

# The Roll Back of Measure 110

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

Oregon will no longer treat the possession of small amounts of illicit drugs as a non-criminal offense, marking the end of its nearly four-year experiment with drug decriminalization on Sept. 1.

This change follows state lawmakers' decision to roll back key provisions of Ballot Measure 110, the voter-approved initiative that decriminalized drugs in 2020. The New Era saw this change first hand with a dual ride-along Sept. 1.

In 2020, Oregon voters passed Ballot Measure 110, which decriminalized the possession of small quantities of drugs like fentanyl and methamphetamine. Under Measure 110, individuals caught with drugs received a \$100 ticket instead of criminal penalties. This fine could be waived if the person completed a needs assessment.

The measure aimed to redirect people with substance use disorders away from the criminal justice system and toward



Officer Trevor Sundquist and Allen Cripe test a controlled substance during the dual ride along.

treatment and rehabilitation. However, it has been criticized for increasing open drug use and contributing to rising overdose rates. An investigation by Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB) and ProPublica found that state leaders struggled to implement the measure effectively.

In response, lawmakers introduced House Bill 4002, which Gov. Tina Kotek signed into law on April 1. The new law reclassifies drug possession as a misdemeanor crime

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# Council Moves to Install Temporary Speed Tables on 1st Avenue

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

Concerns about traffic safety were among the top discussions during the Aug. 27 City Council meeting.

City Hall was filled with residents, some who went to complain about new stop signs at 47th Avenue and Long Street, and others who went to urge support for traffic mitigation on 1st Avenue.

**1st Avenue**

Jeff Parker and John Jackson spoke in favor of modifications to 1st Avenue that would be intended to reduce traffic.

Parker said there's been a long-standing problem with traffic on that street, specifically noting commercial trucks that pass through. He mentioned that Google likely leads drivers through 1st Avenue as the shortest route between Highway 20 and Highway 228. Parker added that he offered to pay for speed humps and signage on the street 15 years ago, but was refused.

Jackson told the council that on the first day of moving into his new home on



Jason Ogden, at right, shakes the hand of Gavin Doner who was recognized for cleaning litter from a park.

1st Avenue five years ago, he realized it was a mistake because of the traffic.

"Traffic has gone from bad to ridiculous now," Jackson said. "It can be a challenge just to get out of your driveway without even getting hit.

People's cars are getting hit on the sides of the road."

He said he is in favor of shutting off thru-traffic on a temporary basis (to see how that affects the street).

Addressing potential modification options for 1st Avenue was on the council's agenda. Police Chief and Interim City Manager Jason Ogden provided traffic data to help inform the council's decision.

During a one-week period

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PREPARES TEAM  
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# OBITUARIES



**Ellentina "Tina" Brown Townsend**  
*November 14, 1924 - August 29, 2024*

Ellentina "Tina" Brown Townsend, 99, of Sweet Home passed away Thursday, August 29, 2024. Born November 14, 1924, to John and Hanna (Deutscher) Everding on a farm near Streeter, North Dakota. I was the oldest and only girl of five children.

In 1928, my parents moved to Isabel, South Dakota. I attended all my schooling in Isabel from 1931 to 1941. I drove a one horse cart that my dad made, five miles to school when I was eight and nine years old.

My parents lost their farm during the depression. In the fall of 1941 they moved back to North Dakota, rented a farm and started farming again.

I helped with the farm work until I was 21 years old. I was the oldest, so I was the first to help with the farm work. I worked with a team of horses with farm equipment doing different things. I drove an old Fordson tractor plowing

a field. I milked cows twice a day. I even shoveled manure.

After I was 21 years old, I decided I wanted to fly the coop. I worked in Jamestown, ND at the Red Owl Store. In 1947, I met my future husband Arthur Ray Brown. We got married June 1949 in Madison, MN. In August we moved to Everett, WA. Arthur worked in construction until he retired.

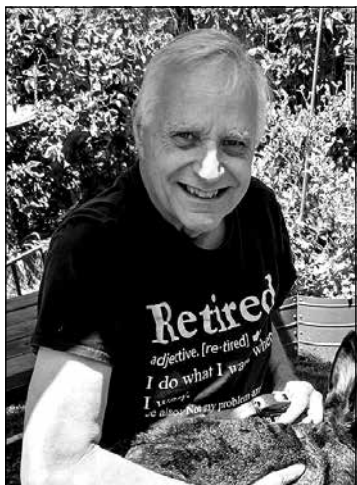
We settled in Sweet Home in 1961. I worked at the Foster Cafe and the Spring Cafe. Arthur passed away November 1997. I met Thomas Townsend in 2001, got married on May 13, 2003, and later got divorced.

I enjoy decorating my home, working in the yard, planting flowers, fishing, garage sales and going hunting with the men.

I also enjoyed piecing together family genealogy, dating back to 1765, from Germany to Russia, to the USA in 1903.

I am survived by son, Gary Ray Brown; two brothers Gilbert (Pat) Everding of Medina, ND, Clifford (Adulelia) of Albuquerque, NM; sister-in-law Rosella Everding and Teresa Everding; grandson Larkin (Cindy) Brown; granddaughter Colene (Chris) Bradley, four great-grandchildren: Mariah Bradley, Michael Bradley, Raelynn Brown, Landon Brown; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Graveside service will be 11 am, Friday, September 6th at Gilliland Cemetery. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. [www.sweethomefuneral.com](http://www.sweethomefuneral.com).



**Richard Don Kirschner**  
*January 5, 1952 - August 24, 2024*

Richard "Ric" Kirschner, 72, of Sweet Home, passed away on August 24, 2024. Ric was born on January 5, 1952, in Copenhagen, Denmark to Leonard B. and Barbara Jean (Cook) Kirschner.

Ric was a kind, loving man, passionate about teaching and empowering others, especially children. He found solace in working with children and in the theater. Ric valued education and received recognition for his dedication to teaching.

He was well-known in elementary, middle/high school, college settings, and children's theater groups. Ric received the Martin Luther King Award for his commitment to diversity and was honored as Teacher of the Year for Granite School District.

Ric is survived by his beloved wife, Rebecca Kirschner; his biological child, Richard Len Kirschner; his

adopted children, Robert Edward Kirschner and Rhadhan Vincent Kirschner; and his stepchildren, Joshua William Gibson, Heidee Jo Gibson, Lora Kristine Fullmer, Karen Deanne Hurd, Michelle Marie Gannon, Stacey Himle-Miller, and his 14 grandchildren. Ric sacrificed greatly for all of his children and grandchildren. His love for them is never-ending.

Ric enjoyed gardening, woodworking, caring for animals, and finding natural peace.

In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer donations to help offset the costs, per Ric's request, there will be no funeral, but a small celebration of life will be held at his home on September 14, 2024, from 2 - 5 PM. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. [www.sweethomefuneral.com](http://www.sweethomefuneral.com)



**Dorothy I. Slinger**  
*April 7, 1943 - August 20, 2024*

Dorothy I. Slinger, 81, of Crabtree passed away in Lebanon, on Tuesday, August

20, 2024. She was born April 7, 1943, to William and Vera (Gildersleeve) Welch in Florence, Oregon.

She worked at White's Electronics for over 20 years and enjoyed being there every day.

Dorothy loved to play bingo, she liked to go bowling where she has won several awards.

She is survived by her daughter, Therese Misner of Crabtree, her son David Banta of Platte City, Missouri, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband Edward Slinger.

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

**Gene Harry Workman**  
*July 6, 1939 - August 28, 2024*

Gene Harry Workman, 85, of Albany, passed away Wednesday, August 28, 2024. He was born July 6, 1939, to Harry Floyd and Mary Elizabeth (Thorne) Workman in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

He lived in South Dakota until his early 20's and moved to Oregon in 1960.

Gene retired from Western Kraft in Albany after many years. He loved the outdoors. He liked snow skiing, mountain climbing, white water rafting and enjoyed fishing.

Gene is survived by his children: Roger Workman of Montana, Mary Pasco of Oregon, Jean Benson of Oregon; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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

# EVENTS

## Swim Club Tryouts

The Sweet Home Swim Club will host tryouts at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 5, at the high school pool, 1641 Long St.

The tryout consists of swimming a continuous 25 yards one length of the pool freestyle and coming back with a continuous 25 yards backstroke. Based on your swimming ability, you will be directed to one of the four swimming groups

(bronze, silver, gold and platinum).

For questions regarding tryouts or the club, contact [jcoats2017@gmail.com](mailto:jcoats2017@gmail.com) or call the pool facility at 541.367.7169.

## Ask Your Master Gardener

Linn County Master Gardeners will host a free Demonstration Faire from 10 a.m. to

3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 7, at 185 Main St., Brownsville.

Meet your Linn County Master Gardeners. "Master your Garden" is a new project designed to answer your questions. Ask about beginning gardening, plant problems, soil, compost, container gardening, seasonal gardening, storing seeds, insects, benefits of native plants, gardening for kids and more.

Also, tour the local community garden and check out the native plant sale.

## Class of '58 Reunion

The Sweet Home High School Class of 1958 Annual Multi-Class Reunion Potluck Picnic - including Class of 1953 thru 1963 - is planned for Sunday, Sept. 8, from 12-4 p.m. at Roberts Park in Sweet Home.

Bring lawn chairs, your drinks and a side dish of your choice to share. Rain or shine.

If you have questions, call 541.405.9458.

## Chili Cook-Off

Wiley Creek will host its annual Chili Cook-Off from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 14, at 4950 Mountain Fir St., Sweet Home.

There will be live entertainment and awards given for first, second and third places. There is a suggested \$5 donation from the public to sample the entries (residents eat free); proceeds benefit the Alzheimer Association.

To enter the chili contest, call 541.367.1800.

## Healing Gardens Concerts

ArtsCare hosts a new summer concert from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Wednesday at Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital's Healing Garden, 525 N Santiam Hwy., Lebanon.

Linger as you eat, socialize,

read or stroll through the gardens. Staff and volunteers will be available to offer tours and information about volunteer opportunities and upcoming garden activities. The series runs through Sept. 18, featuring Sabina Monn, and is open to all to attend.

The ArtsCare musicians who perform these concerts are specially trained to provide music in a healing environment. To learn more about ArtsCare, visit [samhealth.org/ArtsInHealth](http://samhealth.org/ArtsInHealth).

## Monthly Women's Meeting

After 5 Connection will host its monthly dinner and program from 6-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 17, at Ma's Restaurant, 2416 S. Santiam Hwy., Lebanon.

This month's presentation, "I Love Goat Soap," will include Colette Kemper, of Midnight

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August 26	87	48	0.00
August 27	76	53	0.00
August 28	78	47	0.00
August 29	93	46	0.00
August 30	95	51	0.00
August 31	95	52	0.00
September 1	81	56	0.00

PRECIPITATION

Year to date: 19.72  
September 6, 2023: 21.48

FORECAST

DAY	WEATHER	HIGH	LOW
Thur	Mostly Sunny	101	59
Fri	Mostly Sunny	97	60
Sat	Partly Cloudy	92	57
Sun	Partly Cloudy	88	54
Mon	Partly Cloudy	77	52
Tues	Partly Cloudy	75	53
Wed	Showers	73	50

LAKE LEVELS

Foster Reservoir: 636.5  
Green Peter Res.: 964.7

TODAYS FIRE DANGER IS  
**MODERATE**

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PUBLIC SAFETY

CIRCUIT COURT

Information for the Public Safety report in The New Era is sourced from local law enforcement and fire agencies. Incident details, which may not always be available from agencies in time for publication in our weekly paper edition, could be updated online as information becomes available. Addresses provided generally denote the location of the incident or arrest, occasionally indicating the origin of the call. It is crucial to emphasize that our reporting of an individual's arrest or citation for a crime does not imply guilt. Determination of guilt can only be established through legal proceedings in court.

**Aug. 26**  
9:21 a.m - Denise Rochelle Burrow was arrested on a Linn County Sheriff's Office warrant for a probation violation related to possession of methamphetamine. Lodged at Linn County Jail.

10:01 a.m - Bobby Raymond Helms was arrested on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for hit and run.

11:44 a.m - Christian Michael Rogers was arrested on Sweet Home Municipal Court warrants for failure to appear on charges for two counts of third degree theft, two counts of second degree criminal mischief and second degree theft.

12:53 p.m - Bennie Lee Bell was arrested on a Linn County Circuit Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for unlawful use of a motor vehicle.

1:38 p.m - Shelly Marie Wagner was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

3:18 p.m - Dustin Andrew Clarneau, 50, was arrested on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to comply on an original charge for second degree criminal mischief.

**Aug. 27**  
2:47 p.m - Heather Renae Fagan, was arrested on Sweet Home Municipal Court for failure to comply on an original charge for third degree theft.

8:03 p.m - Caller reported a juvenile ran into the location and stole a box of beer. Officer responded, report taken for third degree theft. Chevron.

10:02 p.m - Alexander Michael Maybee, 29, was arrested on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to comply on an original charge for third degree theft.

10:16 p.m - Tracy Lynn Waterman, 51, was arrested on a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original criminal citation.

**Aug. 28**  
10:13 a.m - Justin Lee Matteson was arrested on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for criminal driving.

1:47 p.m - Lacey Johnkay Riggs was arrested on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for theft of services.

**Aug. 29**  
8:04 p.m - Paulette Ann Tepper, 67, was arrested for fourth degree assault and harassment.

6:40 p.m - Brenna Rae Candler, 43, was arrested on a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on a criminal citation for third degree theft.

7:01 p.m - Cody Allen Bowman, 35, was arrested on Sweet Home Municipal Court warrants for failure to appear on two counts of second degree theft.

7:05 p.m - Brent Anthony Prather, 36, was arrested on Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to comply on an original charge for second degree theft and a Linn County Justice Court

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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:** Hope Marie Connors, Curtis Ray Daniel, Ashlee Dee Flanagan, Brandon Ryan Freeman, Aaron Thomas Halvorson, Shauna Ray Harden, Billy Wayne Hatch Jr., Faron Walter Kennedy, Noe Hernandez-Reyes, Michael Trevor Hilton, Charles James Marvel, Bryce William McGowan, Eric Wayne McKnight, Carrie Lynne Miller, Larry Robert Morgan, James Keith Mortensen, Steven Dale Myers, Nicholas Alan Nelson, Emmanuel Wayne Peters, Daniel Austin Phillips, Tammy Lavonn Robinson, Kaden James Rodriguez, Paul Levi Shelton, Eric Wayne Steadman, Joshua Alexander Williams.

**Damion Michael Aragon**, 27, was sentenced Aug 7 to 24 months of supervised probation following guilty pleas for third degree robbery and resisting arrest. Charges dismissed: second degree burglary and third degree theft.

**Steven Lee Ballweber**, 35, was sentenced Aug. 22 to 24 months of supervised probation and 10 months confined

to the Supervisory Authority following a no contest plea for fourth degree assault constituting domestic violence.

**Phillip James Delong**, 36, was sentenced Aug. 23 to 2 days in custody of the Supervisory Authority, five days of compensatory service, 36 months of supervised probation and a \$300 fine following no contest pleas for fourth degree assault and menacing, both constituting domestic violence. Charges dismissed: Two counts of strangulation.

**David Charles Johnson**, 68, was charged Aug 30 with menacing, unlawful use of a weapon, two counts of unlawful possession of a firearm and second degree disorderly conduct.

**Steven Allen Jones**, 35, was sentenced Aug. 23 to three days in custody of the county jail following a no contest plea for failure to report as a sex offender and in another case, Jones was sentenced Aug. 16 to 36 months of supervised probation, 30 days confined to the supervisory authority and a \$200 fine following a guilty plea for felon in possession of a firearm. Charges dismissed: Two counts of taking, angling, hunting or trapping in violation of wildlife law or rule and unlawful possession of fentanyl.

**Tyler Bruce Lanz**, 36, was charged Aug. 20 with harassment, fourth degree assault and strangulation.

**Arric Martinez Munoz**, 34, was charged July 11 with unlawful use of a weapon.

**Travis Trent Sach Sells**, 34, was sentenced Aug 7 to five days in custody of the County Jail and a \$100 fine following a guilty plea for second degree theft. Charges dismissed: Two counts of unauthorized use of a vehicle.

**Paul Levi Shelton**, 40, was charged Aug. 29 with unlawful delivery of methamphetamine, unlawful delivery of a controlled substance, unlawful possession of methamphetamine and unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

**Amanda Spurlock**, 38, was charged July 3 with unlawful delivery of a marijuana item to a person under the age of 18.

**Harley Michelle Webb**, 30, was sentenced Aug 19 to 10 days in custody of the Supervisory Authority following guilty pleas on two counts of failure to appear on a criminal citation. Charges dismissed: Failure to appear in the first degree and failure to appear on a criminal citation.

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Crossword KEY  
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# CHURCH DIRECTORY

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. 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 divided the light from the darkness.  
6. And God called the light Day, and the darkness Night.  
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## FROM OUR FILES



First day of school for the 1974-75 school year was no joking matter for Stephanie Noble, first grader at Foster Elementary School.

### Sept. 5, 1974

The new sewage treatment plant is expected to go online by October. A majority of the \$1.2 million project has been completed, which includes an aerobic digester, clarifiers, chlorine contact chamber, aeration basin and outfall pipe. Work began on the plant last October. The new facility replaces the current system, which was built in 1946 (and improved in 1964) on Pleasant Valley Road adjacent to the South Santiam River and Ames Creek. The old system could handle about two million gallons a day while this new one can handle 3.5 million, which is expected to meet demand for the next 20 years.

A total of 55 gallons of bright blue paint has rejuvenated the exterior and interior of Terry Lanes Bowling Alley. Owner-Manager Ken Bates said the job has been completed just in time for the fall league season, adding that the lanes and approaches also received a fresh coat of finish.

High school students were forced to stay home from school after a fire and power failure both occurred about the same time. An employee of Hardwood Floors suffered burns on his arms and face when a fire broke out in a balcony of the old gymnasium. Immediately after the fire, another one broke out in one of the new transformers at the rear of the new gymnasium. The cause of the fires is unknown. Students were evacuated and remained home the next day, as well, due to power shortage caused by fire.

Franny's Home Furnish-

ings was the object of a safe-cracking attempt. One or more persons forced their way into the store by breaking a window on the alley side of the building with two rocks. An electric drill saw and hacksaw were found on the premises. The would-be safe-cracker cut through both door hinges with the hacksaw before attempting to drill through the dial without success. During the process, an alarm went off.

### Sept. 8, 1999

Linn County is asking for public input regarding a proposed daytime curfew for persons under the age of 18. Public hearings on the matter have not been well-attended, making it hard to gauge a proper opinion from residents, but some have expressed "very, very strong opinions," according to Sheriff Dave Burright. The proposal was made by Burright and Oregon State Lt. Andy Olson who said they have juvenile issues and concerns, such as welfare of children and truancy.

Safeway has plans to tear down its existing building and construct a new 42,000 square foot grocery store. The proposal still needs to go through a public hearing for an amendment to the comprehensive plan, zoning map change and variance. The buildings housing Santiam Drug Store and the other businesses located on the property will remain in the first phase, while the Safeway and former Sprouse Reitz buildings will come down. The second phase would remove the remaining buildings except for the American Family Video.







# MUNICIPAL COURT

## Sweet Home Municipal Court July 24, 2024

Rebolledo Pena, Xochil, 21 – Violation of speed limit 21-30 mph over speed limit 68/35, fine \$440.

Reynolds, Jennifer C, 40 – no contest – Failure to appear in the second degree, fine \$1026, probation 60 months, no contact orders; Criminal trespass in the second degree, dismissed.

Richardson, Billy J, 58 – guilty by default – Violation while suspended or revoked, fine \$2015, suspend license; failure of driver entering roadway to yield right of way, fine \$1015, suspend license.

Roebuck, Timothy W, 42

– Operating a vehicle without driving privileges – dismissed with \$150 fee.

Samson Ashe, Teja Leeanne, 18 – guilty by default – Operating a vehicle without driving privileges, fine \$1015, suspend license.

Solis, Garrett A, 28 – no contest – Violating a speed limit 11-20 MPH over, 38/25, fine \$149.

Tyree, Savanna A, 20 – Driver failure to obey traffic control device, fine \$265.

Wagner, Shelly M, 40 – Violation driving while suspended or revoked, fine \$440; driving uninsured, fine \$265.

Watts, Christina A, 36 –

guilty by default – Driving uninsured, fine \$1015, suspend license.

West, Robert R, 40 – Driving uninsured, dismissed; violation driving while suspended or revoked reduced to operating a vehicle without driving privileges, fine \$300.

## Sweet Home Municipal Court August 14, 2024

Brockman, Laci L, 24 – guilty by default – Violation driving while suspended or revoked, fine \$2015, suspend license.

Carr, Christopher A, 50 – guilty by default – Operating a vehicle without driving

privileges, fine \$1015, suspend license.

Gali, Shawn M, 46 – no contest – Theft in the third degree, fine \$316, probation 60 months, work crew 10 days, no contact orders.

Gomez, Lisa M, 48 – no contest – Reduced to operating a vehicle without driving privileges, fine \$265.

Kometz, Gunner W, 20 – no contest – Violating a speed limit 11-20 mph over, 50/35, fine \$165.

Robinson, Sean E, 40 – guilty by default – Driver failure to obey traffic control device, fine \$1015, suspend license; violation driving while suspended or revoked,

fine \$2015, suspend license; driving uninsured, fine \$1015, suspend license.

Steele, Juniper, 50 – pled guilty – Driving under the influence of intoxicants, fine \$3906, probation 36 months, work crew 80 hours, drug and alcohol evaluation and treatment, Victim Impact Panel, License suspension 12 months; Reckless driving – dismissed; Criminal mischief in the third degree – dismissed; Failure to register vehicle – dismissed; Operating a vehicle without driving privileges – dismissed; Failure to drive within lane with an accident – dismissed.

Taaffe, Laurence B, 22 – no contest – Driving uninsured, fine \$215.

## EVENTS

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Oil Farms, a family owned and operated business making soaps and shampoos. She will share about the many wonderful products her farm produces and sells from fresh goat milk and other ingredients, oils and butters with specific properties that benefit skin and hair. You are sure to enjoy hearing all about this interesting farm and business.

Guest speaker will be Tracey Mason, from Kuna, Idaho, to speak on "That One Call." "When life stops in unfamiliar places that you never wanted to visit, it can be traumatic." Join Tracey in a journey where God's mercy, love and provision were present when everything seemed to be plummeting.

Cost to attend and dine is \$18; please no credit cards. For

reservations, contact Sherri at 541.258.6414, or Nancy at 541.259.1396 or via email at NancyPinzino@comcast.net.

## Socks for Firefighters

Servpro of Linn and Benton Counties is collecting socks for wildland firefighters.

Socks must be new and made of natural fibers (cotton, wool). They will be distributed to help keep our firefighters comfortable while out there fighting fires.

Drop off socks by Sept. 20 during business hours at the Sweet Home Chamber of Commerce, 1575 Main St., or the Lebanon Chamber of Commerce, 1040 S Park St.

## Community Dinners

Sunshine Industries invites the public to a free dinner every Monday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at 1333 Clark Mill Road. Because everyone matters.

## Sheriff's Citizens Academy

The Linn County Sheriff's Office is accepting applicants for the upcoming Citizens Academy, to be held weekly September to November.

The program offers a unique and detailed look into the dynamic operations of LCSO. The nine-week Fall academy runs from Sept. 18 to Nov. 13, held 6-9 p.m. every Wednesday. There will also be one Sunday field trip to the firearms range and Animal Control; date to be determined later.

Students are introduced to each of our divisions and specialty teams. They receive classroom instruction and hands-on training in areas such as patrol, detectives, corrections, firearms, defensive tactics, traffic enforcement, narcotics investigations, swift water rescue and dive recovery, prisoner transport, and

search and rescue.

The atmosphere at the Citizens Academy is fun and informative for attendees 18 years and older. Applications will be considered for those as young as 16, provided they take part with a parent or guardian.

For more information, contact Community Services Specialist Michael Mattingly at mmattingly@linnsheriff.org.

## Chorus Rehearsal Invitation

The Lebanon Community Chorus is inviting new singers for its upcoming winter performance season. Rehearsals begin Sept. 12 and are held every Thursday (holidays excepted) from 7-9 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1955 S 5th St., Lebanon

Registration is \$30 and can be done in person during the first three rehearsals, or online

at lebanoncommunitychorus.org. Feel free to observe rehearsal first to get to know the group better before deciding to register.

Director Terence Madlangbayan will lead the chorus in a performance of Vivaldi's "Gloria" as part of the winter concert, "Reflections of Life," which takes place Nov. 24. Bill Langdon is the piano accompanist. Previously, LCC was led by a community volunteer, but now there is a professionally trained music director to lead the small ensemble.

The LCC is made up of nearly 50 talented singers from Albany, Brownsville, Lebanon, Sweet Home and surrounding areas. This non-auditioned chorus is open to all voices 16 years and older.

For more information, send an email to LebanonCommunityChorus@gmail.com, leave

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**PUBLIC SAFETY**

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warrant for second degree criminal trespass.

9:00 p.m - Douglas Martin Powers, 68, was arrested on Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for criminal driving.

**Aug. 30**

1:40 p.m - Donald Glenn Rodgers, 60, was arrested on a Deschutes County Circuit Court warrant for second degree trespass. Lodged at Linn County Jail.

3:11 p.m - Benjamin Philip Hyatt, was arrested on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for second degree trespass.

6:57 p.m - Larissa Arstill, 65, was arrested for second degree criminal trespass.

9:54 p.m - Jadrien Clugston, 22, was arrested for driving while suspended and a warrant.

**Aug. 31**

7:15 a.m - Lynnette Irene Johnson, 45, was arrested on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to comply on an original charge for criminal driving.

11:31 a.m - Kyle Zinserling, 32, was cited for second degree trespass.

11:32 a.m - Hunter Ariel Ringheimer, 31, was arrested on Sweet Home Municipal Court warrants for failure to appear on an original charge for failure to comply and failure to comply on an original charge for hit and run. Ringheimer was also arrested on a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for a probation violation related to minor in possession. Shauna Ray Harden, 30, was arrested on Sweet Home Municipal Court warrants

for failure to comply on an original charge for fleeing or attempting to elude and failure to appear on a charge for third degree theft. Harden was also arrested on a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for a probation violation related to driving while suspended a Linn County Supervisory warrant for attempt to elude and Linn County Justice Court warrants for a probation violation, failure to appear on original charges for possession of methamphetamine, second degree burglary, theft and first degree failure to appear. Lodged at Linn County Jail.

3:21 p.m - Rodger Lynn Sechrest, 64, was cited for failure to yield.

6:56 p.m - 14 year old juvenile was referred to the juvenile department for five counts of second degree criminal mischief.

7:12 p.m - Andrew Alan Duncan Jr. was cited for speeding. 50/35.

8:43 p.m - Adam Stills, 43, was cited for driving uninsured.

**Sept. 1**

1:17 p.m - Alicia Nicole Shaddon, 26, was arrested on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for third degree criminal mischief and a Linn County Justice Court warrant for a probation violation related to second degree theft.

2:52 p.m - David Arroyo-Sandoval, 44, was arrested on a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for a probation violation related to second degree theft and a Linn County Supervisory warrant for second degree criminal trespass. Lodged at Linn County Jail.

3:28 p.m - David Ar-

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# Local Jamboree Prepares Team For Week One



Photo by Sky Chappell

The four teams line up during the annual jamboree event.

By Sky Chappell  
Of The New Era

The Sweet Home High School football team kicked off the season by hosting the annual jamboree under ideal weather conditions, Aug. 30.

The event offered the team a chance to face strong competition, allowing them to experience some success while also identifying areas for improvement. This insight is exactly what the team needed as they gear up for the regular season.

With the jamboree behind them, the team is eager to begin preparations for week one. They will begin the season officially playing at home versus Madras, Sept. 6 at 7 p.m.



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Huskies tackle a Sisters' Outlaw during the 24 Jamboree event.



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# 1ST AVENUE

From page 1

od in April, a traffic count revealed between 1,477 and 1,984 vehicles passing through per day, with about 80 vehicles in a one-hour period during peak times. Ogden also provided a report of seven vehicular accidents in the past two and a half years.

The council was provided four potential options to consider, including implementing speed tables, restricting southbound access from Highway 20 through 1st Avenue, initiate a six-month trial period of closing 1st Avenue at Highway 20 (referred hereafter as "closure"), or make no changes.

Councilors asked technical questions and provided comments about personal experience on the road, and residents in the audience called out their concerns and frustrations. Councilor Greg Mahler said he would support speed tables, but not the north end closure without a traffic study. He also said ODOT has concerns about how the change would increase traffic back-ups where Long Street merges with Highway 228.

Responding in regards to comments from the audience and council about how the decision centers around the safety of children versus personal convenience, Councilor Dylan Richards said that, while he's "not for killing children," he's "opposed to any means or options that are up here to close it down or anything like that because I don't like getting phone calls until 11 at night about something like this, and that seems to be happening lately."

Councilor Angelita Sanchez said she would like a traffic

impact study completed before the city "puts the cart before the horse." She added that she supports speed tables or humps, but she doesn't support closure because it's a street owned by a community that uses the road. Councilor Sanchez also noted potential impacts to other roads if 1st Avenue were closed.

Councilor Lisa Gourley made a motion to implement a six-month closure to be reviewed four months in, seconded by Mayor Susan Coleman. The motion failed, 2-5. Councilor Sanchez then motioned to install temporary speed tables to "see how that works," seconded by Councilor Richards. The motion passed, 5-2.

"I would just like to express my concern regarding putting people's convenience over other people's safety," Mayor Coleman said before the vote.

Staff was directed to contact Google and ODOT Motor Carrier in an effort to prevent commercial vehicles from using 1st Avenue as a pass-through.

## 47th and Long

Brandy Frick, Chelsea Augsburger and Rob Lambert told the council that the new stop signs in their neighborhood at 47th and Long have caused more problems than they were intended to solve.

Frick cited more congestion, more noise, neighbors forced to drive through their own yards for easier in/out access, and people running the stop signs as some of her concerns.

"We went from a neighborhood with really very minimal issues to one filled with more issues than we can imagine," she said. "...Our neighborhood is here telling you the stop signs placed at 47th and Long are creating an unsafe envi-



Photo by Sarah Brown

**Jeff Parker asks the council to consider a six-month trial period for traffic modifications on 1st Avenue.**

ronment."

Frick urged the council to remedy the situation or else they would go to news media, state representatives and ODOT.

"We should not have to go to those extremes, but we will because the neighborhood we all loved has been taken away from us and we will not stop until we get it back," she said.

Augsburger told the council the stop signs are an illogical decision at the location due to the narrow, seldom-traveled street, and later added that former City Manager Kelcey Young had stated the stop signs were the cheapest way to curb speeding.

"Random, illogically-placed signs are confusing," she said. "Some drivers run it, others abruptly stop last-minute because they're not expecting a stop sign in the middle of Long Street; both could potentially cause accidents."

Augsburger requested any information that led the city and engineers to select that location for stop signs. She also noted that the councilors had received a letter with "numerous" area residents opposing the signs, and Augsburger asked why they were not given consideration.

Lambert told the council that while there were occasional speeders through the area, there are more now that the signs are placed, noting he can't understand why that is. He added there is more noise on the street and he feels unsafe pulling out of his driveway.

During the Aug. 14 Public & Traffic Safety Committee meeting, Councilor Josh Thorstad told the committee that he was informed that Public Works employees were yelled at and had stuff thrown at them when they initially

attempted to install the stop signs.

The council agreed to put the matter up for discussion at the next meeting.

## Citizen Honored

Ogden recognized Gavin Doner for "making Sweet Home a better place for everyone."

Ogden explained that officers regularly patrol the parks and one of them had observed Doner picking up trash at Sankey Park.

"He was so impressed with your hard work without even being asked to do anything," Ogden told Doner. He continued as he read from a statement.

"Your actions not only reflect a deep care for our public spaces, but also serve as a powerful example of community spirit and civic responsibility."

Ogden gave Doner challenge coins from the City of Sweet Home and the Sweet Home Police Department.

## In other business:

- Addressing an upcoming item on the agenda regarding the appointment of Blair Larsen as the city attorney, resident Dawn Miller told the council she does not approve of the appointment because he is not a licensed attorney. During discussion on the matter, Ogden reported there were four applicants for the position and Larsen - who's compensation package was "very, very, very reasonable" - was selected to move forward in the process pending his admittance to the Oregon State Bar. Larsen recently took the bar exam; results are expected in September. Councilor Gourley motioned to table the decision until an executive session could be held to discuss an employment agreement, which had not taken place among coun-

cilors; Councilor Dave Trask seconded and it was passed 6-1.

- Resident Dave Holley spoke in favor of transitional family housing, but cautioned the council about maintenance problems and costs that are likely to arise.

- Ogden reported the empty room in City Hall has been cleared out to make way for incoming CSC.

- Ogden told council that mold has been found at the former City Hall where Ridgeway Health has moved to. The mold has since been remediated.

- Mayor Coleman informed the council that the city received a \$6,000 grant from the Siletz Tribe for a mural. Through submissions from artists, the Arts and Culture Committee selected two artists to complete murals in the city. Another grant has also been received for the other mural.

- Councilor Gourley announced that welding students at the high school will be creating two-by-two metal fish designs to be placed in the median strips along Main Street.

- Councilor Sanchez asked about options for how the city can continue productive communication with the community now that the ability to comment on its Facebook page has been removed. Ogden said the city shut off post comments because it was taking up too much staff time to manage it, it presents the possibility of legal liability, and comments were often "nasty and derogatory." Councilor Sanchez, however, pointed out that blocking comments will affect the algorithm and lead the city's posts to not being seen. Staff will look at costs to communicate through utility bills.

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# New Park at Osage Inching Along



Photo by Sarah Brown

A lot at the corner of Osage and 42nd sits bare of trees after crews cut and cleared them in preparation to build a new park.

By Sarah Brown  
Of The New Era

The Park and Tree Committee discussed Weddle Bridge, the Harvest Festival and the new park at Osage during its Aug. 21 meeting.

Planning and Building Manager Angela Clegg reported that the trees have been removed from the lot at Osage Street and 42nd Avenue where a new park is being built, but progress has since slowed a little due to city staff transitioning. The next move for the park is to install infrastructure for bathrooms and paths. The playground equipment has been selected, and the city is working on a 100% match to purchase it.

"It's gonna take a step; you probably won't see it before the end of this year," Clegg said. "It will probably be more of a next-year project."

While some area residents have voiced anger or concerns about the incoming park a couple months ago, Commit-

tee Member Nancy Patton said she went to a yard sale in the neighborhood recently where she talked to some who lived there and they "seem to be happier now" about the park.

Committee Chair Wally Shreves added that he's spoken to two critics of the park and "their total hatred for it has diminished."

A discussion ensued about how the committee might reach out to and communicate with the community better regarding city parks, plans and volunteering.

## In other business:

- The committee was told there will be a public hearing on Sept. 19 in front of the Planning Commission for the Parks Master Plan, followed by a public hearing in front of the City Council. If adopted, it will be an appendix to the city's Comprehensive Plan.

- Interim Assistant Public Works Director Greg Springman reported that city staff

spoke with someone from Linn County about Weddle Bridge. The unidentified person told staff it would be best to prevent rain from entering the bridge, but Springman said the city does not have the funds to do so. The bridge has rotting wood and "other issues" with timber inside that need to be replaced, a project that might involve tearing down and rebuilding the structure. Staff and the committee discussed a plan to inquire at Mill City about how they fixed their bridge.

- The committee discussed preparations for the annual Harvest Festival, to be held Oct. 5 at Sankey Park.

- Committee Member Lena Tucker announced the emerald ash borer is "knocking on our door" as it has been found in Marion County. The beetle kills ash trees, which could affect trees in Sweet Home if ("when") the insect reaches the area.

# Boys' Soccer Jamboree Brings 1-1-1

By Sky Chappell  
Of The New Era

The Sweet Home High School boys' soccer team had an early opportunity to showcase their skills at the annual jamboree event, delivering mixed results with one win, one loss, and one draw, Aug. 30.

In their opening match, the team secured a 1-0 victory over Gold Beach, with a goal from Elisha Scofield midway through the game. Scofield capitalized on an assist from Ivan Ogden to put the team ahead.

The second match against Pleasant Hill proved to be a

challenge. Despite dominating possession with an estimated 80%, the team was unable to convert their control into goals. A defensive error in the final minute allowed Pleasant Hill to score, resulting in a 1-0 loss.

The final match against Coquille ended in a 1-1 draw. Ogden scored early in the match, but Coquille managed to equalize in the closing moments due to another defensive lapse. The team also faced challenges from the heat, which affected key players later in the game.

The Jamboree highlighted some strong aspects of the

team's play, particularly in the midfield and communication on offense. The coaching staff has identified defensive improvement as a priority moving forward, especially with the absence of experienced defenders lost to injury in the offseason.

The team will focus on tightening their defensive play as they prepare for upcoming matches, first away against Siu-slaw/Mapleton Sept. 3, following with a home match against East Linn Christian Academy, Sept. 5, at 6 p.m.

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# Life Jacket Loaner Program Restocked Through Donations

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

A life-jacket loaner program at the Sweet Home Fire and Ambulance District was in need of rescuing, so a law firm and a local family threw in some life-saving devices to keep the program afloat.

As summer approached a soft close, staff at the SHFAD found themselves pulling their remaining spare life jackets from storage to stock the jacket stand for any recreationists who needed to borrow them.

Noting that a large majority of their stock was not being returned, staff posted a call to action, hoping that borrowers would return the jackets. In response, the Corson and Johnson Law Firm in Eugene, Larry and Melody Shobe, and other community members donated a total of 30 jackets to beef up the supply.

The life jacket program began in the summer of 2022 through funding by an award from the Sea Tow Foundation for a life jacket kiosk and 48 life jackets including six infant, 12 child, 12 youth, 12 adult and six adult XL jackets. “We set the kiosk up in

front of the office at the main fire station each summer with an assortment of each size of life jacket,” said Battalion Chief/Paramedic Shannon Pettner. “Citizens are then able to borrow the life jackets and are asked to return them after each use, utilizing an ‘on your honor’ type of system.”

Although the jackets are marked to remind users to return them, they don’t always come back. According to Pettner, all but one of the original life jackets have disappeared and staff used a backstock of donated jackets to fill the empty spaces.

“We have had donations from community members of new and lightly used jackets, which we have not tracked, but have certainly lost many of those as well,” she said.

With the recent donations, SHFAD’s stock is back up to 43 jackets.

“We are always particularly in need of infant, child and youth sizes,” Partner said. “We do require them to be in good condition and they must have USCG ratings.”



Photo by Sarah Brown

A stand in front of the fire department is filled with newly stocked life jackets.

## Life Flight Cancelled for Fatal I-5 wreck

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

Oregon State Police (OSP) responded to calls of a single-vehicle rollover crash on interstate five near milepost 225, Aug. 31.

According to a press release, the preliminary investigation indicated a black Hyundai Santa Fe was traveling northbound on I-5 when it made an evasive maneuver to avoid a rear-end collision and lost control. Occupants inside the vehicle were all ejected, before the vehicle came to a rest on top of the operator.

The operator Dustin Andrew Brown, 45, of Sweet Home, was declared deceased at the scene.

The passengers, Olivia

Shannon Matney, 19, of Sweet Home and Matthew Jay Martinez Mendez, 19, of Sweet Home, were both transported to area hospitals with serious injuries. According to the press releases, it is believed neither the operator nor passengers were wearing seatbelts at the time of the crash. Brown and Matney are father and daughter.

During this call, Life Flight was activated, but was forced to cancel due to airspace conflicts with a civilian drone over the crash scene.

The highway was impacted for approximately two and a half hours. Oregon State Police was assisted by Halsey Fire and the Oregon Department of Transportation.

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a voicemail at 541.730.3335, or contact Board President Doug Young at 541.570.5474.

### Learn to Square Dance

Lebanon Square Circlers announces this year’s square dance lessons will start at 6:30-8 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 15, at the Lebanon Senior Center, 80 Tangent St.

Each class, held every Sunday, is \$6 per person or \$15 for a family of three or more; the first class is free.

No partner is required to participate. Organizers point out that modern square dance is a great way to get low-impact exercise, stimulate the brain, and have a lot of fun in a family friendly, and smoke- and alcohol-free environment. No previous dance experience is necessary.

Those who enjoy line and contra dancing are invited to check out “our brand” of American folk dancing. Classes are taught by Shaun McKamey. For more information, call 541.401.9780 or visit lebanonsquarecirclers.com.

### Tomatofest

Master Gardener Sheryl Casteen brings back the second annual Tomatofest from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday,

Sept. 28, at the Lebanon Senior Center, 80 Tangent St., Lebanon.

As many as 101 varieties of tomatoes were available to sample last year. The event includes food preservation techniques, seed swapping and vendors, as well as a Master Gardener Clinic table.

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

### 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.

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>.

### Harvest Festival

Sweet Home’s annual Harvest Festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5, at Sankey Park, 847 14th Ave.

Activities include pumpkin painting, tree climbing, kid zone games, face painting, photo booth, bouncy house and slide, and pie bake-off and chili cook-off contests. More than 60 vendors will be on site with crafts, goodies, gifts and treats.

Taste pie entries for \$3; sponsored by the Park and Tree Committee, proceeds benefit park projects. Taste the chili entries for \$5 per person or \$10 per family. Sponsored by Radiator Supply House and the Road Maggot Motorcycle group, proceeds benefit the Sweet Home Kids Food Pak, providing weekend meals to around 130 local kids each week.

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## MEASURE 110

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and allocates funding to establish treatment-focused “deflection programs.”

Deflection is a collaboration between law enforcement and behavioral health agencies aimed at diverting drug users into treatment instead of the criminal justice system. The implementation of deflection programs will vary by county.

Twenty-eight of Oregon’s 36 counties have applied for state funding to implement deflection programs. Half of those counties plan to have their programs operational by Sept. 1, while others will take additional time to launch. According to Yachats News, Linn County plans to begin their deflection programs sometime in January 2025.

### What this means locally

The Sweet Home Police Department recruited some of its officers after the start of Measure 110.

“I’m from Montana where the laws are different, but some of our newer officers have never had anything other than 110,” Officer Trevor Sundquist said.

Officers like Allen Cripe are newer to the department and don’t have previous experience prior to 110’s inception. They have been previously trained



Photo by Chris Chapman

### Officer Allen Cripe arrests David Arroyo-Sandoval.

on what has been the laws of possession; as of Sept. 1, that changed.

“It’s going to definitely be a lot of growing in this, because it’s all new to us as well,” Cripe stated.

These officers had to learn the importance of the change before Sept. 1. This change was explained by the District Attorney’s office who gave the local department a comprehensive training including a “cheat

sheet.”

“I called a friend at the DA’s office and they said ‘Let me finish up my cases for today and then I’ll come down and talk to your whole office,’ and that’s what they did,” Sundquist said.

“For the [District Attorney’s office] to come and educate us on this so that way we were prepared for today, was awesome,” Cripe said.

The New Era got to see this change locally in effect Sept.

1 while on a dual ride-along. During this ride-along, an individual was arrested following a stop for possession of illegal drugs, showcasing the immediate impact of the new law. Officer Cripe located David Arroyo-Sandoval, 44, who was arrested on multiple warrants, including a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for probation violation related to second degree theft, with a bail set at \$10,000. Arroyo-Sandoval also

had a Linn County supervisory warrant for second degree criminal trespass, which carried no bail. He was additionally arrested for unlawful possession of methamphetamine. He was lodged at the Linn County Jail.

Concluding the ride-along, the Sweet Home Police Department Chief Jason Ogden provided us with this statement:

“We believe in both protecting our community and supporting those who need help. It’s a balance between accountability and compassion. Here’s how we’re handling it: If someone is caught with illegal substances, they will face consequences under the law. But at the same time, we’re offering a way out through deflection programs. These programs are about getting people the help they need, rather than just pushing them through the justice system. We’re focused on addressing the real issues behind addiction, giving folks a real chance to turn things around.

We get that addiction affects not just the individual, but also their families and our community. By holding people accountable and providing access to treatment, we’re aiming to break the cycle of substance abuse while keeping Sweet Home safe and strong.”

## Single Vehicle Roll Over Flags Multi-Agency Response



Photo by Sky Chappell

The Subaru lays on its side as first responders tend to the aid of the driver.

By Sky Chappell  
Of The New Era

The Sweet Home Fire and Ambulance District (SHFAD) responded to a call of a single vehicle roll-over in the 25300 block of Brush Creek Road, Aug 30.

According to the on scene Battalion Chief Eli Harris the vehicle, with a single male occupant and a dog, appeared to have lost control before ending up on its passenger side in the ditch.

Prior to the arrival of SHFAD, a passerby stopped their vehicle and attempted

to help. The driver was able to hand over their dog, and the passerby presumably took the animal to the closest animal hospital.

The driver, after extraction, was able to step into the medic unit according to Harris.

The driver was taken to Lebanon Community Hospital under trauma system entry protocols. The Linn County Sheriff’s Office took over the scene. The New Era has reached out and will update as we receive more information.

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31990 Moss Street, Lebanon, one-story residence, 1104 sq. ft., three-bedrooms one-bath built in 1964; 0.3 acres, \$412,000.

225 Carolina Street, Lebanon, no additional details listed; 0.17 acres, \$440,000.

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2880 7th Place, Lebanon, one-story residence, 1461 sq. ft., three-bedrooms two-baths built in 1993; 0.22 acres, \$375,000.

258 Oneil Street, Lebanon, one-story residence, 707 sq. ft., two-bedrooms one-bath built in 1951; 0.13 acres, \$305,000.

1024 Mountain River Drive, Lebanon, one-story residence, 1254 sq. ft., three-bedrooms two-baths built in 2004; 0.15 acres, \$390,000.

2245 Stoltz Hill Road, Lebanon, one-story residence, 832 sq. ft., one-bedroom one-bath built in 1949; 0.46 acres, \$289,000.

31058 4th Street, Lebanon, one-story residence, 1491 sq. ft., two-bedrooms two-baths built in 2015; 0.23 acres, \$400,000.

1118 29th Avenue, Sweet Home, one-story residence, 1008 sq. ft., three-bedrooms one-bath built in 1988; 0.23 acres, \$340,000.

32396 Highway 228, Halsey, one-story residence, 1847 sq. ft., three-bedrooms two-baths built in 1961; 1.09 acres, \$450,000.

1459 60th Avenue, Sweet Home, two-story residence, 1861 sq. ft., three-bedrooms two and a half-bath built in 2006; 0.06 acres, \$497,000.

38345 River Drive, Lebanon, one-story residence, with basement 3120 sq. ft., three-bedrooms two-baths built in 1996; 0.8 acres, \$575,000.

2921 Jefferson Court, Sweet Home, one-story residence, 1849 sq. ft., three-bedrooms two-baths built in 1998; 0.22 acres, \$410,000.

28078 Dannen Road, Halsey, one-story residence, with attic 3019 sq. ft., four-bedrooms three and a half-bath built in 2016; 20.06 acres, \$1,275,000.

37391 Kgal Drive, Lebanon, one-story residence, 1150 sq. ft., three-bedrooms one-bath built in 1953; 0.91 acres, \$460,000.

1020 Airport Road, Lebanon, one-story residence, with attic 2104 sq. ft., four-bedrooms two and a half-bath built in 1947; 0.16 acres, \$396,900.

735 Glenwood Street, Lebanon, one-story residence, 1404 sq. ft., three-bedrooms two-baths built in 1971; 0.28 acres, \$445,000.

340 View Lane, Lebanon, one-story residence, 1648 sq. ft., built in 1956; 0.46 acres, \$275,000.

1280 Airway Road, Lebanon, no additional details listed; 0.22 acres, \$400,000.

286 Cedar Drive, Lebanon, one-story residence, 1218 sq. ft., three-bedrooms one-bath built in 1957; 0.26 acres, \$385,000.

1244 Long Street, Sweet Home, no additional details listed; 0.09 acres, \$260,000.

808 Cedar Street, Sweet Home, one-story residence, 1137 sq. ft., three-bedrooms one-bath built in 1948; 0.2 acres, \$340,000.

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### Get freedom from smoking

**Mondays beginning Sept. 16 | 5 to 6:30 p.m.**

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### Discover Japanese gardens as healing spaces

**Tuesday, Sept. 17 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.**

Join us at the Boulder Falls Inn Event Center for a captivating exploration of Japanese healing gardens as havens for peace and well-being. Renowned experts Hoichi Kurisu and Michiko Kurisu will guide you through the history, philosophy and design principles of these exquisite landscapes, revealing how their elements — from stone formations and plants, to cascading waterfalls — cultivate mindfulness and instill tranquility by engaging our senses. This

special event is free to attend, but registration is required due to limited seating. To register visit [samhealth.org/LebanonHealingGardens](http://samhealth.org/LebanonHealingGardens).

### Cancer survivor retreat

**Friday, Sept. 27 | 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**


During this free one-day retreat in Corvallis, participants will learn about anatomy, sexual health and mindfulness-based interventions in a supportive and welcoming environment. Participants will leave with tangible tools to support the topics covered. For more information, or to register, contact the Samaritan Cancer Resource Center at 541-768-2171 or email [CancerResourceCenter@samhealth.org](mailto:CancerResourceCenter@samhealth.org).

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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.

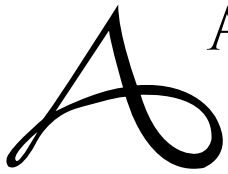
- 1. SODA.** Two of the most harmful things for our teeth are sugar and acid, and carbonated beverages are full of both! The teeth literally start dissolving under the attack of the acid, leading to cavities.
- 2. SPORTS DRINKS.** Like soda, they are often full of sugar and are highly acidic. One study 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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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FARRELL CLAUDE FINLEY, Deceased. Case No. 24PB07132

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Notice is hereby given that Brenda Tunnell has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present their claims, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative at: 1275 Main Street or P. O. Box 486, Sweet Home, Oregon 97386, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published: August 21, 2024

Personal Representative  
Brenda Tunnell  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
Robert Snyder  
Attorney at Law  
541-367-5191  
(Aug 21 - Sept 4)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINN PROBATE DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS W. JEWELL, deceased. Case No.: 24PB07547

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

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TIMOTHY J. JEWELL  
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Attorney  
DAVID B. BECKHAM  
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OSB No. 740300  
(Sept 4)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINN Probate Department

In the Matter of the Estate of HARVEY I. CASTLE, Deceased. Case No: 24PB07394

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/s/  
Cassie N. Hutton, OSB No. 191678  
Attorney for Personal Representa-

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(Sept 4)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINN IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY L. EATON, deceased, Case No. 24PB07477

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Hylah Moncy, Personal Representative. Jessica K. Meyer, OSB #053242  
Morley Thomas Law. Attorneys at Law, 80 E. Maple St., Lebanon OR 97355.  
(Sept 4 - Sept 18)

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# Traffic Committee Looks at Commercial Truck Parking Code

By Sarah Brown  
Of The New Era

The Public & Traffic Safety Committee discussed commercial vehicle parking on residential streets during its Aug. 14 meeting.

Police Chief and Interim City Manager Jason Ogden said the city's municipal code states that heavy motor trucks are prohibited on any streets except on established truck routes. However, there are exceptions: public and emergency vehicles, detours, specific purposes such as picking up or dropping off goods, and unloaded trucks traveling to and from the driver's residence.

"So if you're unloaded, you are just fine to park in a residential area," Ogden said.

The matter was on the agenda after Committee Member Vince Adams ex-

pressed concerns during the July meeting about log trucks taking up too much space and creating unsafe driving conditions in residential areas. In July he had said drivers cannot see crosswalks, pedestrians or animals until it's too late.

Adams was not present at the August meeting and no further questions or concerns were raised.

The next matter on the agenda addressed crosswalks, initiated by Chair Frank Gallagher who said there are some crosswalks that need to be repainted or made more visible to drivers. Committee Member Bud Mather mentioned the crosswalk near 2nd Avenue on Holley Road, and Ogden said the Public Works employees could go around to identify other areas where

crosswalks need to be repainted.

**In other business:**

- City Councilor Josh Thorstad told Ogden that when Public Works employees went to install stop signs at 47th Avenue and Long Street, "they got yelled at and thrown stuff at," so the job was not complete. Ogden said he would talk to the Public Works Department.
- Committee Member Michael Hildebrand said he'd like to readdress the possibility of installing stop signs at 12th Avenue and Elm Street because it's hard to see east-west traffic coming or going from 12th.
- A resident from Ulex Street complained about a driver who he believes continues to speed in the area, putting children at risk.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

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royo-Sandoval, 44, was arrested for unlawful possession of methamphetamine. Lodged at Linn County Jail.

6:08 p.m - Jeffery Haugen, 65, of Foster, was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving.

6:38 p.m - Stephanie Rosetta Mitchell was arrested for third degree theft.

8:15 p.m - Raymon Wayne Littell, was arrested on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for criminal driving.

11:59 p.m - Brandy Lee

Dozier was arrested on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for criminal driving.

**Sept. 2**

2:40 a.m - Raul Pena Moak-Ramirez was arrested

on a Linn County Sheriff's Office on a restraining order violation and harassment. Lodged at Linn County Jail.

3:00 a.m - A 17 year old juvenile was cited for driving uninsured.



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### CLUES ACROSS

1. It's all over the beach

5. A cirque

8. Corpuscle count (abbr.)

11. Influential report author

13. Satisfaction

14. Recurring only at long intervals

15. Islamic calendar month

16. Neither

17. Gelatinous substance

18. American electronic music producer

20. Old computer system

21. Professional organization

22. Malaria mosquitoes

25. Not composed of matter

30. It's in the ocean

31. Peyton's little brother

32. French commune
33. Eyelashes

38. Equal (prefix)

41. Quality of little or no rain

43. One who beheads

45. Sung to

48. Influential punk artist

49. Amount of time

50. Polio vaccine developer

55. Abba \_\_, Israeli politician

56. Job

57. Flat-bottomed sailboat

59. Japanese wooden clog

60. Folk singer DiFranco

61. FL city

62. Naturally occurring solid

63. Language of indigenous Asian people

64. Dark brown

### CLUES DOWN

1. Soviet Socialist Republic

2. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire

3. Venomous snake genus

4. Uninteresting

5. Straightforwardness

6. Expression of wild excitement

7. Arrange in order

8. East Indian cereal grass

9. Hillsides

10. Bird beak covering

12. Baseball stat

14. Edge of a surfboard

19. Wrapping accessory

23. Express approval

24. Deduce

25. Similar

26. Born of

27. Automobile

28. Obligated to repay
29. Live in

34. Influential journalist Tarbell

35. Set aflame

36. OJ trial judge

37. Scottish town

39. African nation

40. Egg-shaped wind instrument

41. Mimic

42. Frees

44. In slow tempo

45. Sword

46. Related on the mother's side

47. Mars crater

48. Plant of the lily family

51. Suitable in the circumstances

52. Hillside

53. Metrical foot

54. Amazon river tributary

58. Adult male human

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Level: Advanced



# Local Mom Takes the Face of Successful Volleyball Program

By Sky Chappell  
Of The New Era

The Sweet Home High School, and community, will be seeing a new coach at the helm of the volleyball team.

Katie Dargis steps into the head coach position, bringing her experience in volleyball and education to the team. Dargis, who was born in Susanville California, moved around before ending up in Klamath Falls prior to junior high. She then played volleyball throughout middle school, later playing in high school at Henley High School. According to Dargis, during her junior year the team placed eighth in the state tournament and during her senior year, they secured second place. Dargis played as a starter in the front row and also contributed in the back row.

"It was a successful program I was a part of," Dargis said.

Despite her achievements, Dargis chose not to continue playing volleyball in college, focusing instead on her education. She earned a bachelor's degree in education from Western Oregon University, specializing in elementary and middle-level education. After graduation, she taught

fourth and seventh grades in the Oakland School District.

Dargis and her husband, Josh Dargis, later moved to Sweet Home where her husband took a job at Oak Heights Elementary School. Dargis chose after moving to have kids. She balanced raising her children with part-time work doing child care, subbing and helping students in online schools.

Her involvement in volleyball continued when her son, then in third grade, expressed interest in the sport. Dargis began coaching him and later coached her daughter as well.

"I just kept coming back because it was enjoyable," she said.

Last year, when the local volleyball club needed a coach, Dargis took on the role. This opportunity eventually led her to the head coach position at Sweet Home High School.

Dargis is aware of the strong foundation left by former coach Mary Hutchins.

"I knew I was walking into something that was already set up for success," she said. "You need someone who cares and is willing to put in the extra time and energy. A lot of people don't have that



Katie Dargis stands in front of the net her team will be playing with.

Photo by Sky Chappell

time because they're working full-time and stretched thin."

With support from her husband, Dargis observed the team last season and decided it was something she wanted to be involved in. She currently works for Western Oregon University, supervising teacher candidates, reviewing lesson plans, and conducting observations. Which gives her enough time to also coach. As

the new head coach, she aims to help the team succeed both on the court and in developing important life skills.

"I want my players to want to come back every day, to keep playing and keep getting better," she said. "I want them to work hard and do better. I want to win some games. It would be great if we could make it to the playoffs."

Athletic Director Dan Tow

stated how excited he was for Dargis to take this position. Along with attributing the large number of girls who signed up to Dargis' organization, Tow mentioned how much hard work Dargis has put in.

"I think she's doing a good job," Tow said. "I'm excited for the season and for the girls to get started."

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