

New Art Exhibit Features Mother-Daughter Works

By Sarah Brown
Of The New Era

During life's challenges, people find relief through a variety of activities, whether it be through exercise, music, games or a hobby. For two local artists, they find escape through the process of painting, and they are now sharing their work with the public.

Self-taught artists Sunhee Hager and her daughter, Megan Hager, will display their acrylic paintings at City Hall for the next art exhibit through Sweet Home Oregon Coalition for Artistic and Scholastic Enrichment (SHOCASE).

The two artists' works reflect vibrant colors but contrasting subject matter.

Sunhee's exhibit builds around a commissioned piece called "Neva's Garden" in which a variety of colorful wildflowers fill the foreground amidst a meadow-like landscape. Knowing this would be her centerpiece for the show, she created paintings to accompany the work in a similar theme with flowers, insects and birds.

Given how well one might think the paintings are done,



Photo by Sarah Brown

Sunhee Hager shows a painting of her favorite peonies.

they'd be surprised to learn nature is not her favorite subject to paint.

"I really don't like doing flowers, to tell you the truth," Sunhee admitted.

That's because she's more of a portrait artist.

"I'm fascinated with faces for some reason, and I'm one

of those people who sees faces in almost anything," she said. "I'm also fascinated with eyes. I think eyes are really telltale signs of a person's soul in a lot of ways."

Choosing her artistic subject matter to be that which fascinates her (faces), Sunhee indicated that she can't help but

notice those faces seen in public that would be fun to paint.

"Some faces are very interesting that you could immediately say 'oh that person would make an awesome portrait,'" she said.

One of the first portraits Sunhee created some time ago

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Local Business Owner Elected for Republican National Convention

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Sweet Home resident, business owner and city councilor Angelita Sanchez announced she has been elected as an at-large delegate for Oregon as an elector for next month's National Convention.

"I think the people of this community should know that they'll have representation at a grassroots level at the highest level," Sanchez said.

During the Delegate Selection Convention in Salem on May 25, Sanchez was elected fourth out of 56 spots for Oregon Republican delegates and electors. As one of 10 Oregon at-large delegates, Sanchez will be at the National Convention voting for who she believes the Oregon precinct committee persons want her to vote for; namely, Donald Trump.

"Being a part of this convention at this historic moment in time, for me, is super exciting," Sanchez said. "And being from this town representing



Photo by Chris Chapman

the people of my community and this county over there, I just never thought I'd get the privilege."

The small business owner said she never wanted to be a public speaker, but she sort of fell into a political leadership

position going as far back as 2012 when she felt her work industry was threatened.

"I never thought my voice mattered. Never really wanted to get up in front of people. But because I stood up for our way of life and my business against laws that would have put me out of business, it's just, there you are."

The mother of three has worked in the trucking and forest industry since 2008. Eight years later, she started her own business as a truck driver hauling gravel and the like, mainly for road construction. In 2019, Sanchez became a founder of Timber Unity to help defeat the Cap and Trade bill.

Sanchez will fly to Wisconsin in mid-July where she will not only attend the National Convention, but also take the opportunity to tour the "Little White Schoolhouse," or the Republican Schoolhouse in Ripon, Wisc., where the Republican Party was formed in

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OBITUARIES



Elizabeth Cecelia Peterson
October 25, 1926 - May 28, 2024

Elizabeth Cecelia Peterson, 97, of Sweet Home passed away Monday, May 28, 2024. She was born on October 25, 1926 to Julia (Silva) and Antonio Salvador in Oakland, California.

She lived in San Leandro and Martinez, California before moving to Sweet Home in 1985.

Elizabeth was a Licensed Vocational Nurse at Peralta Hospital in Oakland, CA and Mt. Diablo Hospital in Concord, CA. She was a devoted Catholic and proud member of the St. Helens Catholic Church Choir in Sweet Home.

She is survived by her children: Roxanne Morris-Taylor of Prescott, Arizona, Cather-

ine Maria Peterson of Corvallis, Lloyd Anthony Peterson of Concord, California, Douglas Gerard Peterson of Reno, Nevada; five grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Elizabeth is preceded in death by her husband Raymond L. Peterson (May 2013).

Viewing will be 10:00 am, Recitation of the Rosary will take place at 10:30 am, Funeral Mass will follow at 11:00 am at St. Helens Catholic Church. Interment will be 1:30 pm at Gilliland Cemetery, all on Saturday, June 8th.

Donations in her memory can be made to St. Helens Catholic Church, 600 6th Ave, Sweet Home. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. www.sweethomefuneral.com.

Richard King
March 27, 1957 - May 23, 2024

Richard King, 67, of Sweet Home passed away Thursday, May 23, 2024. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. www.sweethomefuneral.com.

Robert O'Leary
May 27, 1941 - May 29, 2024

Robert O'Leary, 83, of Sweet Home passed away Wednesday, May 29, 2024. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. www.sweethomefuneral.com.

inal mischief.

Camelia Marie Jepps, was charged May 23 with reckless driving, recklessly endangering another person, driving under the influence of intoxicants and violation of open container.

Caden Jason Scotty King, was charged May 31 with first degree burglary, second degree theft, and criminal trespass while in possession of a firearm.

Joseph Francis Mance, 38, was sentenced May 20 to 90 days of license suspension and a \$440 fine, following a no contest plea for reckless driving. Charges dismissed: Two counts of driving under the influence of intoxicants.

Nathan Mark Wickersham, 29, was sentenced May 30 to 15 months in custody of the Oregon Department of Corrections, 36 months of post-prison supervision and a \$500 fine following a guilty pleas for fourth degree assault constituting domestic violence, coercion and interference with making a report. Charges dismissed: fourth degree assault.

Derris Jhonny-Ray Young, was charged May 28 with fourth degree assault.

EVENTS

Health Fair Seeks Vendors

The Sweet Home Community Health Fair is currently seeking vendor applicants for the Aug. 17 event to be held 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Sweet Home High School.

Tables and chairs will be provided. Applications due by June 30.

For more information and to submit an application, contact Bob Dalton at 541.912.9085 or email outlawbdalton@yahoo.com.

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>.

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.

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 5 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.

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.

The public is encouraged to attend to watch 10 men honored. Tickets for the event are

\$25 and includes a dinner with choice of cordon bleu or steak. Reservations with choice of meal and payment must be made by Friday, June 7.

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 proper-

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, Daniel Austin Phillips, Tammy Lavonn Robinson, Paul Levi Shelton, Harley Michelle Webb, Joshua Alexander Williams.*

Clifford Golden Boyce, was charged June 3 with fourth degree assault, strangulation and menacing all constituting domestic violence.

Robert Michael Butterfield, was charged May 31 with second degree theft and a felony computer crime.

Nicholas Edward Cruse, was charged May 30 with coercion constituting domestic violence, fourth degree assault constituting domestic violence, second degree disorderly conduct, failure to perform duties of driver when property is damaged, reckless driving, second degree criminal trespass and second degree crim-

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June	2	62	57	0.00

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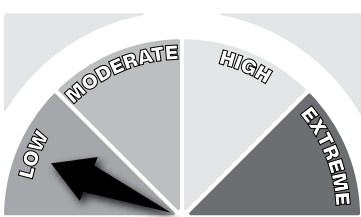
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FORECAST

DAY	WEATHER	HIGH	LOW
Thur	Sunny	81	52
Fri	Mostly Sunny	86	53
Sat	Partly Cloudy	80	54
Sun	Partly Cloudy	79	50
Mon	Sunny	82	51
Tues	Sunny	81	51
Wed	Sunny	81	48

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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 26

7:07 a.m - Joseph Carl Dadey, was cited for driving while suspended.

10:47 a.m - Raymond Lyle Tressel, was arrested by Salem PD on Sweet Home Municipal Court warrants for failure to appear on charges for second degree criminal trespass and unlawful entry into a motor vehicle.

4:14 p.m - Shyanne Nickole Church, was arrested by Lebanon PD on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to comply on an original charge for second degree failure to appear.

4:28 p.m - Clifford Lyle Stoner, was arrested for contempt of court, after violating a release agreement. Lodged at Linn County Jail.

9:34 p.m - Shelly Marie Wagner, 41, was cited for driving while suspended and no insurance.

May 27

2:10 a.m - Scott Dale Raymond, 47, was cited for driving while suspended and no insurance.

12:20 p.m - Robert Wentland, 34, of Albany was cited for no fire extinguisher. Hayden Hiteshaw, 23, of Scio, was cited for no portable flotation device and no fishing license. Austin Miller, 34, of Albany, was cited for no personal flotation device.

1:01 p.m - Faron Walter Kennedy, 59, was arrested on an Albany Municipal Court for failure to comply on an original charge for second degree criminal trespass and a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for failure to comply on an original charge for fraudulent use of a credit card. Kennedy was also cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

May 28

5:55 a.m - Malury Rose Martin, 22, was arrested on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to comply on an original charge for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

9:55 a.m - C. Smith, 26, was cited for driving while suspended.

8:06 a.m - Christian Rogers, was arrested on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for third degree theft.

8:36 a.m - Christian Rogers, was arrested for third degree theft and second degree criminal trespass. Cited and released.

9:01 a.m - Johnny Lee Stone, 31, was arrested by Albany PD on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for second degree criminal trespass and failure to comply on an original charge for initiating a false report.

10:06 a.m - Earl Ryan Dodge, 30, was arrested on Sweet Home Municipal Court warrants for failure to appear on charges of third degree theft, second degree criminal mischief, offensive littering and second degree trespass. Dodge was also cited on an Albany Municipal Court warrant for failure to comply on an original charge for contempt of court.

2:21 p.m - Thomas Studer, 50, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

2:28 p.m - Darrin Black, 54, was cited for driving while suspended, driving while uninsured and an undisclosed warrant.

2:31 p.m - Darrin Jay Black, 61, was arrested by Linn County Sheriff's Office on Sweet Home Municipal Court warrants for two counts of failure to appear on original charges for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

3:59 p.m - Lisa Dawn Johnston, 49, was arrested on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to comply on an original charge for second degree theft.

4:12 p.m - Caller reports theft from store. Officer responded, report taken for trespass and third degree theft.

5:12 p.m - Roberta Lee Griffiths, 54, was arrested by Linn County Sheriff's Office on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for second degree theft.

May 29

12:03 a.m - Kelly Duane Kearns, 52, was arrested on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for carrying a concealed weapon. Cited and released.

9:05 a.m - Sha-Marie Lynn Wall, was arrested by Lebanon PD on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for harassment.

10:15 a.m - Michael D. Stratman, 22, was cited on an Albany Municipal Court warrant.

3:13 p.m - Joshua Kealohanui Ben Leslie, 36, was arrested on a Linn County Circuit Court warrant for a probation violation on an original charge for public indecency. Leslie was also arrested for second degree criminal trespass and contempt of court.

7:31 p.m - Gilbert Alonzo Martinez, was arrested for fourth degree assault and harassment.

7:42 p.m - Naomi P Nyberg, 58, was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants and an Albany Municipal Court warrant for trespassing.

10:19 p.m - Andrew Reves, 24, was cited for speeding. 85/55.

10:23 p.m - A 17 year old juvenile female was cited for no valid operator's license.

May 30

2:01 a.m - Gilbert Alonzo Martinez, 48, was arrested for

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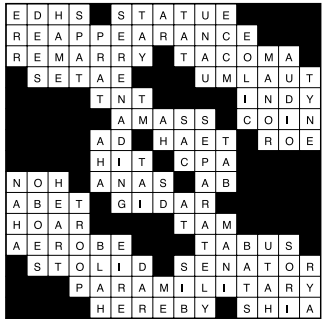
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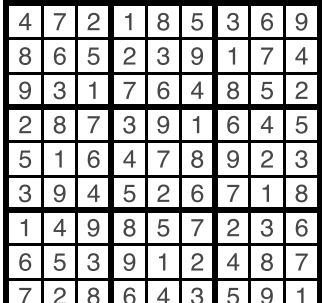
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3. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.
4. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.
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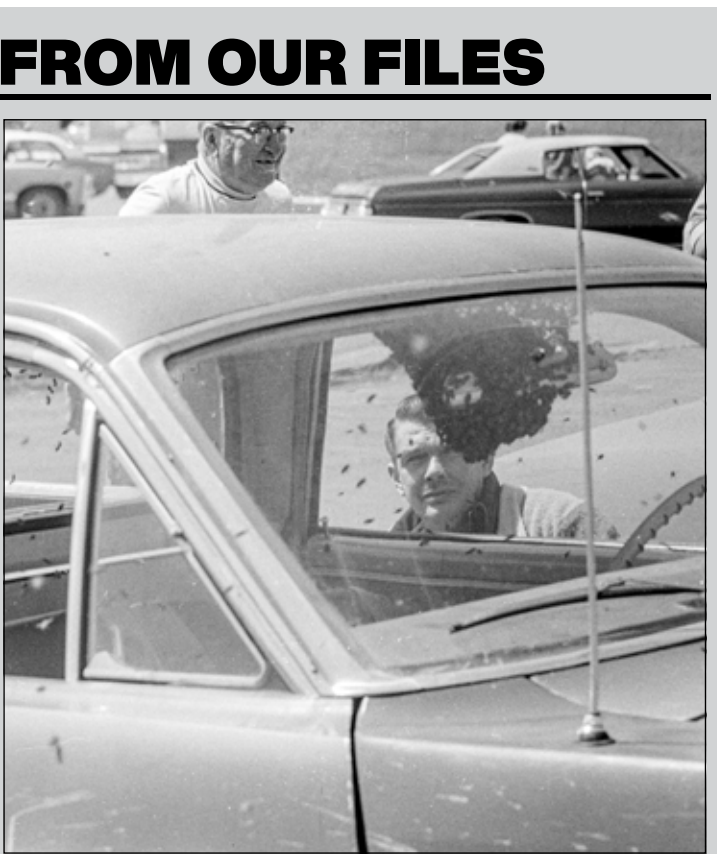
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A swarm of bees followed their queen to the rear view mirror of Dell Follett's pickup while parked near 12th and Main in 1974.

June 6, 1974

City Council and the budget committee are open to suggestions from the community about how revenue sharing monies might best be spent. As such, City Manager David Crutcher is introducing a "mini-application" for individuals and organizations who may have suggestions. The idea, he said, is to get all requests for monies into a standard format so the budget committee can balance priorities. Last year's supplemental budget went almost entirely to capital improvements.

Viewpoints around Foster and Green Peter dams are being beautified for the summer. A downstream day use area below Foster Dam will have 20 picnic tables, barbecue grills and landscape features. A committee will recommend naming it Andrew Wiley Park. On the southeast side of Green Peter Dam, a comfort station and parking area is being constructed, and a viewpoint will be on the northwest side of the dam. Also, sprinklers are being installed at Foster Lake across from The Point.

Students from Foster, Hawthorne, Crawfordsville and Oak Heights visited the coast during an overnight trip, touring the Oregon State University Marine Science Center, Oregon Oyster Co., the Tokyo Venture ship and tide pools. The kids toured a Japanese ship that was in the area picking up logs. There, they were given an opportunity to eat octopus and watch the crew do Morse code on the radio. Other memorable experiences relayed by kids was oyster shucking and creatures they saw at the undersea gardens.

June 9, 1999

An ODOT project began on the west end of town, the primary purpose to resurface Highway 20. Other projects include traffic signals upgraded and synchronized with cross streets, handicap access improved, sidewalks extended to 55th Avenue, left turn lanes created, and curb "bulb outs" added. With some of these safety improvements, however, some parking will be reduced.

Mark Holden's fifth grade class at Foster managed a \$2 million budget to design and construct bridges using toothpicks. Five teams competed to see whose bridge could hold the most weight. Two teams tied, their bridges holding 2,950 grams.

City officials are hoping to complete a BMX track in Upper Sankey Park this summer. It's the latest effort to provide additional recreational opportunities for youth. Volunteers completing site work for a new Community Center moved about 200 yards of dirt to the park for the track. Efforts are also underway to raise funds for a skate park.

Rose Lamb-Leplat wanted to thank firefighters for responding to a fire that destroyed her home, but still has reservations about the department's response time that the fact her pets could not be saved. She said it took 35 minutes for an engine to appear at her home on 43rd Avenue, but dispatch logs indicate only seven minutes had passed. Lamb-Leplat said she asked firefighters to create a hole in the wall where her dog was last seen, but the crew told her that would enhance the fire's spread.

Elderly Driver Injured in 12th Avenue Crash



Photo By Sky Chappell
Battalion Chief Randy Whitfield views the struck 2006 Ford Mustang.

By Sky Chappell
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Sweet Home Fire and Ambulance (SHFAD) and Sweet Home Police Department (SHPD) were dispatched to a crash in the 1200 block of 12th Avenue and Kalmia Street, May 31. Upon arrival, the SHPD learned that Roger Sherman, 91, of Sweet Home, was traveling southbound on 12th Avenue in his 2000 GMC Safari van. After turning left onto

Kalmia, Sherman collided with the driver side of a 2006 Ford Mustang that was traveling northbound on 12th Avenue. The Mustang was operated by Shayne Levins, 31, of Lebanon. The Mustang sustained substantial damage and was towed away from the scene, according to SHPD. Sherman was transported to the hospital with minor injuries. Officer Pinnegar will be continuing this investigation.



Photo By Sky Chappell
The 2006 Kia Optima lays upright after being flipped over by bystanders.

Single-Vehicle Rollover Crash on Long

By Sky Chappell
Of The New Era

Sweet Home Police Department (SHPD) and the Sweet Home Fire and Ambulance District responded to a call of a single vehicle rollover crash in the 4600 block of Long Street on May 27. According to SHPD the driver, Faron Walter Kennedy, 59, of Sweet Home, told officers he was traveling west in his 2006 Kia Optima, on Long Street, when he believed he

may have had a medical event that caused him to drive off the road, striking a fire hydrant and rolling the vehicle. Kennedy's dog had been ejected from the vehicle during this crash, and was deceased upon officers' arrival. The Kia had been rolled back onto its wheels with extensive damage to the entire vehicle. Along with this, there was a damaged fire hydrant lying on its side, with debris all around the vehicle.

Kennedy was cited into Sweet Home Municipal Court for driving while suspended and driving uninsured. Additionally, Kennedy was cited on an Albany Municipal Court warrant for failure to comply on an original charge for second degree criminal trespass, and a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for failure to comply on an original charge for fraudulent use of a credit card, according to SHPD.

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Osage Residents Dismayed Over City Plans

By Sarah Brown
Of The New Era

City Manager Kelcey Young announced the city has initiated work this week to build the new park at Osage Street between 42nd and 43rd avenues during the City Council meeting Tuesday, May 28.

The city began removing trees from the property on Tuesday because, Young said, “there has been a high level of security concern” with homelessness and fires. Following year-long talks with Fire Chief Nick Tyler and Police Chief Jason Ogden, they determined thinning out the trees there would make the area significantly safer while also providing a park and increasing nearby property values, she said.

Prior to her announcement, Terry Lee addressed the council during a time for public comment to express his concerns about what is taking place there.

Lee, a long-time resident on 43rd Avenue, noted his frustration with the city’s plans to build a park and install parking where there are not only “drug problems,” but also the fact the park would be situated off a narrow street. He went on to say there are plans to build 10 structures there for homeless or homeless families that the neighbors were not informed about or asked for their input on the matter. Lee added that after the city placed a flex building on the property in the mid-1990s and chip sealed the road, water flowed onto his property, which he was responsible for fixing.

“The deal is, we have prob-



Photo by Sarah Brown

Area residents Steven Blench and Terry Lee talk to each other about changes happening in their neighborhood.

lems,” Lee said. “We have issues there. We don’t need any more.”

He also said he believes there are osprey nests and eagles on the property, the proposed trail at the new park is planned on property not owned by the city, and the city is interested in the money they can make from the sale of the trees.

At an “open house” meeting on May 2 between the city and neighborhood residents to discuss park plans, Community and Economic Development Director Blair Larsen talked about plans to thin trees out on the property and to use the trees to help fund the park equipment. He alluded that even if the park does not get built, the city still had plans to thin out the forested

area.

Returning to his concern about a “homeless compound” being placed in the area, Lee said he can sympathize with families facing homelessness, but not for those who “just want to steal stuff” and don’t want to better themselves.

“The deal is, the communication with the city to the people that actually live there was none,” Lee said. “When we come in here and we talk to you about this, you didn’t tell us you had 10 structures planned to put there.”

Yet, he said, nobody in the city he talked to knew about the alleged 10 structures, nor could they show him any site plans for it.

“This was not thought out by the city,” he said. “None of us have any say about it. I’ve

owned that place for 32 years. I’ve put a lot of money into it and now all of a sudden we’re gonna have a homeless place right across the street.”

Young responded to Lee that nothing has been brought forward to City Council yet regarding emergency family housing.

Young explained to The New Era there are plans to add some additional transitional pods for FAC, as well as find a location to put in four or five cottage-like tiny homes for transitional emergency housing for families with small children.

“Are we looking for safe housing for families with children who are currently going through this transition and don’t have permanent housing? Yes,” she said.

A location near 43rd and Osage is among one of the locations the city is looking at as a possible site for the family houses, but nothing has been established yet to bring before council on the matter.

“If anything were to happen, we would go to council (first),” Young said. “Once we decide on the location and we decide on the site plan, it would go to council.”

Regarding the neighborhood park, Young explained the city has been talking about that for a year and has made different attempts to inform the community about it (along with other city goals), but she expressed disappointment that not everybody feels the communication has been clear enough.

During the city council meeting, Councilor Lisa Gourley asked if the city took into consideration the bird nests prior to removing the trees. Young responded that “multiple” surveys and reviews were made and no nests were found in that particular area.

For more information about the new park, see our story at [SweetHomeNews.com/city-reveals-plans-for-possible-new-park/](https://www.sweethomeneeds.com/city-reveals-plans-for-possible-new-park/).

In other business:

- The council tabled a motion to approve a contract between the city and Ashley and Vance Engineering Inc. for the Sankey Park Phase III project, which would improve sidewalks and trails, replace the old bandstand, and add additional lighting and security cameras. Young recommended the council table the contract because, despite negotiations, the city feels the firm’s costs are still too high and they would like to continue with negotiations.

- Nancy Patton addressed the council about overgrown grass at 27th Avenue and Foothills Drive, and offered to cut it.

- Steven Blench, who lives on Osage Street, told the council he was concerned about a lack of communication from the city regarding the felling of trees on city property off Osage Street between 42nd and 43rd avenues. Although the city owns the property, Blench said he believes the city should’ve consulted with the area residents regarding plans to build a park there and tear down trees. Young responded to Blench’s concerns stating the city did try to communicate with residents, but she apologized that it was inadequate. She invited him to meet with her.



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first degree criminal trespass and resisting arrest. Lodged in Linn County Jail.

5:17 a.m - Nathan Phillip Dickinson, 32, was cited for speeding. 85/55.

8:53 a.m - Jay Boyd Marsh, was arrested by Lebanon PD on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to comply on an original charge for second degree theft.

9:52 a.m - Hunter Ariel Ringheimer, was arrested on Sweet Home Municipal Court warrants for failure to comply on an original charge for failure to perform duties of a driver when property is damaged, failure to appear on a charge for contempt of court, a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for a probation violation and a Linn County Justice Court warrant for driving

while suspended.
1:34 p.m - Donald Ray Walkup, was arrested by Lebanon PD on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on a charge for fourth degree assault.

3:33 p.m - Leslie Renne Maynard, was arrested on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for menacing.

May 31

1:34 a.m - Demetrius Scott, 34, was arrested by Albany PD on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for third degree assault.

7:30 a.m - Leslie Renee Maynard, was arrested for second degree criminal trespass.

11:42 a.m - Caller reported a trespass. Report taken for second degree criminal trespass.

12:08 p.m - Caller reports theft of bicycle. Report taken

for second degree theft. Valued loss \$200.

4:31 p.m - Shauna Ray Harden, was arrested by Linn County Sheriff's Office on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to comply on an original charge for attempting to elude a police officer.

5:57 p.m - Caller reports damage to their vehicle. Officer responded, report taken. Valued damage \$1500.

7:15 p.m - Unidentified driver was cited for speeding and driving while suspended. 55/35.

8:06 p.m - Hunter Ringheimer, 30, was cited for driving while suspended.

11:48 p.m - Brian Scott Holden, 48, was arrested on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for second degree theft.

June 1

10:38 a.m - Caller reports a motel ran card five times and refused to give him a key. Officer responded. Negative contact parties involved.

11:57 a.m - Keiron Tylor Cummings, 25, was cited for reckless driving.

June 2

2:59 a.m - Jenny Ann Martin, 47, was arrested by Sherwood PD on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to comply on an original charge for third degree theft.

4:52 a.m - Hannah Belle Naftaniel, 24, was arrested by Lebanon PD on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for prohibited acts.

1:21 p.m - Caller reports apartment was broken into. Officer responded, report taken for first degree burglary and first degree theft.

5:35 p.m - Deputies, Sweet

Home Fire and McKenzie Fire Department responded to a call with an injured female. The female injured herself whilst walking from Blue Pool. Mentioned agencies were able to extract the female and transport them to the hospital.

9:14 p.m - Nora Cockrell, 50, was cited for no valid operator's license and driving uninsured.

11:21 p.m - Scott Raymond, 38, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

June 3

1:13 a.m - Rodrigo Alejandro Cervantes, 31, was arrested on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for second degree theft and Marion County Circuit Court warrants for failure to appear on a charge for menacing and contempt of court.

Commissioners OK Electronically Amplified Noise Ordinance

By Alex Paul
For The New Era

After considerable discussion during the Linn County Commissioners meeting May 28, Roger Nyquist, Sherrie Sprenger and Will Tucker unanimously approved an electronically amplified noise ordinance that will take effect in 90 days.

The ordinance does not apply to noise from farming or other equipment, or from entities such as the Willamette Speedway. It focuses solely on sounds that have been amplified, such as music blaring from speakers at neighborhood parties or events.

The ordinance encompasses properties within the county boundaries, but not individual cities unless they have similar ordinances. For example, the Oregon Jamboree music festival is held in downtown Sweet Home and would not fall under this ordinance. The former Willamette Country Music Festival was held on a farm outside of Brownsville and would fall under this ordinance.

Linn County has had an "outdoor assemblies ordinance" in place for several years. The new ordinance now includes areas such as neighboring properties.

Linn County has long had an ordinance against creating a "public nuisance," but Sheriff Michelle Duncan said that requires at least three neighbors who are willing to testify against someone who is producing the loud, disturbing noises.

The new ordinance makes it illegal to "create electronically amplified sounds that can be heard by a reasonable person of ordinary sensitivity using unaided hearing across property lines, during the weekend day and holiday hours of 11 p.m. and 9 a.m. and weekday hours of 10 p.m. and 8 a.m.

It would be a Class A violation.

Duncan said her deputies will always try to educate people before an issue gets to the citation stage.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Amended several pay range classifications within the Mental Health Department, increasing the pay scale in response to the competitiveness to hire and maintain qualified staff after the COVID-19 pandemic. The Mental Health Department has 47 clinical positions (requiring a master's degree or higher) and recently there were 16 open positions.

- Approved amending a Juvenile Department Supervisor position to Deputy Director

position.

- Were told by Juvenile Director Torri Lynn that in April the detention center held 23 youth from Linn County plus four from Benton County and six from Lincoln County. There were 39 referrals and there are 200 young people on probation or pending court, of which 39 are considered "high-risk." There are 103 youth in the Community Programs Unit and the Intervention Specialist is serving 116 young people.

- Approved a Code Text Amendment that will allow the "manufacturing, compounding, processing, assembling, packaging, treatment or fabrication of products" in buildings in the Urban Growth Area - Rural Commercial zone. The amendment was requested by Riverland LLC. The company has built several industrial grade buildings along Highway 99 on the north side of Tangent. The code text amendment would allow manufacturing within those buildings. Riverland LLC is owned by the Raschein family.

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ART

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was of her father, and she has since created portraits of her children, friends and, perhaps, the occasional stranger who had remarkable features. But among her collection of portraits, ironically, is her painting of pink peonies, a work of flowers that Sunhee cherishes because it tells a story.

The plant belonged to her father, and she always admired the flowers' bright fuchsia colors, though she has been unable to reproduce the magnificent color true to form on canvas, she said. Her father gave Sunhee a start from his peony bush, but for the first couple of years it didn't bloom. Yet, after his own plant died, her propagated cutting started producing the flowers she wanted.

"It's kind of like passing on the torch in some weird kind of way, and I captured that in this," Sunhee said, looking at her painting.

Every year, the artist likes to change up the type of medium she works with. This year she is focusing on acrylics. Last year, Sunhee worked with watercolor, and in 2022 she played with fabrics. In fact, she created portraits made from denim jeans.

"I'm more into the process of things than the product," she explained. "Some people are interested in puzzles or playing on their cell phone or whatever. I actually am interested in creating things, more hands-on things. I think it's really great for your brain development, as well, to challenge yourself and try out different things. It just keeps me engaged and focused."

The Hager family moved to Sweet Home in 2012 after purchasing 30 acres upon which they built a home. Sunhee has



Photo by Sarah Brown

Megan Hager shows what she says is her saddest painting, "For Alanna," which she painted after her friend passed away.

degrees in family, nutrition and food sciences, as well as human development, which helped shape how she raised her children.

"I strongly encouraged the logical side – the mathematics and the academics and all that stuff – but I also encouraged physical activity and artistic outlets for both of my children," she said. "My son chose to do his artistic outlet or stress-relieving outlet in video gaming (she stated with a laugh), but my daughter, she decided to follow my footsteps and do

paintings and artistic things."

Megan Hager just earned a bachelor's in biomedical sciences with an emphasis on neurobiology at Colorado State and is working toward a PhD in toxicology. The 2020 Sweet Home High School grad holds school records from the swim club and used the sport to earn swimming scholarships for college.

"I found my way to swimming by happenstance, but it brought me to Colorado, which gave me so many opportunities that I am deeply grateful for," Megan said.

While developing her left brain through scientific endeavors, the 22-year-old still enjoys the creative expressions of the right brain that she learned growing up.

"I always liked art. My mom is an artist, and my grandpa, so it was always there as a hobby," she said. "I've always loved science and been in the science field, so this is a fun way for me to be in touch with my creativity."

Many of her paintings reflect her interest in science as she uses anatomical features in her work. Megan's exhibition at City Hall features the use of hands.

"I love to toe the line between realism and more of a surrealist kind of style," she said.

Her favorite piece depicts a hand pushing a ball into a glass of water. She painted it during her sophomore year in college,

a time when she was "deep in the grind" of being a pre-med student.

During that period, she explained, she would wake before the sun rose for Division 1 swim practice, attend difficult classes, and return home after the sun set.

"It was a time which I was putting immense pressure on myself to succeed," she said. "There's so many things that feel like you're putting pressure on yourself, and at a time when you want to be this bright bouncy ball of energy, but you're just being pushed under, and it's dulling and it's muting and it hurts, but you have to do it sometimes."

"Some years later I also realized this painting is about resiliency because even though the ball is being pushed down, it wants to stay buoyant, it wants to push back up to the surface. It could've just sank, but it didn't. So now I look at it and I'm so glad that I made it the way that I did. With the little bit of water spilling out, whether the cup is my life containing my conscious experience and there I am, still fighting, even if it feels oppressive and hard and sad and blue, but there's a bright world around."

In the end, she said, it all worked out. She graduated summa cum laude and was accepted into her graduate program.

"Everything worked out great for me, but it was definitely re-

ally tough for a moment there. Knowing (at the time of the painting) that I was only half-way through was brutal. It was devastating, frankly. So that's what that painting means to me."

Megan said she prefers painting with acrylic because the colors are bright and sharp, and it dries quickly. Growing up, she worked mostly with watercolor, which taught her technical skills of painting because, she said, she couldn't paint over any mistakes she made.

"I always loved the development of a skill," she said. "That's super evident in swimming being so objective, like I can see myself improving. Then as you make more and more paintings and drawings, you can see how it progresses and improves. I loved the challenge that it gave of having to figure out and knowing when something looks a little wrong. I loved the mental challenge that it was to figure out what line is at the wrong angle. I could make it into this more objective, more scientific process."

Megan likes to work with complementary colors, but the centerpiece of her exhibit – a hand holding a paintbrush – was more of a challenge because she wanted to incorporate a full palette on the paintbrush. And while she usually paints with cheerful colors, Megan said she does have some "sad paintings." She pulled out a painting of a set of hands holding the world with dripping water, which she made the day she learned her friend had passed away.

"It's not a very happy color," she said. "It's not like it's cheery yellow and trying to fight the world. It's just holding it because sometimes that's all you can do."

The mother-daughter duo agree that the process of art is a sort of stress-relieving meditation for them that, in the end, also gives a sense of accomplishment when the work is complete.

"I really believe that everybody's an artist," Sunhee said. "It's just a matter of how much time you are willing to spend on it. There's a moment when you start a painting it's a mess and a lot of people want to quit, but there is a certain moment, when you continue to stay with the painting, where everything changes and you see the vision, you see the outcome, and then there's a finish. I find it a creativity, but also a mental challenge to persevere through whatever obstacles that you might feel and continue to finish it. The end product is great and then it's something that has some meaning to you and then you look at it and you say, 'Yeah, I did that.'"

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Elks Lodge Overflows as Seniors Honored at Athletic Awards Ceremony

By Sky Chappell
Of The New Era

Seats were filled to the brim at the Elks Lodge on Sunday, June 2. Families, friends and even alumni were in attendance, all in anticipation to recognize high school seniors during the annual athletic awards ceremony.

This event was put on by the Booster Club and was presented by booster club member Ali Gardener. The booster club, as explained by Gardener, is made up of members of community businesses, families and individuals who give back to athletes and the sports programs.

Many of these people donated time and money to make things happen for the athletes. Some of those things included: a total of 588 snack bags, plus extra food for kids who competed at state; customized sports banners; four scholarships provided during the ceremony; and a private photographer for the athletes' senior nights. In total, \$30,014 was spent on the teams, all money provided to the teams from the booster club.

Gardener spent time recognizing each individual athlete, as well as what they did while in high school.

A tradition during the annual event is to have a keynote speaker. This year Tiffany Lynn, a major crimes detective, was able to share a personal story as well as words of wisdom to the soon-to-be graduates. Lynn is a Sweet Home High School (SHHS) alumni herself.

After the keynote speech, Gardener took time to recognize athletes who won scholarships on the previous Wednesday night during the "academic scholarship night." The first awards recognized were the Pat and Ernie Outstanding Wrestler Award and the Norm Davis Award.

"Both of these awards are very special to the wrestling program, but to SHHS in general," Gardener said. "These awards are given to wrestlers who exemplify the core values of the Sweet Home wrestling program."

Both of these awards were given to the four-time state champ, Kyle Sieminski.

Another Wednesday award was the Greg Hagle Memorial Scholarship. This award was presented by Jimmy Hagle, another SHHS alumni who is the brother of Greg Hagle. This award is applicant-based and was given to Max Klumph, Adisen Graber and Evan Ashcraft.

Gardener returned after

these recognitions to present the "Spirit of a Husky" award. This award was given to athletes who competed all three seasons of all four years. The winners of these awards were Jon Holly and Rylee Markell.

The Larry Johnson "Sportsmanship Award" was presented by football Coach Ryan Adams. According to Adams, Johnson is a man of integrity, commitment and devotion to his family, community, the high school and every athletic program at the high school. The three recipients of the award embody similar qualities as Johnson. The athletes are deeply committed not only to their sports, but to the entire community of Sweet Home throughout their school career. The winners of the award were Madison Duncan, Kyle Sieminski and Kelso Ellis.

The Bruce West "Spirit of a Champion" award followed, presented by Coach Nathan Whitfield. To get this award, an athlete had to face overwhelming adversity, greater than what the average athlete experienced, Whitfield explained, whether it be adversity at home, injuries or other various things outside of their control. The winners of these awards were Brooklyn Hanni, Kaylene Zajic, Rylie Watkins, Max Klumph and Ryker Hartsook.

The next award was the Coaches Scholar Athlete Award that was presented by Athletic Director Dan Tow. During his presentation, Tow recognized how Volleyball Coach Mary Hutchins would be stepping down from her position as a coach. This award recognizes academic excellence. The award required a 3.5 GPA, as well as being a team leader as a member of a varsity team with no code of conduct violations. The winners had to have been voted on by half of the coaching staff. Those winners include Ben Tolman, Max Klumph, Rylee Markell and Lydia Wright.

Coach Dave Martin presented the "MOE" award. This award was defined as an award given to the hardest worker, someone who was first to arrive and last to leave, someone who gave their all regardless of the circumstance. Even despite injuries, these athletes continued to help accomplish both personal goals and team goals. These students did the right thing every single time. The winners of these awards were Rylee Markell and Ryker Hartsook.

The next award was the dis-



Photo provided by the Booster Club

Back row, from left to right: Max Klumph, Ryker Hartsook, Jon Holly, Colin Nicholson. Front row, from left to right: Kyle Sieminski, Ben Tolman, Jayce Miller, Kelso Ellis, Lydia Wright, Riley Watkins, Kaylene Zajic, Brooklyn Hanni, Rylee Markell, Adisen Graber and Madison Duncan.

tinguished athlete award and was presented by Hutchins. This award was given to someone who was seen as a person who can be trusted to do the right thing, someone who betters their community and school. Many quotes about the athletes were recognized during this presentation. The winners of this award were Adi Graber, Jayce Miller, Ben Tolman and Colin Nicholson.

The second to last award was the booster club "IMPACT" award, and was presented by Gardener. This award previously was known as "Booster Athlete of the Year," or "Booster Boy and Girl of the Year." These athletes were recognized for their service to the team, their school and their community. Although the athletes may or may not have been the most decorated, these athletes still represented their school both on and off the field. The winners were awarded \$1,000 scholarships. Winners of this award were Lydia Wright, Rylee Markell, Ryker Hartsook and Max Klumph.

Last, but not least, was the SHHS Hall of fame award presented by Coach Steve Thorpe. This award was given to one of the best, not in the year, but in the program. Thorpe recognized all the last names of successful athletes he coached and even wrestled with. The winner of this award was four-time state champion Kyle Sieminski.

After these awards were presented, Gardner gave her thanks to all the people who allowed this event to go on. She then also recognized a gift given by the Oregon Jamboree. This was



Photo by Sky Chappell

Ali Gardener speaks after giving out the Oregon Jamboree gift.

a raffle with athletic attendees' names. The winner was Hanna James, who won two three-day passes to the Jamboree as well as premium parking passes.

Gardener gave special

thanks to the Sportsman's Holiday princesses for being there to help, as well as the Junior Class Board for attending and helping put up and tear down the event.

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LBCC Dyno Days Drives Interest in Auto Tech

By Zeva Rosenbaum
Of The New Era

Linn-Benton Community College's Automotive Technology hosted their annual Dyno Days open house on May 17 and 18.

At Dyno Days, vehicle owners could bring their cars to run on LBCC's Mustang Dynamometers, which measure the torque and rotational speed of engines, and have their specs posted up on a board for spectators to see.

Attendees toured the available programs, watched student-led demonstrations, and talked to Air Force recruiters, all fueled by food from local food trucks on-site. Kids and adults alike could also test out a stripped-down arcade-style driving simulator.

Jared Garcia, a student finishing up his first year in the Automotive Technology program, said there are multiple certifications throughout the program, such as maintenance and repair in the first year, and engines, transmissions and advanced suspension in the second year.

"I've been enjoying every minute of it," Garcia said.



Photo by Zeva Rosenbaum

Attendees get a closer look at some cars on display and hear more from staff and students during Dyno Days.

"Learning some really cool stuff."

Garcia said the first day of the event was a little chaotic as everyone familiarized themselves with the pro-

cess, and thanks to an influx of cars coming in, but things were smoother and busier on the second day.

"You can come in with no experience (or) a little bit

of experience," Garcia explained. "You'll end up learning something along the way. I would say it's focusing less on like, 'oh, let's see how much power to make.' The

reality is, we're doing repairs, we're making sure your vehicle runs efficiently and reliably. That's what we're here to do as repair technicians."

Ben Roberts said he recently took over the outreach portion of the position and had been talking to prospective students and employees, taking down information for people interested in working as technicians, service advisors or other related roles.

"We're always looking for new people to hire on," Roberts said.

Cars running on the dynamometers were chained down and revved up to test the speed and torque. Vehicles of all shapes, sizes and ages were tested, from classics and commuter cars to luxury SUVs and souped up sports cars.

The auto tech program features a "state-of-the-art" 38,000 square foot facility with 26 bays and high-end diagnostic equipment, and is an authorized National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3) training center.

Dyno Days was live-streamed on YouTube on both Friday and Saturday.

Brownsville Prepares for Busy Summer of Fun

By Alex Paul
For The New Era

Lots of fun things happen in the historic town of Brownsville every summer and two of them are sponsored by the Linn County Historical Museum — Stand

By Me Day and Hands on History.

The museum is operated and maintained by the Linn County Parks & Recreation Department.

The Pioneer Picnic Association manages the Linn

County Pioneer Picnic, and the Volunteer Firefighters host a pancake breakfast and fireworks display on the 4th of July. The Chamber of Commerce organizes a Citywide Garage Sale and the Brownsville Antique Show.

First up is the Linn County Pioneer Picnic founded in 1887 and recognized as the longest continuously running celebration in Oregon. The event kicks off Friday, June 21, with the children's parade down Main Street followed by the crowning of the court and an evening concert with the band Pendleton Highway.

Saturday starts early with the pancake breakfast in Pioneer Park before the big parade down Main Street and around town. Activities in the park follow through Sunday with music, food, vendors and games. More details can be found at pioneerpicnic.com

July 4 opens with the annual pancake breakfast hosted by the Brownsville Volunteer Fire Association in Pioneer Park from 8-11 a.m. In the evening, visitors can return to the park for

one of the more spectacular fireworks shows at dusk. To help support the fireworks show, donations can be sent to the Association at PO Box 189, Brownsville, OR 97327.

The Citywide Yard Sale always includes more than 50 homes across town on July 20 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Chamber of Commerce creates a map that can be picked up anywhere in town. Visit Brownsvillechamber@gmail.org for info or to get your own sale on the map.

Next up is Stand By Me Day on Tuesday, July 23. Fans of this very special movie have the chance to walk the streets, hear the stories and rub shoulders with fans from all over the world, as well as eat lots of blueberry pie. Walking tours and the pie eating contest are always a highlight. The whole event takes place next to the museum and along Park Avenue. Activities run from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Check the website for information at linnmuseum.com or follow the Facebook page "Linn County Historical Museum."

Then on August 3, head down to Pioneer Park for the

annual Brownsville Antique Faire. There will be more than 70 vintage and antique vendors selling everything from furniture to collectibles. Visitors can also enjoy the car show, delicious food trucks and music.

Bringing the summer to a close is the extremely popular Hands on History event put on by Museum Friends. The activities will take place on Aug. 24 in Library Park next to the Linn County Historical Museum and along Park Avenue from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This event features pioneer-era activities, chores and skills that visitors can try their hand at, as well as music and stories of the pioneers, the black settlers and the Kalapuyan people.

Follow the Linn County Historical Museum's Facebook and website (<https://linnparks.com/museums/linn-county-historical-museum/>) for more info, or call 541-466-3390.

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Civil War Reenactment Draws Record School-Day Attendance

By Zeva Rosenbaum
Of The New Era

An annual Civil War reenactment held at Cheadle Lake Park May 17-19 saw great attendance, with a record 1,000 kids attending the school day on Friday.

Manned primarily by the Northwest Civil War Council, the reenactment featured two daily battle reenactments, medical demonstrations, a fashion show, presentations and living historians available to answer questions about the way of life during the American Civil War.

Commander John Leaton said attendance “nosedived” due to COVID, so it was great to see so many people come this year.

“It’s really just an opportunity to bring history to life,” Leaton said. “The CWC is made up of individual clubs, so every camp you see is a different club, as it were, and we come together under the umbrella. It’s an opportunity to present living history.”

While the highlight is the Civil War, Leaton said there are lots of “highly educated” people who know about things like guns and muni-



Photo by Zeva Rosenbaum

Confederate soldiers fire on the Union army as they approach for close-combat.

tions, soldier accouterments and daily life from the time period.

Leaton, who has been taking part in reenactments for 19 years now, has made the experience a family affair as well.

“My wife and I home schooled our four children, so they grew up in this hob-

by,” he said.

According to Leaton, they also host a history class at Linn-Benton Community College every year so interested students can learn about the Civil War era in more depth. The CWC also keeps loaner gear on hand, so interested people can try out the experience without

committing to a full membership.

Participants come from all over the state as well as from Washington, according to Leaton. They have several upcoming events, such as Powerland in Salem during the 4th of July weekend, Battle for Clatsop County in Astoria, and the Albany Veterans

Day Parade, among others.

Major Steve Stowell, who has been participating since 1991, said he took a 10-year break while his son was young, but they got back into reenactments together when he was old enough. Now his son is moving to the southern states, where he will continue taking part.

Story Map Captures History of Linn County Buildings, Bridges

By Alex Paul
For The New Era

If dozens of Linn County residents from Mill City to Albany to Sweet Home hadn’t banded together in the 1980s and 1990s to save old homes, churches, business buildings and covered bridges, the county’s rich list of historic places may not exist today, Associate Planner Julia Fox learned as she pored over reams of records kept by the Historic Resource Commission.

Fox has compiled a history of that group and of the many people who have helped save local landmarks and architectural treasures into a story map program available at the Linn County Planning & Building page on the Linn County website at: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/064c-3205f1884aac80abc42c8a6bc9d>.

Fox said that in addition to the interesting stories she found, she hopes the document acts as a recruiting tool to help fill three open positions on the county’s Historic Resource Commission that is charged with maintaining an inventory of historic resources, reviewing applications for alterations to historic structures,

increasing public awareness of historic resources and coordinating historic preservation activities with public agencies and citizen groups.

“We are fortunate that there is a lot of archival material that was compiled by the Historic Resource Commission,” Fox said. “We met in April, including a representative from the city of Albany’s Historic Resource Commission and we wanted to do something to celebrate Historic Resource Preservation Month, which is May.”

Fox said the group decided a fitting theme would be celebrating the history of historic preservation itself.

“The people from the 1980s and ’90s kept really good notes and there was a lot going on,” Fox said.

She said a pleasant event for her was finding a photograph of Mary Gallagher, a member of the Historic Resource Commission in the 1990s, who was her supervisor when she worked as a student intern at the Benton County Museum.

“It’s amazing how much could have been lost 40 years ago if people hadn’t stepped up to save things,” Fox said. “Communities rallied together.”

Fox’s work starts with an

acknowledgement that Linn County was once the homeland of the Kalapuya Peoples and it has grown from the county’s founding in 1847.

She weaves maps and old photographs into her written history of the county, including information about settlements that no longer exist, such as the town of Orleans south of Albany, that was washed away by flooding in 1862, just 12 years after its formation.

There was much growth in the 1870s to 1890s, Fox noted, and the invention of the automobile and creation of Highway 20 were major events leading to growth of the valley.

Preservation of local buildings actually began in the 1950s, Fox noted. Congress passed the National Historic Preservation Act in 1966 and Oregon took preservation a step further in the 1970s with adoption of Statewide Planning Goals.

Fox said one of her favorite anecdotes in the document includes copies of drawings by Scio school children as the county began its efforts to save its many covered bridges. A booklet of their drawings was compiled in 1980 by a group called the Scio Bridge Brigade.

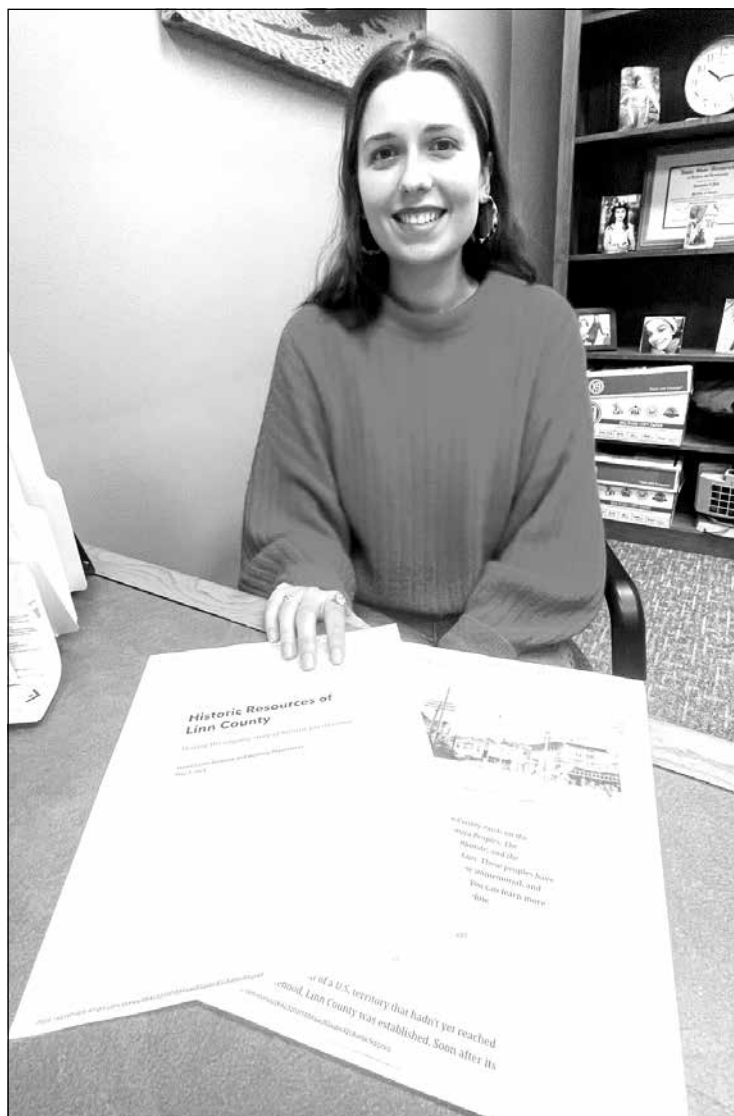


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Linn County Associate Planner Julia Fox with a printed version of the story map she compiled about buildings and bridges in Linn County.



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Thriving with chronic cancer support group

Wednesday, June 12 | 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Wednesday, June 26 | 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

This virtual group provides a safe space to support one another while navigating life with chronic cancer. During this support group, you will explore ways to find joy and hope during challenging times by practicing relaxation, meditation and emotional regulation skills. Register by calling Heidi Garza at 541-768-5340.

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Tuesday, June 18 | 10:30 a.m. to noon

Join a free virtual seminar and learn about weight loss surgery, the steps involved, program benefits, insurance coverage and more. Register by calling 541-768-4280 or visit SamaritanStories.com.

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Become a volunteer

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The medical professionals of Samaritan Health Services host online health seminars on a variety of topics throughout the year. If you are unable to attend a live session, you are welcome to view a recording of past programs online.

Visit samhealth.org/Classes for a complete list of classes and support groups in your community.



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Q: What are the worst drinks for my teeth?

A: Ironically, many of the foods and drinks we enjoy the most aren't good for us at all.

1. **SODA.** Two of the most harmful things for our teeth are sugar and acid, and carbonated beverages are full of both! The teeth literally start dissolving under the attack of the acid, leading to cavities.

2. **SPORTS DRINKS.** Like soda, they are often full of sugar and are highly acidic. One study showed that lemon-lime Gatorade dissolved more tooth enamel than any other drink, including Coke.

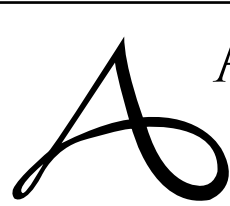
3. **FRUIT JUICE.** After reading to this point, you probably know why this is on the list. Juice has lots of sugar and acid too. While it could be considered a healthy option, most fitness experts will advise you not to drink your calories. Eat the entire fruit instead, and enjoy the health benefits of the fiber. Drink lots of water, maintain a healthy diet and lifestyle, and see your dentist regularly, to be sure your teeth stay in good shape!

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Expo Center Business Brisk, Gearing up for July County Fair

By Alex Paul
For The New Era

Total revenue collected in April at the Linn County Fair & Expo Center totaled \$212,612, Director Kris Barnes told commissioners Roger Nyquist and Will Tucker during their meeting on May 21. Total income from events held in April was \$123,586.

Commissioner Sherrie Sprenger was not present.

Barnes said total income through April is \$971,957 with only \$22,378 outstanding.

April events ranged from the Chintimini Kennel Club Dog Show to the Oregon Women for Agriculture Banquet and the Heart of the Valley Home Show.

May is another busy month, Barnes noted. Events so far have included a large gun show, a rabbit/cavy show, a horse show, and the 4-H horse pre-fair, among many others.

Barnes said his team is

ramping up for the annual Linn County Fair July 18-20. Road Department staff are helping by restriping the parking lot and RV areas.

Barnes said this year's Main Stage entertainment will include Lonestar on July 18, the Lead Singers of Rock and Roll (Boston and Chicago) on July 19 and Chris Lane on July 20. Tickets will go on sale online on June 1 at www.linncounty-fair.com/tickets/prices.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Approved the publication and distribution of Requests for Proposals for architectural design services for renovations at the Linn County Jail's female housing section.

- Were told by County Health Officer Dr. Adam Brady there were 68 births in April, 37 female and 31 males. There were 127 deaths including three suicides. He said there was one COVID-19 outbreak and although there are still some COVID-19 cas-

es each month, the number is extremely small. There have also been some influenza cases and a couple cases of pertussis (whooping cough) that were associated with contact made in Lane County.

- Approved the following fund transfers: Road Department, \$100,000; Parks & Recreation, \$320,000; Justice of the Peace Court, \$125,000; Fair Fund, \$68,000.

- Approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with Benton County to provide up to four beds at the Linn Benton Juvenile Detention Center for \$360 per day per bed.

- Approved a Personal Services Contract with Family Tree Nursery to provide Peer Recovery Mentors to Linn County clients receiving Alcohol and Drug Treatment. The contract is not to exceed \$155,760 for two years. Funds are pass-through from the Criminal Justice Commission, Specialty Court Grant Agreement.

Samaritan Might Absorb Santiam Hospital



Samaritan Health Services and Santiam Hospital & Clinics announced their plan to pursue formal affiliation. The organizations signed a non-binding letter of intent (LOI) allowing the parties to further evaluate the affiliation with the anticipated outcome of Santiam Hospital & Clinics becoming part of Samaritan Health Services.

"We are excited about working more closely with the team at Santiam Hospital & Clinics as we move into this next phase of our collaboration," said Doug Boysen, president and chief executive officer of Samaritan Health Services.

As nonprofit, community-based health systems with

similar missions, visions, values and cultures, both organizations share a commitment to keeping services local. Joining together through affiliation would strengthen both organizations through increased access to services, improving health equity and enhancing services provided to communities throughout the mid-Willamette Valley and central Oregon coast regions.

"We are focused on serving our respective communities and learning from each other," said Maggie Hudson, president and chief executive officer of Santiam Hospital & Clinics. "Our shared strengths position us well for continued vitality so we both remain

long-lasting institutions."

The organizations are committed to maintaining local governance and leadership and retaining existing staff and clinicians.

"The healthcare industry is evolving, and we believe that this affiliation will ensure that Samaritan Health Services and Santiam Hospital & Clinics both remain sustainable, strong institutions, providing access to quality health care," Boysen said.

Samaritan Health Services and Santiam Hospital & Clinics will work toward coming to terms on a definitive agreement in the coming months. The affiliation may be subject to regulatory review.

EVENTS

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ties 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/44otjK>. 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, rbailey@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 pickup 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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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A public meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sweet Home Cemetery Maintenance District will be held on June 10, 2024 at 12:00 pm at the District Office Gilliland Cemetery, Sweet Home, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 as approved by the Sweet Home Cemetery District Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at B.E. Accountable LLC, 3035 Hwy 20, Sweet Home, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as used the preceding year. If different, the major changes and their effect on the budget are:
Written comments or questions from the public will be accepted at: SWEET HOME CEMETERY PO Box 453, Sweet Home, OR 97386

Contact: Laura Mather Telephone: 541 367-3786 Email:

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2022-2023	Adopted Budget This Year 2023-2024	Approved Budget Next Year 2024-2025
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	762,636	767,000	746,000
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	170,600	177,000	191,500
Federal, State and All Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations and Donations			
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt			
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	13,554	13,500	14,000
All Other Resources Except Property Taxes	7,452	12,000	4,500
Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	184,784	175,000	185,000
Total Resources	1,139,028	1,144,500	1,141,000

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Personnel Services	234,626	275,000	274,000
Materials and Services	160,601	162,000	166,500
Capital Outlay	0	53,500	53,500
Debt Service			
Interfund Transfers	13,554	13,500	14,000
Contingencies	10,000	10,000	10,000
Special Payments			
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	720,247	530,500	623,000
Total Requirements	1,139,028	1,144,500	1,141,000

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *			
Name of Organizational Unit or Program FTE for that unit or program			
Name: General Fund	599,967	600,500	593,000
FTE	3	3	3
Name: Irreducible Maintenance Fund	539,041	544,000	548,000
FTE	0	0	0
Non-Departmental / Non-Program			
FTE			
Total Requirements	1,139,028	1,144,500	1,141,000
Total FTE	3	3	3

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed	Rate or Amount Imposed	Rate or Amount Approved
Permanent Rate Levy (rate limit .2166 per \$1,000)	.2166	.2166	.2166
Local Option Levy			
Levy For General Obligation Bonds			

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS		
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1,	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds		
Other Bonds		
Other Borrowings		
Total		

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT FTE FTE BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *			
Name of Organizational Unit or Program	FTE for total unit or program		
Administrative Division	1,270,051	2,122,501	2,230,120
FTE	0	7	7
Audience Division	78,230	104,000	175,000
FTE	6	8	2
Finance Division	1,874,137	1,964,675	2,354,000
FTE	2	2	2
Grant Fund	2,527,005	3,217,439	2,587,000
FTE	0	2	1
General Obligation Bonds	432,055	296,054	3,848,256
FTE	0	0	0
Performance Reserve Fund	291,480	540,330	3,362,200
FTE	0	0	0
Welfare	0	0	1,185,000
FTE			
Not Allocated to Organizational Unit or Program	1,520,067	500,000	118,000
FTE			
Total Requirements	7,791,813	9,314,488	15,788,578
Total FTE	15	17	18

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS		
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds	\$0	\$516,250
Other Bonds		
Other Borrowings	\$0	
Total	\$0	\$516,250

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5. Sculpture
11. Showing up again
14. Tie the knot again
15. Washington city
18. Stiff structures in invertebrates
19. Mark over a vowel
21. Explosive
23. Popular race: ___ 500
24. Pile up
28. Mint
29. Commercial
30. A minute amount (Scottish)
32. Small Eurasian deer
33. Baseball stat
35. Numbers cruncher
36. Japanese masked drama
39. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
41. Blood group
42. Assist in wrongdoing
44. Language spoken in Cameroon and Chad
46. Grayish-white
47. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
49. Microorganism
52. Place under prohibition
56. Calm, dependable
58. Congressman
60. Force
62. As a result of this document
63. One of two main branches of Islam

1. Make a mistake
2. Gordon and Snider are two
3. Geographical region of Finland
4. Ejected saliva
5. A way of performing
6. Scotland's longest river
7. One of the six noble gases (abbr.)
8. Body art
9. Two-toed sloth
10. Electronic counter-countermeasures
12. Foolish person (Brit.)
13. Of the wind
16. Grand home
17. Sound
20. English river
22. Symbol indicating ownership
25. Exclamation of surprise
26. Pouch
27. Apart from
29. Satisfaction
31. The bill in a restaurant
34. Sea bream
36. Port in southern Japan
37. Double-reed instruments
38. Center
40. South Dakota
43. An orderly crowd
45. Indicates position
48. __-pedi
50. Nonsense (slang)
51. Republic of Ireland
53. Nocturnal flyers
54. American state
55. Clusters in fern fronds
57. Patriotic women
58. A person's brother or sister
59. Breed of sheep
61. Popular film "Despicable "

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Level: Advanced

SANCHEZ

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1854 to fight against the expansion of slavery into other states. She will also use some free time to explore the countryside.

"I'm really looking forward to that, (seeing) the rural way of life out there," she said.

It's the 50,000 people inside an arena that has Sanchez a little more wary because, she said, it could be an overstimulating experience. She also anticipates having to walk through a protest zone as attendees head to the arena.

According to Sanchez, there has been pressure placed on the Secret Service and City of Milwaukee to move the protest zone, but relocation plans have not happened.

"So there's this big secondary type thing going on with the right to free speech and the protest zone and protesting this convention," Sanchez said.

The seventh-generation Oregonian wanted to make it clear, though, that although she stands for the Republican Party, as a city councilor she takes seriously her role as a nonpartisan and keeps her approach balanced.

"I really do feel nonpartisan in my city council role, whereas this is my republican business, (my) trucking blue collar business role," she said. "Because of the state of the economy and the drugs that are being funneled into our state, and all the things that



Angelita Sanchez, at right, speaks to a crowd of thousands during a truck convoy rally to the capital to oppose Cap and Trade in 2020.

are an abysmal failure by the current administration, we have to change that, or I'm out of business. A lot of people are out of business. A lot of kids are dead on the street because of fentanyl overdose. All the things."

When asked what she looks forward to if Trump becomes president this next term, Sanchez said she looks forward to a booming business.

"I know he's not everybody's favorite, but I was working a lot when he was in office,"

she said. "I love to work and I love to employ people to have jobs."

Citing inflation as one of the biggest factors to a slow economy affecting her industry, there's less work to go around now, she noted.

"The gas prices are really important to me. Inflation's really important. Interest rates are really important," she said. "I'm more of a check-book type of republican. We all just want to work and be self-sustaining, at least in

my mind, which is why I got involved in Timber Unity because I was on welfare, I was on housing, I was on food stamps. I wasn't about to let them put me back on that because I worked really hard to get off of those things and I want to be able to work."

For Sanchez, having Trump as president would provide hope that some things could balance out, "but if President Joe Biden is reelected, I might as well just shut down."

She admits, too, that she's

pretty excited to be part of a once-in-a-lifetime moment in history that will likely involve a re-match between President Joe Biden and Trump, not to mention the fact she's "just a little blue collar trailer park girl" representing her city and her state to get Trump to that re-match.

"It gives a little bit of hope that somebody local can be a part of this process and represent small town Oregonians."

Sixth Graders Dive into Nature at Annual Outdoor School Event

By Sky Chappell
Of The New Era

Sixth grade students attended the annual outdoor school event organized by the South Santiam Watershed Council and the Sweet Home School District that began May 29.

Outdoor School was hosted at Camp Tadmor, located near McDowell Creek Falls. This annual event, for Sweet Home, usually takes place the week after Memorial Day. This event, an Oregon tradition, originally started in 1957. As defined by friendsoutdoorschool.org, Outdoor School gets kids unplugged and positively engaged, and also helps develop critical thinking.

For Sweet Home, Outdoor School is a two and a half day event. This year, the event was held from May 29 to May 31. The event relies on the support of volunteers who come out to help teach sixth grade students.

Students are divided into nine learning groups led by Sweet Home High School

sophomores and juniors. These high school students attend several training sessions prior to the event, with the priority of focusing on ways to enhance the outdoor experience while developing their own leadership skills.

Outdoor school features a complete packed schedule. With a mix of learning activities, team building exercises, recreational activities and mealtimes, students are sure to stay busy during the school.

This year, according to a press release, learning stations were led by US Forest Service, Northwest Steelheaders, MidValley STEM, CTE Hub, Wapiti Bowmen, Cascade Timber Consulting and the South Santiam Watershed Council. Activities included exploratory walks examining tree stands, building suncatchers, creating flowers for pollinators, fishing for rainbow trout, using a bow and arrow, identifying animal pelts, and surveying for artifacts.

The final day of the camp



Ron Oskrus and George Larson help teach youth fishing on May 30.

included presentations from community organizations such as Brad's World Reptiles, showcasing a variety of animals from birds to snakes and even a giant tortoise. Another presentation was from Sweet Home Fire District which provided a lesson on

wildfire preparedness ending with students getting sprayed by a brush rig hose.

As summarized by the press release, Sweet Home Outdoor School is more than an educational event; it is a cornerstone experience for Oregon students that fosters

personal growth, leadership and a deeper connection to nature. Through the combined efforts of dedicated volunteers, high school leaders and community organizations, this program continues to leave a lasting impact on all participants.

Photo By Sky Chappell