

# Responders Attempt Rescue After Vehicle Crashes into Foster Lake

The driver of a vehicle that crashed into Foster Lake on Friday was found and identified after multiple responders attempted to locate him.

The Sweet Home Fire and Ambulance District (SHFAD), Sweet Home Police and Linn County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to Foster Dam following a report of a vehicle in the water at 5:13 p.m. on Friday, June 21.

According to SHFAD, bystanders reported they witnessed the crash but did not see any occupants escape the vehicle.

Upon arrival, responders found a 1997 Toyota 4Runner submerged six feet in the lake with an unknown number of occupants. One firefighter and an officer went over the bank to where bystanders from a nearby boat were in the water attempting to reach it and search for occupants. The firefighter entered the water and, with the use of a self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA),



As Linn County Sheriff's Office arrives, recreationists search for the occupant of a vehicle that crashed into Foster Lake Friday evening.

Photo by Chris Chapman

made continuous attempts to access the inside of the vehicle to search for occupants. An Linn County Sheriff's Office boat, which was already on Foster Lake at the time of the incident, arrived on scene and supported rescue efforts.

Sweet Home fire crews arrived with a second boat, a second

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# Passenger Ejected in Sweet Home Crash, Airlifted

At 9:03 p.m. on Saturday, June 22, Sweet Home Fire and Ambulance District responded to a vehicle crash on North River Drive near the Gedney Creek boat ramp. Initial reports indicated the driver sustained injuries and another passenger had been ejected from the vehicle.

The incident commander arrived to find a heavily damaged vehicle that had struck several trees. The ejected passenger was located about 30 feet from where the vehicle came to a stop. The driver managed extrication themselves with minor injuries.

Due to the severity of the passenger's injuries, a Life Flight helicopter was requested. Medics transported the patient to the helipad at Samaritan Urgent Care, where they were transferred to the Life Flight crew.

SHFAD responded with a battalion chief vehicle, two medic units and a rescue vehicle, involving a total of nine personnel.

This incident marks the seventh crash SHFAD has responded to since Friday morning.



A heavily damaged vehicle sits by the roadside after striking a group of trees on North River Drive near Gedney Creek boat ramp.

Photo provided by SHFAD

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# OBITUARIES



**Ann Lee Proctor**  
May 19, 1941 – May 11, 2024

Ann Lee Proctor, 82, of Caldwell, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 11, 2024. A Celebration of Life was held in her honor on June 8 at the P.E.O. Chapter House in Caldwell, Idaho.

Ann was born on May 19, 1941 in Davenport, Iowa, to Avery and Charlotte (Gravatt) Drummond. Her father was a Personnel Manager for Gypson Board which required the family to move around a lot. As a child Ann lived in Chicago Heights, Illinois; Norfolk, Virginia; and Jacksonville, Florida. The family eventually settled in San Fernando, California where Ann attended Morningside Elementary and San Fernando Jr. High.

In 1959 she graduated from San Fernando High and then attended Los Angeles Valley College in Van Nuys, California for two years as a Home Economics Major.

After college she worked for San Fernando Valley Savings and Loan in Van Nuys in the Accounting and Small Loan Department; in Century City for Arco/Richfield; and for Kelly Services.

In June 1967 Ann met John E. Beoka in LaPine, and after a storybook romance, they married on May 4, 1968 in Granada Hills, California. Ann's first year of married life was spent in a cabin (with no bathroom) in LaPine. John built them a new home on six acres of land and together they planted 200 Ponderosa trees. They welcomed

Kristine (Krissy) in 1971 and Kathleen (Kathy) in 1973. In the fall of 1973, they moved to Sweet Home.

John passed away in 2003 and Ann found love a second time with the neighbor across the street. On Valentine's Day 2008 she married Karl J. Proctor. They traveled the world together until 2013 when he passed. In 2017, after retirement, Ann moved to the P.E.O. Chapter House in Caldwell, ID.

Ann was passionate about her 15 years of work in adult care. She was a Resident Assistant in several senior living facilities in the Willamette Valley and then worked as a caregiver through Visiting Angels for eleven years. She dearly loved her clients, and their families, and created lifelong bonds with many of them.

As a young woman Ann was involved in Girl Scouts and Job's Daughters. As an adult she was very active in 4-H and served as a Club Leader in Oregon for 10+ years. In 1989 she became a 4-H Judge for local and state level competitions in Oregon judging Clothing, Foods, Fiber & Expressive Arts, Fashion Review, Table Setting, and more. After she moved to Idaho, she worked with the U of I Extension and continued to judge 4-H competitions in Canyon County.

The organization that Ann cherished the most was P.E.O. (a philanthropic educational organization). Initiated into the sisterhood in 1964, she was a third generation, 60-year member, and in her lifetime was an active member of four different chapters. She was extremely proud of the P.E.O. Projects and the difference they make in women's lives.

Her true joys were her family, her friends, and her faith. Ann was energized by being around people. She volunteered at her church Vacation Bible School, helped with the Kids Camps at the YMCA, and baked cookies for children in an after-school program, among

other things. She loved quilting, sewing, baking, entertaining, and gardening. She continued to travel after she moved to Idaho including a trip to Italy and a Mississippi Riverboat Cruise. On Wednesday afternoons you could find her having a glass of red wine on the patio "with the ladies." Ann will be remembered by her smile, and her spunky, upbeat nature.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husbands John E. Beoka (married 1968-2003) and Karl J. Proctor (married 2007-2013) and her sister Susan Worden.

She is survived by daughters, Kristine Horrace (husband Tom), Nampa, ID; Kathleen Beoka, Lebanon; niece, Charlotte Darby, Henderson, NV; step-daughters, Julie Driscoll, Peoria, IL; Linda Jaqua, Portland; and their families.

Memorial contributions can be made to the P.E.O. Chapter House, 114 E. Logan St, Caldwell, ID 83605. She will be interned at the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.



**David Allan Hefty**  
October 31, 1944 - June 13, 2024

David Allan Hefty, 79, of Sweet Home passed away Thursday, June 13, 2024. He was born to Mart and Maxine (Buchanan) Hefty in Cumberland, Wisconsin on October 31, 1944.

He served in the Army from January 1961 - December 1964. After the Army he moved back home to Wisconsin and worked as a heavy equipment operator. In 1971, he moved to Alaska and worked as a heavy mechanic. He later started his own heavy equipment contracting business. In 1986, he moved to Oregon working as a general contractor from which he later retired.

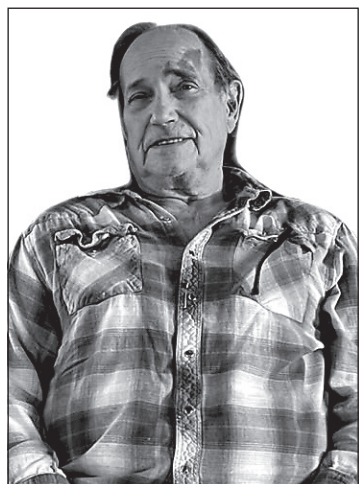
His love was rebuilding old cars and trucks. He also was an outdoorsman who loved hunting and fishing. He was

a man who would take time to help anyone needing help. He loved people and people loved him.

He is survived by his wife: Georgianna (Jan) Hefty, two sons: Rick Allan and wife Genece Hefty, John Martell and wife Sally Hefty; sister Sharai Hefty; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by his parents Mart and Maxine Hefty; siblings: Marilyn Schmidt, Curt Hefty, Gwenie Hefty, Steve Hefty.

Condolences may be sent to The Hefty Family, PO Box 623 Sweet Home, OR 97386

Memorial service will be 6:30 pm Tuesday, June 18th, at Harvest Christian Center in Sweet Home. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. [www.sweethomefuneral.com](http://www.sweethomefuneral.com).



**Jerry Louis Wodtli**  
May 9, 1939 - June 14, 2024

Jerry Louis Wodtli, 85, of Sweet Home passed away Friday, June 14, 2024. He was born May 9, 1939 to Jacob Louis and Eva (Fuller) Wodtli in Foster.

He lived in Foster, Seattle and Sweet Home. Jerry was a structural steel worker in Seattle for Boeing and worked on the Space Needle. He was a fabricator in Albany for Wah Chang and did millwork in Sweet Home.

Jerry enjoyed gardening, doing crafts and liked wood working.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years Patricia Wodtli of Sweet Home; children: Derrick Wodtli of Lebanon, ChanTera Madison of Sweet Home, Cynthia Ritcher of Albany, Jeffrey Wodtli of Sweet Home, Douglas Wodtli of Junction City; 12 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents; daughter Christine Pace (2023); sisters: Patricia Reeser, Jean Northern, Donna Batterman.

A celebration of life gathering will be 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm Saturday, July 6, 2024 at

James Gang Pizza in Lebanon. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. [www.sweethomefuneral.com](http://www.sweethomefuneral.com).



**Thomas Walter Craig**  
February 1, 1973 - June 15, 2024

Thomas Walter Craig, 51, of Sweet Home passed away Saturday, June 15, 2024, in Albany. He was born on February 1, 1973 to Thomas Melvin and Sherry I. (Miller) Craig in Quantico, Virginia.

Thomas lived in Bellefonte PA, Sweet Home, Lebanon, and Albany of Oregon. He graduated from Bellefonte High School in 1991. He earned two degrees in computers, one for game design and development and one for computer programming and tech support. He loved doing tech support because Thomas enjoyed helping people. He liked being involved in political discussions and debates online in order to remind people of the history of this nation. He loved history and teaching people. His hobbies were video game modding, gaming, reading, helping whomever he could and cooking.

He is survived by his wife, Chanae' (Meyers) Craig of Albany; mother, Sherry Craig of Bellefonte, PA; brother, Brian and his wife Ana Craig of State College, PA; brother-in-law Kevin Whitehill; aunts Diane M. Craig and Mary Miller, as well as several cousins and members of his and his wife's family that will greatly miss his unique sense of humor. He is preceded in death by a child, Percy Craig (miscarriage 2010); father, Thomas M. Craig (2010); sister, Pamela Whitehill (2024).

Viewing was held Monday, June 24th at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Sweet Home. A funeral service followed final burial at Gilliland Cemetery. Donations can be made to his family. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. [www.sweethomefuneral.com](http://www.sweethomefuneral.com).

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TEMPERATURES

DATE	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP
June 17	66	39	0.08
June 18	74	42	0.00
June 19	84	43	0.00
June 20	88	51	0.00
June 21	89	53	0.00
June 22	88	49	0.00
June 23	75	51	0.01

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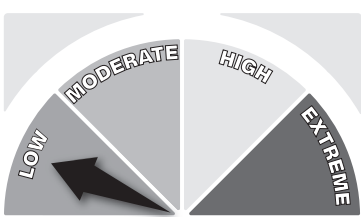
Year to date: 18.78  
June 28, 2023: 20.95

FORECAST

DAY	WEATHER	HIGH	LOW
Thur	Am Clouds	74	49
Fri	Partly Cloudy	80	53
Sat	Mostly Cloudy	79	54
Sun	Mostly Cloudy	75	53
Mon	Partly Cloudy	76	49
Tues	Sunny	79	48
Wed	Mostly Sunny	79	48

LAKE LEVELS

Foster Reservoir: 636.2  
Green Peter Res.: 997.3



TODAYS FIRE DANGER IS  
**LOW**

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**John Franklin Ross**  
*November 21, 1957 - June 15, 2024*

John Franklin Ross, 66, of Albany passed away Saturday, June 15, 2024. He was born on November 21, 1957 to Donald Matthew and Doris Eileen (Pittman) Ross in Albany.

John was born and raised in Albany. He received an honorable discharge after serving in the Army.

He liked to go camping, fishing, hiking to waterfalls and going for walks. He enjoyed gardening and going to car shows. He liked history.

John is survived by his wife Tammy Ross of Albany; children: Justin Ross of Albany, Christina Ross of Albany, Tanya Eveleth of Sweet Home; step-children: Kristi Davis of Albany, Troy Pulley of Caldwell, Idaho, Keri Pulley of Boise, Idaho; 15 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, two sisters, one brother, several nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, siblings: David Ross, Jesse Ross, Debbie, Hope, Richard "Rick" Ross, Karen Russell, Ruth Ross, aunts and uncles.

A viewing will be 10:00 am Thursday, June 27th at Sweet Home Funeral Chapel. Funeral service will follow at 11:00 am. Final burial with military honors will follow at Gilliland Cemetery. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. [www.sweethomefuneral.com](https://www.sweethomefuneral.com).



**Mathew Joseph Pappin**  
*October 21, 1956 - June 3, 2024*

On June 3, 2024, the world lost a bright light. Mathew "Matt" Joseph Pappin, 67, of Brownsville, has gone to rest with the Lord after a two-year battle with neuroendocrine cancer. He is remembered for his generosity, kindness, boundless love for his family, resilience, and desire to live life to the fullest.

Matt was born on October 21, 1956 to Alex and JoNell Pappin in Inglewood, California and spent his childhood years with his brother and sisters in Lakewood, California. In 1973, Matt enlisted in the U.S. Army and although he never saw battle, he was honored and proud to have served his country. His experience in the military shaped his passion for living a full and meaningful life.

Matt's personality was the perfect fit for a 38-year career in heavy equipment sales. Many of his client relationships evolved into friendships that endured beyond his retirement in 2020. He was devoted to bringing honesty and integrity to the world of business while he worked for Colton, Howard Cooper, Hessel Tractor, Papé, and finally Modern Machinery.

Matt met his wife, Joan, in California in 1981 and they were married in 1982 and soon began a loving family of three daughters, two horses, cats, and countless dogs. If you asked him, he'd say his greatest accomplishment was being a father and creating

unforgettable memories.

A diehard OSU Beaver fan, he was also an avid collector of clocks, flashlights, and radios. Matt was a true outdoorsman and a Harley Davidson enthusiast. He enjoyed being outside with his dogs, spending time around the campfire, playing his guitar, birdwatching, and hiking.

Matt is preceded in death by his parents, Alex and JoNell Pappin; sister, Linda Bullington; brother, Jim Bullington; niece Jessica Pappin, and brother-in-law Mike Johnson. Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Joan; three daughters Sarah, Mary, and Maureen; sons-in-law Yamen and Isaac; granddaughter, Sophia; two sisters, Kari Niemi (Greg) and Anna Johnson; and a host of beloved relatives and friends.

Matt's friends and family are invited to honor him at a Celebration of Life at The Philomath Scout Lodge, 660 Clemens Mill Rd, Philomath on July 27 at 11:00 am. Lunch will follow the ceremony. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests making donations to the Gary Sinese Foundation or the American Legion Travis Moothart Post #184 in Brownsville, Oregon. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. [www.sweethomefuneral.com](https://www.sweethomefuneral.com)



**Robert Carl Neal**  
*November 21, 1949 - June 16, 2024*

Robert Carl Neal, 74, of Sweet Home passed away Sunday, June 16, 2024. He was born November 21, 1949

to Alvin O. and Catherine P. (Harrison) Neal in Wenatchee, Washington.

He joined the Army in December 1966 and received an honorable discharge in May 1969. He earned service medals and a Purple Heart.

Robert has lived in Wenatchee, WA, Belknap Springs, McKenzie Bridge, Snohomish, WA, LaPine, and Sweet Home.

He worked in the logging industry as a choker setter. Robert was a member of the Catholic Church.

Robert enjoyed drives in the country, camping, boating, skeet shooting and rock hunting. He liked horses, doing wood work, and collecting coins. He loved playing pool and card games.

He is survived by sisters: Vicki L. Wing, Glenda K. Ericksen, Marsha J. Neal Hendrix; son, August May; sister-in-law, Sandra Neal Klien and many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his father, Alvin O. Neal (1962), mother, Catherine Gruendemann (2012), dad, Harvey Gruendemann (2009), brothers: Melvin Neal (1999), James Neal (2013), sister, Sharon Carr (2016).

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**Robert "Rick" O'Leary**  
*May 27, 1941 - May 29, 2024*

Robert "Rick" O'Leary, 83, of Sweet Home passed away Wednesday, May 29, 2024. He was born on May 27, 1941 to Gordon and Lillian (Acker) O'Leary in Nova Scotia.

He grew up in Canada and joined the Canadian Army. He lived in Seattle, WA, moved to Las Vegas where he retired as a hotel maintenance person for the Flamingo Casino. Rick moved to Sweet Home 20 years ago.

Rick enjoyed fishing and boating. He liked to listen to music and loved his dogs. He was a member of the Catholic Church.

He is survived by half-sister, Charlene Wagner of Nova Scotia.

A celebration of life will be 6:30 pm Thursday, June 27th at Harvest Christian Center, 4231 Long St. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. [www.sweethomefuneral.com](https://www.sweethomefuneral.com).



**Jacob Ryan Dahlenburg**  
*May 20, 1983 - June 20, 2024*

Jacob Ryan Dahlenburg, born on May 20, 1983, in Lebanon, Oregon, left this world on June 20, 2024, in Corvallis, Oregon. He was the beloved son of Bennie and Christine Dahlenburg.

Jacob's life was a testament to his vibrant spirit and compassionate nature. Growing up, he was surrounded by the love of his parents and his brothers, Joshua and Jeremy. His dedication to his family was unwavering, and he cherished the bond they shared.

In high school, he was a member of the wrestling team, soccer team, and track team where he excelled as a pole vaulter. He graduated



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For where two or three are gathered together  
in My name, I am there in the midst of them.  
-Matthew 18:20

THE FIRST BOOK OF MOSES  
GENESIS

1 the earth, God created the  
darkness was upon the  
face of the waters.  
Let there be light:  
And there was light.  
And God saw that the light was good:  
And God divided the light from the darkness:  
And God called the light Day, and the darkness Night.  
And the evening and the morning were the first day.  
2 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.  
3 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.  
4 And God called the firmament Heaven.  
And the evening and the morning were the second day.  
5 And God said, Let the waters under the firmament be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.  
6 And God said, Let the dry land be called Earth, and the gathering together of the waters be called Seas: and it was so.  
7 And God divided the Earth from the Seas, and the evening and the morning were the third day.  
8 And God said, Let the Earth bring forth grass, and herb yielding seed, and the tree bearing fruit, which shall be to you for food.  
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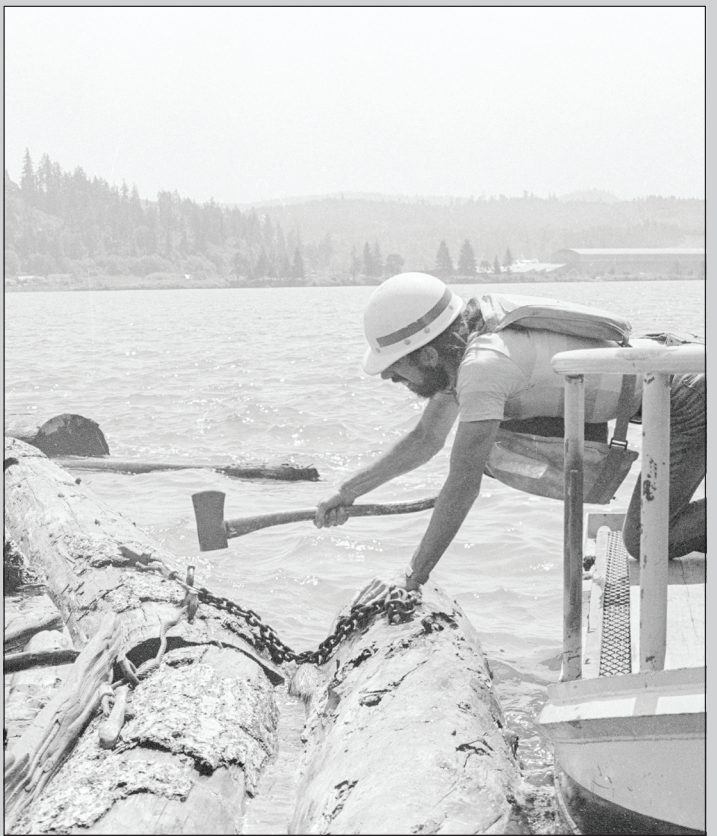
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FROM OUR FILES



Repairing a log boom is Al Gallo, supervisor of the Neighborhood Youth Corps employees in 1974. Gallo is part of the Army Corps of Engineers team which provides training for young workers.

June 27, 1974

Tomco Inc. revealed tentative plans for a \$12-20 million completely automated timber products plant just off Clark Mill Road. In conjunction with the diversified mill plans, Tomco President Amos Horner announced tentative plans to completely remove his present mill from Cascadia and convert the 230 acre site into a comprehensive recreational-vacation-retirement community with condominiums and trailer sites, including a golf course, swimming pools, tennis courts, community center and other facilities.

June 30, 1999

Nearly 90 ODF crew members and students attended the week-long wildland fire school held at Foster School, culminating in the live fire training on the last day. Bill Lafferty of the Linn ODF district said they treat fire school like they are staging for a big fire by setting up a "base camp" with tents and cots. This was the fourth year several fire districts joined together for a cooperative fire school that hosts basic and advanced training.

In an effort to prevent employees from taking up parking spots downtown and encourage more movement of traffic, City Manager David Crutcher presented a plan to revamp parking system enforcement. The council adopted the plan on a six-month trial basis, parking areas would be designated for 15 minutes or two hours, with fines ranging from 50 cents to \$2.50. Violators would be cited by walking patrolmen.

A Sportsman's Holiday committee will be "fining" attendees for not wearing hats in the downtown area on Wednesday. Although the fines cannot be enforced, fund raisers will ask offenders to donate 50 cents toward the annual event or purchase a raffle ticket for \$1.

An interim park is being developed by eight Neighborhood Youth Corps workers at the US Army Corps of En-

gineers at Sunnyside school. The youth are designing the site on the southeast corner of Foster Lake with trails, picnic tables and restrooms. Their training also includes fish propagation, forest management and wildlife management.

City Council continued a public hearing to decide whether to allow a variance for an extra apartment unit on a proposed development at 1078 Seventh Avenue. Resident Steve Barber had appealed a planning commission decision on the proposal. Developer Mike McGovern requested a variance to density and setback standards, asking for eight units instead of the maximum 5.6 and a 15-foot setback instead of 20. The commission denied the setback variance but allowed six units. After discussion about compromises made between McGovern and the commission, the council will continue the meeting next week.



EVENTS

Berries for Scholarships

The PEO Chapter DD in Sweet Home is once again selling berries to raise money for scholarships.

If you like berries, here is an opportunity to purchase some while supporting a great cause. Freshly picked Oregon berries – blueberries and Columbia Star blackberries – are flash-frozen and sold in nine-pound plastic pails for \$30. Perfect for homemade jams, jellies and tasty desserts.

Columbia Star blackberries, released in 2014, is a vigorous, thornless, trailing blackberry with superior flavor and large, firm berries. The flavor is rated as good or better than Marionberry, which is 20% of Columbia Star's parentage.

For those interested in purchasing berries, send an email to SweetHomePEO@gmail.com, or call or text Nancy at 541.912.6579. Orders will be collected through July 11. Orders can be picked up on Saturday, Aug. 24, from 9-9:30 a.m. on Long Street behind the Rio Theatre.

All proceeds from the berry sale provide educational scholarships, loans and

grants to women in the community.

**Museum Rummage Sale**

East Linn Museum is now accepting donations for its annual rummage sale fundraiser. Donations can be dropped off at the museum, 746 Long St., on Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Please no large furniture, electronics or VHS tapes. The sale will be held Saturday-Sunday, July 12-13. For more information, call the museum at 541.367.4580.

**Volunteers, Donations Needed at Museum**

East Linn Museum is seeking volunteers and items that are needed for the operation of the museum.

The museum needs volunteers for its operations to replace retiring volunteers. New volunteers are not required to know anything about the museum or how to operate a computer. The museum operates three days a week from Thursday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Help is also needed for the annual rummage sale. On Friday, July 12, people

are needed at 7 a.m. for set up. On Saturday, people are needed at 4 p.m. to tear down and clean up. During the sale, volunteers are needed to take money and organize items throughout the day; stay for an hour or longer, as desired. Just show up and staff will put you to work.

Supplies needed by the museum include: copy paper, postage stamps, legal size envelopes, paper towels, toilet paper, glass cleaner, all purpose cleaner and Ajax.

For more information, call the museum at 541.367.4580.

**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.

**Albany Farmers Market**

The Albany Farmers Market will be open every Saturday until Nov. 23 located in the City Hall parking lot and on an adjacent street that fronts the Linn County Courthouse. The Albany Farmers Market is the oldest continuously operated open-air farmers market in Oregon. For more information visit [locallygrown.org/albany-saturday-market/](http://locallygrown.org/albany-saturday-market/).

**Under the Sea with the Library**

The Sweet Home Public Library's summer reading program on Friday, June 28, will be from 10-11 a.m. at Sankey Park.

Dive into an ocean of hands-on science fun while exploring Oregon's underwater environments. Discover the amazing variety of life be-

neath the waves in beautiful kelp forests or rugged, rocky reefs. Engage in activities and investigations that will inspire children to protect Oregon's diverse ocean habitat.

For more information, call the library at 541.367.5007.

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**Crossword KEY**  
Puzzle on page 15

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Puzzle on page 15

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## June 16

11:10 a.m - Cristy Jane Cromwell, 43, was arrested on Sweet Home Municipal Court warrants for failure to appear on three counts of third degree theft.

1:51 p.m - Michael De Lay, 36, was cited for driving while suspended and driving unin-

sured.

3:10 p.m - Vance Eugene Marshall, 42, was arrested by Springfield PD on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to comply on an original charge for second degree criminal mischief.

9:46 p.m - Cristy Jane Cromwell, 43, was arrested for third degree theft and second degree

criminal trespass.

10:08 p.m - Rebecca Long, 43, was cited on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for disorderly conduct.

10:21 p.m - Rebecca Ann Long, 43, was arrested by Linn County Sheriff's Office on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant second degree disorderly conduct

10:59 p.m - Emmanuel Wayne Peters, 28, was arrested on an Albany Municipal Court warrant for failure to comply on an original charge for contempt of court.

## June 17

4:30 p.m - Trevor Crocker, 32, was cited for driving while suspended.

10:07 p.m - Donald Greenwalt, 54, was cited for a moving

violation.

8:23 p.m - Miguel Alfredo Gutierrez, 41, was arrested by Cottage Grove PD on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to comply on an original charge for giving false info.

## June 18

7:50 a.m - Kaleb Kimber Banta, 26, was arrested on Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on charges for third degree theft, second degree criminal trespass, harassment, resisting arrest and third degree escape.

8:35 a.m - James Robert Shenk, 32, was arrested for third degree theft.

10:06 a.m - Elizabeth Jean Ackerson, 37, was arrested on a Deschutes County Circuit

Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for first degree theft.

12:14 p.m - Prestin James Hugley, 40, was arrested on Sweet Home Municipal Court warrants for failure to comply on a charge for third degree theft and failure to appear on an original charge for second degree criminal trespass. Hugley was also arrested for third degree escape.

12:50 p.m - Michael Anthony Bly, 52, was arrested on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to comply on an original charge for first degree criminal trespass.

8:24 p.m - Shantell Rene Watkins, was cited for driving

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# OBITUARIES

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ed from Sweet Home High School in 2001. Jacob pursued higher education at Linn Benton Community College and Oregon State University. He earned his Masters of Education from Western Governors University.

In his professional life, Jacob made a mark as a commercial driver. His favorite vehicle to drive was a concrete truck.

Beyond his career, Jacob found joy in a range of hobbies and interests. From camping to target shooting to riding ATVs, he embraced the outdoors with a sense of adventure. His love for exploration led him to descend the Grand Canyon on the Bright Angel trail in 1993, a cherished memory shared with his grandparents Wayne and Opal (Oma).

As an Eagle Scout, he embodied the values of leadership and service. His involvement with the Sweet Home Kiwanis chapter highlighted his commitment to giving back, as he actively participated in multiple fundraising events.

Those who knew Jacob understood his kind and generous nature. He was always ready to lend a helping hand and never hesitated to support a friend in need. His

trademark beanie accompanied him everywhere, a reminder of his unique spirit and individuality.

Family meant everything to Jacob, and he is survived by his loving parents, Bennie and Christine Dahlenburg; his brothers Jeremy Dahlenburg and Joshua (Stephanie) Dahlenburg; nephews Bryce and Levi Dahlenburg; grandmother Opal Dahlenburg, uncle Steve (Danielle) Hanscam, cousin Kyle Hanscam; aunt Suzanne (Thomas) Ashinger, aunt Christine Wolf. Jacob's presence will be deeply missed by his family and friends. Jacob was preceded in death by his grandfathers Mervin Hanscam, Wayne Dahlenburg; grandmothers Leona Dahlenburg, Dorothy Hanscam and cousin Kasey Hanscam. Jacob will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him. May his legacy of kindness and compassion continue to inspire those who follow in his footsteps. Rest in peace, Jake.

A celebration of Jacob's life will be held at Hillside Fellowship in Sweet Home on Friday, June 28th at 3 PM. In honor of Jacob's memory, attendees are encouraged to dress casually, reflecting his own laid-back style. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. [www.sweethomefuneral.com](http://www.sweethomefuneral.com).



## Gordon Grady Barnes

October 7, 1934 - June 20, 2024

Gordon Grady Barnes, 89, of Sweet Home passed away Thursday, June 20, 2024. He was born October 7, 1934 to William T. and Mary M. (Thorpe) Barnes in Idabel, Oklahoma.

Gordon resided in Oklahoma until he was 12 when the family moved to Oregon. He returned to Oklahoma for a short time until returning to Lebanon and eventually back to Sweet Home until his death.

Gordon was a 1953 graduate of Lebanon Union High School. He held miscellaneous jobs until 1963 when his long career at Pacific Power began. He retired as an equipment operator at age 62.

His hobbies included bowling, golfing, hunting

and fishing. He was also an accomplished cartoonist who gifted friends and family with cartoons on birthday card envelopes. He was an avid fan of the Oklahoma Sooners and Oregon State Beavers.

Gordon is survived by his wife Gayle of Sweet Home; his son Scott (Christine) Barnes of Sweet Home, daughters: Joan (Rick) Funk of Lebanon, Sandra Cline of Surprise, Arizona; son Robert (Debe) of Warrenton, Oregon, daughter Laura Pettit (Dan Renton) of Yacolt, Washington; 13 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents William and Mary (Thorpe) Barnes; sister: Betty June; brother Bill and great-grandson Kade Pettit.

Funeral service will be 11 am Monday July 1st at Sweet Home Evangelical Church. Final burial will be at Gilliland Cemetery. Donations can be made to Evergreen Hospice, 4600 Evergreen Pl. SE. Albany, Oregon 97322 or Sweet Home Wrestling, 41888 N. River Rd. Sweet Home, Oregon 97386. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. [www.sweethomefuneral.com](http://www.sweethomefuneral.com).

## Robert Corbin Anderson

June 29, 2001 - June 21, 2024

Robert Corbin Anderson,

22, of Sweet Home passed away Friday, June 21, 2024. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. [www.sweethomefuneral.com](http://www.sweethomefuneral.com).

## Gerald Wayne Graham

February 12, 1950 - June 23, 2024

Gerald Wayne Graham, 74, of Sweet Home passed away Sunday, June 23, 2024. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. [www.sweethomefuneral.com](http://www.sweethomefuneral.com).

## David Kelly Harrington

November 4, 1978 - June 15, 2024

David Kelly Harrington, 45, of Lebanon passed away Saturday, June 15, 2024. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. [www.sweethomefuneral.com](http://www.sweethomefuneral.com).

## Chrissy Millard

February 11, 1971 - June 22, 2024

Chrissy Millard, 53, of Sweet Home passed away Saturday, June 22, 2024. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. [www.sweethomefuneral.com](http://www.sweethomefuneral.com).

## Trudy Louise Scott

June 23, 1947 - June 16, 2024

Trudy Louise Scott, 76, of Sweet Home passed away Sunday, June 16, 2024. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. [www.sweethomefuneral.com](http://www.sweethomefuneral.com).

## Phyllis Lucile Williams

December 18, 1940 - June 23, 2024

Phyllis Lucile Williams, 83, passed away Sunday, June 23, 2024. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. [www.sweethomefuneral.com](http://www.sweethomefuneral.com).

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## PUBLIC SAFETY

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while suspended and speeding. 63/45.

**June 19**  
12:45 a.m - Joshua Hughes, 22, was arrested on five warrants.

3:05 a.m - Joshua Martin Hughes, was arrested on Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to comply on an original charge for reckless driving, and failure to appear on a charge for criminal driving.

10:26 a.m - Darrin Black, 61, was cited for driving while suspended, driving uninsured and a warrant.

10:41 a.m - Renee Carr, 58, was cited for driving while suspended, driving uninsured and a warrant. Heather Tressel, 38, was cited for a warrant.

11:32 a.m - Jenifer Studer, 48,

was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.  
**June 20**

8:09 a.m - Caller reports Sweet Home Junior High was broken into the previous night. Officer responded, report taken for second degree burglary and second degree criminal mischief.

10:33 a.m - Nickolas Ryan Shoulders, 34, was cited for failure to comply on an original charge for third degree theft.

11:38 a.m - Toni Brett, 46, was cited for driving uninsured and a warrant.

12:11 p.m - Toni Renee Brett, 45, was cited for failure to appear on an original charge for animal abandonment.

12:20 p.m - Shelly Wagner, 41, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

12:51 p.m - Tyler Cain, 25,

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## CIRCUIT COURT

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

**Warrants are out on the following individuals:** *Jacob Reginald Bliss, Robert Michael Butterfield, Curtis Ray Daniel, Ashlee Dee Flanagan, Aaron Thomas Halvorson, Noe Hernandez-Reyes, Michael Trevor Hilton, Charles James Marvel, Bryce William McGowan, Eric Wayne McK-*

*night, 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.*

**Cordell Lee Baxley**, was dismissed June 18 of first degree rape.

**Robert M Cunningham**, was charged June 24 with third degree assault.

**Shawn Michael Gali**, was charged June 20 with fourth degree assault.

**Matthew Carl Martin**, 34, was sentenced June 17 to 60 days in custody of county jail and a \$200 fine fol-

lowing no contest pleas on resisting arrest and second degree criminal mischief.

**Larry Robert Morgan**, was dismissed June 20 of two counts of first degree felony sexual abuse.

**Jeremy Grant Saulmon**, was charged June 24 with driving under the influence of intoxicants.

**Wayde Leland Savolt**, 25, was sentenced June 14 to 24 months of bench probation, 72 hours in custody of the Supervisory Authority, a one year of license suspension and a \$2,000 fine following a guilty plea for driving under the influence of intoxicants. Charges dismissed; Reckless driving.

## EVENTS

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### Taste of Native American Culture

A Native American Cultural Encampment will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday through Sunday, June 28-30, at Roaring River Park, 42000 Fish Hatchery Drive, Scio.

Cultural encampment is a group of Native Americans from different parts of the US gathering together and making village-type settings with tipis and tents as they share their individual cultures and traditional information with the community.

Activities include craft classes, Pow Wow style dancing, vendor booths, raffles, field activities such as atlatl throwing, and a lunchtime feast on Sunday.

### 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

### 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.

### Class of 1974 SHHS Reunion

John Marble will host a 50th reunion for the class of '74 on July 12 and 13. On July 12 from 6-9 p.m. the class will meet during the Cut the Gut event followed by a social hour at The Dam Bar. Bring lawn chairs and join classmates at the Key Bank parking lot.

On July 13, the class will have a potluck barbeque from 2-6 p.m. John Marble will provide the burgers. Bring folding chairs, a salad, side dish or dessert, and your favorite beverage. There's room for camping, with no RV hookups. For more information, contact John at johnmarble@icloud.com.

### Community-wide Yard Sales

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

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

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

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# Casey Topp Sworn in as Newest Fire Firefighter

By Sky Chappell  
Of The New Era

The Sweet Home Fire and Ambulance District (SHFAD) swore-in a new entry level firefighter during their monthly board meeting, June 18. This new addition, however, is not new to Sweet Home.

Casey Topp was the man sworn in. Topp actually grew up here and graduated from Sweet Home High School. He also already has had experience in the district.

“We called them interns back then,” Topp said. “[I was] basically a part-timer for about a year and a half.”

Topp started in the district after graduating. It was 2007 when he started as a resident volunteer before moving into the aforementioned intern position. He then left Sweet Home to work for Sears in its automotive department. Following that, he began working for Linn Gear in Lebanon while coaching junior high football.

According to Topp, this was about the time he began talking with Nick Tyler, who at the time was with the Lebanon Fire District when he

told Topp to volunteer and try to get hired again. He was then hired at LFD.

Topp then learned of an open position in the Sweet Home district, and knew it was where he wanted to be.

“Since I had been with Sweet Home in the past, I figured it would be a good opportunity to come back with all my old friends and come back to my community,” Topp explained. “It’s nice to be back with a lot of people that I kind of grew up around, like Randy (Whitfield); he’s been my coach about as long as I can remember.”

Topp then explained his other ties in the district, mentioning previous work experience with Tyler, who is now fire chief for SHFAD, and touching on his relationships with the different battalion chiefs in the district.

“So it’s just nice, it feels good to be back where I started and I’m excited for the future,” Topp said.

Topp attended the most recent fire board meeting with his wife of 13 years and two kids. He will be on “A Shift” come July 1.



Photo by Sky Chappell

Janessa and Casey Topp speak after Casey was sworn in.

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## FOSTER LAKE

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ambulance and an incident commander.

Witnesses, fire crews and deputies attempted to locate occupants, but initial efforts were unsuccessful. After 45 minutes, the scene was turned over to LCSO to continue rescue attempts.

The LCSO Dive Team was later able to locate a single occupant, identified as Robert Corbin Anderson, 22, of Sweet Home. He was found deceased in the vehicle.

Deputies learned Anderson was traveling west on North River Drive when the vehicle struck the embankment on the north side of the road. This caused the Toyota to overturn before entering the lake.

At this time, it is unknown what caused Anderson to initially leave the roadway. The investigation is ongoing, and deputies are looking into contributing factors.

The Multi-Agency Investigation Team (MAIT) and Linn County Road Department were also involved in the recovery. This was the third crash that SHFAD responded to on Friday.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact the LCSO at 541.967.3950.



Photo by Chris Chapman

Divers from LCSO and SHFAD prepare to search for missing occupants of a vehicle that crashed into Foster Lake.



Photo by Chris Chapman

LCSO begins pulling the vehicle out of Foster Lake.



# Candlelight Vigil Held for Missing Persons

By Sky Chappell  
Of The New Era

Recently, discussion has been brought up around missing and unsolved cases in Oregon, particularly around, or pertaining to, Sweet Home.

Veronica Seals from the KEPW radio station put on a candlelight vigil on Saturday, June 22, for many people who have gone missing. Some of the mentioned names were Jake Riggs, Danny O'Berg and Tammy Pitkin.

According to Seals, the goal of this event was to come together as a community and help bring a voice to those who have gone missing. In one case, two ladies said they were there due to a lack of closure in the killing of a close family member, Dean Jurika.

The event began shortly after 7 p.m., with attendees gathering in the gravel parking lot on the corner of 18th Avenue and Long Street. Led by Seals, discussion began around some of the missing people and gratitude for people attending.

Not long after this, Cheyenne Patton sang "Come



Photo by Sky Chappell  
Mark Opperman leads the group in a group prayer during the candlelight vigil.

Home," a song by OneRepublic. The chorus to this song is as follows: "So I say to you, 'Come home, come home,' 'cause I've been waiting for you for so long, for so long."

Following the song, local pastor Mark Opperman led the group in a prayer.

The event continued on as Seals announced to everyone they were going to make a march towards the PD to demand answers. Patton began to sing Katy Nicholes'

"In Jesus' Name (God of Possible)."

Shortly after that, attendees began peacefully marching towards the Sweet Home Police Department. During this march, chants were heard.

"Justice for Danny, justice for Jake," Seals said, leading the march.

After arriving at the PD, Seals used a PA system requesting to speak with an officer regarding these missing persons cases.



Photo by Sky Chappell  
The group walks as Veronica Seals chants "Justice for Danny, justice for Jake."

The event lasted for a total of well over an hour and a half, with a portion of it taking place at the PD. The event ended in everyone

walking back to the gravel parking lot, concluding with a group picture and close discussion.

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## PUBLIC SAFETY

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was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

12:52 p.m. - Caller reports friend's jaw was broken. Officer responded, report taken for second degree assault and first degree robbery.

3:00 p.m. - Heather Renae Fagan, 33, was cited for failure to comply on an original charge for third degree theft.

5:59 p.m. - Daniel Eugene McCarty, was arrested for failure to register as a sex offender.

8:25 p.m. - Christopher Thomas Reed, 40, was arrested for felony driving while suspended. Lodged at Linn County Jail.

10:25 p.m. - Ryan Meacham,

21, was cited on a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for contempt of court.

### June 21

1:04 a.m. - Kelly Duane Kearns, 52, was arrested on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant on an original charge for second degree theft.

9:06 a.m. - Loris David Whittton, 69, was arrested on Sweet Home Municipal Court warrants for failure to appear on charges for second degree criminal trespass and offensive littering.

1:29 p.m. - Glenn Gatliff, 69, was arrested for felony eluding, reckless driving and reckless endangering.

4:35 p.m. - Kellie Ann Hesson, was arrested on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for

failure to appear on an original charge for first degree criminal trespass, and Linn County Circuit Court warrants for failure to appear on a charge for attempted assault on an officer, first degree criminal trespass, second degree failure to appear, failure to appear on seven counts of criminal citations, resisting arrest and harassment.

6:18 p.m. - Buzz Star Dodson Jr, was arrested on a Linn County Lebanon Justice Court warrant for a probation violation for driving while suspended.

### June 22

10:24 a.m. - Carson Albert Strasser, 34, was arrested on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for second

degree criminal mischief.

11:03 a.m. - John Wade Saunders, 45, was cited for driving uninsured.

1:25 p.m. - Reagan Horvath, 20, of Albany, was cited for no type four throwable. Robert Strome, 18, was cited for no type four throwable. Anthony True, 38, of Albany, was cited for overloading and insufficient personal floatation device.

3:54 p.m. - Tina Marie Ensley, 42, was cited for driving uninsured.

5:35 p.m. - Robert Cunningham, 35, and William Cunningham, 35, were both arrested for third degree assault and strangulation.

8:32 p.m. - Landon Godell, 18, was arrested for second degree disorderly conduct and tres-

passed from Sunnyside Park. Godell was cited in lieu of custody.

### June 23

1:22 a.m. - Rhonda Rae Sparks, was arrested on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to comply on an original charge for second degree criminal trespass a Linn County Circuit Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for unlawful use of a vehicle and a Lebanon Justice warrant for driving while suspended and a supervisory authority warrant. Lodged at Linn County Jail.

3:00 p.m. - Alejandro Esquivel, 36, of Eugene, was cited for no boater education card.

# Cut the Gut Checkpoint at Sankey Nixed

By Sarah Brown  
Of The New Era

It was revealed at the Park and Tree Committee meeting on Wednesday, June 19, that they will no longer host a Cut the Gut checkpoint at Sankey Park.

Two reasons were given for the change: consolidation of city-hosted checkpoints and logistics of vehicular traffic at the park.

Committee Chair Wally Shreves indicated there was already a city-hosted location from the police department at City Hall.

"So rather than try to hit two different places, we're not doing Sankey Park," he said.

City Manager Kelcey Young explained to The New Era that the Community Foundation and Park and Tree Committee planned to use Sankey Park together as a checkpoint, but it was later determined it was

difficult, if not impossible, for cars to turn around at the location.

Ultimately, the plan at this point in time includes checkpoints at City Hall for Sweet Home Police Department, Park and Tree Committee, and Sweet Home Community Foundation.

"This is their first year having a checkpoint, so it was decided that grouping together at City Hall would make it easier and more likely to be successful," Young said.

The Park and Tree Committee plans to use the event as an opportunity to solicit donations for the repair of Weddle Bridge and construction of a new bandstand at Sankey Park.

Shreves also noted during the meeting there's a slight chance the Dahlenburg Bridge would be moved to City Hall by that time.

"That's a hope and prayer; that's something they're working on," he said. "That still makes a nice photography point for them."

More than seven years ago, the public works director at the time wanted to remove Dahlenburg Bridge from its location at Ames Creek because it was being vandalized. The bridge was named after Ben Dahlenburg, who led the Weddle Bridge construction effort. He explained the Dahlenburg Bridge was built as a sort of practice round for Weddle Bridge.

Another pedestrian-sized bridge was built on a trailer to help solicit funding for Weddle Bridge and was later sold to a man in Virginia. That man later opted to allow the bridge to be placed at Clover Memorial Park in exchange for the bridge being named after him, "Whitmore."

### In other business, the committee:

- Heard about a productive work party to remove ivy from Sankey Park.

- Talked about the upcoming health fair set for Aug. 17. Committee member Bob Dalton talked about the health benefits of parks and urged the committee to campaign more on the benefits of parks. "It builds healthy bones, it builds healthy muscles, mentally reduces your stress and your anxiety," he said. "I would challenge us to put up some posters on our tables to that effect." Shreves added he recently read a report about an "epidemic of loneliness" and how being outside in parks helps break that. Young also chimed in to say there's a direct correlation between number of parks and a city's livability.

- Heard a report on the committee's participation in

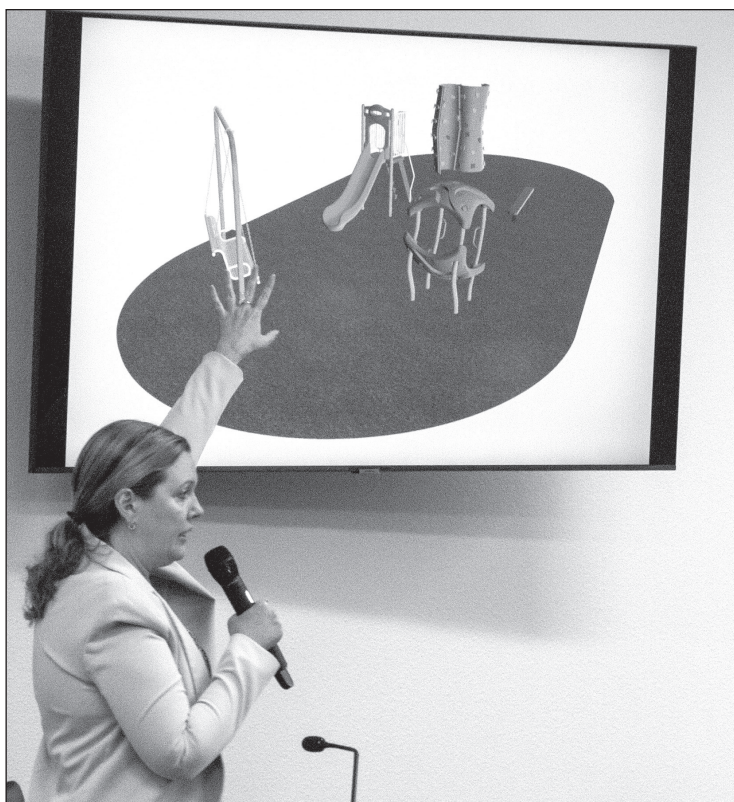


Photo by Sarah Brown

City Manager Kelcey Young talks to the Park and Tree Committee about a proposed playground structure at a new park.

the Jim Bean Safety Fair at Sankey Park. Shreves noted the committee's relation to a safety fair is in regards to falling limbs and fire safety. Also, parks are available to help keep kids out of the street, he said. Young reported there was a large turnout at the event, and committee member Debra Northern said the new location was much safer than the former location at the police station.

- Talked about the upcoming Harvest Festival set for Oct. 5. The committee will host a pie competition, as has become tradition.

- Heard a report from Shreve about a training he participated in regarding Harper's Playground, designers of playground equipment specially geared for children of all ages and abilities. He said the designs are not only

inclusive for kids with disabilities, but also involve nature.

- Heard from Young, who presented a proposal for Phase I of the new park on Osage Street and 42nd Avenue. "Because of some of the revenue we're bringing in and the grants and the volunteering, this is going to be pretty much free," she said. Young shared further phase ideas that may include play structures for wheelchair-bound kids, a sports court (possibly beach volleyball) and a trail.

- Noted the council chamber's new microphones and dais. Young said the wood was gifted to the city by Linn County Parks and was entirely made by the city's Public Works team. "Normally a dais like this would be tens of thousands of dollars," she said. "As it is, it was done in-house."

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# A Look At Pieces From The Civil War

By Roberta McKern  
For The New Era

In the East Linn Museum’s front room, back in one corner, a small shrine recalls America’s Civil War of 1861-1864. A notebook dedicated to the memory of Abraham Lincoln rests on a cabinet and above hangs a handmade American flag while above it hangs a Union cavalry saber. A framed obituary and the picture of a cavalry man explain who owned the saber, William Phillips.

Elsewhere in the Museum we can see the framed discharge papers of another Union soldier, Jacob Menear.

Only the flag represents Oregon during the war years. Not surprising. Over two to three thousand miles separated the new state from the major battles and when Oregon entered the Union in 1859 its constitution declared no slavery would be allowed.

Sometimes it is declared that the Civil War had to do with preserving the Union, not about slavery. But it was about slavery. Those of the South argued they simply followed states rights convictions saying if a state wanted to leave behind the rules of a restrictive congress, they were free to do so.

The main problem lay with the House of Representatives. How many representatives could come from each state depended on the size of the state’s population. From the nation’s beginnings the more agrarian South had a lower population than the more industrial North. When the founders of the country encountered this problem in writing the constitution, they tried to sidestep it by saying 3/5ths of a slave could count as a human to satisfy slave holding states’ needs for more representation. Why? Because the majority of Americans were downright against slavery and from the very beginning it took compromises to try to satisfy the South. Thus, the Mason-Dixon Line was drawn to separate Northern states from Southern ones. But diehards against slavery weren’t satisfied and wanted the peculiar institution banned from new territories too and the entrance of new anti-slavery states from

western territories left Southern slave holders little wiggle room. They suggested chipping up Texas and annexing Cuba, one of the earliest slave holding entities in the western hemisphere, so they, too, would have more slave states.

When Eli Whitney invented the cotton gin to separate seeds from fibers in cotton bolls, the era of King Cotton came in and set up the growth of cotton plantations in the deep south (Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and parts of Texas). With cotton king, democracy turned debatable, especially regarding slaves. A good fieldhand sold for \$1,000 to \$1,500 making an attack on slavery one on Southern economics. Just before the beginning of the South’s War of Rebellion, a Supreme Court decision found slaves could not become citizens anyway.

It seems likely many people coming to Oregon did so to leave disagreements about slavery behind them. According to the 1930’s WPS “Histo-

ry of Linn County”, fighting here amounted mainly to newspapers slinging vitriol and vituperation at each other. During the war sympathy swung toward the South when Confederate troops appeared to be winning, but with Union victories, particularly at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and Vicksburg, Mississippi on July 4, 1863, the pendulum reversed. The state went Republican and voted for Lincoln.

While the outcome of the Civil War remained in doubt, Edna Whipple Cosgrove of Crawfordsville went to work. Like Betsy Ross, she stitched the Museum’s American flag representing the number of pre-war states, keeping it to celebrate the war’s end. Then she and her husband, George Cosgrove, hung it from a flagpole on their Crawfordsville property, a Union flag flown to celebrate a Union victory. Surreptitiously, someone tore it down. Once more the flag went up, again it came down... a third attempt, the flag was

nailed in place. And Edna Cosgrove saved it to fly again. Sometimes, it’s said, she’d lay it on the grass to let sunlight bleach the yellowing white strips. The red ones appear unfaded as does

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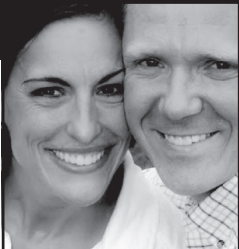
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# PIECES

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the blue background upon which have been stenciled stars, including those for the Southern states.

Edna Whipple came to Oregon traveling with a Methodist missionary couple by wagon train and arriving in Brownsville in 1852. An industrious young lady, she immediately began teaching school in the parsonage of Reverend McKinney. At the end of the school year, she and George Cosgrove and a second couple, Zenas Moody and Mary Stephanson, stood up to be married in a public ceremony. Moody later became a governor of Oregon.

George Cosgrove worked as a carpenter while Edna continue to teach. Another example of her patience and happy handedness hangs in the Museum's kitchen display, a shell decorated picture for which innumerable seashells had to be sorted.

Above her flag hangs William Phillips' cavalry saber. It has a wooden handle and sheathed it measures forty-two inches long. Alone, the sword is 40 inches long. The nickel-plated blade is made of steel. William's 1904 obituary printed in the "Advertiser" (subscription rate seventy-nine cents per year) informs us he was born on August 16, 1826 in Jennings Co., Indiana and died in December in Lebanon, Oregon. Having grown up in Indiana, he went to Iowa, where he married his wife, Lucinda, in 1851. When the Civil War took hold, William enlisted for the Union and served with the Iowa Cavalry for three years.

Upon checking Wikipedia to find out where William

fought, to our surprise it was against the Sioux in the Dakotas at the battles of the Bad Lands and Kildeer Hill. The Union's withdrawal of Federal troops to serve against Southern ones encouraged the Indians on the frontier to become actively hostile. Oregon, for instance, called up its own troops to protect settlers on its eastern border. In some places, the Union enlisted captured Confederate soldiers who would take an oath of allegiance to the Union to fight in Indian wars. Often these soldiers were called "galvanized Yankees."

After the 1865 end of the war, William and his wife, Lucinda, and their growing family went west to Nebraska. From there they made the six-month journey by wagon train using oxen to come to Oregon. William and Lucinda would have eleven children.

Maybe because of the dislocations of serving in the military during wartime, many veterans, like William Phillips, headed west and then farther west again and Oregon was about as far west as he could go. Anyway, Oregon had something mid-westerners were looking for, plenty of wood and water and a moderate climate.

Jacob Menear traveled even farther from home than William Phillips, and he also stopped in Nebraska. His descendant, Don Menear, helped found the Museum and along with Jacob's discharge record, he donated some of the family's history plus a framed picture of Jacob and his wife, Emma. They had seven children.

Gen. Robert E. Lee's invasion of Pennsylvania in 1863 and the defeat of his troops at Gettysburg may have spurred young Jacob Menear's en-

listment in the Union Army of the Potomac which came under the charge of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant after that major battle.

Jacob was a Pennsylvania boy born in York County. He stood 5'8" tall and had a fair complexion and blue eyes according to his discharge. Having signed up on August 14, 1864, he was discharged on May 13, 1865, at Alexandria, Virginia, right after Lee's surrender at Appomattox. Jake was a member of the Pennsylvania Volunteer Regiment 200, Co. E. Once the war was over it seems the volunteers were quickly disbanded. Jake's discharge claims he was 18 at the time, but he had lied about his age to get into the army and he was still nearer 16.

When we go to Wikipedia, we can see he had witnessed some of the worst fights of the war's end at the battles of Fort Stedmand and Petersburg outside the rebel capitol of Richmond, Virginia. Well fed Yankees were starving out ill fed and ill clothed Confederates and when the two sides collided, death tolls grew high.

Like so many other veterans from the eastern states, after the war's end, Jake soon headed west. In Illinois he married Emmaline and they tried homesteading in Nebraska. By 1890 they reached Oregon where the family history says he could not take out a homestead claim because of the Nebraska one. Once here, the family lived first in Foster then at the site locally known as Menear's Bend further east up the South Santiam River where Jake had a blacksmith shop and he and Emma operated a hotel and stage stop in conjunction with the stage route from Lebanon over the



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toll road, through the Santiam Pass to Bend and points east.

Emma Menear once said that if all the loaves of bread she had baked, eight each day, were laid end to end, the line would stretch the length of Oregon

Like so many before them, the Menears came to Oregon by oxen drawn wagons and Jake continued using oxen for plowing because he felt it was against a horse's dignity to be hitched to a plow.

By receiving honest hard-working men of sterling character (as William Phillips obituary called them), Oregon reaped benefit from a war some disgruntled rebels called "a rich man's war and a poor man's fight" because the ranks were filled by men who did not own slaves while those who did would claim it better to be "a slave than a wage slave". At the same time a lot of farm boys did the fighting.

So, Emma Cosgrove's flag, William Phillip's saber and Jacob Menear's discharge all harken back to the Union side of the proposed disunion. Whether we have anything associated with the Confed-

erate side we don't know for sure. There is a second saber, but it's not identified with a user and there is a fife said to have been played by William Southerland, who, like Jake Menear, lied about his age and enlisted at fifteen. Deemed too young to carry a rifle, he was issued the fife. Stuck in a display case, it is hard to take a good look at it. A black wooden tube with six or seven holes on one side, each end is reinforced with a metal strip which identifies it as being used by the military.

We are not used to the idea of military fifes despite pictures of Revolutionary War themes featuring a fife, a drummer and perhaps Miss Liberty carrying a flag with her drapery hanging low on

one shoulder. The fife has been superseded by the bugle. Fife and drum bands might work well for marching men, but to have a fifer trill out the high notes of a cavalry charge from the back of a galloping pony seems nearly impossible.

However, we can't say if Billy Southerland was a Billy Yank or a Johnny Reb. Yet we can pause to imagine the shrilling of a fife blending in with the night sounds of crickets and cicadas as Union Gen. Daniel Butterfield's musical contribution signals "lights out" with "Taps" and we can always hope to safely rest, safe indeed from fears of nation-shuddering conflicts.

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# Loss of Brakes Causes Vehicle Rollover



A car lies on its left side as SHFAD arrives on scene.

Photo by Sky Chappell

By Sky Chappell  
Of The New Era

In the midst of a chaotic weekend, the Sweet Home Fire and Ambulance District responded to a call for a single motor vehicle wreck on Highway 20 on Friday, June 21. Arriving on scene, crews

immediately got to work extricating the single occupant. According to the battalion chief, the driver was traveling from Toledo to Bend. The driver believed the accident was caused by her losing the ability to use her brakes, due to possibly low brake fluid.

The vehicle left the roadway coming to a rest on the driver side door, approximately 20 feet off the road around milepost 32. The patient was transported to Lebanon Community Hospital with non life-threatening injuries.

# Sweet Home Man Leads Police in Pursuit



Photo by Chris Chapman

Law enforcement officers block the roadway after capturing a Sweet Home man who led them on a pursuit through Berlin Road on Friday.

By Sky Chappell  
Of The New Era

Oregon State Police (OSP) received a backup request from the Linn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) regarding a reckless driver at 1:57 p.m. on Friday, June 21. According to a narrative summary provided by OSP, the suspect's vehicle was located on Berlin Road near

Upper Berlin Road when officers attempted to initiate a stop. The vehicle began to elude, and failed to yield to emergency lights and sirens. OSP pursued the vehicle and the driver eventually crashed near milepost 35 on Highway 20. The suspect, Glenn Lloyd Gatliff, 69, of Sweet Home, was taken into custody for

attempting to elude. Linn County deputies lodged the suspect in jail for reckless driving and reckless endangering. He is being charged with reckless driving, fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer and six counts of recklessly endangering another person. The suspect's vehicle was towed from the scene.

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## CLUES ACROSS

1. Droops

5. Subatomic particle

10. Not in danger

14. Nursemaid

15. Black band worn in mourning

16. Long song in opera

17. Edible seed of a Philippine tree

18. Chicago political family

19. Pursues pleasure from one place to another

20. Appetizer

22. Hill (Celtic)

23. Simple shoe

24. Songs to one you love

27. Secret activities

30. Upset

31. Popular hot drink

32. Body art (slang)

35. Fired

37. Blood relation

38. Identical

39. Porticos
40. Partner to cheese

41. Type of sword

42. Enough (archaic)

43. Surface layer of ground

44. Cotton fabric woven like satin

45. Choose for a post

46. Father

47. Tell on

48. Indian title of respect

49. Fonts

52. Fencing sword

55. Mock

56. Vaccine developer

60. Atmosphere surrounding a person or place

61. Marten with a short tail

63. Chinese temple

64. Invests in little enterprises

65. Popular cut of meat

66. Charity

67. Iron-containing compound

68. River in Northern Europe

69. One point east of southeast

## CLUES DOWN

1. Exhausts

2. Genus of fish related to gars

3. Impudent behavior

4. Adherents to Islam

5. They come after A

6. Spoke

7. Room to receive guests

8. About opera

9. End-blown flute

10. Heroic tales

11. Member of a Semitic people

12. Dog's name

13. Opposite of west

21. Political divisions in ancient Greece

23. Ocean

25. Cool!

26. Young woman about to enter society

27. One from central Caucasus

28. Indian city

29. A way to serve ice cream

32. Emaciation
33. Escort aircraft carrier

34. Italian city

36. Mythical settler of Kansas

37. Unhappy

38. High schoolers' test

40. Measured in pace

41. Satisfies

43. Gullible person

44. Enclosed space

46. Substance used to color something

47. Shirt type

49. Discover by investigation

50. \_\_-Castell, makers of pens

51. Semitic Sun god

52. Grads wear one

53. French river

54. Part of a cap

57. Digestive fluid

58. Metrical foot

59. Body part

61. Very fast airplane

62. Supplement with difficulty

# SUDOKU

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# Kayakers Stranded Due to Dam's Water Release

By Sky Chappell  
Of The New Era

The Sweet Home Fire and Ambulance District (SHFAD) was dispatched to the scene of two stranded kayakers on Saturday, June 22, at 12:01 p.m.

According to a press release, the kayakers flipped while the kayakers were traversing rapids beneath Green Peter Dam. Water was being released from Green Peter Dam at the time, which caused water levels to rapidly rise, thus increasing water flow and strengthening rapids.

The kayakers were traveling downriver and were unable to maintain control, causing the kayakers to flip. The kayakers were able to swim to shore, but found themselves trapped on an outcropping between the water and thick brush and briars at the base of a steep hillside.

According to the press release, once on scene, the responding incident com-

mander was able to make visual contact with the stranded kayakers who were approximately 200 feet down the embankment. A lowering system was made so responding rescue personnel, wearing harnesses, could safely navigate down the embankment whilst also clearing the thick vegetation with a machete.

Once contact was made, it was determined both parties were uninjured. Both kayakers were assisted up the embankment and to the road.

"This is a good reminder that Green Peter Dam routinely lets water out which can quickly and drastically change the condition of the river below it," SHFAD stated. "Be prepared with proper safety equipment and plan accordingly when enjoying our local waterways."

SHFAD responded with one battalion chief vehicle, one medic and one rescue vehicle with a total of eight personnel.



Photo courtesy of SHFAD

Rescuers use harnesses to lower themselves down a steep embankment to rescue stranded kayakers

# Fire District Indicates Forward Trend for Staffing

By Sky Chappell  
Of The New Era

The Sweet Home Fire and Ambulance District (SHFAD) revealed positive staffing discussions on the forefront of the fire board meeting Tuesday, June 18.

Scattered throughout the day's agenda, different items of discussion included indications of new incoming staff, such as new hires, interested recent high school graduates, and volunteers eager to train for the new wildland hand crew positions.

The meeting began with Chief Nick Tyler swearing in a new entry level firefighter and paramedic, Casey Topp. Read more about Topp on page 8.

After swearing him in, Tyler provided an update on the new wildland program.

"There was some hiccups in the process," Tyler said. "We were hoping to have a 20-person hand crew hired and going into the fire school next week. That didn't happen."

He explained that he didn't want to commit to hiring the new crew until the funding for it was absolutely guaranteed.

Tyler still continues to be optimistic about this program. The SHFAD still is entering into the program, doing \$1.9 million dollars worth of work. Although the district can't hire the wanted

crew this year, they plan to hire that amount of people next year.

"We're setting the stage, we're doing some amazing, groundbreaking stuff that nobody's done," Tyler said.

The board learned, during this meeting, the district won the proposal of the funds, with a contract following shortly after. The district had the opportunity of sending five volunteers out to the ODF fire school this week so they can be certified in wildland firefighting. These volunteers are attending on their own time.

The district discussed the need for a crew carrier to help carry equipment and personnel. Wildland Fire Division Program Manager Christian Whitfield requested board authority to purchase a vehicle they were considering as an option. This was voted in unanimously.

The district also discussed their attendance during the 2024 Jim Bean Safety Fair. This concluded with discussion of five new potential high school graduates who expressed interest in attending the ODF fire school, with one qualifying for the summer school, and the rest qualifying for the fall.

## In other business:

- The board had discussion regarding workman's comp and its renewal.
- The board received an



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Christian Whitfield discusses the progress on the Wildland Program.

election summary about the official results of the recent general obligation bond. Ballot information included: 28,047 votes of the 99,665 registered voters, totaling a turnout of 28.14%. Of the votes casted, 52.09% voted yes, with 47.91% voting no.

"I want to thank Sweet Home publicly for voting this bond measure in and supporting the fire district in future endeavors," Tyler

commented. "But I also want to recognize that this was a narrow victory. We as an organization have a lot of work to do in proving that we are responsible for that money and improving our PR on the other 47%. So while it's a victory, I still want to focus on how we can improve for the future."

• The board heard an update on the district's Local Government Investment

Pool (LGIP).

• The budget was accepted for the 2024-25 fiscal year.

• The board discussed with Randy Whitfield about his contract, and his requests for a raise.

• Discussion was had about limiting "wall" time.

• Office Manager Julie Mayfield discussed with the board about ambulance billing.