

Huskies Double Medals Haul at State

By Scott Swanson
For The New Era

Sweet Home finished with four medalists at the 4A State Track and Field Championships, held Friday and Saturday, May 17-18, at Hayward Field at the University in Oregon at Eugene.

That medals haul was twice the success the Huskies had last year, Head Coach Nathan Whitfield noted.

“Last year we came back with two events medaling,” Whitfield said. “This year we came back with four and we came close in a lot of the others. All of them were close to placing, except our vertical jumps. The level of competition was tough this year.”

Medalists for Sweet Home were senior Colin Nicholson in the Triple Jump, junior Dylan Sharp in the Shot Put, senior Kyle Sieminski in the 300 Hurdles, and the 4x400 team of Sieminski, juniors Chase Cameron and Kasey Kast, and sophomore Dylan Davis.

Sharp got things rolling Friday in the shot by nearly



From left, Chase Cameron, Kasey Kast, Kyle Sieminski, and Dylan Davis stand together displaying their championship medals.

matching his 2-foot PR from the district championships the week before, throwing 46-9, which was good for seventh place.

“He came in seeded No. 9,” Whitfield said. “Especially after a big PR the week before,

sometimes it’s hard to replicate that. He handled the competition. He did great.”

Sharp said he enjoyed the experience.

“A lot of people were saying that the size of the stadium could get to you, but I didn’t

think it was too bad,” he said. “I saw the Shot Put ring and it was like any other Shot Put ring I’ve been in and I threw like I always have.

“It was a sunny day and I was feeling good and I feel

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Medical Emergency Likely Cause of Wreck

Sweet Home police and fire crews responded to a single motor vehicle crash at 1294 44th Ave. on Wednesday, May 15, at 2:46 p.m. Callers reported that the involved vehicle crashed into storage units at the location and the crash appeared to be causing a fire.

Upon arrival, officers located a 2007 Chevrolet Silverado which through preliminary investigation was believed to be traveling northbound on 44th Avenue before veering off the roadway and crashing into the storage units.

Officers and citizens used fire extinguishers to minimize the threat of fire. Officers were able to gain access to the vehicle where they located a male who was unresponsive. They pulled the occupant out of the vehicle and assisted Sweet Home Fire Department personnel in life-saving efforts. Those efforts were eventually stopped after determining the occupant was deceased.

With the assistance of personnel from the Medical Ex-



Police and fire crews rush to rescue a driver and put out a car fire.

aminer’s Office, it is believed the operator of the involved vehicle, Phillip Wayne Stafford, 76, of Sweet Home, suffered from an emergency medical problem causing the vehicle to veer off the

roadway and crash. A deputy with the Linn County Sheriff’s Office assigned to the Multi-Agency Investigation Team assisted SHPD in surveying the crash scene.

If anyone has any informa-

tion that may be beneficial for the investigation, contact Sergeant Hickcox with the Sweet Home Police Department by phone or email at 541.367.5181 or dhickcox@sweethomeor.gov.

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OBITUARIES



Carolyn Jean Wheeler
December 13, 1941 – April 17, 2024

Carolyn Jean Wheeler, 82, of Crawfordsville peacefully passed away.

She was born in Akron, Colorado to Walter Leroy and Helen Irene (Johnson) Ross.

The Ross family moved to Oregon in 1945. While working at the Spring Drive In, she met Guy Wheeler in 1963 and they were married in 1964.

When the three Wheeler kids were old enough to be in school, Carolyn started working for the Sweet Home School District, retiring in 2004 as an administrative assistant at the high school.

Her hobbies included ceramics, flower and vegetable gardening, genealogy, reading and working Sudoku puzzles.

She was a dedicated blood donor, recently receiving her 24 gallon pin. She and her husband, Guy, also enjoyed being campground hosts at the Oregon Jamboree and made lifelong friends there.

After retirement, Guy and Carolyn began to spend winters in Arizona. They enjoyed trips to the desert in their Jeep and socializing with new friends they had met in their travels.

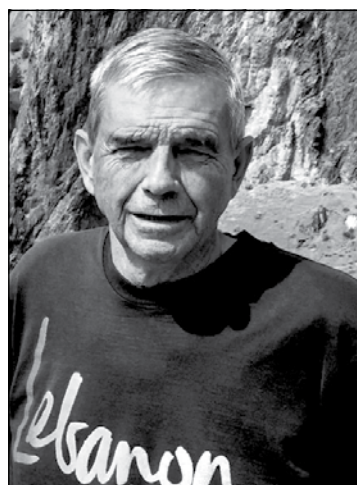
Carolyn is survived by her children; Debbie (Tom) Yeack, Brad (Ely) Wheeler, Angela (Steve) Krause; grandsons: Cory (Jennifer) Yeack, Kyle (Brandy) Yeack, and Taylor Fink; granddaughter, Elisa (Thomas) Avants; eight great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Donald (Jan) Wheeler; sister-in-law, Deanne Jenkins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Guy; father and mother; brothers Jack and Leroy; sister Darlene (Shain) Thompson.

A memorial service was May 19, 2024 at Community Chapel in Sweet Home.

The New Era and it's staff regret not publishing this notice in a timely manner

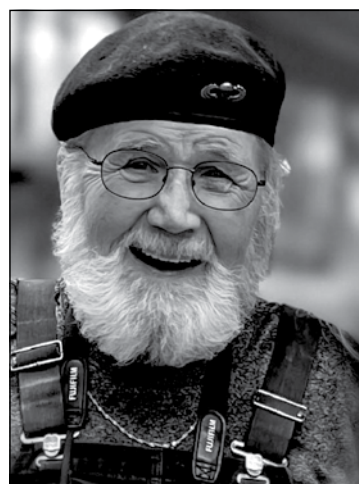
In lieu of contributions, Mom would want you to make memories with your loved ones.



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

John Everett Snyder, of Lebanon, unexpectedly passed away on Friday, May 10th, 2024 at the age of 82, the very day Aurora Borealis lit up our night skies. John was the heart of gold in every room and never met a stranger in his life. Born on December 22, 1942 to Alma and Donald Snyder in Marshfield, Oregon, shortly thereafter his entire family relocated to Lebanon, which had been home to John for more than 79 years. As a graduate of Lebanon High School and a student at Oregon State University, John was a scratch golfer and had won numerous tournaments over the years in Oregon. John remained a proud Lebanon Warrior booster, regularly attending home games for both women and men intramural sporting events. Those left to celebrate and cherish the memories of John are his daughter, Kelly; his son, John Jr.; his daughter-in-law Jami; his grandchildren, Jackson, Jillian and Johnny; his siblings, Donald Louis Snyder and Phylis Mae Rawlings; and other treasured lifelong friends and extended family members. John will be missed beyond words by all who loved and knew him. A celebration of life will be held in June for friends and family. As a way to honor John's generous heart and love of animals, please consider making a donation in his memory either to Safe Haven Humane Society or Fences For Fido.

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David "Dave" Louis Barstad
December 27, 1944 - April 22, 2024

David Louis Barstad, fondly remembered as "Iron Man," left this world on April 22, 2024, in McMinnville, at the venerable age of 79.

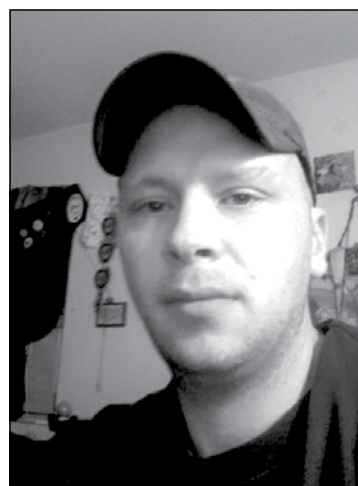
Born on December 27, 1944, in Silverton, he lived a life marked by bravery, kindness, and an indomitable spirit. A decorated Army veteran of the Vietnam War, David's life was a tapestry of service and adventure. His love for hunting and knack for repair were matched only by his skill in weaving tales that captured the imagination of all who had the pleasure of listening. His charismatic presence attracted a circle of friends that spanned far and wide.

David's heart belonged to his family, a source of endless pride and joy. He leaves behind his devoted wife, Sue; his children, Tami and adopted son Nick; his stepchildren, Beth, Laurie, Marq, and David; his siblings, Carolyn, Shari, Roger, and Bob; and a legacy carried on by numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in passing were his parents, Melvin and Gladys; his brother, Gerald; and his son, David Jr.

His legacy is one of valor and warmth, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of those he touched. David's absence will be profoundly felt by all who had the honor of knowing him.

A commemorative service will be held in his honor at the Sweet Home VFW on June 8th at 1 pm, where we will celebrate the remarkable journey of a true hero among us.



Wayne Cole Howser
October 8, 1975 - March 7, 2024

Wayne Cole Howser, 48, born October 8, 1975, passed away March 7, 2024, surrounded by family at OSHU hospital after an accident with a concrete saw. He was known for his ability to fix ANYTHING, a master carpenter and a great mechanic.

He enjoyed building RC cars, electric planes, four wheeling and motorcycle riding.

He leaves behind many who loved him including his two sons Hayden and Marshall Howser, step-daughter Cheyanna Morse, wife Amanda Howser, girlfriend Jackie Banta, three brothers George, John and David Howser, sister Julie Lakey-Howser and his pitbull Tank.

A potluck celebration of life will be held for Wayne on June 8, 2024 from 3-6 pm on Hwy 228 just up from the Holley store on the right hand side of the road. Please TEXT 541-936-8131 Amanda or 971-416-8452 Jackie for more information or directions.



Phillip Wayne Stafford
July 11, 1947 - May 15, 2024

Phillip Wayne Stafford, 76, of Sweet Home passed away on Wednesday, May 15, 2024. It is with heavy hearts that we announce his passing, but with full hearts that we recognize and celebrate his incredible journey and the life he lived that we were so fortunately graced with. He was born in Sedalia, Missouri to Virgil J. and Emogene A. (Koehring) Stafford. He moved with his family to Sweet Home in 1951.

He served honorably in the Army from September 1966 to June 1968. He then achieved the rank of a Lieutenant in the weapons infantry long range reconnaissance patrol of 2nd brigade, 4th infantry in Vietnam. He twice earned the Army commendation medals of valor for active combat and received two bronze star medals for active combat heroic activity.

Following his time in the service he planted his roots in Sweet Home and married the love of his life JoLee Schwarz in 1974. Phill worked in the woods with several logging contractors ending at Tack Logging driving truck and running the yarder. He then went into business on his own driving log trucks, lumber trucks and reloading lumber cars. The last ten years Phill ran parts and supervised for the logging side of Stafford Reload.

At a young age, Phill developed a deep love for the outdoors and embraced the wonder of nature, finding joy and excitement in activities such as hunting, fishing, crabbing as well as collecting old cars.

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May 14	74	48	0.00
May 15	80	52	0.00
May 16	76	49	0.00
May 17	68	45	0.00
May 18	64	42	0.00
May 19	63	45	0.00

PRECIPITATION

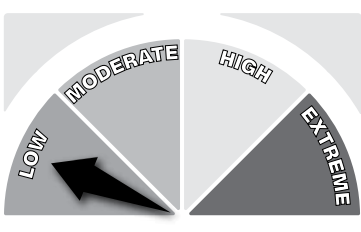
Year to date: 17.90
May 24, 2023: 19.38

FORECAST

DAY	WEATHER	HIGH	LOW
Thur	Mostly Sunny	68	43
Fri	Mostly Cloudy	66	45
Sat	Mostly Cloudy	61	43
Sun	Partly Cloudy	66	44
Mon	Mostly Sunny	75	47
Tues	Mostly Cloudy	73	48
Wed	Mostly Cloudy	68	45

LAKE LEVELS

Foster Reservoir: 625.7
Green Peter Res.: 999.8



TODAYS FIRE DANGER IS
LOW

The fire danger information provided is current at the time of publication. For the latest and most accurate updates, please visit: oregon.gov/odf

He could be found sitting in the shop giving his son, Shane, instructions on repairing cars or pieces of equipment. Alongside Phill, you could often find his favorite hunting buddy, his son, Steven who shared his love for the outdoors.

Beyond his passion for outdoor pursuits, Phill was known in his community to be a deal negotiator, for his remarkable charisma and his generous, kind soul. Phill had a way with people. Old, young, near or far, he had a rare gift for connecting with others, and his generosity, humor and compassion touched the lives of all who were fortunate enough to know him. Whether it was BS'ing at coffee, sharing a laugh or just showing up; being a friend with Phill was truly a blessing.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, JoLee; sons: Shane of Albany; Steven (Amy) of Foster; siblings: Linda (Ron) Moore of Wickenburg, AZ; Lona Conaway of Oregon; Kellie (Tracy) VavRosky of Wilsonville; Lisa (Dean) Shamek of Bend; Stephanie Stafford of Oregon; Stacy Stafford of Sweet Home; granddaughter Piper Pontelandolfo and baby Sophie Stafford due in July; along with many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents and siblings: Terry Stafford, Steve Stafford, Jeff Stafford, Brian Stafford, Breanna Stafford.

Memorial service with military honors will be 2 pm Friday, May 31st at New Life in Christ Fellowship, 1266 44th Ave. Please join our family in honoring his memory and sharing stories of his remarkable life. A meal will follow the service and all are invited to attend. Private burial took place at Gilliland Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Log a Load for Kids. Send a check Sweet Home Funeral Chapel, 1443 Long St. Sweet Home, OR 97386. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. www.sweethomefuneral.com.

Karen Marie Davis
April 29, 1953 - May 19, 2024

Karen Marie Davis, 71, of Albany passed away Sunday, May 19, 2024. Funeral service will be 11 am Saturday, May 25th at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2850 Grand Prairie Rd. SE, Albany. Private burial will take place at Liberty Cemetery in Sweet Home. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. www.sweethomefuneral.com.

Frank Keith Richards
October 20, 1941 - May 11, 2024

Frank Keith Richards, 82, of Lebanon passed away Saturday, May 11, 2024. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. www.sweethomefuneral.com.

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 13

8:19 a.m - Shelly Wagner, 41, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

11:54 a.m - Deputies placed "Slow No Wake" buoys on Foster for the recreation season.

2:16 p.m - Deputies placed buoys in Green Peter for the recreation season.

May 14

1:55 a.m - Randall Curtis, 57, of Corvallis, was cited for driving while suspended, an undisclosed warrant and driving uninsured.

8:05 a.m - Christopher Smith, was cited for speeding. 30/20.

8:55 a.m - Mike Roles, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

12:46 p.m - Dustin Brown, was cited for driving while suspended.

2:15 p.m - Ashley Lynn Bowers, 27, was arrested on a Linn County Circuit Court warrant for giving false info to an officer, an Albany Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on a charge for property damage, a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for a probation violation. Bowers was also cited for driving while suspended, driving uninsured and speeding. 37/20.

4:45 p.m - Bradley Pugh, was cited for driving while suspended, driving uninsured and no ignition interlock device.

11:13 p.m - Thomas McCarthy, 60, was cited on a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant

for driving while suspended.

May 15

10:08 a.m - Caller reports theft of wallet. Officer responded, report taken for second degree theft. Valued loss \$120.

2:46 p.m - Callers report motor vehicle injury and fire at location. Officers responded.

3:44 p.m - Caller reports theft from location. Officer responded, report taken for two counts of third degree theft. Thriftway.

10:40 p.m - Loa Ann Louise Branton, 34, was arrested on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for second degree theft.

May 16

3:55 a.m - Emmanuel Wayne Peters, 27, was arrested on an Albany Municipal Court warrant for contempt of court.

8:11 a.m - Caller reports back window of vehicle was broken. Officer responded, reports taken for unlawful entry into a motor vehicle, second degree criminal mischief and third degree theft. Valued

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CIRCUIT COURT

Warrants are out on the following individuals: Kaleb Kimber Banta, Jacob Reginald Bliss, Curtis Ray Daniel, Ashlee Dee Flanagan, Aaron Thomas Halvorson, Noe Hernandez-Reyes, Michael Trevor Hilton, Ariel Shanea Kaping, Charles James Marvel, Bryce William McGowan, Eric Wayne McKnight, Carrie Lynne Miller, Larry Robert Morgan, Steven Dale Myers, Nicholas Alan Nelson, Tammy Lavonn Robinson, Paul Levi Shelton, Harley Michelle Webb, Joshua Alexander Williams.

Trevor Alden Groff, 50, was sentenced April 19 to 30 days

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2. The earth was without form, and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep.
3. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.
4. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.
5. And God saw that the light was good: and God separated the light from the darkness.
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7. And there was evening, and there was morning, the first day.

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One of 12 finalists in Rockwell International's 1974 "Prettiest Meter Maid Contest" is Karen Brown, Sweet Home meter maid.

May 23, 1974

Sweet Home's Karen Brown is a finalist in the Rockwell International "Prettiest Meter Maid Contest." She entered the contest at the last minute after coworkers urged her to do so. If she beats out the other 11 finalists from across the USA and Canada, Brown would win a chrome-plated parking meter filled with rare coins, a trip to San Francisco and \$200 for a new wardrobe. As a finalist, she will be featured in a calendar that will be distributed to parking officials nationwide.

The building committee of Senior Citizens met with the coordinator of Area Agency on Aging to make plans for obtaining the old locker building in the 1200 block of Long Street. The building Senior Citizens is currently using is also being utilized by so many other organizations that they're outgrowing the space. An estimated \$24,249 is needed to purchase the building and make it ready for use.

Shield Enterprises, Inc., of Lebanon, is appealing a Linn County Planning Commission's denial to allow them a conditional use permit to construct a commercial 92-space campground and three-hole golf course near Foster Lake. Shield has an option to buy 13.82 acres on Lewis Creek, just north of Lewis Creek Park, on which they propose to construct the campground that would include restrooms, recreation building, sauna bath, tennis courts and playground.

The city manager asked local civic club members to help spruce up the median strip on Main Street in a four-day

"work party." The strip between 9th and 18th avenues was planted and landscaped several years ago as a community project, but has not been maintained. The State Highway Division recently offered to rip out the strip, but city staff and council say they'd like to keep it if it were maintained nicely.

May 26, 1999

Kenny Michael Jones, 13, was crowned champion at the annual Calaveras County (Calif.) frog jumping contest. He was part of a 15-member team from Oregon headed by John Hand (Sweet Home) to compete against more than 2,000 others from across the nation. Kenny defeated his father, Tom Jones, in the championship round to pocket \$750. Kenny's frog jumped 19'10." If his frog, "Miss Kitty O'Neil," set a new record, he'd have won \$5,000. His brother, Nick Pitts, 9, won in the junior division.

The school district budget committee turned down a motion to set aside \$10,000 toward the repair of the track at Husky Field. Track Coach Billy Snow asked for the funding because the deteriorating track is cracking in numerous areas. Estimates to repair the track were between \$100,000 and \$200,000, and the district decided not to pursue a bond measure for it.

Sweet Home Economic Development Group awarded Nicole Hampton for her logo design in a contest in Lisa Leirmo's design class. Hampton's design was selected among other entries to be the new logo for SHEDG.

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/web-form/community-market-vendor-registration>.

Farmers' Market

Farmers' Market will be held from 2-6 p.m. on Tuesdays until Oct. 19 at 1141 12th Ave., next to the library.

Vendors are selling hot food, fresh vegetables, vegetable plants, baked goods, meat, eggs, honey, flowers, mushrooms, fruit and more.

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.

Tomato Q&A

Master Gardener Sheryl Casteen will host a Garden Tomatoes Q&A Forum from 10-11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 25, at the Lebanon Senior Center, 80 Tangent St., Lebanon.

Learn about tomatoes and bring questions about the fruit or any garden topic. Rare and little-known heirloom tomato plants will be given away on a first-come basis, but Casteen asks recipients to reserve a few ripe ones for the Tomatofest, which will be held on Saturday, Sept. 21.

For more information, contact Sheryl at casteen@aol.com. Do not contact the Senior Center.

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 every 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.

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.

Wiley Creek Fire Stories

The South Santiam Watershed Council will host "An Evening of Storytelling about the 2023 Wiley Creek Fire" from 5-7 p.m. on Monday, June 3, in the Sweet Home High School auditorium.

Hear stories from the fire managers and timber representatives who, together, were able to hold the fire to a very small footprint and keep the surrounding communities safe. Their stories will reveal challenges faced, decisions made and strategies employed, but they will also look at what went well, what lessons were learned, and how to be better prepared for future wildfire.

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.

Summer Swim Team

The Sweet Home Swim Club will hold tryouts for the summer swim team at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12, at the Sweet Home Community Pool, 1641 Long St.

Anyone age five and up who can swim one length of pool

unassisted may participate. Swimmers will focus on fun, fitness, stroke technique and swim team drills. The team will meet from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday from June 17 to Aug. Cost is \$75 per participant. There will be three meets: Lincoln City (June 26), Sweet Home (July 16) and Corvallis (Aug. 1).

For more information, contact Head Coach Jessica Rice via text at 503.428.6436 or email jcoats2017@gmail.com.

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/.

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.

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School District Looks at \$68.7 Million Budget

By Sarah Brown
Of The New Era

School District 55 held its budget meeting on May 13, followed by its regularly scheduled board meeting where they heard an update on freshman graduation tracking.

Budget

The district's proposed budget for 2024-2025 is \$68.7 million, with actual spending levels (after transfers and contingencies) projected at \$51.2 million. The amount includes \$3.8 million in grants that the school district was able to obtain for various projects; \$1.9 million to operate meal programs for students, Boys & Girls Club and Fire School; and \$29.5 million net of the ending fund balance and pool and student transportation operating costs for the General Fund.

The proposed budget includes the grant-funded addition of an elementary literacy coach and summer school literacy program to help students improve reading skills; the addition of a high school math teaching position and more math classes; funds for a School Resource Officer; funds for the Long Term Maintenance Fund to help pay for future facility improvements; the reduction of one elementary teacher to reflect lower enrollment; and the addition of a Career/Financial Literacy teaching position to not only help equip students to make informed decisions, but also

meet new state graduation requirements. SHHS graduate Ryan Graville accepted this position.

"To help supplement a future bond, the school board established the long-term maintenance fund in 2004 so the district would not have to rely entirely on bonds to make capital improvements and major repairs," the district stated in a press release.

Once the Oak Heights seismic project is completed this summer, the district will then address high school classroom space. The district explained many outdated classrooms at the high school not only have exterior entrances, but the flat roof construction is not holding up well in Oregon's climate.

The auditorium foyer, band and choir classrooms, Career Technical Education areas and wood shop also need attention. The district would also like to add a bus loop for improved traffic flow and make improvements for PE classes and softball, baseball and soccer fields.

The district explained that it goes out for a bond only about every 25 years. The current bond from 2001 that is expected to be paid off in a couple years helped pay for the renovation of the north side of the high school, including the cafeteria, library and main offices. A new gym was also built on the southwest side of campus.

Needs within the renovated portion of the school include a



Photo by Sarah Brown

ESPY/SPARK award winners are (back row, from left) Mailey Brewer, Shasta Tenbusch, Sawyer Anderson, Xandri Eddings, and (front row, from left) Maverick Rea, Ricki Nicholson, Ad-dysin Osinga and Rita Renek. Not pictured: Faith Baker, Kyler Bondeson, Hayden Ebbs, Carter Sinclair and Nolan Savri.

security vestibule at the front entrance and realignment of some hallways so the school feels less like a maze inside.

"The cost to build a new classroom wing with 25 to 30 classrooms, improve Career Technical Education spaces and make other improvements designed to last for the next 75-plus years will be significant and other funding will be necessary, especially if the community does not want to increase the tax rate," the district stated.

The district hopes to pursue other funding sources, such as the Oregon School Capital Improvement Matching (OSCIM) grant that currently provides a \$6 million match for voter-ap-

proved bonds.

Board meeting

Following the budget meeting on May 13, the school board heard from high school assistant principal Luke Augsburg, who provided an update on the school's ninth Student Success Team, a program designed to increase the percentage of freshmen on track to graduate. Made up of a group of primarily teachers and staff, they meet regularly to review data and implement strategies to help students along.

Augsburger reported that 87% of freshmen were on track to graduate last year, so the team made it a goal to finish this year with above 90%.

"At our meetings, that be-

came our focus," he said. "That is what we looked at and talked about."

One of the things they did was implement a "champions" program that connects students in a "yellow zone" (failing one to two classes) with mentors. At the end of the first semester this year, 94% of freshmen were on track to graduate; currently the percentage hovers between 89% and 91%.

Next year the school will implement a tenth Student Success Team modeled after the ninth grade version, with a goal that sophomores will have at least 12 credits by the end of the school year.

"We believe that by taking this next step, we will give students a really good foundation to be able to see the end result, high school graduation."

In other business, the board:

- Randomly drew Hawthorne student Brighton Landauer's name as the ESPY/SPARK winner of a Chrome laptop;
- Approved the adoption of Amplify and Discovery curriculum for K-5 science and language arts curriculum;
- Approved the extension of the superintendent's contract for a third year, 7-1;
- Approved the transfer of \$1.5 million from the General Fund to the Long Term Maintenance Fund for the purpose of staying committed to future major projects.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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damage \$500. Valued loss \$25. 700 block of 12th Avenue.

10:07 a.m - Caller reports tires were slashed. Officer responded, report taken for first degree criminal mischief. 600 block of Ironwood.

12:19 p.m - Caller reports a male stole dog food and alcohol. Officer responded, report taken. Safeway.

4:28 p.m - Caller reported an injured 20 year old female who fell down an embankment. Linn County Sheriff's Office, Sweet Home Fire and Linn County Search and Rescue responded. Rescue

personnel were able to extract the patient without incident. Sweet Home medics transported the female with non-life-threatening injuries.

7:04 p.m - Kelly Ann Adams, 45, was cited for driving while suspended, failure to obey a traffic control device and a Lebanon Justice Court warrant for a probation violation on an original charge for second degree criminal trespass.

7:17 p.m - Richard Curtis, 54, was arrested for contempt of court, tampering with a witness, menacing, strangulation and fourth degree assault.

9:04 p.m - Michayla Louise Pauls, 20, was cited for driving uninsured.

9:52 p.m - Christian Michael Rogers, 29, was arrested on a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original criminal citation for second degree trespass.

11:03 p.m - Rodrigo Alejandro Cervantes, 31, was arrested on a Marion County Circuit Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for menacing.

May 17

2:19 p.m - Tawnza Raw Churich, was cited for speeding. 30/20.

5:00 p.m - David Joshua Wall, was arrested by Lebanon PD on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for second degree theft.

5:26 p.m - Unidentified driver was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

7:39 p.m - Paul Walter Ulm, 58, was arrested for a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for a probation violation and a Linn County Circuit Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for driving

under the influence of intoxicants.

7:42 p.m - Anthony Bahena, 27, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

10:27 p.m - Stacy Manuel Teizera, 58, was arrested on a Linn County Justice Court warrant for failure to comply on an original charge for failure to appear in the second degree. Teixeira was also cited for driving while suspended.

May 18

9:49 a.m - Desiray Scott, was cited for careless driving.

3:00 p.m - Kyle Alexander Richards, 31, was cited for driving while suspended and was arrested for failure to comply on an original charge for third degree theft.

9:00 p.m - Natalie Marie Deshazer, 35, was arrested for failure to comply on an original charge for second degree failure to appear. Deshazer was also cited for driving uninsured.

10:29 p.m - Caller reports male kicked in doors and threw things. Officer responded, report taken for first degree criminal mischief. Valued

damage \$1000.

11:37 p.m - Timothy William Roebuck, 41, was arrested for fourth degree assault constituting domestic violence and first degree criminal mischief. Lodged in Linn County Jail.

May 19

6:26 a.m - Caller reports dog at large killing chickens. Officer responded, located dogs, placed in the PD kennel. Six chickens deceased, one severely injured.

11:22 a.m - Katherine Brington, 30, was cited for two counts of dog at large.

5:32 p.m - Brittney Gibson, 35, was arrested for warrants.

6:46 p.m - Justin Lee Walker, 36, was arrested for public indecency.


9:23 p.m - Richard Housen, 52, of Albany, was cited for speeding. 80/55.

10:02 p.m - Nicolle Colvin, 36, of Albany, was cited for speeding. 83/55.

May 20

3:14 a.m - Jonathan Walker, 40, was cited for speeding. 75/55.

4:04 a.m - Roddie Fore, 63, was cited for speeding. 49/35.



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EVENTS

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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/.

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 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, contact Brandy O'Bannon at bobannon@samhealth.org.

Bike Safety Fair

A Jim Bean Safety Fair & Library Summer Reading Kick-off to Summer event will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 15, at Sankey Park, 877 14th Ave.

The event combines the annual bike safety fair with the library's Summer Reading Program. It includes a "bike rodeo" and chance to win a new bike, as well as games, free refreshments, nonprofit and Vacation Bible Study information, "Touch a Truck" with various emergency vehicles, and opportunity to sign up for the Summer Reading Program.

For more information, call the library at 541.367.5007.

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/44otjIK>. 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.

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, rbbailey@hotmail.com.

Visit 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, 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.

MUNICIPAL COURT

Feigum, Sheryl A, 54, no contest – Driving under the influence of intoxicants, fine \$2406, 2 days jail, Drug and alcohol evaluation and treatment, Victim Impact Panel, license suspension 12 months.

Azar, Elias N, 41, pled guilty – Theft in the third degree, fine \$301, probation 1 year, work crew 5 days, no contact orders.

Hall, Diane L, 67 – no contest – Offensive littering, fine \$601, probation 60 months, work crew 5 days.

Coe, Cara M, 46 – no contest – Driving under the influence of intoxicants, fine \$1406, Drug and alcohol evaluation and treatment, Victim Impact Panel, work crew 5 days, license suspension 12 months.

Bergstrom, Larry, 59 – pled guilty – Theft in the third degree, fine \$1101, probation 60 months, work crew 10 days, no contact orders; Disorderly conduct in the second degree, dismissed.

Bruington, Katherine J, 30 – Dog at large, fine \$500.

Wooten, Jack R, 73 – no contest – Violating a speed limit 0-10 mph over speed limit 35/25, fine \$115.

Horn, Katelyn J, 36 – guilty by default – Violation driving while suspended or revoked, fine \$2015, suspend license.

Miller, Thomas K, 45 –

guilty by default – Violation driving while suspended or revoked, fine \$2015, suspend license; driving uninsured, fine \$1015, suspend license.

Walnum, Rick L, 46 – guilty by default – Violation driving while suspended or revoked, fine \$2015, suspend license; driving uninsured, fine \$1015, suspend license.

Cyrus, Rhys A, 45 – guilty by default – Violation driving while suspended or revoked, fine \$2015, suspend license; driver failure to obey traffic control device, fine \$1015, suspend license.

Hodge, Hope R, 19 – no contest – Violation driving while suspended or revoked, fine \$425.

Brigham, Shelby K, 58 – no contest – Violation driving while suspended or revoked, fine \$475; driving uninsured, fine \$265.

Boatwright, Christian J,

31 – no contest – Violating a speed limit 11-20 mph over speed limit 55/35, fine \$165; violation driving while suspended or revoked, fine \$440.

Santana, McKenzie A, 25 – no contest – Operating a vehicle while using mobile electronic device, fine \$265.

Vidal, Dominic A, 30 – no contest – Failure to register vehicle, \$150; Violation driving while suspended or revoked, fine \$440; driving uninsured, fine \$265.

Ryan, Jackelynn R, 36 – no contest – Violating a speed limit 11-20 mph over speed limit 60/45, fine \$165.

Whitney, Gavin C, 33 – no contest – Driver failure to obey traffic control device, fine \$300.

Hoffman, Sara L, 36 – no contest – Operating a vehicle while using mobile electronic device in a posted school zone, fine \$525.

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School Carnival a Big Production Fundraiser

By Sarah Brown
Of The New Era

The Parent Teacher Committee at Oak Heights put on quite the production for its annual Spring Carnival and Silent Auction on Saturday, May 18.

Apparently what started out as a “tiny” fundraising carnival some 20 years ago has more recently evolved into a full-blown mini carnival, according to parent Patty Hankins, one of the many fundraising volunteers on the PTC.

“We choose a fundraising goal each year,” Hankins said. “Our goal is to in the next few years put a cover or partial cover over the playground so our kids can stay dry and clean while they’re playing outside.”

Inside the school building was a hallway packed with silent auction and raffle items. Former The New Era owner Miriam Swanson was spotted there seeking out good finds. She said she goes every year because she finds great deals.

“The class raffle baskets are really fun, too, because everybody gets to put little unique carts together; it really makes a cool basket,” parent Ashlee Moore said. “Each class picks a theme and any kids in the



Kindergartener Stella Baird smiles as she reaches to pet a pony.

class get to donate.” Moore said her family attends the carnival every year because they love it and the kids have a great time.

Found on a small patch of grassy knoll between the school buildings was a petting zoo with goats, rabbits and miniature horses, and out on the playground area were games, a dunk tank and an oversized bounce house. In the cafeteria was the bustling activity of kids and parents participating in numerous carnival games.

Carnival tickets could buy

one a chance to get their face painted or play games for prizes, such as puppy race, Plinko, ring toss, soda walk, fish pong (to win a live goldfish), putting green, rubber duck grab, Yahtzee, paper airplane throw, or Twenty-One (aka blackjack).

Volunteer Larry Horton was asked jokingly if he had any qualms about, essentially, teaching kids how to play the casino game.

“I do not,” he said. “This is a fun fundraiser for the school.”

Second-grader Ryatt Berg said his favorite part of the carnival was dunking his



Visitors purchase tickets while people run amok inside the cafeteria enjoying multiple games, food and activities were.

teacher in the dunk tank. Everleigh Curtis, a second-grader at Hawthorne, was seen gleefully showing her new goldfish to her friend Ariyah Barton, a second-grader at Oak Heights. Everleigh won the fish by successfully tossing a ping pong ball into a small fish bowl. She was trying to decide whether to name the fish Scales or Tails.

And a carnival is not a carnival without the proper food. Hungry visitors could buy hot dogs, corn dogs, funnel cake, nachos popcorn and sno-cones.

“I think it’s great for the students and the community because more than just Oak Heights kids can come,” noted parent Elizabeth Nelson.

Last year, with matching funds from Sweet Home School District 55, the PTC was able to install three new pieces of playground equipment at Oak Heights with a roughly \$58,000 price tag, Hankins said. The playground cover will cost upwards of \$75,000.

Each year the annual fundraiser helps boost the PTC fund so they can purchase big-ticket items for the school. Hankins said they put money into CDs and such to maximize their funds through interest earned.

School Principal Todd Barrett said the PTC already has \$20,000 set aside and the annual carnival generally brings in about \$10,000 to \$15,000 for the PTC fund.

“It’s been a tradition here and it’s something we are continuing on with and it’s been a lot of fun,” he said. “I’m super excited and I’m excited next year to incorporate the remodel with our new cafeteria to be able to have both spaces.”

He noted it takes weeks for the PTC to get ready for the big event.

“Look at all the people here having a great time,” he said. “This is about family activities and giving our families something to do, but it’s also fundraising.”



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Photo by Sky Chappell
A log truck lays on its side after overturning on a curve of the Upper Calapooia.

Log Truck Wreck Ends in No Injury

Fire crews from Sweet Home were dispatched to a crash on Upper Calapooia at 9:52 a.m., Thursday, May 16.

A caller reported that the crash involved a log truck and there were wires down. Crews arrived to find a loaded log truck had failed to negotiate a corner and had tipped over onto the passenger side, spilling its logs and shearing off a power pole. The crash left one power line suspended low across the road and two lines broken, lying across the scene. The single occupant of the vehicle had self-extricated prior to the arrival of responders, and was uninjured.

Fire crews controlled traffic while two linemen from Pacific Power cleared the power line hazard. The road was closed until a heavy wrecker could arrive to remove the log truck and logs, and clear the roadway. The scene was turned over to three Linn County Sheriff's deputies. A command vehicle, ambulance, brush truck and rescue unit responded from Sweet Home Fire and Ambulance District with six firefighters.

Motorcycle Crash Claims Life of Passenger

By Sky Chappell
Of The New Era

Linn County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a motorcycle crash in the 36000 block of Northern Drive on May 11 at around 5:34 p.m. Upon arrival, deputies learned a motorcycle with a sidecar had driven off the road and over an embankment.

The passenger, Spyros Diogenes, 81, of Dallas, was considered seriously injured. Deputies attempted life saving measures until the Brownsville Fire Department arrived and took over efforts.

The driver was evaluated by medics and did not sustain any serious injury. Diogenes passed away from the injury.

Detectives and traffic crash investigators came to the scene to investigate. Currently, the investigation is ongoing with no indication of impairment or criminal factors.



Photo by Chris Chapman
Brownsville Fire Department reroutes traffic at the scene of a motorcycle crash on Northern Drive.

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Progress Made on Domino's This Week



Photo by Sarah Brown
The foundation for a Domino's pizza business in front of Bi-Mart is ready to go, awaiting the arrival of the building.

By Sarah Brown
Of The New Era

Progress on the incoming Domino's pizza franchise will be noticed this week as a pre-fabricated modular building arrives to town for installation.

Franchise owner Bruce Vandenberg, of Vancor Properties, LLC, said they are on track to open sometime in June.

"We had the building manufactured in a factory, so it's coming in all ready to go," he said. "There's some work that has to be done inside, but it shortens the time quite substantially by having it built in advance."

There will not be indoor dining, but the pizza business will be built for take-out, or via drive-thru when orders are submitted ahead of time online or through the Domino's app.

Once the building is erected and the site is more accessible, they will begin on-site recruitment for people interested in joining the team, Vandenberg said.

Vancor Properties also operates Domino's in Eugene and Salem.

"We're a small family franchise owner of Domino's," he said. "We are very happy to be involved in the brand because it's doing so well. Domino's is a good intersection between taste and value, so we hope to provide a lot of good, tasty food and service to the community in Sweet Home once we open."

THE NEW ERA

on the road...

While visiting her grandson, Colby Montigue (at right), in Fargo, N.D., Gina Riley (at left) and Montigue decided to drive to Lake Superior to visit the split rock lighthouse in Twin Harbors, Minn. This is very close to where the Edmund Fitzgerald sank.

TRACK

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like I warmed up pretty all right, and I was able to throw a couple inches under the PR I set (at districts). I was a little disappointed I got seventh – I think I could have gone higher, but I was happy I got on the podium.

“I think it’s been quite a while since somebody got on the podium (from Sweet Home’s boys in the shot). It was a fun experience. It was nice to be able to go here. I’m excited to come back next year and hopefully do a little bit better.”

In the Triple Jump Friday, Nicholson was seeded 14th in a field of 15 competitors, but finished seventh with a best jump of 41-7¼, nearly a foot and a half farther than the PR he’d set the week before at the Oregon West district meet.

“I hadn’t practiced the triple much,” Nicholson said. “(The medal) was something I wasn’t expecting.

“It being my first year and all, I didn’t expect to make it there and to make it in two events and be district champion (in the High Jump) was pretty cool. I had never been to Hayward before.”

Whitfield said that it was a little bit of a surprise to see Nicholson make the podium.

“He had a pretty good series, a 1-foot PR. We knew he’d do well but didn’t necessarily expect him to place. That was awesome for him.”

In the 300 Hurdles, Sieminski ran the race for the fourth time ever in the prelims on Friday to qualify with a fourth-place finish overall in a roughly 2½-second PR of 40.95, then came back Saturday in the final to finish fifth in 41.20.



Photo by Kristine Banker

Kyle Sieminski of Sweet Home competes in the hurdles during the State Track and Field Championships.

“That was kind of a surprise, but not a surprise with him doing it,” Whitfield said, noting the senior’s lack of experience in the event, in which he’d given the race a first-time shot in the Senior Day home meet on April 30 and ran a head-turning time of 44.71. “After having some more time to focus on it, we figured it would be a PR, but didn’t know how big. He went big.”

The 4x400 Relay Team finished things off Saturday with seventh place, running a second and a half faster than their district finish the week before to establish a new season’s best of 3:33.98.

That put them eighth among the 13 teams, but Baker, which was the first

team to finish, was disqualified for, reportedly, spiking the baton at the finish line, which moved the Huskies up to seventh.

In the track preliminaries Friday, Kast just missed the finals in the 800, despite running a nearly 2-second PR to finish ninth in 2:02.50. The top eight make the final in distances under 1500 at state.

“Kasey’s 800 was as good as we could hope for,” said Assistant Coach Dave Martin. “He had a lifetime PR and he ran his last three 200s in almost exactly the same time. He competed well. He looked good. I wish he would have gotten into the finals, but other than that it was a really good day.”

Sieminski was 12th in the 400 prelims on Friday, finishing in 52.67 in a race won by Marshfield’s Bodey Lutes, who ran 48.71 and then finished on Saturday with a state-record 47.83, which is the fastest time run in the state at any level in that distance this year.

“He did good there,” Whitfield said of Sieminski. “He was right on his PR, just a little bit over. He ran a great race, but especially when

they’re running as fast as the champion, the competition was really tough.”

In the 4x100 Relay on Saturday, Cameron, junior Tristan Spencer, Davis and Sieminski came up short of the medals stand, finishing 10th in 45.33, about half a second shy of the podium.

The vertical jumps on Saturday morning proved to be a obstacle for not only Sweet Home’s two qualifiers, but about half of the rest of the athletes in those two events as well.

In the girls Pole Vault, sophomore Delainie Pratt was unable to clear the opening height of 7-11¼, which was almost a foot higher than her PR. But she wasn’t the only one. There were only seven medalists because six other competitors also failed to clear the opening bar.

“We had some complications getting Delainie checked in, which may have added to her stress level going in,” said Martin, who coached Pratt in the event along with fellow assistant Spencer Hart. “Everything’s new here. She took three good vaults. She had better attempts than at least half

the people (who also did not clear the bar). So she looked like a better vaulter.”

The experience, he said, was invaluable for the sophomore.

“Experience-wise, this was big-time,” Martin said. “There’s nowhere to go but up. She’s gotta now feel ‘I belong here, I’m not as bad as I might have thought because I didn’t clear a height. There were other girls who didn’t. I got to get into this facility.’

“I think there’s a lot of positives that come from this. She’s ready to do some more vaulting in the summer and to keep working on her skills. We’re excited where she’s gonna end up.”

Across the field, Nicholson had a similar challenge in the boys High Jump, failing to clear the opening height of 5-11¼. He was one of seven competitors (of 15) who did not get over that bar.

“I could not get warmed up,” Nicholson said. “It’s something I’d jumped previously multiple times, but I should have warmed up better. I was surprised that a lot of guys couldn’t make it over that opening height.”

“The two vertical jumps were tough with the opening heights set by the OSAA,” Whitfield said. “The opening height in the girls Pole Vault was 2 inches below our school’s record. I don’t remember it being this high before. Usually, the opening height is high, but doable.”

“I was pretty proud to have almost every single one of them, except the vertical jumps, to PR. That was awesome. I was really happy to get those guys on the podium.

“One thing that’s real exciting is that we only had two seniors competing in state this year. The rest of those guys will be back, and although I can’t say we can replace those seniors, we have some who will fill in. Hopefully, we will not lose too many steps there.”

Team-wise, the Huskies finished 21st in a field of 17 teams with 10 points. Crook County won the boys title with 96 points, followed by Marshfield (46), Pendleton (45) and La Grande (42). Philomath was seventh with 30 points, and Newport was 10th with 27. Cascade finished 26th with 5.

On the girls side, Philomath was the top finisher with 74 points, followed by Cascade and North Bend, tied for second with 51 points, Scappoose fourth with 43, and Molalla, La Grande and Mazama, tied for fifth with 41.

Next up for Sweet Home is its awards banquet, at 5:30 p.m. Friday, May 24.

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Natalie Summers Signs with Lane Community College

By Sky Chappell
Of The New Era

Friends, family members, teammates and coaches gathered in the Sweet Home High School (SHHS) commons area to celebrate the most recent SHHS athlete to sign a letter of intent, May 15. Natalie Summers was that athlete, and signed to Lane Community College.

Beginning her freshman year, Summers was a dedicated athlete in the SHHS Volleyball Program.

"[She was] very active in the program [during the] season and worked hard on her skills every off season," Head Coach Mary Hutchins said.

According to Hutchins, Summers also made sure to cheer on her teammates as well as give her all during practices.

"[She was] dedicated and loved the sport," Hutchins said.

Along with being an astounding teammate, Summers was always determined to better herself. She played all years of high school, and stayed active during the off seasons, playing in multiple

summer scrimmages. This led her to be an all league honorable mention her junior year.

Summers noted that she never anticipated playing at the next level. That was until she got more involved, which made it her goal of making it to the next level.

"I never had any particular school in mind, I just knew I wanted to be able to continue playing in college," Summers said. "Now that I've signed, I'm extremely excited and grateful for the opportunity to play."

Summers will be continuing playing volleyball, while studying dental hygiene.

"My goal is to continue to grow as a student and an athlete at a higher level," she said.

Summers was the first athlete Hutchins had signed with Lane Community College.

"I am very excited to follow her journey there," Hutchins said. "She will definitely be missed by the SH coaching staff but we are very excited for her next adventure in volleyball."



Photo by Sky Chappell

Natalie Summers signs her letter of intent to attend Lane Community College.

Parks Plan Drafts Improvements, New Parks for City

By Sarah Brown
Of The New Era

As the City of Sweet Home works through the development of an updated Parks System Master Plan, the vision for how city parks could look in the next 20 years begins to emerge.

Elizabeth Auvil and Colin McArthur, of Cameron McCarthy Landscape Architecture & Planning, presented updates and draft recommendations for the Sweet Home Park System Master Plan to the Park and Tree Committee on May 15.

The current parks master plan was developed in 2014. Community and Economic Development Director Blair Larsen explained the 2014 plan had some "shortcomings" in that it was missing crucial standards such as what certain parks should have, and also the city wanted more public support and input on park improvements.

This new, grant-funded plan will include those standards, such as how close a park should be to residents, as well as a plan for future park acquisitions that will mostly support city growth on the eastern side.

The move to update the parks master plan began in May 2023, at which time the



Photo by Sarah Brown

Trees occupy space on the publicly-owned corner of Osage and 42nd streets where new park facilities might be developed.

firm researched current park conditions in the city and began six months of community outreach to determine what residents wanted for park opportunities in the coming years.

McCarthy staff and the committee then developed goals and recommendations for the master plan. Currently in the process, the firm and commit-

tee are reviewing a draft of the master plan that was created based on goals and needs in the city, and will move forward to finalize the plan and recommend adoption by City Council.

A needs assessment based on community feedback determined the following goals: develop and improve facilities, increase the level of ser-

vice and connectivity, improve physical accessibility within the parks, expand resources for improvements and maintenance, and expand park services.

"We have identified recommended projects for the majority of parks in the system," Auvil said. "Most of the parks have at least one high-level recommendation."

The high level (priority) recommendations are as follows: Ashbrook - install restrooms, lighting and security cameras; Clover Memorial - implement a closure at 1st Street and Santiam Highway, install a traffic calming design, and improve visibility of Fountain Hill; Hobart Natural Area - develop a natural area management plan; Northside - install a river access trail and fishing/viewing platform; Sankey - construct an amphitheater; Strawberry - improve parking, install loop trail.

Some discussion was had among the committee regarding the street closure and "traffic calming design" at Clover Park. Auvil explained that traffic calming designs come in different forms, including ideas such as planters or barriers, or visually appealing elements that jut into the roadway.

"Essentially it limits car traffic or helps the driver's perception of a street to help them drive slower," she said.

The Traffic Safety Committee and an ongoing ODOT Transportation System Plan are currently focusing on what to do about concerns at the 1st Avenue/Highway 20 intersection, Larsen said.

"Right now 1st Avenue is es-

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sentially used as a shortcut between Highway 20 and Highway 228," he said. "It's a street that's not designed for that level of traffic, but it's heavily used for that kind of traffic, so the question is 'What do you do about it?'"

Larsen emphasized nothing has been decided yet, but he believes some sort of change will likely "shake out," including perhaps either making it a one-way street or allowing only right turns onto and off of 1st Avenue. Whatever change occurs, he believes it could benefit Clover Park with more parking or decrease the level of traffic in that neighborhood.

"I just know that there's been a number of complaints over the years from the neighborhood, and it is an issue where you have a lot of traffic there that's not really appropriate for that type of street," he said.

There will be an advisory committee meeting regarding the Transportation System Plan at 4 p.m. on Monday, June 3, followed by an "open house" discussion regarding the plan that same day at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

The landscaping firm also provided medium and low priority recommendations for each park, with a planned completion by 2045. Throughout the city parks, they included focuses on parking, paving, playgrounds, trails, landscaping and drainage, security cameras, a splash pad and pump track, more restrooms and lighting.

Committee member Nancy Patton said she believes there has already been discussion about removing the splash pad plan due to liability issues and other concerns. During discussion surrounding this

question, Larsen briefly mentioned an idea to renovate the parking lot across from the library to create head-in parking, a better design for Farmers' Market, and perhaps even a splash pad. He also mentioned the city has put out a Request for Interest regarding a private partnership for development at Quarry Park.

Moving on, the McCarthy firm also recommended three new parks located at City Hall, 42nd and Osage, and the quarry property. The firm recommended relocating the Dahlenburg covered bridge at Sankey Park to the City Hall park, as well as installing a dog park and pedestrian path at the City Hall park.

McCarthy also recommended the city conduct a feasibility study for an outdoor event center (presumably at Quarry Park) and develop a Trail System Plan to help reach the goal for improved connectivity between parks. They would also like to see the city try to possess six acres of park for every 1,000 residents by 2043, suggesting the city develop three to four new parks in the next 20 years.

"It's awesome to see this quality of plan being put together," committee member Bob Dalton said.

McArthur said the firm will develop cost estimates for all of the projects and provide strategies to help the city acquire more park land and fund the projects, which might include financial resources through grants, partnerships and private support.

"We hope this plan does provide leverage for the city to go out and get more funding for projects," McArthur said.

Committee member Lena Tucker noted having the master plan helps guide the city in decision-making when it

comes to the budget. Larsen added that it should be a constantly-referred-to document, keeping in mind it was developed based on input from the community.

"This is certainly aspirational," Larsen said. "Philosophically I'm very much in favor of aspirational plans, but you need to make sure there's components within them that are feasible so you can pace yourself as you seek to get there."

City Council and the committee will hold a work session on May 28 to review the draft master plan. While the public will not have opportunity to speak at the work session, they are welcome to attend and submit their input outside of the meeting. According to Larsen, after the work session a final draft will be developed and made available to the public. Public comment will then be solicited at the City Council meeting wherein the plan is anticipated to be formally adopted. Currently the draft plan can be found online at <https://bit.ly/3yqBxxK>.

"This is a goal of where we want to end up, and certainly there's a number of things that definitely can be accomplished during that period," Larsen said.

In other business at the Park and Tree meeting, the committee:

- Reviewed plans for Cut the Gut at Sankey Park;
- Heard a report about volunteers pulling ivy from Sankey Park;
- Reported they believed the Arbor Day / Kids to Park event was a success, noting they'd like to continue it in the coming years at different parks;
- Heard from Larsen about the meeting held for the 42nd/Osage park.

SHHS Softball Running into Playoffs



Photo provided by Sweet Home Softball

By Sky Chappell
Of The New Era

The Sweet Home softball team (10-15) had a good season, taking third in the 4A-3 Oregon West Conference and making it to the play-in contest. Their first game was against Junction City.

In order to make it to the playoffs, a team must place in the top three in their league. Defined by the OSAA website, 12 teams automatically qualify for the OSAA's 16-team bracket based on regular season and/or district tournament play on or before Monday, May 13. Each league determines how they will select their allotted playoff spots.

Eight other teams will qualify as play-in teams, where if

they win, they will advance into the 16-team bracket. Those teams were Sweet Home, Junction City, Baker/Powder Valley, Marist Catholic, Cottage Grove, Estacada, Phoenix and Scappoose.

Sweet Home played against Junction City in their play-in contest May 17. This game ended 13-8 in favor of the Huskies.

"The girls had a good game against Junction City," Head Coach Emily Marchbanks said. "We hit well, and continued to apply pressure to their defense."

Now that the Huskies have made it to the playoffs, they're officially a part of the 16-team bracket. They will be playing their first game versus Henley, Tuesday, May 21.



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Sweet Home Fire, Police Award Top Employees

By Sarah Brown
Of The New Era

The Sweet Home Police Department and Fire & Ambulance District held an awards banquet May 11 honoring those first responders who serve the community with dedication.

"We just honor our people and give out awards for all their hard work over the last year," Police Chief Jason Ogden said about the private, annual event.

Through the SHPD, Chaplain Kevin Greene was honored as Volunteer of the Year.

"We really appreciate him," Ogden said. "He comes in weekly and checks on us."

Beyond that, Greene makes himself available to families when police are looking into death investigations, he said.

Ben Pinnegar was given the Marksmanship Award.

"He performs the best at our ranges throughout the year and was just a phenomenal shooter when it came to qualifications," Ogden said.

Sean Potter earned both the Professional Development and Employee of the Year awards.

"The Professional Development was an award for the employee who really put in all kinds of training to make themselves better in the role they are serving in," Ogden explained.

To be named Employee of the Year, all members of the police department vote based on a variety of qualities, such as willingness to work in a team setting, encouraging others, having a positive attitude, volunteerism, efficiency, serv-



Photo courtesy of Janine Bondesen
Recipients of awards through the SHFAD are, from left, Mike Severns, Jon Lemar, Josh Bondesen, Travis Miner, Christian Whitfield and Bob Burger. Not pictured is Tommy Bernt.

ing others outside the scope of an assigned responsibility, and overall performing well.

City Attorney Robert Snyder was presented a Dedication of Service Award for his 43 years of employment with the City of Sweet Home. Officer Trevor Sundquist, described by Ogden as a hard worker and "really good officer," won Officer of the Year, as well as Top Performer for top statistics with his work record.

Rachel Warren was awarded Dispatcher of the Year.

"She's been here awhile and is just always thinking about other people," Ogden said.

In fact, he noted, Warren went to the Genealogical Society to make copies of old news clippings about the police department and used them to decorate for the banquet.

"It was absolutely amazing. She does this kind of stuff, she

just goes above and beyond."

From SHFAD, honored recipients were nominated and voted for by their peers.

Medic of the Year was awarded to Lt Firefighter/Paramedic Josh Bondesen. According to EMT/Firefighter Cassie Richey, it was said at the banquet that Bondesen is not only a great medic, but there's often a sense of relief expressed by patients and families when he arrives at a scene because so many in the community know him.

Firefighter/Paramedic Jon Lemar was honored as Rescue Technician of the Year for being dedicated to training and learning new skills. Most recently he attended an academy to be involved in Search and Rescue.

Officer of the Year went to Lt. Firefighter/Paramedic Mike Severns.



Photo courtesy of Jason Ogden
Recipients of awards through the SHPD during a special banquet May 11 are, from left, Rachel Warren, Ben Pinnegar, Sean Potter, Kevin Greene and Trevor Sundquist. Not pictured is Robert Snyder.

"When presenting this award, Battalion Chief Randy Whitfield said that since Mike was promoted to Lieutenant he has excelled, taking on the many challenges that he has given him," Richey said.

Firefighter/Paramedic Christian Whitfield was named Employee of the Year.

"It's been about a year since Christian took over the position of Community Wildfire Risk Reduction Program Manager and since then has gone above and beyond what was asked of him," Richey said. "He has developed this program into something that will benefit the district, community of Sweet Home and surrounding areas for years to come."

Firefighter/EMT Thomas Bernt was named Rookie of the Year for showing an "enormous amount of drive and

dedication" through training, working extra shifts, and always learning and improving.

Firefighter of the Year was awarded to Volunteer Firefighter Bob Burger. It was said he can always be counted on. The district stated, "You are always so relieved when you see him walk up on a call. He is knowledgeable, observant and a quiet leader."

And finally, the Keith Gabriel Humanitarian Award was given to Travis Miner, of Pacific Power, for his service to keep SHFAD safe and often having the foresight to know when he will be needed.

"Whether that is responding at 2 a.m. to disconnect power to a house fire, or responding with us to wire down/pole fire calls in the blazing heat of summer or frigid cold of winter," the district stated.

Farmers' Market Begins

By Sarah Brown
Of The New Era

Beginning the season on a cool-breeze sunny day, the Farmers' Market in Sweet Home opened its weekly vendor space May 14.

Open every Tuesday from now through October, local farmers, hobbyists and food makers may be found selling their home-grown products across from the library at 1141 12th Ave.

Farmers' Market offers a way for seniors and WIC members to buy fresh produce from participating vendors through the Oregon Farm Direct Nutrition Program. On-site Market Manager Chris Bayne explained that WIC members can ask their local WIC clinic or call 211 to sign up for the program, and seniors can call

1.866.299.3562. He believes qualifying persons will receive up to \$24 a month in "Farm Direct Dollars."

Bayne said they see a lot of the "dollars" get used each year. He emphasized not all vendors accept them, but he is aware of at least three that do - Green Bridge Gardens, The Bayne Farm and Wright Family Farm.

For SNAP recipients, Farmers' Market also provides grant-funded "Double Up Food Bucks," which essentially turn \$20 into \$40.

"We take the \$20 off the (EBT) card and we match up to \$20," Bayne said. "So every week I can match up to \$20 off your EBT card and give you \$40 to spend here at the market."

Those who utilize this program receive wooden tokens

from SNAP that are good for meat, honey, baked goods, canned goods, and fresh fruits and vegetables. They also receive paper vouchers from Farmers' Market good for beans, herbs, mushrooms, veggie starts, and fresh fruits and vegetables. The tokens, accepted by most vendors, are good at both Sweet Home and Lebanon Farmers' Market, while the vouchers are good at any farmers market in Oregon that participate in the Double Up program.

"It's a great program," Bayne said, adding that SNAP recipients can actually "double up" at Sweet Home and then go to the Lebanon market on Thursday to "double up" again.

On the first day, products available to buy included meat, nuts, eggs, vegetables



Photo by Sarah Brown
Customers purchase plants from The Bayne Farm booth on May 14..

and vegetable plants, honey, flowers, mushrooms, baked goods, tamales, canned peaches, applesauce, strawberries and herbs, as well as live music performed by

James Wright.

"I like that I'm supporting local businesses and that things are generally quite fresh," customer Katrina Larsen said.

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(May 22)

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Notice of Budget Committee Meeting: A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the City of Sweet Home to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 will be held at 3225 Main Street, Sweet Home, OR 97386. The meeting will take place on May 30, 2024 at 4 P.M. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained after May 27, 2024 at 3225 Main Street, Sweet Home, OR 97386 between the hours of 8

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING			
A public meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on June 11, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at 1050 West Oak Street, Lebanon, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 as approved by the Lebanon Fire District Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at the Fire Department 1050 W. Oak Street, Lebanon, Oregon between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or online at www.lebanonfire.org . This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is: the same as the preceding year. The Fire Department has a Levy, that is required to receive voter approved in the May Election, This budget reflects the budget anticipating it's approval by the voters.			
Contact	Telephone number	E-mail	
Joseph Rodondi, Fire Chief	(541) 451-1901	info@lebanonfire.com	
FINANCIAL SUMMARY—RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amounts Prev. Year: 2022-2023	Adopted Budget This Year: 2023-2024_	Approved Budget Next Year: 2024-2025_
1. Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	23,844,913	17,099,569	4,100,636
2. Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges...	3,132,200	3,564,000	4,194,369
3. Federal, State & all Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations & Donations	1,177,040	100,000	100,000
4. Revenue from Bonds & Other Debt	808,930	905,455	0
5. Interfund Transfers/Internal Service Reimbursements	5,706,732	14,220,521	60,243
6. All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	627,089	130,850	140,860
7. Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	5,987,380	5,362,688	7,866,818
8. Total Resources—add lines 1 through 7	41,284,284	41,383,063	16,462,926
FINANCIAL SUMMARY—REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
9. Personnel Services	7,108,187	7,527,182	7,952,235
10. Materials and Services	2,101,078	2,301,460	2,444,065
11. Capital Outlay	7,761,138	15,191,500	2,653,471
12. Debt Service	845,580	980,420	990,990
13. Interfund Transfers	5,706,732	14,220,521	60,243
14. Contingencies	500,000	500,000	910,000
15. Special Payments	162,000	662,000	600,000
16. Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	17,099,569		851,922
17. Total Requirements—add lines 9 through 16	41,284,284	41,383,082	16,462,926
FINANCIAL SUMMARY—REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM*			
Name of Organizational Unit or Program			
FTE for Unit or Program			
Name Lebanon Fire	4,335,369	4,258,136	4,625,027
FTE	23.25	23.25	25.25
Name Lebanon Ambulance	3,387,181	3,269,046	3,327,208
FTE	21.75	19.75	19.75
Total Requirements Total			
FTE	45.00	43.00	45.00
PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed	Rate or Amount Imposed	Rate or Amount Approved
Permanent Rate Levy	(Rate Limit 2.26 Per \$1000) 2.26	2.26	2.26
Local Option Levy			0.75
Levy for General Obligation Bonds	802,215	854,000	865,300
STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS			
Long Term Debt	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1	Estimated Debt Authorized, but not Incurred on July 1	
General Obligation Bonds	15,520,000	865,300	
Other Bonds	585,000	125,690	
Other Borrowings			
Total	16,105,000	990,990	

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A.M. and 4 P.M. This is a public meeting where deliberation of this Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. This notice is also posted at <https://www.sweethomeor.gov/bc-budget/page/budget-committee-meeting-13>. (May22)

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A public meeting of the Sweet Home School District School Board will be held on June 10, 2024 at 6:30 pm at 1920 Long Street, Sweet Home, OR. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 as approved by the Sweet Home School District Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained online at www.sweethome.k12.or.us/departments/business. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.

Contact: Kevin Strong Phone: 541-367-7122 Email: kevin.strong@sweethome.k12.or.us

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount Last Year 2022-23	Adopted Budget This Year 2023-24	Approved Budget Next Year 2024-25
Beginning Fund Balance	\$14,780,932	\$17,152,716	\$20,506,932
Current Yr Property Taxes, other than Local Option Taxes	7,185,585	7,230,000	7,580,000
Current Year Local Option Property Taxes	309,836	300,000	320,000
Other Revenue from Local Sources	4,452,323	4,202,000	4,542,000
Revenue from Intermediate Sources	130,000	125,000	125,000
Revenue from State Sources	26,144,738	28,246,055	30,298,154
Revenue from Federal Sources	4,273,341	6,223,514	3,365,000
Interfund Transfers	2,007,500	1,757,500	2,007,500
All Other Budget Resources			
Total Resources	\$59,284,255	\$65,236,785	\$68,744,586

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Salaries	\$16,106,167	\$17,702,117	\$18,961,236
Other Associated Payroll Costs	7,861,039	9,663,869	10,654,436
Purchased Services	3,598,388	8,077,191	7,402,032
Supplies & Materials	4,989,051	4,339,212	4,745,291
Capital Outlay	0	4,925,000	4,975,403
Other Objects (except debt service & interfund transfers)	1,042,242	1,595,080	1,721,830
Debt Service*	3,838,541	3,975,260	4,124,758
Interfund Transfers*	2,007,500	1,757,500	2,007,500
Operating Contingency	0	11,091,816	12,611,858
Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance & Reserves	19,841,327	2,109,740	1,540,242
Total Requirements	\$59,284,255	\$65,236,785	\$68,744,586

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY FUNCTION			
1000 Instruction	\$18,065,429	\$22,567,472	\$23,498,725
FTE	201	203	218
2000 Support Services	13,326,907	17,293,823	17,620,416
FTE	102	105	104
3000 Enterprise & Community Service	1,704,551	2,141,174	2,349,155
FTE	16	16	16
4000 Facility Acquisition & Construction	0	3,300,000	3,991,932
FTE			
5000 Other Uses	0	1,000,000	1,000,000
5100 Debt Service*	3,838,541	3,975,260	4,124,758
5200 Interfund Transfers*	2,007,500	1,757,500	2,007,500
6000 Contingency	500,000	11,091,816	12,611,858
7000 Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	19,841,327	2,109,740	1,540,242
Total Requirements	\$59,284,255	\$65,236,785	\$68,744,586
Total FTE	319	324	338

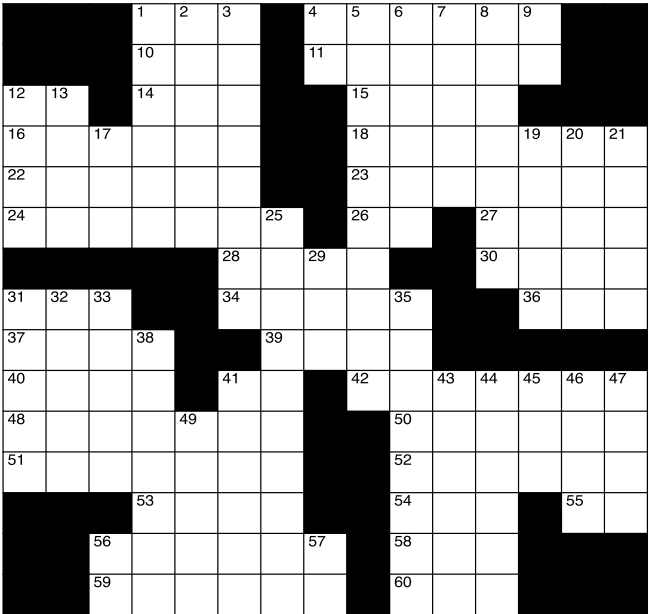
* not included in total 5000 Other Uses. To be appropriated separately from other 5000 expenditures.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING **			
Revenues are expected to increase primarily due to a higher beginning fund balance and additional state funds that offset a decrease in federal funds. Requirements are expected to increase due to higher labor costs and a larger contingency.			

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amt Imposed	Rate or Amt Imposed	Rate or Amt Approved
Permanent Rate Levy (Rate Limit \$5.0057 per \$1,000)	\$5.0057 per \$1,000	\$5.0057 per \$1,000	\$5.0057 per \$1,000
Local Option Levy	\$0.30 per \$1,000	\$0.30 per \$1,000	\$0.30 per \$1,000
Levy For General Obligation Bonds	\$1,774,000	\$1,827,000	\$1,881,000

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS		
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds	\$7,830,000	
Other Bonds	\$7,380,000	
Other Borrowings		
Total	\$15,210,000	

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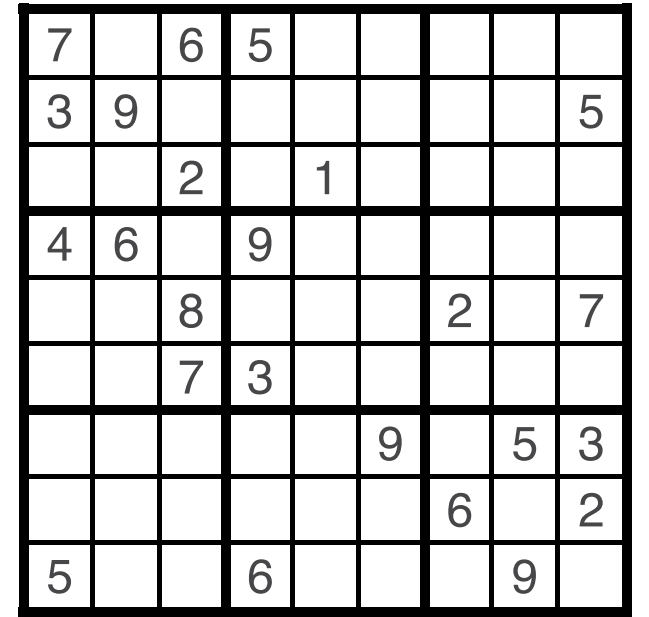
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1. Beats per minute
4. Hindu deity
10. Polynesian garland of flowers
11. Not chained to
12. Metric ton
14. Tall, rounded vase
15. Musical composition
16. St. Francis of ____
18. Discover the location of
22. Compact group of mountains
23. Mend
24. Not current
26. Atomic #64
27. Young hawk
28. Or ____
30. Pouches
31. Southern Thailand isthmus
34. Mends with yarn
36. Downwinds
37. One of two equal parts of a divisible whole
39. Italian archaeological site
40. Cold appetizer
41. Yes
42. Peninsula
48. Of that
50. A way to divide
51. Relating to the physical senses
52. One who makes money
53. ____ Spumante (Italian wine)
54. Inconvenience (abbr.)
55. South Dakota
56. Snow sport
58. The products of human creativity
59. Change mind
60. Born of

CLUES DOWN

1. Similar to the color of a clear unclouded sky
2. Former name of Iran
3. Made smaller
4. Type of meter
5. Revolt
6. Killed with rocks
7. Gregory ____, US dancer
8. Nullifies
9. Home to the Flyers
12. Female parent
13. Pre-1917 Russian emperor
17. Outsourcing (abbr.)
19. Regal
20. Line
21. Hermann ____, author of "Siddhartha"
25. Clearing up
29. No seats available
31. Leaves of an Arabian shrub
32. Groove in organ or tissue
33. Not of this world
35. Cooking device
38. Forget
41. Operational flight
43. Actress Danes
44. Poke holes in
45. A way to discolor
46. Shouts of welcome or farewell
47. Pharrell's group
49. Red fluorescent dye
56. Jr.'s dad
57. Electronics firm

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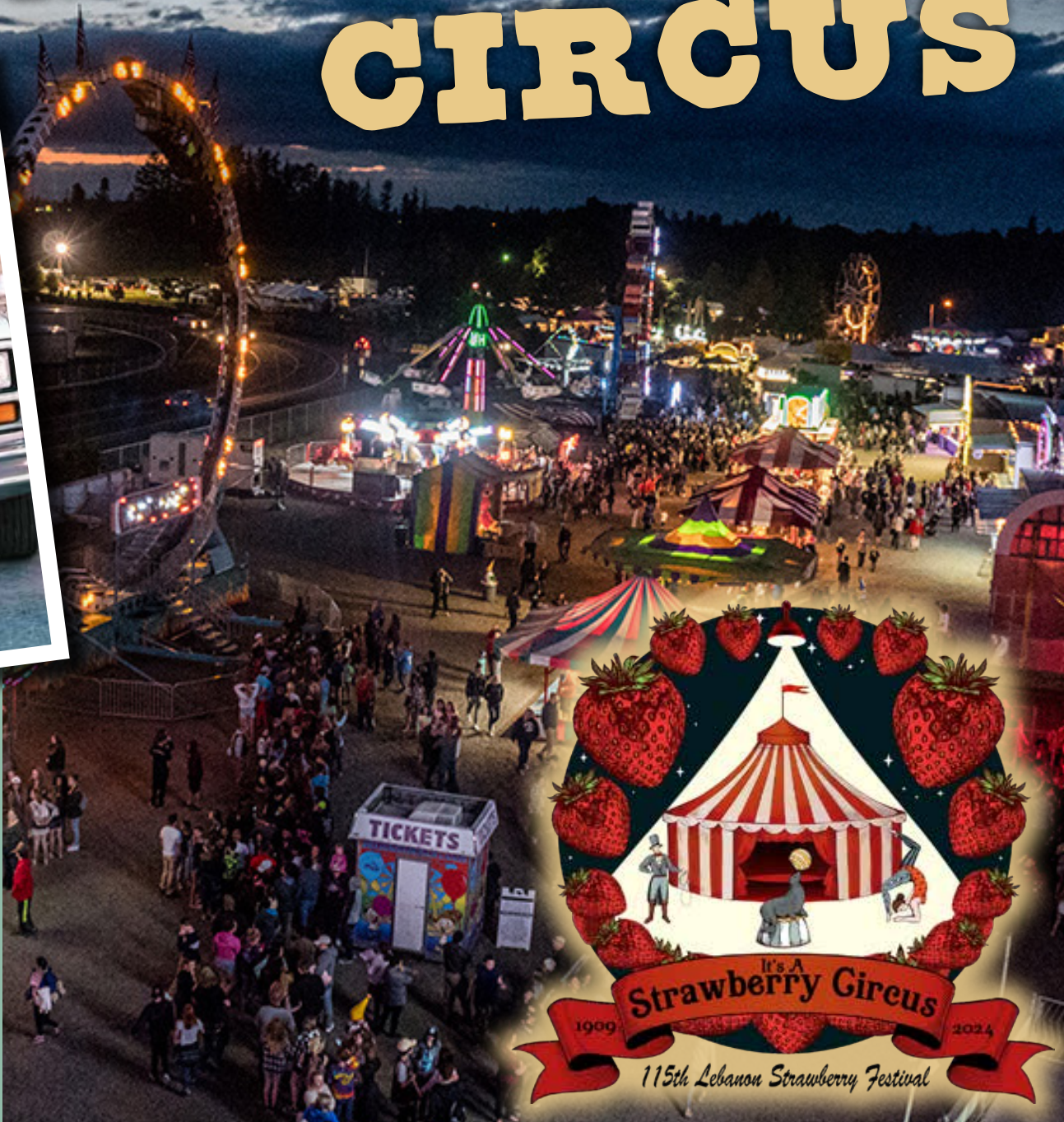
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