

## Sugar Vibes Garnished for Mask Mandate Violations

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

The Sugar Vibes Donut Company has recently brought to light an issue they faced during the COVID pandemic.

OSHA received complaints back in 2021 of employees not wearing masks. Shortly after these complaints, Sugar Vibes Donut Company received a fine of \$8,900. According to Janice Jackola, the owner, after this fine came in, they tried to appeal it.

"We tried appealing, I sent in a video from a virologist that talked about the air quality and things that go on inside a hospital," Jackola said. "That didn't matter."

According to Jackola, most of these fines for other businesses went to out-of-state collections. Hers went to the Department of Revenue. She inquired about doing a payment plan, but the Department of Revenue requested financials to be submitted. She did not submit these financials under the assumption that the Department of Revenue already knew her fi-



Freshly made donuts sit on display at Sugar Vibes Donut Company

Photo by Sky Chappell

nancials.

After calling OSHA, they learned this fine started at \$700. Then, OSHA calculated the risk times employees. Their final number, according to the Department of Revenue, was \$8,900 in debt, \$2,215.68 and an interest payment of \$74.62 totalling \$11,190.30. According to Jackola, this was all due to unmasking.

Other safety precautions were taken to prevent the spread of COVID.

"We did everything," she said.

Jackola highlighted that in her own observations there was never any regard for potential issues with the masks.

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## Local Fire Volunteers Attend Annual Fire School

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

A handful of volunteers from Sweet Home Fire and Ambulance District took a week to boost their fire fighting skills by attending the annual Mid-Willamette Valley Interagency Wildland Fire School as they set their sights on the district's new Wildland Fire Division program.

SHFAD volunteer Jake Hepler was among those who attended Fire School last week.

"Sweet Home runs good programs. I'm very excited about what they have coming up," he said about the district's wildland program.

About 170 wildland firefighters and instructors converged on Sweet Home High School for the annual Fire School June 24-28, hosted by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF), US Fish and Wildlife Service, and US Forest Service.

Five of SHFAD's approximately 30 volunteers participated in the program to be more qualified to apply for a position in the district's new Wildland Fire Division, which



Photo courtesy of Christian Whitfield, SHFAD

Attendees of the Wildland Fire School spread out on CTC land during a live fire training Friday.

is expected to hire a hand crew of up to 15 people next month.

Fire Chief Nick Tyler said the cutting edge program is peaking interest among many firefighters.

Isaiah Harris, who's been volunteering with SHFAD for almost a year now, said he moved from a career path at Dutch Bros. to a career in firefighting because he likes the camaraderie and "boy stuff" it offers.

"I've always been community-oriented," Harris said.

"Just knowing the people that you're in the town with and being able to see them everyday and do this kind of stuff is fun."

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OBITUARIES



Foster Mark Joseph Leonard  
October 3, 1958 - June 13, 2024

Foster Mark Joseph Leonard, 65, of Albany passed away Thursday, June 13, 2024. He was born on October 3, 1958 to Ferris C. and Beatrice M. (Hoffman) Leonard in San Bernardino, California.

He was an artist, painter, philosopher and a mechanic.

Foster enjoyed riding motorcycles and working on them. He had a sense of humor and liked to make people laugh. He never met a stranger.

He is survived by his children: Kyle Leonard of Utah, Marshkia Leonard of Utah; siblings: Stephen Leonard of Utah, Kathy Leonard of Oregon, Vince Leonard of Washington, Sandra Packwood of Oregon; three grandchildren: Brelynn Leonard, Masen Leonard, Kailem Leonard and many cousins, nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by: his parents Ferris and Beatrice Leonard; brother Scott Leonard, son Foster M. Leonard Jr., and grandson Kaisen Clayton Leonard. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. [www.sweethomefuneral.com](http://www.sweethomefuneral.com).

Charles Ernest Easterly  
July 02, 1936 - June 23, 2024

Charles Ernest Easterly, 87, of Sweet Home passed away Sunday, June 23, 2024. He was born on July 2, 1936

to Richard and Vena (Bradley) Easterly in Benton County, Arkansas.

He has lived in Texas, California, Arkansas, Washington and Oregon. Charles served in the Army in Germany during the Korean War. He worked as a state union lather/carpenter. He was a Christian.

He enjoyed Bible study and cooking. He liked to golf, hunt, and go backpacking and sailing.

Charles is survived by his children: Roxanne Davis of San Diego, California, Terence Easterly of Portland, Oregon, David Easterly of Spokane, Washington, Charlotte Gertson of Portland, Oregon, Charles Easterly of Morgan Hill, California; and nine grandchildren. He is preceded in death by spouse, Alice Irene (George) Easterly (May 17, 2021), 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, affectionately known as "Noodle," passed away on June 15, 2024, at the age of 45, in Lebanon. Born on November 4, 1978, he grew up in and around Lebanon.

David was a devoted father, partner and friend. He loved playing disc golf, often recruiting family or friends to play a new (or well

known) course with him. Boating and camping were one of his favorite ways to spend weekends in the summer. Football was a big part of David's life. From the time he was young he was an avid spectator of both professional and college, with the Oregon Ducks being his favorite team to root for.

David is survived by his daughter Peyton Harrington, son Demetrius Gregorich, girlfriend Dolly Miller, mom Debbie Duffield, brother Tyler Johnson, and sister Summer Jones. David was preceded in death by his mom Theresa Horner, brother Chad Horner, grandpa Jim Harrington Sr, and aunt Kathleen Harrington.

A Celebration of Life for David will be held July 20, 2024, at 12:30 pm at Waterloo Park in Gazebo #1. Food and drinks will be provided, but please feel free to bring your favorite side dish if you would like. Out of respect for the family, there will be no alcohol or drinking allowed at the memorial. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. [www.sweethomefuneral.com](http://www.sweethomefuneral.com).

Mary Lou Cannon  
January 24, 1939 - June 27, 2024

Mary Lou Cannon, 85, passed away Thursday, June 27, 2024. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. [www.sweethomefuneral.com](http://www.sweethomefuneral.com).

Teresa Renee Owens  
September 12, 1961 - June 26, 2024

Teresa Renee Owens, 62, of Sweet Home passed away Wednesday, June 26, 2024. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. [www.sweethomefuneral.com](http://www.sweethomefuneral.com).

Veneta Grace Tucker  
May 22, 1948 - June 26, 2024

Veneta Grace Tucker, 76, passed away Wednesday, June 26, 2024. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. [www.sweethomefuneral.com](http://www.sweethomefuneral.com).

EVENTS

Seeking Choral Director

Lebanon Community Chorus is seeking a talented and experienced choral director.

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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](mailto: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/web-form/community-market-vendor-registration>.

Farmers' Market

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

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

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

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June 24	80	47	0.01
June 25	88	49	0.00
June 26	70	56	0.00
June 27	72	52	0.00
June 28	82	48	0.00
June 29	82	51	0.00
June 30	82	55	0.00

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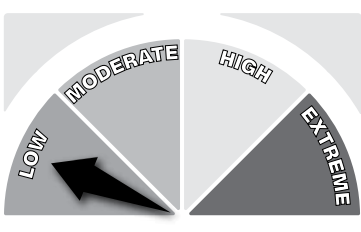
Year to date: 18.79  
July 5, 2023: 20.95

FORECAST

DAY	WEATHER	HIGH	LOW
Thur	Sunny	90	57
Fri	Sunny	96	59
Sat	Sunny	98	57
Sun	Sunny	94	56
Mon	Sunny	92	55
Tues	Sunny	92	55
Wed	Sunny	90	54

LAKE LEVELS

Foster Reservoir: 636.1  
Green Peter Res.: 995.2



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PUBLIC SAFETY

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June 23

12:49 p.m - Marv Dean Cox, 56, was arrested for fourth degree assault constituting domestic violence.

2:41 p.m - Becky Marie Roster, 50, was arrested for third degree theft.

4:54 p.m - Jalayne Ann Koontz, 70, was arrested for criminal driving.

8:41 p.m - Michael John Hoffman, was cited for driving while suspended.

June 24

10:16 a.m - Michael Ray Tomlinson, 36, was arrested for reckless endangering.

12:30 p.m - Stacy Russel Jenkins, 22, was arrested for probable cause on a charge for first degree robbery, second degree assault and third degree theft.

12:43 p.m - Stacy Russel Jenkins, 22, was arrested on an Albany Municipal Court warrant for failure to comply on an original charge for contempt of court and a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on a criminal citation for driving while suspended. Lodged in Linn County Jail.

1:37 p.m - Brent Cole Pelky, 18, was cited for minor in possession of alcohol.

2:20 p.m - Johnny Lee Stone, 31, was arrested by Albany PD on Sweet Home Municipal Court warrants for failure to comply on an original charge for initiating a false report and failure to appear on a charge for second degree criminal trespass.

5:19 p.m - Cristy Jane Cromwell, 43, was arrested for third degree theft.

7:06 p.m - Jhenna Marie

Lance, was arrested on Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on two counts of second degree criminal trespass.

11:46 p.m - Jamie Castro Hernandez, was arrested by Benton County Sheriff's Office on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to comply on an original charge for criminal driving while suspended.

June 26

1:42 p.m - Floyd Bowen, 66, was arrested for felon in possession of a firearm.

5:27 p.m - Anna Miller, 19, was cited for speeding. 50/35.

6:17 p.m - James Atwood, 33, was cited for speeding. 51/35.

7:25 p.m - Caller reports door being kicked in and damage done inside. Report taken for second degree burglary.

June 27

12:35 a.m - Michael John Hoffman, 51, was cited for driving while suspended.

11:25 a.m - Unidentified driver was cited for speeding. 85/55.

12:19 p.m - Donald Ames, 34, was cited for driving while suspended.

2:23 p.m - Michael John Hoffman, 51, was cited for driving while suspended.

5:56 p.m - Andrea Hope Harper, 40, was arrested on an unentered Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for second degree child neglect.

8:14 p.m - Michael Evan Matthews, was arrested on Sweet Home Municipal Court warrants for failure to comply on a charge for second degree theft and failure to appear on charges for third degree theft and two counts of second degree criminal trespass.

9:19 p.m - Roderick Alfred Andrews, 59, was arrested for an outstanding warrant. Lodged in Linn County Jail.

June 28

1:22 a.m - Gilbert Alonzo Martinez, was arrested on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for fourth degree assault.

1:55 a.m - Scott Demetrius, was arrested on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for third degree theft.

2:51 a.m - Benjamin Philip Hyatt, was arrested on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on a charge for second degree criminal trespass and a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for driving while suspended.

9:39 a.m - L. Chafin, 67, was cited for speeding.

10:41 a.m - Harold Turner, 41, was cited for operating without a license

1:38 p.m - Jennifer Limerick, was arrested for reckless driving and driving under the influence of intoxicants.

2:59 p.m - Benjamin Jazmin, 24, was cited for careless driving and driving uninsured.

11:05 p.m - Jason Neil Bruce, 45, was cited for careless driving.

June 29

1:55 a.m - Ricky Allen Aldrich, was arrested on a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for second degree criminal mischief.

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, Shauna Ray Harden, Noe Hernandez-Reyes, Michael Trevor Hilton, Charles James Mar-

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

Stacy Russell Jenkins, 22, was charged June 25 with third degree theft, first degree robbery and second degree assault.

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**SUDOKU KEY**  
Puzzle on page 15

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6	3	1	7	9	4	5	2	8
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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

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

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The vehicle of R.L. Fields is pulled from Foster Lake in 1974 as bystanders look on.

July 4, 1974

Due to adverse water conditions, diving in Foster Lake in search of the body of R.L. Fields has been discontinued until later. Fields' car was found in 40 feet of water some 40 feet from the dam. It's believed to have been there about four days prior to discovery. Divers cannot see well in the dark, murky water and risk getting snagged or caught up between logs and limbs.

At least 24 of the property owners on 18th Avenue are opposed to the proposed improvement and widening of the street. Those residents signed a letter stating the cost is too high for them and they don't want to lose the frontage of their property. The city informed the residents the legal way to stop the improvements is by sending letters of remonstrance from at least two-thirds of the property owners on that street. The city received only five letters.

New head football coach Rod Rumrey, 27, from Glendale, is confident he can establish a winning program here. He said he sees a challenge in stepping up from a 'A' school to 'AAA,' but isn't frightened by it. Problems

mentioned by the other coaches are hurdles Rumrey believes he can turn around. The biggest hurdle, he said, may be building enthusiasm and selling the program.

July 7, 1999

Cornerstone Foursquare Fellowship Church on Long Street is undergoing a facelift as workers begin exterior and interior projects. Church member Marty Mealue said the building's clay block leaked cold air and water. The congregation wanted a more pleasing facade, so they chose a stucco-like texture material after adding insulation and furring strips. Other parts of the building will be covered with a wood-like metal siding. Inside, the building will get new windows, carpeting and paint.

City Manager Craig Martin received high praise from City Council after an annual evaluation. Two years after taking the position, Martin said he's been immersed in a widely varied on-the-job education as he manages multiple different aspects of the job. He is most frustrated with not being able to satisfy everyone in the community, but the council indicated high satisfaction with the work he's done so far.



## EVENTS

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Oregon. For more information visit [locallygrown.org/albany-saturday-market/](http://locallygrown.org/albany-saturday-market/).

### Cut the Gut

The Sweet Home Chamber will host the annual Icebox Cut the Gut Car Cruise from 6-9 p.m. on Friday, July 12, rain or shine. The “Cut the Gut” car cruise is more than just a celebration of vehicles – it’s a chance for car enthusiasts to come together, share their passion and enjoy a fun-filled night in the beautiful town of Sweet Home.

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

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

Passports and apparel may be purchased at the chamber (1575 Main St.) or online at [CutTheGutCruise.com](http://CutTheGutCruise.com), and will be available for 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 barbecue 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](mailto: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.

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get your address on the map must be submitted by Wednesday before the sale date.

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

### After 5 Connection Meeting

After 5 Connections will host “Iron Host Travel,” a picnic and special program for women and men from 6-8 p.m. on Monday, July 15, at 700 E Sherman St., Lebanon.

David Dickson from Corvallis, a retired history teacher and train enthusiast, will share the history of train travel in the US along with his personal experiences in train travel.

Also, Deedy Tripp, from Florida, will share her story, titled “Broken to Beautiful,” about how one woman went from being too tired to care to walking on air.

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# New Dais Built In-House, Reflects City History

By Sarah Brown  
Of The New Era

The City Council Chamber has recently been fitted with a new dais, which is a raised platform or seating area for City Council members, and it barely cost the city anything. City Manager Kelcey Young explained that the Douglas fir wood for the new dais not only reflects the city's history, but was gifted by Linn County Parks and the dais was made entirely by the city's Public Works team. The dais is in three sections on wheels and features live edging, a shiny coat of epoxy and glimpses of what Young termed "Sweet Home green" epoxy that was used to fill in gaps.

"I think it's impressive," Mayor Susan Coleman said. "I think our Public Works staff is so skilled." Councilors noted the former dais had broken drawers and the seating spaces were tight, but they would like to consider angling the new sections so they can see each other better. According to Public Works Assistant Director Greg Springman, the dais – as well as a bench now seated in front of City Hall – was handmade from scratch by three city staff: Park Lead Sean Hegge, Operations Manager Dominic Valloni and Mechanic Lead Tommy Roby. He said it took them more than four months to slab the wood, mill it, dry it,

and sand and fill it. "They really were all hands-on and I think they're glad that they're done," he told the Park and Tree Committee during its June 19 meeting. "It saved us so much money to have them do it," Mayor Coleman said. "They were quoting out over \$10,000 for one of these things." The only costs to the city that Springman could determine included finishing materials and labor. Young said a dais like that would normally cost "tens of thousands of dollars," and the bench a few thousand dollars, but by using donated wood and building the furniture in-house, the cost was minimal. The bench in front of City Hall, Young said, is a prototype for other potential benches that could be placed in parks, and perhaps even picnic tables could be built. The projects could be completed in the wintertime when responsibilities for the Public Works Department slow down. The cost-savings would be "a tremendous boost to our



Photo by Sarah Brown  
A new wood bench built by the city's Public Works team sits outside City Hall.

community," she said. "It's a potential revenue stream," she added. "Any trees that need to be felled for safety reasons or anything along those lines, we can reuse them in our community. It also pays tribute to our milling and timber history, as well." "The cost to purchase these types of finished wood products for our offices or our parks is extremely expensive,

lots of labor," Springman added. "By making benches and tables in-house, we can sell (them) to the community." According to Springman, the former dais was "decades old and extremely dated," and did not represent the interior of the new City Hall building. "It's so beautiful and it fits nicely with the new chambers," Mayor Coleman said about the new dais.

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## SUGAR VIBES

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According to her, unidentified employees struggled with the mask due to previous domestic violence situations, or even underlying health conditions such as asthma. "These are experiences from employees that traumatized them by having that on," she said. Then, the Sugar Vibes account was garnished for a total of \$11,190.30, April 11, 2024.

"That's a big hit for a small business," Jackola said. "What I would like people to know is that it didn't go away. This is what they did." Along with this, payroll went out at the same time, causing their account to be very low. Jackola had community support though. Many community members came together to help in the struggling times according to her. In an article published by the Register Guard, Oregon employers still owed \$867,000 worth of fines for COVID-19

violations. Jackola concluded on how she felt this was government overreach. "I feel like, we have already fought for these things, we have our Constitution, our Bill of Rights, what the flag is supposed to represent, you know, our military is protecting us, all the people that have served and been injured and killed for our freedoms," Jackola said. "and that just didn't feel very free. It feels like a very financial violation of your own private business

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# Officer Honored, City to Buy Former Feed Store

By Sarah Brown  
Of The New Era

The City Council approved some actions during its June 25 meeting that they expect will ultimately help revitalize the community through new business and nonprofit organization opportunities.

Most of the council members approved of City Manager Kelcey Young's work that will bring in a nonprofit organization, preserve an historic building and, they hope, bring in more businesses to the downtown area after a couple of lease agreements are signed. The city also lauded a Sweet Home police officer for his life-saving response during a call.

**Officer Honored**

Captain Ryan Cummings honored Officer Garritt Bolkcom for how he handled a call in which a male had tried to end his own life.

Cummings reported that Linn County Sheriff's Office requested assistance on June 17, and Bolkcom responded to the call.

"Officer Bolkcom responded very quickly and from what I've seen in the video he wasted no time jumping into action and taking the appropriate and necessary life saving measures, including CPR," Cummings said.

After medics took over, Bolkcom proceeded to spend time with the spouse and try to comfort them, Cummings said. He reported that the individual is expected to make a full recovery from the attempt, "thanks in large part to the actions of Officer Bolkcom."

"What he did that day is in

line with the highest standards of the law enforcement profession and he is a credit not only to Sweet Home Police Department, but also to the community at large," he said.

Bolkcom has been with the Sweet Home Police Department for two years. For his work in this particular situation, he was given a SHPD Life Saving Award.

Young informed Bolkcom that she had spoken with the family and she thanked him for his integrity and compassion during the matter. A family friend also approached the 28-year-old to share on behalf of the spouse that the man "has expressed a desire to continue living, which he has not done for several years."

**Resource Organizations Moving In**

Council gave Young authority to enter into lease negotiations with Community Services Consortium (CSC), a community action resource agency that seeks to rent out space at City Hall. Resources and tools they offer include utility services, workforce development training and housing guidance.

Young said having CSC at City Hall will not only provide revenue, but also in-kind services in areas such as remodeling and parks services. They will also train a team that can work with the fire district and other workforce development services.

"They will be bringing an entire program to provide services to East Linn County, but they'll even be moving some of their programs from



Photo by Sarah Brown

Captain Ryan Cummings, left, hands an award to Officer Garritt Bolkcom, center, for his life-saving efforts.

other locations here to Sweet Home," she said. "This will be bringing in potentially 30 additional jobs into Sweet Home, as well as workforce development training and much-needed services."

The council also approved authority to enter into lease negotiations with Ridgeway Health, which would like to rent the old city hall building.

"What we would really like to do with that space is not only approve the potential lease with Ridgeway Health, but then open that up to be a wellness center," Young said.

"We have other agencies that have expressed interest in being in that building as well, and we think it would be a big benefit to Sweet Home."

The council expressed gratitude for the opportunities to increase support services to the community.

**City to Buy Former Feed Store**

The council approved purchase authority to buy the former Santiam Feed store building on Long Street for \$260,000 which would be paid half this year and half next year.

"One of Council's goals was

for us to acquire additional property and to also look for opportunities to help with filling vacant properties," Young said.

She said the idea with the feed store building would be two-fold: to preserve the historical nature of the building while also bringing in additional businesses to town. According to Young, businesses and community members have expressed interest in potentially using the city-owned feed store to put in an artisan work

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# Council Wrestles with Downtown Standards Question

By Sarah Brown  
Of The New Era

City Council held a work session on Tuesday, June 18, to wrestle with the topic of downtown standards and empty buildings, a topic that, Mayor Susan Coleman said, has been under discussion for many years.

"I think it's good to pick it up and work on finalizing these ideas," she said.

Council and city staff discussed fire safety concerns, empty buildings being used as tax shelters, a demolition ordinance, business registration, and added incentives and funding for improvements.

Prior to any discussion, the council was directed to walk around the room and place markers on posters indicating their level of agreement or interest for different ideas on incentives and penalties, development standards and general appearance, and maintenance requirements.

"For me, I think the biggest concern is empty storefronts not being kept up and then just being used for tax write-off purposes that just brings a draw-down to our community and our downtown core," Mayor Coleman said. "I think these matters, if done in a wise way, would help mitigate those."

Councilor Greg Mahler noted the lack of "teeth" to enforce any directive for building maintenance.

"We can talk all day long about how to make downtown look beautiful, but if we can't get them to do something to these empty buildings, it's gonna be a distraction if anything we do nice," he said.

According to Mayor Coleman, Community and Economic Development Director



Photo by Sarah Brown

**Brown paper covers the windows of a downtown building that has remained vacant for a number of years.**

Blair Larsen drafted an ordinance (not yet adopted by the city) for possible use as an option regarding "demolition by neglect."

City Manager Kelcey Young noted there was little indication on the posters that the council was interested in fining building owners for vacancies, to which Councilor Mahler said there might be some concern that potential fines could deter businesses from coming to town.

Mayor Coleman said the city has offered incentives to building owners for a long time that produced little to no response, but the city receives backlash when fines are suggested.

"We might create an environment where people are

concerned about coming in (if they risk getting fined), but we've already created that environment by allowing buildings to sit empty and then it looks like our business community is not thriving," she said.

During the work session, brief discussions ensued about urban renewal districts, enterprise zones, business licenses (free or low-fee) and buried wires. Of those, the business license discussion took the most time as councilors talked about the benefits for business owners as well as the city and fire district to have access to building owner and residence information.

For example, the city could

(grants) to incoming businesses, and emergency responders could quickly access contact information in the event of an emergency such as fire.

Sanchez expressed opposition to any extra regulations that could deter businesses.

"I'm deeply troubled that we're considering barriers to businesses and raising fees in this state of economy and inflation and interest rate," she said. "We're already struggling retaining businesses and bringing in businesses, so I'm more of the incentive type of person instead of a regulation type of person."

Larsen asked the council to define what they believe should be the role of the city

in downtown. Councilor Josh Thorstad said he would not approve of the city fining his business, but Councilor Mahler indicated that if the city told him, as a business owner, that he needed to "clean up his act," then he would try to work with the city to improve his business.

"I don't think our role as the city is to be police," Councilor Mahler said. "But on the flip side, we gotta protect the city from hazards."

"I think the city's role in downtown is to facilitate through infrastructure and safety an environment that allows economy to thrive, and I think right now we know that's not what it looks like in downtown," Mayor Coleman said.

She agreed with councilors Mahler and Dave Trask that fire safety violations are a part of the concern.

Young shared that other cities utilize different means to achieve a functioning downtown core, including additional inspections, downtown standards, demolition by neglect and fines for vacant buildings.

As discussions continued, Mayor Coleman suggested the council decide to either create guidance for businesses or not so that the issue could finally be put to bed.

Councilor Angelita Sanchez said if the city imposes any force of action for empty buildings, the city should first do something with its own empty buildings (presumably referring to the former city hall).

"The second issue is I don't see a role for government to tell private business or private

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FIRE SCHOOL

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colleagues at Fire School, Harris plans to put in for one of the hand crew positions in the fire district's new program, which will provide assistance to homeowners to create defensible space, create control lines and work on fuel reduction in about 40 miles of forest surrounding Sweet Home.

The wildland program not only provides more employment opportunities in the area, but also opens up a chance to work in fire service without having to do medical.

"It's something they need that's new and unprecedented," Harris said about the program. "That's something that I like doing, kind of going into things new and being versatile and adaptable."

Tyson Rust, who's been volunteering with SHFAD for about three years now, said his dad was a firefighter, so it's a career he grew up around.

"I enjoy doing it," he said. "I enjoy helping out and helping out the city and being part of the department."

He also expressed interest in joining Sweet Home's new hand crew.

The fire school they participated in last week helps prepare new and trained firefighters for the rigors of fighting fire in both Oregon's forests and rural-urban interface areas. Co-incident commanders Chris Mushrush, Fire Planner for Northwest Oregon Inter-agency Fire Management, and Craig Pettinger, District Forester for ODF South Cascade District, led training in tactical skills and safety.

"Fire School provides crucial education and training in wildland fire to new firefighters and gives veteran firefighters a chance to refresh their skills

and explore leadership opportunities," Mushrush said. "It's also an important opportunity to strengthen interagency ties and collaboration."

Harris expressed appreciation for the collaboration between multiple entities to make something like fire school and fire fighting possible.

"When you have wildfires, when you're looking at fire marshals, the logistics, everything, it's a serious group of people that get together and make these things happen," he said. "When you drive by, you just see a fire and firefighters. Then, once you get on this side of it, you realize how much it takes, just professional skill to be able to get that together and make it all happen in the correct fashion. It's pretty cool to watch."

The trainees learned about fire behavior, suppression tactics, weather, map and compass use, teamwork, leadership, safety, use of engines, tools and hose lays, and fire investigation. Part of the experience also included giving the participants a taste of life in a real fire camp by sleeping in tents at the school, eating meals in a group and putting their new skills to work on live fires.

"This whole week is about how to be safe, how to properly do everything and how to basically cover our butts so there's no casualties and everybody goes home," Harris said.

The training culminated with a live fire exercise on Friday just outside of Sweet Home. The opportunity gave trainees a chance to apply their newly acquired skills and techniques to suppress and mop-up a real fire. The field site, located north of Foster Lake, was provided by Cascade



Photo by Sarah Brown

Wildland Fire School attendees walk from their campsite on the high school fields to the classrooms where they will learn firefighting skills.

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"The live fire exercise provides an invaluable training experience – working in smoke, hiking through uneven terrain, and working closely with crew members to dig a fireline – these are all things they'll experience this season as wildland firefighters," Pettinger said.

In addition to Harris, Hepler and Rust, SHFAD volunteers Daniel Goodwin and Kelso Ellis also participated in Fire School.

The SHFAD volunteers currently work in a variety of avenues, including structural fires, rescues and brush fires. With the added training they received through Fire School, they will be more qualified to fight fires in wildland settings.

"I think after Wiley Creek kicked off last year, I think it's kind of creating the urgency to get a crew together that has been through the school," He-



Photo courtesy of Christian Whitfield, SHFAD

SHFAD volunteer Jake Hepler lays out a progressive hoselay during training.

pler said. "So if the community of Sweet Home has another incident such as Wiley Creek or Ames Creek or something up the Calapooia, we will have this local response to it."

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Multiple empty buildings take up almost an entire block on Main Street downtown.

## DOWNTOWN

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owners what they can and can't do with their property," she said.

Mayor Coleman responded by saying the government often does tell people what they can and can't do with their property, and the former city hall building is updated and in use by the fire district.

Young said the city is doing what it can to bring in more businesses, but there are no mechanisms in place to change the problem of habitually empty storefront buildings. It's up to City Council to decide the fate of those who refuse to fill their buildings, and she listed out what appeared to her to be their preferred options: an ordinance for demolition by neglect, additional incentives, business registration or further discussions about habitually vacant buildings.

"If you all are open to talking about it, I do think it has an

opportunity to make a really positive difference in the community if done the right way," Young said.

Councilor Mahler responded that if the building owners could be persuaded to use their buildings, perhaps through added incentives, then he believes there would be a 360-degree shift in the downtown core. Mayor Coleman added that there have been some positive changes downtown recently and "multiple" new businesses are expected to be opening up soon.

"We're making progress," she said. "We know that there's some property owners who've dug in their heels, but the rest of them are really coming along."

Councilor Thorstad said he'd like the public to engage in a survey so the city can see their response about the vacant buildings, and Councilor Sanchez expressed interest in offering more funding for interior improvements for businesses.

# SHFAD Dispatched to La Pine Fire

By Sarah Brown  
Of The New Era

Sweet Home Fire and Ambulance District firefighters responded to a call for assistance near La Pine after Linn County Task Force 3 was activated by the Office of the Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM) on Tuesday, June 25.

SHFAD joined Brownsville Rural Fire District, Halsey Fire, Lebanon Fire District, Scio Fire District and Tangent Fire District as part of the Immediate Response Task Force to what is being called the Darlene 3 Fire.

The fire sparked around 2 p.m. about one mile south of La Pine on the east side of Darlene Way. The fire that day was estimated to be 250 acres in size. The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office placed levels two and three evacuations near the fire, and the OSFM Red Incident Management Team was activated along with two structural task forces from Linn and Marion counties. The OSFM mobilized four additional task forces to arrive Wednesday morning.

Oregon State Fire Marshal Mariana Ruiz-Temple said the fire quickly grew within just a couple of hours, pushed by gusty winds and high fire conditions.

Shannon Pettner, public information officer for SHFAD, said the Immediate Response Task Force was rolled into the conflagration as soon as it was declared.

"We were put on night shift as soon as we arrived, and were assigned to a housing subdivision that was in level three evacuation," she said.

The crew worked three



Photo provided by SHFAD

Embers and smoke surround trees just off a roadway as Darlene 3 consumes more than 3,000 acres this weekend.

12-hour shifts before being short-shifted to a six-hour shift and, later, demobilized. Five other structural task forces from around the state that assisted in Darlene 3 included Clackamas, and the counties of Clackamas, Clatsop, Marion and Lane.

Pettner reported that six small outbuildings and no homes were lost in the incident. Approximately 1,500 people were displaced from their homes in the level three area evacuations.

Sweet Home's crew returned home on Saturday,

June 29, after they were able to help achieve 50% containment of 3,889 acres.

"Any time that we can send our crews to go help other Oregonians, we support that a hundred percent. It's a privilege to be able to go do that; it's something that we don't take lightly," Fire Chief Nick Tyler said. "And we had that help last year on the Wiley Fire. We had two different task forces from outside the area come help us in a time of need, and so it's always special that we can go help other people in their time of need."



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## CITY COUNCIL

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space or gallery, or perhaps a restaurant or coffee shop.

Young pointed out the side of the feed store has a large door opening up onto 13th Avenue, which could provide a valuable opportunity once "festival street" is modified into a one-way street and used for special events.

With CSC moving in with its in-kind service opportunities, Ridgeway Health and other potential organizations moving in at old City Hall, and opening up business opportunities at the feed store, Young believes the blocks surrounding the parking lot across from the library could see a boost in activity. She added that there's a potential business also opening up in the empty lot next to Mr. Lucky's Deli.

"This is a way to really start revitalizing that entire square," she said. "And the synergy and work that can be done between the different agencies will really get all of this going quickly."

Administrative Services Director Cecily Pretty read a letter submitted by Josh Victor who opposed the

purchase of more real estate while the city has other properties that he said need attention. Young responded that projects for most of those properties are in process and Councilor Lisa Gourley chimed in, noting the amount of progress both council and city staff have accomplished in the past couple of years with parks and buildings.

"Businesses are very, very important to our community's livelihood, and services they bring into our community are a high concern for us," Gourley said. "Council has heard the community complain about the empty businesses downtown. This has been a huge sore and heartache for our community, especially for those people who remember how vibrant we were years ago."

She said needs and opportunities have changed over time, so things are going to look different.

"We're not taking from, but we're making sure that there's a future in town for everybody, so I think we should be proud of the work that's being done," she said. "I know some people don't like that, but if we're not growing and changing and

investing in our community, we're dying. Sweet Home has so much potential and we shouldn't have to be driving to Lebanon to get job training, we shouldn't have to be driving to Lebanon to go to a restaurant. We shouldn't be having to leave our community when these things were here. We used to have a shoe store. We used to have clothing stores. We used to have all these lovely things and we want to bring what we can back to our community."

Citizen Karla Hogan asked the council why the city would get involved in public business, and added that in-kind services wouldn't be enough to cover the high costs of remodeling. She also noted that grants from the city for building improvements is not nearly enough to put a dent in business owners' projects, and she'd rather see the city invest more money into current business owners instead of competing with them.

Citizen Patrick Rogers also addressed the council on the matter, saying the city would be involving itself in property management which is "a whole 'nother world." He also said incoming businesses may find themselves

in competition with the city when trying to acquire a building.

Young responded that it's not uncommon for cities that are trying to revitalize their towns to invest in properties. She said the council could use grants to renovate vacant buildings, use the buildings as business incubators for new businesses, and eventually even sell the building later down the road.

The council approved the purchase of the feed store building 5-1; Councilor Dylan Richards opposed.

### In other business:

- The council participated in a work session prior to the regular meeting regarding council goals specific to modifying Council Rules. In particular they briefly addressed attendance, how the council members act in public, and how they represent the city.

- Citizen Robert Egner spoke to the council regarding the City Council work session that took place prior to the regular council meeting. He expressed frustration, saying the council remained silent and "did nothing." He asked they not table the discussion again

if another meeting on the matter occurs, and he requested rules be put in place for council member conduct in the community.

- The council appointed City Manager Kelcey Young as City Budget Officer.

- The council approved a resolution appropriating funds for FY 2024.

- The council held a public hearing and approved a resolution declaring the city's election to receive state funds.

- The council approved a resolution that certifies the city provides at least four services (e.g., police, fire, water, etc) in order to receive state revenues.

- The council adopted a \$97.6 million budget for the 2024-25 fiscal year. Taxes imposed include: the rate of \$1.4157 per \$1,000 of assessed value for General Fund operations, the rate of \$7.8500 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the Police Local Option Levy, the rate of \$1.1700 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the Library Services Local Option Levy and Non Ad Valorem customer sewer usage charges not to exceed \$50,000.

# SHHS Huskies Practice During Women's Basketball Camp

By Sky Chappell  
Of The New Era

As the off season for high school sports progresses, the Sweet Home High School Girls Basketball team continues to practice in order to gear up for their season. The girls were seen during their basketball camp June 17 and June 18.

This camp is a yearly youth camp that allows the coach to get to know some of the younger kids in the community who are interested in the program and allows for key program fundamentals to be taught. According to head coach Erika Evans, kids as young as kindergarten were in attendance.

"[It] lets me figure out which kids are actually interested in basketball," Evans said.

This camp can be a benefit to both the coach and the attendees, as the camp allows a relationship to be developed before they get to the high school level.

The camp began with guest speaker and husky alumni, Brooke Burke helping teach different fundamentals. Burke is currently playing at the collegiate level for Pacific University.

During this camp, Evans had two guest speakers. The

other one was Sydney Wiese

According to wnba.com Wiese was selected as the number 11 overall in the 2017 WNBA Draft, played at OSU and holds the all time Pac 12 three-point record. Along with playing at the collegiate level, Wiese was able to bring to the girls a little insight on how she got to where she was.

"You saw some of the light

bulbs go on," Evans said. "It's not every day that you get to have a top round draft pick working at your camp and helping you."

Evans also commented on how the girls had lots of questions for Wiese, ranging from what her favorite ice cream was to how she got to where she was.

"It just gives them, these young women who are re-

ally awesome human beings and great basketball players to look up to with that exposure. It gives them the idea of like, hey, I could do that if I start doing this now," Evans said.

This annual camp isn't all of what is in store for the Sweet Home Girls Basketball team, as they've been practicing since school let out. Along with this, they have

continued to play scrimmages and have over 20 games planned throughout their summer league.

Yearly youth camp to help get to know some of the youngsters in the community who are interested in the program.

"We will definitely be having a yearly camp, and I'm hoping to continue having guest speakers," Evans said.



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In the Matter of the Guardianship of Minor Children last name: Slack

**NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSON: TODD TACKITT**

County Case No. 24PR00573

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Circuit Court of County, State of Oregon, has granted Alternative Service for TODD TACKITT, in the Petition for Guardianship of his children. TODD TACKITT should contact the Petitioners attorney, Catherine Pratt, of Ivers & Miller Law, 317 1st Ave. W, Suite 302, Albany, OR 97321, within 30 days after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court or the attorney for the Petitioners DATED and first published: June 19, 2024.

Attorney for Petitioners Catherine M. Pratt Ivers & Miller Law 317 1st Ave. W., Suite 302 Albany, OR 97321 (541) 928-5875 (Jun 19 - Jul 3)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENT NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sweet Home Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the following request. REQUEST: The applicant is requesting to subdivide an approximately 282,704 square foot (6.49 acre) property into 29 residential lots, 1 storm detention lot and associated roadway and utility improvements. The subject property is to the east of 23rd Avenue and west of 27th Avenue and is identified by Linn County Tax Assessor's Map No. 13S01E32CA Tax Lot 4403. Lot sizes would range in size from 7,206 square feet to 8,626 square feet. All lots would be eligible to be developed with single, family dwellings [SHMC 17.10.020(A)]. The subject property is in the Residential Low Density (R-1) Zone. Application SD24-01 is pending the approval of VR24-01. Application SD24-01 and VR24-01 are being filed simultaneously. APPLICANT: Laura LaRoque, Udell Engineering & Land Surveying, LLC PROPERTY OWNER: Lazar Kalugin, Quality Plus Interiors FILE NUMBER: SD24-01 PROPERTY LOCATION: Sweet Home, OR 97386; Identified on the Linn County Assessor's Map as 13S01E32CA Tax Lot 04403. REVIEW AND DECISION CRITERIA: Sweet Home Municipal Code Section(s) 17.10, 17.42, 17.58.030, 17.58.040, 17.58.060, 17.58.070, 17.110.040, 17.110.050, 17.110.070, 17.110.080 and 17.126. HEARING DATE & TIME: August 1, 2024, at 6:30 PM HEARING LOCATION: City Hall Council Chambers, 3225 Main Street, Sweet Home, Oregon 97386 STAFF CONTACT: Angela Clegg, Tourism & Economic Development Coordinator Phone: (541) 818-8029; Email: aclegg@sweethomeor.gov. You may submit comments or recommendations prior to or at the public hearing. Written comments submitted by 5:00 PM on July 22, 2024, will be included in the staff report that is provided to the Planning Commission. Written comments that are submitted after that time, but prior to the hearing will be presented to the Planning Commission at their public hearing. Comments may be emailed to aclegg@sweethomeor.gov or mailed or submitted to the Community and Economic Development Department office at City Hall, 3225 Main Street, Sweet Home, Oregon 97386. Please include the file number in the subject line of your comment. The failure of an issue to be raised in a hearing, in person or by letter, or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the decision maker an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals based on that issue. A copy of the application, all documents and evidence relied upon by the applicant and applicable criteria are available for inspection at no cost and a copy will be provided at reasonable cost. A

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copy of the staff report will be available for inspection at no cost at least seven days prior to the hearing and a copy will be provided at reasonable cost. Please contact the Community and Economic Development Department at 3225 Main Street, Sweet Home, Oregon 97386; Phone: (541) 818-8029. Persons interested in commenting on these issues should submit testimony in writing to the Community and Economic Development Department Office located in City Hall prior to the hearing or attend the meeting and give testimony verbally. Persons who wish to testify will be given the opportunity to do so by the Chair of the Planning Commission at the Planning Commission meeting. Such testimony should address the sections of the Sweet Home Municipal Code that are applicable to the request. The location of the meeting is accessible to persons with disabilities. If you have a disability that requires accommodation, please notify the Community and Economic Development Department Office in advance of the meeting by calling (541) 818-8029. (Jul 3)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENT NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sweet Home Planning Commission will hold a public hearing(s) to consider the following request(s). REQUEST: The applicant is seeking a variance to allow lot width to be measured from property lines as opposed to an easement(s) boundary for Lots 21 - 29 and to allow 31 percent (i.e., 9 lots) as opposed to 10 percent of lots within the proposed subdivision to be accessed by private access easement. Lot Depth and Width: Where required by the underlying zone, the lot width shall be measured along the easement boundary and the lot depth shall be measured from the easement boundary to the rear lot line. [SHMC 17.42.120(C)]. No more than 10% of the lots within a subdivision may be accessed by a private street or private access easement. [SHMC 17.58.030(C)(3)]. The subject property is zoned Residential Low Density (R-1). The Comprehensive Plan Designation is Low Density Residential (R-1). Application SD24-01. Application SD24-01 is being filed simultaneously with Application SD24-01. Application SD24-01 is reliant on the approval of Application VR24-01. APPLICANT: Laura LaRoque, Udell Engineering & Land Surveying, LLC PROPERTY OWNER: Lazar Kalugin, Quality Plus Interiors, LLC FILE NUMBERS: VR24-01 PROPERTY LOCATION: Sweet Home, OR 97386; Identified on the Linn County Assessor's Map as 13S01E32CA Tax Lot 4403. REVIEW AND DECISION CRITERIA: Sweet Home Municipal Code Section(s) 17.10, 17.42.120, 17.58.030, 17.106, and 17.126. HEARING DATE & TIME: August 1, 2024 at 6:30PM HEARING LOCATION: City Hall Council Chamber at 3225 Main Street, Sweet Home, Oregon 97386 STAFF CONTACT: Angela Clegg, Tourism & Economic Development Coordinator Phone: (541) 818-8029; Email: aclegg@sweethomeor.gov. You may submit comments or recommendations prior to or at the public hearing. Written comments submitted by 5:00 PM on July 22, 2024, will be included in the staff report that is provided to the Planning Commission. Written comments that are submitted after that time, but prior to the hearing will be presented to the Planning Commission at their public hearing. Comments may be emailed to aclegg@sweethomeor.gov or mailed or submitted to the Community and Economic Development Department office at City Hall, 3225 Main Street, Sweet Home, Oregon 97386. Please include the file number(s) in the subject line of your comment. The failure of an issue to be raised in a hearing, in person or by letter, or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the decision maker an opportunity to respond to

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**Sweet Home Cemetery Maintenance District regular Board of Directors meeting time change:**

The public meeting held at Gililand Cemetery office every second Monday of the month is changing time of meeting from 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. until further notice. (Jul 3)

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LINN COUNTY** Probate Department In the Matter of the Estate of Donna Lee Fisher, Deceased. Case No. 24PB05145 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned Personal Representative at 767 Willamette Street, Suite 302, Eugene, Oregon 97401, within four months after the date of publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representatives, John C. Fisher. Dated and published on July 3, 2024. Christy Weinhold Personal Representative (Jul 3)

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LINN COUNTY** Probate Department In the Matter of the Estate of Marvin Cliffe Fisher, Deceased. Case No. 24PB05148 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned Personal Representative at 767 Willamette Street, Suite 302, Eugene, Oregon 97401, within four months after the date of publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative, John C. Fisher. Dated and published on July 3, 2024. Christy Weinhold Personal Representative (Jul 3)



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LINN COUNTY Probate Department Robert Allen Burlington, Decedent. No. 24PB04910 notice to interested persons NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Danny A. Burlington has been appointed personal representative of the above-captioned estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the Personal Representative, in care of the attorney for the Personal Representative at: 4742 Liberty Road S., #550, Salem, OR 97302-5037, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the lawyers for the personal representative.

Dated and first published on July 3, 2024.  
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Alex Bluestone Law, LLC  
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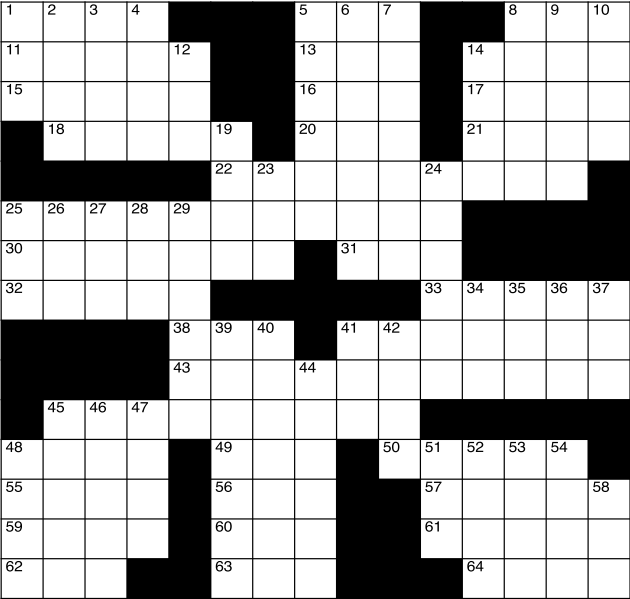
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- 8. Rock TV channel
- 11. Large number of fish swimming together
- 13. Military mailbox
- 14. Female of a horse
- 15. Category
- 16. City
- 17. Breezed through
- 18. Officer who bears a mace
- 20. Tax collector
- 21. "Cheers" actress Perlman
- 22. Pauses before acting
- 25. Extracted information from a wave
- 30. Tendency to revert to something ancestral
- 31. No seats available
- 32. Nocturnal rodents

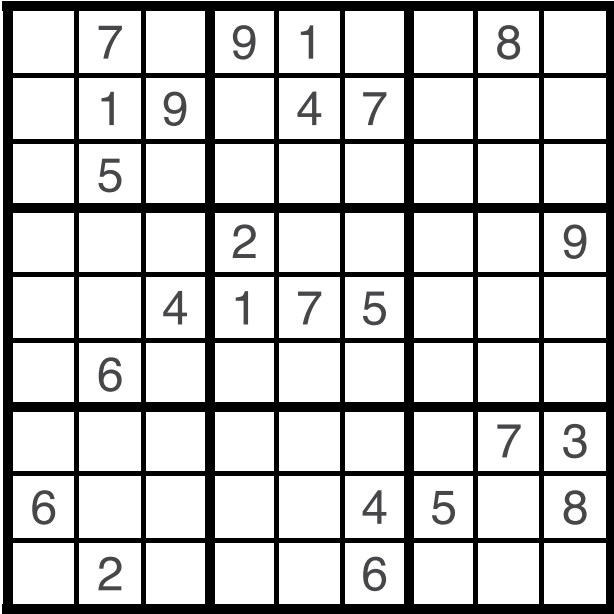
- 33. Moves gently to and fro
- 38. Not good
- 41. A way to ready
- 43. One who makes something better
- 45. Things associated with American history
- 48. Ancient Phoenician fertility god
- 49. A continuous portion of a circle
- 50. Volcanic craters
- 55. Units of electrical resistance
- 56. Gamble on
- 57. Ethiopian town
- 59. One point east of northeast
- 60. Polynesian garland of flowers
- 61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 62. State of fuss
- 63. Keyboard key
- 64. Partner to relaxation

CLUES DOWN

- 1. "The world's most famous arena"
- 2. Polite interruption sound
- 3. Private school in New York
- 4. Refuse of grapes
- 5. \_\_ Tomei, actress
- 6. Adult beverages
- 7. Supporter
- 8. Papier\_\_, art material
- 9. Forests have them
- 10. Most ancient Hindu scriptures
- 12. Downwind
- 14. Marketplace
- 19. Flowering plant genus
- 23. Street where nightmares happen
- 24. Admirer
- 25. Dip lightly into water
- 26. When you hope to get there
- 27. Partner to cheese
- 28. Eggs

- 29. A way to disqualify
- 34. South American plant
- 35. Fold-away bed
- 36. Debbie Harry album " \_\_ Koo"
- 37. Swedish krona
- 39. Displaying warmth and friendliness
- 40. Official orders
- 41. Bowling alley necessity
- 42. Stray
- 44. About milk
- 45. Expressed pleasure
- 46. Caribbean dance
- 47. If not
- 48. \_\_ fide (Latin)
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Hebrew calendar month
- 53. One easily swindled
- 54. Point that is one point south of southwest
- 58. Small island (British)

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Level: Intermediate

Fire Season Begins

Oregon Department of Forestry announced the Sweet Home area is officially entering fire season beginning Monday, July 1.

The South Cascade District (Sweet Home and Eastern Lane) and Western Lane Districts are all under fire season as of this day due to temperature, fuel moisture content and relative humidity. ODF reported the number of fire calls have been relatively low, but grass is starting to cure out and conditions are primed for fire to move across the landscape.

ODF districts to the south, as well as the two fire associations (Coos Forest Protective Association and Douglas Forest Protective Association) are already in fire season. The ODF districts to the north will likely go into fire season around the first of July also.

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Debris Burning, including burn barrels and debris piles.	Prohibited at all times	Prohibited at all times	Prohibited at all times	Prohibited at all times
All electric fence controllers in use shall be 1) listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory or be certified by the Department of Consumer and Business Services and 2) be operated in compliance with manufacturer's instructions.	Restricted at all times	Restricted at all times	Restricted at all times	Restricted at all times
Motor vehicles including motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles, are only allowed on roads free from flammable vegetation, except for the cultivation and harvest of agricultural crops. Each vehicle traveling on forestland, except on state highways, county roads, and driveways must have one shovel and one gallon of water or one 2.5 lb. or larger fire extinguisher. ATV's must carry one 2.5 lb. or larger fire extinguisher.	Allowed at all times	Allowed before 1PM and after 8PM	Allowed before 10AM and after 8PM	Prohibited at all times
Mowing/Cutting of dried and cured grasses is restricted. The cultivation and harvest of agricultural crops is exempt from this requirement.	Allowed at all times	Allowed before 1PM and after 8PM	Allowed before 10AM and after 8PM	Prohibited at all times
Non-Industrial Gasoline Saw Use when allowed, each saw being used is required to have one shovel and fire extinguisher of at least 8 ounce capacity. A firewatch of at least one hour is required following the use of each saw.	Allowed at all times	Allowed before 1PM and after 8PM	Allowed before 10AM and after 8PM	Prohibited at all times
Any other spark-emitting internal combustion engine or Power Driven Machinery not specifically mentioned above must have a shovel and a 2.5 lb. or larger ABC fire extinguisher immediately available.	Allowed at all times	Allowed before 1PM and after 8PM	Allowed before 10AM and after 8PM	Prohibited at all times
Cutting, grinding, or welding of metal is restricted to areas cleared of flammable materials and must have a charged garden hose or 2.5 lb. or larger ABC fire extinguisher immediately available.	Allowed at all times	Allowed before 1PM and after 8PM	Allowed before 10AM and after 8PM	Prohibited at all times
Campfires, cooking fires and warming fires are acceptable when used in an area cleared of flammable vegetation. A charged garden hose or one 2.5 lb. or larger fire extinguisher must be immediately available. Portable fire pits using liquified or bottled fuels are allowed.	Allowed with landowner permission	Allowed with landowner permission	Only at designated site with host or with a permit	Prohibited at all times
Portable cooking stoves using liquified or bottled fuels are allowed at all times.	Allowed at all times	Allowed at all times	Allowed at all times	Allowed at all times
Additional restrictions or closures may be in place by landowners or public land management agencies on lands they own or manage.				
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## Livinghealthy

Community classes to keep you healthy

**Relax with Healing Harmonies**

**Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Join local ArtsCare musicians each Wednesday for Healing Harmonies at Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital. Genres include eclectic guitar styles, instrumental folk tunes, world beat improvisations and more. To view the entire summer schedule, visit [samhealth.org/Classes](http://samhealth.org/Classes).

**Living well with chronic conditions**

**Tuesdays starting July 9 | 1 to 3:30 p.m.**

This six-week workshop is for caregivers or people living with ongoing physical and mental health conditions such as heart disease, arthritis, diabetes and anxiety. The skills learned will help you take charge of your health by building skills in communication, problem solving and action planning. This workshop meets weekly in Lebanon. To learn more or register, email [SHSHealthEd@samhealth.org](mailto:SHSHealthEd@samhealth.org) or call 541-768-6811.

**Empowering cancer patients through resources**

**Tuesday, July 9 | 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and**

**Tuesday, Aug. 13 | 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

If you or someone you love has been diagnosed with cancer, the Samaritan Cancer Resource Center offers information and the support you deserve. Connect with our team while we are at Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital. Resources include wigs and head coverings (by appointment), support groups, financial assistance, nutrition services, social work, transportation assistance and more. For more information, contact the Samaritan Cancer Resource Center at [CancerResourceCenter@samhealth.org](mailto:CancerResourceCenter@samhealth.org) or 541-768-2171.

**Navigating postpartum depression**

**Thursday, July 11 | 6:30 to 8 p.m. and**

**Thursday, July 25 | 6:30 to 8 p.m.**

Every new baby is unique and so is every parent. Whether postpartum depression symptoms are mild or serious, if they last longer than two weeks or affect a person's ability to enjoy their daily life, loved ones should encourage the parent to seek help. This Perinatal Support Connections class meets in person at Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital. For more information, call 541-451-7872 or email [HopeForMothersSupportGroup@samhealth.org](mailto:HopeForMothersSupportGroup@samhealth.org).

**Tour the Japanese Healing Gardens**

**Friday, July 12 | 10 to 11 a.m. and**

**Friday, Aug. 9 | 10 to 11 a.m.**

Join the Lebanon Community Hospital Foundation for a free summer garden tour where you can unwind while exploring the beautiful Japanese Healing Gardens located in Lebanon. The one-hour tour will guide visitors through Samaritan Health Sciences Campus Entrance Garden and Campus Garden. Learn about their history and how they're cared for, all while enjoying the tranquil atmosphere. Tours begin at the Boulder Falls Event Center gazebo located at 605 Mullins Drive. No registration is required, so come and experience the beauty for yourself! For more information, please contact Brandy O'Bannon, Lebanon Foundation executive director, at [bobannon@samhealth.org](mailto:bobannon@samhealth.org).

**Men connecting through grief**

**Thursday, July 18 | 4 to 6 p.m. and**

**Thursday, Aug. 1 | 4 to 6 p.m.**

The virtual Man to Man Cancer Support Group is a space for men to discuss the physical and emotional aspects of dealing with cancer. Please contact the Cancer Resource Center at [CancerResourceCenter@samhealth.org](mailto:CancerResourceCenter@samhealth.org) or 541-812-5888 to register.

**Samaritan health seminars available**


**Ongoing at [samhealth.org/HealthSeminars](http://samhealth.org/HealthSeminars)**

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](http://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.

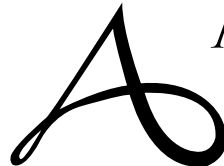
3. **FRUIT JUICE.** After reading to this point, you probably know why this is on the list. Juice has lots of sugar and acid too. While it could be considered a healthy option, most fitness experts will advise you not to drink your calories. Eat the entire fruit instead, and enjoy the health benefits 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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**A:** Although allergy season is in full swing some people who have allergy type symptoms may in fact have dry eyes. There are specific eye drops for allergies and dry eyes. It's important to use the correct drop or you may make your symptoms worse. Education or evaluation can facilitate the right treatment. Dry eye is an inflammation type condition in which there are insufficient tears to lubricate and nourish the eye. Tears are necessary for maintaining the health of the front surface of the eye and for providing clear vision. People with dry eyes either do not produce enough tears or have a poor quality of tears. Dry eye is a common and often chronic problem, particularly in older adults. The primary approaches used to manage and treat dry eyes include adding tears, conserving tears, increasing tear production, and/or treat the inflammation of the eyelids or eye surface that contributes to the dry eyes. Ocular Allergies is the abnormal response of sensitive eyes to contact with allergens and other irritating substances. Pollen in the air is the most common cause of allergy symptoms but other things in the air such as smoke, animal dander or fumes may also trigger an allergic response. The primary approach to manage ocular allergy is avoidance of allergic triggers, cool compresses, eyewash, oral anti-histamines or eye drops specific for allergies. Most eye drops used for dry eyes are mainly used to increase volume of tears. Drops used for ocular allergies have an anti-histamine component, which reduces the effects of histamine but also dry the eye. Using an ocular allergy drop will make a dry eye problem feel worse. If you are unable to find relief you should have your eyes evaluated to determine what condition you have and the best treatment options available to you specifically.

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# Scio Family Asks for Help for Rare Disease

By Sarah Brown  
Of The New Era

A 3-year-old boy in Scio might be the only person in Oregon to be diagnosed with what his parents call a rare “devastating” genetic neuro-degenerative disease known as Spastic Paraplegia Type 50 (SPG50), and they are fighting to raise at least \$1 million for a clinical trial that could stop progressive damage.

Lincoln, 3, was diagnosed with the disease in October after his parents, Cody and Jordan Medeiros, had genetic testing performed.

Jordan explained they became aware their son had a brain abnormality while she was still pregnant with him, but a cause could not be identified. When he was 6 months old, Lincoln was diagnosed with microcephaly, global developmental delay and low muscle tone. Later, an MRI at Oregon Health & Science University revealed other structural abnormalities of the brain, but a cause was still unknown.

After that point was when the family was offered genetic testing which revealed both parents have a mutation in a particular gene (AP4M1) that was passed down to Lincoln, causing the proper function of the AP-4 protein to be unable to be carried out, Jordan said.

“We were initially relieved to have an answer,” she said. “Then I began to do some online research and what I read was devastating.”

SPG50 causes severe developmental delay, seizures and paraplegia that advances to quadriplegia.

“Without treatment, a wheelchair or being bed-

bound is Lincoln’s future,” the parents said.

It is reported that there are fewer than 100 people in the world with SPG50, and that the only family in Canada whose child has the disease was the first to raise several million for the first clinical trial in 2022. That family, the Pirovolakis, led the effort to develop a gene therapy for SPG50 and placed their son, Michael, as the first person in the trial.

“(Mr. Pirovolakis’) goal has always been to move this through clinical trials as quickly as possible to get it FDA-approved so that it is available for all 100 children in the world who so desperately need it, but the funding is lacking to continue forward,” the Medeiros said.

Lincoln’s parents said treatment through the clinical trial has so far been given to three other children around the world and “has shown tremendous promise.” The FDA approved the trial for Phase III to deliver eight more doses to affected children, and Lincoln is one of three children in the US eligible for the treatment.

“This treatment will stop the progression of the disease entirely,” they said. “The earlier it is given, the better the outcome. It cannot reverse damage that has already been done.”

The three American families – including the Medeiros – are fighting to raise enough money to pay for the trial and have so far have raised 7.5% (\$75,000) of the needed funds to move that trial forward.

Lincoln has been working with therapists since he was

18 months old and continues to learn new skills, but they are skills that he will lose over time, Jordan said. She reported that most children with SPG50 have severe developmental delay, seizures and are non-verbal, and they are often paraplegic by age 10 and quadriplegic by age 20.

“Lincoln is fortunate that he can walk; many children with SPG50 do not walk without assistive devices,” Jordan said. “He does have an impaired gait – he has poor balance, is uncoordinated and he has muscle tightness leading him to walk on his tip-toes. Without treatment, it is likely he will begin to require a walker by the age of 5.”

Due to the fact so few children across the world share the disease, large biotech companies will not invest in the development of its treatment, she said. She credits Terry Pirovolakis for leading the way to develop gene therapy.

“It pains us to know that eight more doses of this drug have been manufactured and are ready to be given to children, but it will not happen until the money can be raised to pay the hospital to run the study,” Jordan said. “(It) could be another one to two years before the money is raised to move forward. By then, Lincoln’s mobility will likely be worse.”

To learn more about Lincoln, his family and their mission, or to donate, visit [LincolnsLight.org](http://LincolnsLight.org).

# Sweet Home Resident Named LCSWA Volunteer of the Year

By Larry Mauter  
For The New Era

Lena Tucker logged in nearly 30 years of public service with the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF). Since taking the retirement off-ramp, the Sweet Home resident – who retired as ODF deputy state forester – has hardly slowed down her civic activities.

She is being recognized for her efforts as the Linn County Small Woodlands Association Volunteer of the Year for 2024.

Tucker and four other Oregon Small Woodlands Association (OSWA) volunteers were honored Friday June 14, in Lebanon at the statewide OSWA conference.

“Lena agreed to chair our annual seedling sale, which in itself is a huge commitment,” said Mike Barsotti, LCSWA president. “But in addition to overseeing the chapter’s major revenue project, Lena moved the ordering process to a web-based system. It worked very well.”

Tucker has been involved nationally with the Sustainable Forestry Initiative and is also a certified forester through the Society of American Foresters. She has also been a member of the Sweet Home Park and Tree Committee since 2015.

“Lena did an amazing job in her first year at the helm of the seedling sale, exhibiting great confidence and flexibility,” said Bonnie Marshall, former chairperson of the sale. “She took us to a whole new level in just one year. Not only did she



Photo by Larry Mauter  
Lena Tucker smiles after being recognized June 14 for her LCSWA volunteer efforts.

implement the new online ordering system, she successfully navigated the seedling sale through some rough waters when she had to change the date and location of the sale at the last minute because of bad weather and field conditions.”

A total of 10,011 tree and native plant seedlings were packed for the pre-orders this year, followed by an additional 827 plant orders during the annual sale in February. The 29th annual sale raised \$13,800 for scholarships for Linn County residents in forestry or natural resources majors, as well as 4-H forestry students.

The 30th annual sale is set for Saturday, Feb. 15, 2025, at the Linn County Expo with Thursday and Friday as set-up days for volunteers.

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