clark (SH) 4:44.46\*; (9) Keagan Vogel (SH) 4:45.98\*.  
3000 - (1) Finn Collson (N) 9:05.95 \*\*; (2) Lukas Hernandez (P) 9:16.81 \*\*; (6) Kason Koenig-Walters (SH) 10:29.30; (8) Keagan Vogel (SH) 10:38.69.  
110 Hurdles - (1) Kaz Mitchell (N) 16.32 \*\*; (2) Joshua Davis (S) 17.21 \*\*; (3) Nick Larson (SH) 17.71.  
300 Hurdles - (1) Riley Burns (S) 41.74 \*\*; (2) Kyle Sieminski (SH) 43.28 \*\*; (3) Joshua Davis (S) 44.07; (6) Nick Larson (SH) 45.94.  
4x100 Relay - (1) Sweet Home (Conner Stevens, Kyle Sieminski, Dillan Davis, Chase Cameron) 45.39 \*\*; (2) Stayton 45.93 \*\*; (3) Newport 46.21; (4) Philomath 49.55; (5) Cascade 49.88;  
4x400 Relay - (1) Philomath 3:33.04 \*\*; (2) Sweet Home (Chase Cameron, Kasey Kast, Dillan Davis, Kyle Sieminski) 3:35.58 \*\*; (3) Newport 3:37.90; (4) Stayton 3:41.90; (5)

Cascade 3:48.33; (6) North Marion 4:07.90.  
Shot Put - (1) Dylan Sharp (SH) 46-11¼\* \*\*; (2) Bryce May (C) 45-1¾ \*\*; (3) Gavin Tyler (SH) 44-10¼\*; (15) Jackson Barringer (SH) 33-11¼.  
Discus - (1) Liam Brewer (C) 141-4 \*\*; (2) Bryce May (C) 131-6 \*\*; (3) Jacob Gehley (C) 128-71 (5) Conner Pace (SH) 107-11; (8) Jon Hart (SH) 97-1; (9) Colton Bennett (SH) 94-4.  
Javelin - (1) Josiah Peters (P) 156-11 \*\*; (2) Brooks Ramussen (C) 154-10 \*\*; (3) Oliver Peralta (N) 140-10; (5) Colin Nicholson (SH) 130-2; (6) Gavin Tyler (SH) 128-11; (7) Jack Simmons (SH) 128-5\*.  
Long Jump - (1) Josiah Hawkins (C) 20-8 \*\*; (2) Aaidyn Bokuro (N) 20-6½ \*\*; (3) Salvado Magana (N) 19-6; (6) Landon Murry (SH) 18-08\*; (9) Deacon Bachand (SH) 17-7; (10) Noah Valdez (SH) 17-1½\*.  
Pole Vault - (1) Eli Atiyeh (C) 12-8¼ \*\*; (2) Bryce Kuezi (C) 12-2½ \*\*; (3) Kaz Mitchell (N) 11-8½; (9) Elisha Scofield (SH) 8-9\*; (10) Roman Shreves (SH) 7-9¼\*.  
High Jump - (1) Colin Nicholson (SH) 5-11¼ \*\*; (2) Kaz Mitchell (N) 5-11¼; \*\* (3) Joshua Davis (S) 5-9¼; (7) Elisha Scofield (SH) 4-11¼.  
Triple Jump - (1) Aaidyn Bokuro (N) 42-9¾ \*\*; (2) Colin Nicholson (SH) 40-3 \*\*; (3) Roberto Herrera (N) 36-7; (9) Kaeson Walker (SH) 33-6¾.

**Girls**  
Team Scores - (1) Philomath 208.5; (2) Cascade 170; (3) Newport 103; (4) Stayton 70; (5) Sweet Home 65.5; (6) North Marion 37.  
100 - (1) Janice Hellesto (P) 12.55 \*\*; (2) Ellie Morton (P) 12.88 \*\*; (3) Julia Duncan (C) 13.23; (11) Loralai Mark (SH) 13.94\*; (12) Hannah Nicholson (SH) 14.22\*.  
200 - (1) Janice Hellesto (P) 25.86 \*\*; (2) Lillian Pickett (C) 26.38 \*\*; (3) Allison Course (C) 26.67 \*\*; (96) Brooke Elder (SH) 28.93\*; (7) Hannah Nicholson (SH) 29.43.  
400 - (1) Natalie Dunn (P) 57.36 \*\*; (2) Lillian Pickett (C) 58.94 \*\*; (3) Makenna Fraser (C) 1:02.55; (6) Lydia Wright (SH) 1:06.39; (7) Natiyah Koenig-Walters (SH) 1:06.93; (9) Brooke Elder (SH) 1:07.42\*.  
800 - (1) Haley Butenschoen (S) 2:21.51 \*\*; (2) Macallan Cutsforth (NM) 2:23.14 \*\*; (3) Charlotte Gardner (N) 2:25.95 \*\*; (5) Amelia Sullens (SH) 2:39.58\*; (7) Lydia Wright (SH) 2:41.91; (11) Natiyah Koenig-Walters (SH) 3:04.15.  
1500 - (1) Adele Beckstead (P) 4:51.36 \*\*; (2) Macallan Cutsforth (NM) 4:51.55 \*\*; (3) McKenzie Miller (SH) 5:05.13\*; (12) Rylee Markell

(SH) 5:46.31; (13) Miu Simmons (SH) 5:48.21\*.  
3000 - (1) Adele Beckstead (P) 10:47.70 \*\*; (2) Charlotte Gardner (N) 11:01.34 \*\*; (3) McKenzie Miller (SH) 11:16.60\*; (8) Rylee Markell (SH) 12:40.08; (11) Miu Simmons (SH) 13:34.73\*.  
100 Hurdles - (1) Alexandra Newton (C) 17.55 \*\*; (2) Makenna Burns (C) 17.69 \*\*; (3) Sadie Francis (P) 17.96; (6) Delainie Pratt (SH) 18.90.  
300 Hurdles - (1) Layla Newell (N) 47.12 \*\*; (2) Evelyn Welch (S) 47.12 \*\*; (3) Alexandra Newton © 50.47; (8) Kaylynn Mamac (SH) 53.88; (14) Beatrice Reeve (SH) 59.00\*.  
4x100 Relay - (1) Philomath 49.47 \*\*; (2) Cascade 49.95 \*\*; (3) Stayton 53.01; (4) Sweet Home (Loralai Mark, Hannah Nicholson, Delainie Pratt, Brooke Elder) 54.21; (5) Newport 54.26; (6) North Marion 54.69.  
4x400 Relay - (1) Cascade 4:09.46 \*\*; (2) Philomath 4:11.45 \*\*; (3) Stayton 4:14.93 \*\*; (4) Newport 4:27.40; (5) Sweet Home (Lydia Wright, Natiyah Koenig-Walters, Brooke Elder, Kaylynn Mamac) 4:34.24; (6) North Marion 4:37.17.  
Shot Put - (1) Kalina Saechao (C) 36-3 \*\*; (2) Mysti Ferguson (N) 33-2¼ \*\*; (3) Braley Ford (C) 32-6¼; (6) Selah Wright (SH) 29-9¼; (8) Jess Martineau (SH) 29-0¾; (13) Mailey Brewer (SH) 25-4¼.  
Discus - (1) Kalina Saechao (C) 115-5 \*\*; (2) Jordyn Hood (P) 102-2 \*\*; (3) Alexie Nussbaumer (S) 100-9 \*\*; (9) Selah Wright (SH) 87-3; (11) Mailey Brewer (SH) 77-11\*; (15) Jess Martineau (SH) 65-4.  
Javelin - (1) Ahnika Tryon (P) 112-4 \*\*; (2) Olivia Frizelle (C) 106-1 \*\*; (3) Camille Keck (N) 103-3; (4) Peyton Markell (SH) 101-9; (7) Selah Wright (SH) 96-7; (11) Abygail Foss (SH) 83-11.  
Long Jump - (1) Ellie Morton (P) 15-8 \*\*; (2) Layla Newell (N) 15-7 \*\*; (3) Livia Free (C) 15-5½; (9) Khloe Wood (SH) 13-7\*; (10) Amara Gonzales (SH) 13-6; (14) Beatrice Reeve (SH) 12-2½.  
Pole Vault - (1) Hannah McDaniel (P) 8-4 \*\*; (2) Delainie Pratt (SH) 7-4¼ \*\*; (3) Kya Weeber (P) 7-4¼; (4) Natiyah Koenig-Walters (SH) 6-10¼.  
High Jump - (1) Anneka Steen (P) 5-1 \*\*; (2) Hannah McDaniel (P) 4-10½ \*\*; (3) Alexandra Newton (C) 4-8¾; (10) Khloe Wood (SH) 3-10¾\*; (11) Sophia Stock (SH) 3-8¾.  
Triple Jump - (1) Andiah Johnson (N) 34-11 \*\*; (2) Anneka Steen (P) 32-5 \*\*; (3) Julia Kessi (N) 31-11; (9) Miu Simmons (SH) 27-11\*; (12) McKenzie Olheiser (SH) 25-3\*.

# Sweet Home Baseball Ends Season with Tough Matches



Photo by Sky Chappell

Gavin Grabeel sliding to get an out at first.

By Sky Chappell  
Of The New Era

This week finalized the season for the Sweet Home Baseball team (3-21), starting and ending with games versus Newport (14-9). Even though these games did not reflect positively on the scoreboard, the Huskies stayed strong and continued to persevere until the very end.  
The week started with the cancellation of the first game of the series, May 6. This game was canceled due to weather and rescheduled for Thursday, May 9.  
Following the cancellation, the team played Newport at home on May 7. This game ended 8-14. The team, during this game, was able to secure 10 hits with 39 plate appearances.  
After this game, the team played away at Newport on May 8. This game finished 4-18. Luke Rosa had a batting average of 1.0, also facing 20 batters and walking none while pitching. During this second game, Cohen Gutierrez was able to secure a homerun.  
“[We] struggled at the plate in games two and three,” Head Coach Evan Teter said.  
This week ended with a

home game versus Newport on May 9. This game was “Senior Night,” an annual celebration for the seniors, oftentimes marking the end of, or close to the end of, the season. Unfortunately, the game ended 1-10. Kyle Zajic was able to score the team’s run, with a 100% stolen base percentage.  
“We finished the season on a tough note against a solid Newport team,” Teter said. “They were active on the base paths and we had a hard time containing them.”  
Despite the fact their placement in the 4A-3 Oregon West Conference is now finalized, the team upheld one of their goals from the start of the season, improving upon last years’ 1-22 record.  
“This was a difficult year, but our guys put in a lot of effort this season,” Teter stated. “We already have most of our returners coming out for summer ball and are excited to get back to work to get better.”  
The team has 17 games scheduled in their off season, with one tournament scheduled. Teter is excited to see how the team responds next season.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINN IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LLOYD DOUGLAS LANDER, DECEASED CASE NUMBER: 24PB01963 NOTICE TO HEIRS AND DEVISEES The following information is given to heirs and devisees of the above-named decedent, who died in Lebanon, Oregon on December 12, 2023, including the following heirs and devisees: Brandy Monroe and Joseph Lander. Estate proceedings in the decedent's estate, bearing the clerk's file number 24PB01963, have been commenced and are now pending in the above-entitled Court, wherein the decedent's will has been admitted to probate. On March 4, 2024, the personal representative was duly appointed and is now serving as personal representative of the estate. Your rights may be affected by this proceeding; additional information may be obtained from the records of the Court, the undersigned personal representative, or the lawyer for the personal representative. The name, address, and contact information of the personal representative and the lawyer for the personal representative are as follows. Attorney for the Personal Representative: Freeman Green, Freeman Green Law, 525 Glen Creek Road NW, Suite 200, Salem, OR 97304, Phone: (503) 567-7770. Personal Representative: Cheryl A. Smith, PO Box 2494, Lebanon, Oregon 97355, Phone: (206) 914-5808. Under Oregon law, when a will has been admitted to probate, any interested person may contest the probate of the will or the validity of the will or assert an interest in the will for any reason specified in ORS 113.075(1), but such an action must be commenced within four months after the date of delivery or mailing of the information described in ORS 113.145, or four months after the first publication of notice to interested persons, whichever is later. If you contemplate asserting any of the rights described in this paragraph, those rights may be barred unless you proceed as provided in ORS 113.075 within the specified time period. Dated and first published on May 8, 2024. (May 8-22)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINN In the Matter of the Estate of JOSEPH JAMES DEVINE, Deceased. Case No. 24PB04044 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 2, 2024, Shannon N. Devine, was appointed as Personal Representative of the above-referenced estate. All persons having claims against

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the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached to the Personal Representative or to Stacey D. Mealer, Attorney, at the addresses listed below, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative. Personal Representative: Shannon N. Devine 39043 Sonora Court, Freemont Freemont, CA (510) 333-8267 Attorney for Personal Representative: Stacey D. Mealer, Attorney OSB023915 PO Box 81 ~ 1195 Main Street Suite 2 Sweet Home, OR 97386 (541) 270-2406 ~ Mealer@action-net.net (May 15)

Sweet Home Police Department 1950 Main St., Sweet Home, OR 97386 (541) 367-5181

Notice of intent to dispose of property under ORS 98.245

The Sweet Home Police Department has in its physical possession the unclaimed personal property described below. If you have any ownership interest in any of the unclaimed property, you must file a claim with the Sweet Home Police Department within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice or you will lose interest in that property. You may file a claim that presents proof satisfactory that you are the lawful owner or security interest holder of the property. The unclaimed property may be donated to a nonprofit organization or another government agency; retained for use by the City of Sweet Home; destroyed; or sold at public auction through govdeals.com, ebay.com or Facebook at any time after the 30-day period expires (May 13-June 15, 2024 (PP 23-12 to 24-03.1) Go-kart, tents, bedding, scarf, pillows, blankets, shopping cart, tools, tweezers, headphones, necklaces, ID card for Shawn Gali, magazine, ammunition, boots, pants, sweater, purses, bags with personal items, backpacks with personal items, clothing, vaping devices, lighters, nail clippers, debit card for Dustin Winkler, cell phones, debit card for Christy Cromwell, photos and debit card for Gabriel Grajiola, cash, keys, fobs, phones, card for Thomas Elker, Social Security card for Derl Brown, credit cards for Crystal Gonzalez and Theodore Hilchey, dummy round, scissors, bicycles, license plate, Social Security cards for Neil and Cheryl Reynolds, torque wrench, power banks, holster, Nintendo DS, rings, arrowheads, bracelets, multi-purpose tools, laptop, shotgun shells, sunglasses, star wrench, helmet, tire, wallet and ID for Brent Prather, knives, tablet, pill bottle, various debit/credit/ID/EBT cards (Cheri Lauder, Shawna Tidwell, Sean Hagen, Sarah Bosley, Brandy Parker, Edwin Springer, Valerie Challe, Melissa Brown, Natalie Slime and Robert R. Kennedy), walkie talkie, stroller, propane tank. (May 15)

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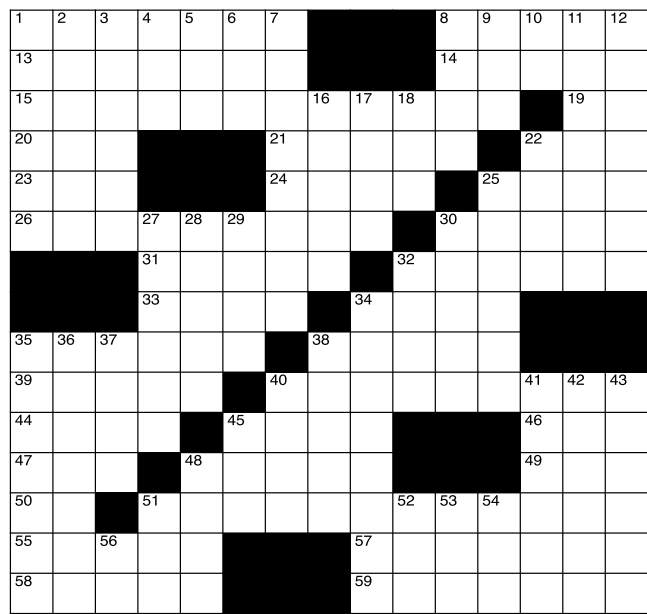
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1. Happen again

8. Large flightless birds

13. A type of account

14. Beyond what is natural

15. Beloved comfort food

19. Rural delivery

20. Belonging to us

21. Typical

22. Pie \_\_\_ mode

23. Returned material authorization (abbr.)

24. Not us

25. Discharge

26. Made empty

30. Fishing net

31. Fast-moving, harmless snake

32. Analyzed into its parts

33. In a way, chilled

34. Hindu queen
35. Circles around the sun

38. Used for emphasis

39. Reactive structures

40. Recommendations

44. Feel intense anger

45. Puke

46. Rural Northern Ireland community

47. Naturally occurring solid material

48. British watch brand

49. Toddler

50. Integrated circuit

51. Being revered

55. "Pets" you can grow

57. Continual

58. Puts together in time

59. Houses temporarily

CLUES DOWN

1. Vital public document

2. Disinter

3. Musical performances

4. After B

5. Every body has one (abbr.)

6. Utilize

7. In a way, disproved

8. Fisherman's tool

9. Of she

10. Trauma center

11. Commercial flyer

12. Administered medicine to calm

16. Popular R&B performer

17. Regretted

18. Leg (slang)

22. "Night Train" author

25. More supernatural

27. Baltimore ballplayer

28. Shoe parts
29. Scores perfectly

30. More lucid

32. Trim by cutting

34. Disreputable people

35. Dramatic behaviors

36. Disorder

37. Private box in a theater

38. More dried-up

40. Raw

41. In operation

42. Pillager

43. Butterflies with brown wings

45. Disallow

48. Own up

51. Hungarian city

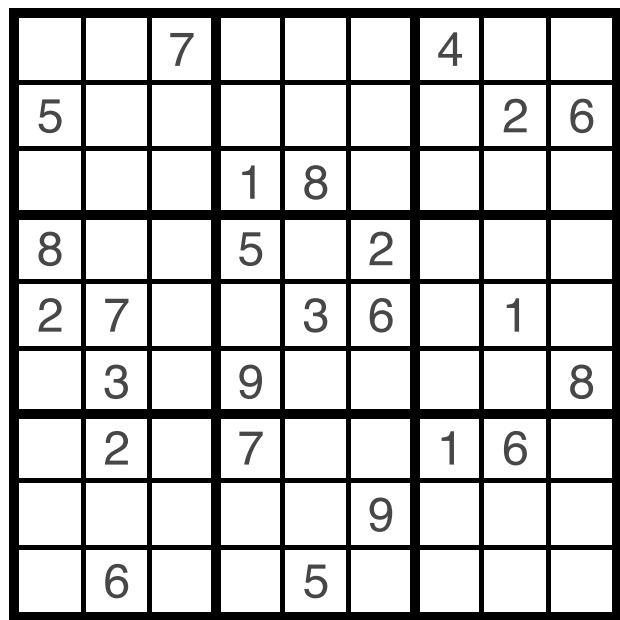
52. A way to condemn

53. Tax collector

54. Lease

56. Not out

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Level: Intermediate

Kidco Head Start Hosts Resource Fair



Photo by Sarah Brown

Courtney Harper paints a Minnie Mouse bow on Charlotte C.'s face during the Kidco Community Resource Fair held May 8.

By Sarah Brown  
Of The New Era

The Kidco Head Start Parent Council revived its annual Community Resource Fair this week, held Wednesday, May 8, in the high school gym.

Parent Courtney Harper said the nonprofit early childhood development program has held resource fairs in the past, and the council brought it back this year as a community service project.

"Since it's state funded, one of the requirements they want is for us to do a community event yearly," she said.

A variety of businesses and organizations hosted booths

at the event, offering services for health and activity, tree and construction, finance, child support, food resources, genealogy, education, transportation and low income resources.

"It's important to show the community what Sweet Home has to offer," Harper said. "I've been here about five or six years now and I feel like I'm still kind of learning what little businesses are in town and what resources we have to offer, so I think an event like this is great to show things that somebody might really need."

Harper and her husband provided face painting for

the many kids present at the event. Kids also stayed entertained with a found basketball in the open space of the gym.

Parents Jake and Louise C. said they were familiar with some of the organizations in attendance, but he was able to pick up information about swimming opportunities at the pool and she was impressed with Mrs. Claus and the Elves Workshop, which repurposes used toys for free Christmas gifts.

"We don't like to waste, so anywhere that has donations, things like that, (is good)," Louise said.

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tact Brandy O'Bannon at [bannon@samhealth.org](mailto:bannon@samhealth.org).

Community-wide Yard Sales

The Sweet Home Chamber of Commerce will host a community-wide yard sale event on June 22, July 13 and Aug. 3 at locations throughout town.

If your garage, shop and closets are full of spring cleaning casualties, submit your address to have your yard sale listed on the Sweet Home Community Yard Sale map. The chamber will provide a map of participating properties to help shoppers find the sales. Requests to get your address on the map must be submitted by Wednesday before the sale date.

To get your sale on the map, call the chamber at 541.367.6186, or visit <https://bit.ly/44otjlk>. A printed copy of the map can be picked up the Friday before each sale at the chamber, or found at the garage sale board at 18th and Long streets.

Charity Car Show

The Sweet Home Sweet Ride Charity Car Show for Kids will be held from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 29, at the high school track and field.

The event includes a car show, burn-out pit, poker walk, raffles, 50/50, vendors, food and music, and new car exhibits. To register your car into the event, visit [SweetHomeSweetRide.com](http://SweetHomeSweetRide.com).

Proceeds benefit Doernbecher Children's Hospital, Shop With a Cop, Sunshine Industries

Auditions at Albany Civic Theater

"Disney's The Little Mermaid Jr." open auditions on June 26-27; performances in August. Directed by Rebecca Douglas, [rbbaily@hotmail.com](mailto:rbbaily@hotmail.com).

Visit [www.AlbanyCivic.org](http://www.AlbanyCivic.org) for more information.

Cut the Gut

The Sweet Home Chamber will host the annual Icebox Cut the Gut Car Cruise from 6-9 p.m. on Friday, July 12,

rain or shine. The "Cut the Gut" car cruise is more than just a celebration of vehicles – it's a chance for car enthusiasts to come together, share their passion and enjoy a fun-filled night in the beautiful town of Sweet Home.

This year, the first 300 registrations will receive a custom aluminum dash plaque. The cruise features business checkpoints from one end of Sweet Home to the other. At each stop, participants will have their passports stamped for a chance to win a raffle prize.

Participants are encouraged to bring their best rides to show off, and spectators are encouraged to sit along the route to watch the show.

Passports and apparel may be purchased at the chamber (1575 Main St.) or online at [CutTheGutCruise.com](http://CutTheGutCruise.com), and will be available for pick-up on July 12 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the chamber or at the "pre-registered" table in the Sweet Home High School parking lot, 1576 Long St. starting at 5:30 p.m.





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