

## Graduates celebrate end of high school chapter

By Satina Tolman  
For The New Era

Under a flawless blue sky and a light, cooling breeze, the Sweet Home High School Class of 2025 celebrated their graduation Friday evening, June 6, at Husky Stadium.

The ceremony marked not only the end of their high school years but also the culmination of a uniquely historic chapter in education.

This year's seniors were the first class to spend all four years of high school in a post-COVID world. Entering as masked freshmen, they emerged as accomplished young adults ready to take their next steps, many with honor cords around their necks and scholarship awards in hand.

A total of 161 students participated in the ceremony out of a graduating class of 168. The senior procession, led by staff members Tia Johnston and Jarid Adams, stepped onto the field to the sound of music and cheers from proud family members. The excitement was palpable.

**Honors and Achievements**

The Class of 2025 included nine valedictorians: Killan Boggs, Hunter Dalley, Peyton Markell, Ethan Malabago, Ivan Ogden, Easton Perry, Kirten Sautel, Dylan



Sweet Home High School graduates send their caps high in the air at the conclusion of the graduation program Friday night, June 6.

Sharp, and Conner Stevens, each graduating with a 4.0 unweighted GPA. Shiloh Robinson was recognized as the class salutatorian.

Twenty-five students earned honors diplomas, and three graduates are entering military service: Jayden Mancilla (Air National Guard), Jarron Slayter (Marines), and Russell Dickerman (Navy).

In total, the class earned

\$1,913,880 in scholarships. More than \$100,000 of that came from the Sweet Home Alumni Foundation.

"The Alumni Foundation's mission is simple, yet deeply meaningful: to inspire, support, and uplift graduates of Sweet Home High School by helping them pursue their dreams through higher education," said teacher Tomas Rosa.

Psychology and nursing topped the list of intended college majors, with Ethan Malabago heading the furthest away. Malabago will be attending Fordham University in New York to study computer science and engineering.

**Words of Wisdom**

Before the ceremony, Prin-

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## Library Summer Reading Program big on games

By Scott Swanson  
Of The New Era

Summer reading this summer at the Sweet Home Library is going to be about fun and games.

Literally.

The Library's Summer Reading Program kicks off Friday, June 13, with, well, a Kids Game Day, at 1101 13th Ave. That event will be for children ages 6 and older.

But there's more. A lot more.

At 7:30 p.m. Friday the library will host a showing of "Luca" and a craft at Sankey Park, 877 14th Ave.

The program officially kicks off June 21 at the Jim Bean Safety Fair, to be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sankey Park, launching into 10 weeks of activities, many of them game-related, that Programming Librarian Kira Mikutaitis said will fol-

low a "Level Up" theme that, as the term may suggest to gamers, will be based around puzzles and games.

"It's all about games," Mikutaitis said, adding that some of the activities will involve Minecraft and Pokemon cards - "a variety of cool things that kids can get into."

Of course, the main focus is reading and the library will provide paper trackers for kids to keep track of the time they spend with books, she said.

"Every 15 minutes they mark off on a sheet and when they to five, they get a prize. When they fill up their sheet, they're eligible for a drawing for a grand prize."

Last year's grand prizes included Lego sets and Squishmallows (giant squishy pillows), just in case anyone is interested.

But it's not just about reading.

"We have quite a few outside presenters this year," Mikutaitis said.

The first will be a visit from Eugene's Museum of Natural and Cultural History, which will present a "Power Play for the Planet" program at Sankey, which will involve playing games, solving puzzles and tackling wacky challenges as participants explore the environment, design solutions and imagine a brighter future, including activity tables with touchable specimens and hands-on activities.

Dragon Theater will present its puppet show "Arcade Universe" at 10 a.m. on June 20, featuring a hero on a quest through different levels of an arcade game to find his purpose in life.

On July 18 the Oregon Coast Aquarium will visit at

Sankey Park at 10 a.m.

"This is their first year as an outside presenter," Mikutaitis said. "They're coming all the way from Newport. They're bringing mostly hands-on things so kids can understand what ocean life feels like."

Those are likely to include seal pelts (which are only legal for the museum to own), starfish and other hands-on interaction with sea life, she said.

For teens (ages 13-19), a classic horror themed movie night series will include "The Ring" on June 27, "Killer Klowns from Outer Space" on July 25, and "Critters" on Aug. 22, all from 6 to 8 p.m. at the library.

There will also be an Intro to Dungeons and Dragons two-session activity on Aug. 9 and 16 at the library

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OBITUARIES

Margaret Milburn  
Jan. 7, 1936 - May 9, 2025

Margaret Joan (pronounced "Jo-Ann," as she reminded thousands in her lifetime) Rawstern



Milburn was reunited with her beloved husband, parents, siblings and friends, and her savior when she passed away on May 9, 2025.

Her life was a rich tapestry of purpose, family and love and she will be fiercely missed by her children Bob (Tram), Connie (Ned), and Patrick (Susie); grandchildren Rorie (Marc), Reilly, Allison and Evan; sister Ellen and countless nieces, nephews and friends.

Joan was born on Jan. 7, 1936, in a small town in South Dakota. She tragically lost her father at the age of 7, prompting her mother to relocate the four children to Medford.

She spent her formative years in the pear orchards, playing in Bear Creek with her many cousins and siblings, hiking Table Rock and growing up in the loving embrace of an enormous and rather exuberant extended family.

Joan attended Southern Oregon State College, where she met her future husband, OD Milburn. They enjoyed movie dates, taking walks in Lithia Park, debating philosophy, eating at Omar's, and being educated by Angus Bowmer, the founder of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival.

They soon married and moved back to OD's hometown of Sweet Home, where they raised their three children, designed and built their own home, and ultimately welcomed four grandchildren (whom they spoiled unapologetically).

Joan (nicknamed Saint Joan by her son-in-law) was a fabulous cook, voracious reader, devout Christian, Sunday School teacher, Portland Trailblazers fan, cancer survivor, lover of history, music and art, and a surprisingly feisty debater.

She was patient, extraordinarily kind, and very curious. Rumor has it that she was a shameless speed demon as a young woman and regularly enjoyed seeing how fast her car could go.

She adored animals, old movies, and was affectionately referred to as the "jam

whisperer." She was an extremely talented gardener.

Joan played cards like a professional gambler, could whip egg whites like no one else, and she never failed to help anyone in need. Joan was a relentless optimist who always saw the good in every person she met.

She wasn't just a ray of sunshine to her family - she WAS the sun.

Joan's family would like to extend our sincere thanks to Brighton Hospice. Every staff member treated our mother like THEIR mother and we are in awe of these amazing people but, in particular, we'd like to thank Nook, Becky and Rachel.

There are no words to express our gratitude for their tender care and compassion.

Rest easily, Mom. We know that we'll see you again. We cannot wait to have you welcome us with your sparkling green eyes, gorgeous smile ... and, without a doubt, a fine meal.

And did you get what you wanted from this life, even so?

I did. And what did you want?

To call myself beloved, to feel myself beloved on this earth.

- Late fragment by Raymond Carver

Patricia Carroll  
Oct. 26, 1955 - May 8, 2025

Patricia L. Carroll was born in Lebanon on Oct. 26, 1955 and passed away peacefully May 8, 2025.

She attended first grade at Crowfoot Grade School and subsequent years at Seaside schools. She graduated from Seaside High School in 1973 and received her associate degree from Linn-Benton Community College.

She worked several years at Lebanon Payless store and worked at the first Oregon Walmart store. She transferred to the Longview, Wash., store, where she worked until retirement.

She enjoyed arts and crafts from a young age and loved cooking for family and friends. She loved the companionship of her cats Jax and Zoe. She was also an avid watcher of football.

She is survived by her dad, William Wage, by three days; her son, Jacob Rye; three granddaughters, Valerie Carroll, Cathy Hanzon and Kelly Bergevin, and a grandson, Caeden Kelley, and many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

She is predeceased by her mother, Betty Wage; her dad Bill Carroll; her son, James Rye; and her husband, Steve Rye; as well as her grandparents, Al and Emma Seiders, and Arley and Hazel Carroll.

There will be a Life Celebration held for her. Please email [gouldk63@gmail.com](mailto:gouldk63@gmail.com) for details. In lieu of attendance, you can donate to Heartland Humane Society in Corvallis.

Molly Mosby  
Jan. 1, 1929 - May 14, 2025

Molly Ruth (Coulter) Mosby of Meridian, Idaho, peacefully passed away May 14, 2025.

She was born in Sweet Home to Frank Coulter and Hilda (Geit) Coulter. She arrived on January 1, 1929, which earned her family \$5 as she was the first baby of the year in Linn County.



She was raised in Sweet Home and was the seventh of the 12 Coulter kids. She graduated from Sweet Home High School in 1946.

It was in Sweet Home that she met and fell in love with Robert "Bob" Mosby. They were married at the Evangelical Church on Oct. 13, 1946; they had been married for 67 years when he passed in 2013.

They had four children and throughout the years lived and raised their family in eight different states before retiring back in Sweet Home.

Molly was a joyful homemaker and was well known for her delicious food and her loving demeanor.

Those who were lucky enough to enjoy her culinary delights can attest to her skill in the kitchen and how she had a way of bringing people together over food. She was an amazing hostess to go along with her tasty dishes and desserts; she masterfully entertained family and friends often.

Molly enjoyed the family pastime of playing cards, both pinochle and bridge, with both her kids and their growing families as well as her siblings, who gathered weekly to play in later years. She always played to win these games and delighted when she came out on top.

Molly was known for her laugh; she loved to laugh and was always a positive and cheerful person.

Molly is survived by all four of her children: Wade of West Linn, Wayne (Kayrn) of Fruitland,

Idaho, Tim (Robin) of Kingman, Ariz., and Robbie Nyara of Boise, Idaho; and her eight grandchildren, Jason, Tara, Mary Anne, Abby, Chartie, Tate, Heath and Erin; as well as 24 great-grandchildren; and seven of her siblings: Dottie, Donna, Bonnie, Euta, Larry, Marian, and Gayte and her sister-in-law, Mary Jean Simpson of Granite Bay, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Bob; and four siblings: Mina, Norma, Wanda and Jack; son-in-law, Bill and daughter-in-law Susan.

The family will be having a service on July 20 in Sweet Home. Molly will be greatly missed; she was loved by so many and her circle of family and friends was wide.

Tanis Cockrell  
Oct. 6, 1950 - June 3, 2025

Tanis Lynette Cockrell, 74, of Sweet Home, passed away June 3, 2025.

Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling the ar-

rangements. For updated information, visit [www.sweethomefuneral.com](http://www.sweethomefuneral.com).

Eric von Ladau  
Oct. 18, 1951 - June 2, 2025

Eric Jeffrey von Ladau, 73, of Sweet Home, passed away June 2, 2025.

Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements. For updated information, visit [www.sweethomefuneral.com](http://www.sweethomefuneral.com).

Teresa Pulver  
Sept. 21, 1961 - June 5, 2025

Teresa Ann Pulver, 63, of Sweet Home, passed away June 5, 2025.

Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements. For updated information, visit [www.sweethomefuneral.com](http://www.sweethomefuneral.com).

Mary Smith  
Nov. 24, 1933 - June 7, 2025

Mary Jean Smith, 91, of Sweet Home, passed away June 7, 2025.

Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements. For updated information, visit [www.sweethomefuneral.com](http://www.sweethomefuneral.com).

CORRECTION

The following entries in the 2025 Graduation Tab included errors. Below are corrected versions.

Sawyer Aiello

Sawyer is the son of Sheree and Ryan Aiello.

Activities: PE  
Post High School Plans: Work as diesel mechanic.



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Frances Turnbull

Frances is the daughter of April Erickson.

Activities: Did not list any.  
Post High School Plans: Entering the workforce.




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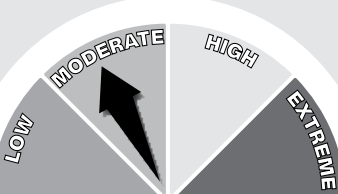
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June	4	74	46	0.00	Fri	Partly Cloudy	73	45
June	5	76	48	0.00	Sat	Mostly Sunny	74	46
June	6	86	49	0.00	Sun	Partly Cloudy	76	46
June	7	88	56	0.00	Mon	Partly Cloudy	76	51
June	8	94	51	0.00	Tues	Partly Cloudy	76	52
June	9	96	57	0.00	Wed	Partly Cloudy	76	48

PRECIPITATION		CURRENT LEVELS	
Year to date: 19.24		Foster Reservoir: 634.7	
June 12, 2024: 17.92		Green Peter Res.: 969.1	



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Following is a list of abbreviations that may appear in our log reports: LCSO (Linn County Sheriff's Office); SHPD (Sweet Home Police Department); OSP (Oregon State Police); LCCC (Linn County Circuit Court); LCJC (Linn County Justice Court); SHMC (Sweet Home Municipal Court); LMC (Lebanon Municipal Court); FTA (failure to appear); FTC (failure to comply). A roman numeral listed after a charge means that the charge is that numbered-degree: theft I (first-degree theft).

**June 8**

3:03 a.m. - Dylan Elder, 29, of Lebanon, arrested for felony domestic assault IV, menacing, 28500 block Hwy. 20. Report taken.

3:12 p.m. - Caller reported that associate of his took a vehicle, which is part of his parents' estate, without permission and would not return it because she claimed he owed her money. LCSO investigated the situation and it was determined that the vehicle would be made available to the caller and other remaining issues were civil. 44600 block North River Dr.

8:47 p.m. - Deputy responded to report of stolen vehicle, 100 N. Main St., Brownsville. Report taken.

**June 7**

8:50 a.m. - Minor injury crash reported in 38300

block Hwy. 228, Brownsville. Further details unavailable at press time. Report taken.

9:40 a.m. - Jordan Brendle, 35, of Sweet Home, arrested on parole warrant, cited for driving while suspended, driving uninsured, 1700 block Main St. Report taken.

1:04 p.m. - Report of sex abuse while boating on Foster. Further details unavailable. Foster Dam Road.

2:56 p.m. - Vehicle caught fire while being driven in 44900 block Quartzville Rd. Cause unknown. Further details unavailable at press time.

3:04 p.m. - Johnny Lee Stone, 32, arrested by Albany police on SHMC warrants for FTA in trespass case, FTC in initiating a false report case. Cited to appear June 25.

3:33 p.m. - Marv Dean Cox, 57, arrested on SHMC warrant for FTA in trespass case, and LCCC warrant for FTA in assault case, Hwy. 228/Gilbert Lane. Caller had re-

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CIRCUIT COURT

**Warrants are out on the following individuals:** Christopher Frances Ciullo, Kelsey Nicole Ciullo, Brien Keith Cockrell, Hope Marie Connors, Ashlee Dee Flanagan, Sean Doyle Gay, Aaron Thomas Halvorson, Noe Hernandez-Reyes, Michael Trevor Hilton, Tyler Bruce Lanz, Ammarie Taylor Martin, Charles James Marvel, Bryce William McGowan, Eric Wayne McKnight, Carrie Lynne Miller, Thomas Elbridge Miller, James Keith Mortensen, Nicholas Alan Nelson, Daniel Austin Phillips, Tammy Lavonn Robinson, James Ryan Routon, Kristina Marie Sleutel, Joshua Alexander Williams

**Dylan Uriah Elder**, 28, charged June 9 with DV-menacing and DV-assault IV.

**Joshua Allen Geerhart**, 36, sentenced June 5 to four days jail and 12 mos. bench probation after pleading no contest to attempt to commit a Class

C/Unclassified felony - strangulation.

**Dennis Jones**, 33, sentenced May 30 to 96 hours jail, 24 mos. supervised probation and a \$200 fine after pleading guilty to attempt to commit a Class A felony - burglary I. A criminal trespass II charge was dismissed.

**Ammarie Taylor Martin**, 23, charged May 26 with DUII (liquor), recklessly endangering another person, reckless driving, and operating vehicle without driving privileges or in violation of license restrictions.

**Zachery Todd Pickle**, 21, sentenced June 3 to 13 mos. with the Oregon Dept. of Corrections, five years post-prison supervision, five years supervised probation and \$1,000 in fines after pleading no contest to sodomy III, two counts of attempt to commit a Class A felony - sodomy I - victim under 12 - Jessica's

MUNICIPAL COURT

**May 14**

**Custin J. Jones**, 24, pleaded no contest to theft III - fine \$401, probation 24 mos., work crew five days.

**Dustin K. Coughran**, 35, pleaded no contest to theft III - fine \$904, probation 60 mos., work crew 10 days, no contact orders.

**Becky M. Foster**, 51, pleaded no contest to criminal mischief II - fine \$455, probation 24 mos., work crew five days, no contact orders; theft III dismissed.

**Loa A. Branton**, 35, guilty by default for violation driving while suspended or revoked - fine \$2,015, suspend license; driving uninsured - fine \$1,015, suspend license.

**Branden J. Boettcher**, 31, guilty by default for violation driving while suspended or revoked - fine \$2,015, suspend license.

**Shawn W. Ficken**, 47, guilty by default for violation driving while suspended or revoked - fine \$2,015, suspend license; driving uninsured - fine \$1,015, suspend license.

**Joshua G. Lackey**, 41, guilty by default for operating a vehicle without driving privileges - fine \$1,015, suspend license; driving uninsured - fine \$1,015, suspend license.

**Tamara L. LittleJohn**, 47, guilty by default for violation driving while suspended or revoked - fine \$2,015, suspend license.

**David W. Samson**, 64, guilty by default for driving uninsured - fine \$1,015, suspend license.

**Eric R. Shipp**, 50, guilty by default for nuisance public health, debris or junk property - fine \$1,400; open storage - fine \$1,400.

**Hollie L. Gregory**, 69, guilty by default for open burning - fine \$500.

**Leslee G. Huerta-Fernandez**, 39, guilty by default for dog at large - fine \$500.

**Randy D. Campbell**, 68, pleaded no contest to violation driving while suspended or revoked - fine \$475; driv-

ing uninsured, fine \$265.

**Jory R. Davis**, 41, pleaded no contest for violation driving while suspended or revoked - fine \$425.

**Sharayah D. Ahlman**, 35, pleaded no contest for operating a vehicle without driving privileges - dismissed with \$150 fee.

**April 23**

**Elisabeth R. Mahmud**, 41, pleaded no contest for violation speeding 39/25 - fine \$165.

**Justin L. Smith**, 44, pleaded no contest for driving uninsured, fine \$300; violation driving while suspended or revoked - fine \$440.

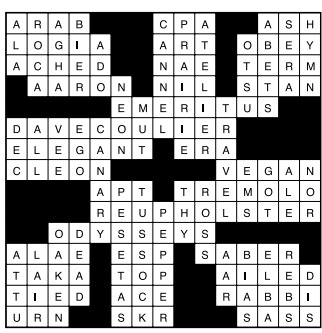
**Tabatha R. Falco**, 51, pleaded no contest for telephonic harassment - fine \$301, probation 12 mos., no contact orders.

**Cody A. Peterson**, 38, pleaded guilty for failure to perform duties of a driver when property is damaged - fine \$766, probation 36 mos., work crew 10 days, license suspension three mos.

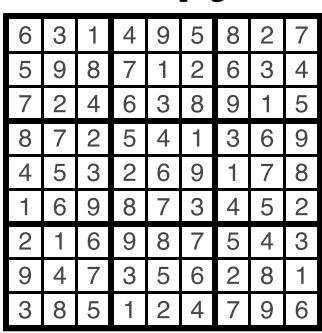
**Tonya J. Whitebird**, 48, guilty by default for violation

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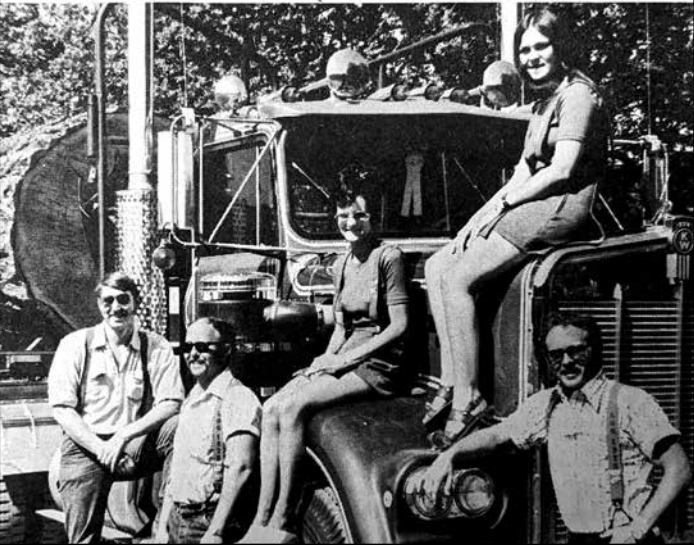
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FROM OUR FILES



The 47,000 pound Oregon Log is ready to leave on a 3,735 mile journey to the National Jaycee Convention in Florida in 1975. Those taking the trip are, from left, Bill Kliever, Ken Gregory, Edna Gregory, Pam Thompson and Ray Thompson.

June 15, 1950

Police Officer Albert Osborn was cleared of a manslaughter charge at a preliminary hearing this week. The justice of the peace determined there was not enough sufficient evidence to warrant prosecution regarding the shooting of a Lebanon man following a chase. Osborn said he pulled his gun to use as a sap and the man was shot during a scuffle for the weapon.

A barker operator for Oregon Plywood Corporation, Albert Walz, lost consciousness while standing on a log in the company pond. Francis Andrews saw his pole floating in the water and bubbles rising in the water. He used a pike pole to pull Walz from the water. Two other men used artificial respiration on Walz for 45 minutes before he showed signs of life.

Redwood Empire Shows will open for a five-day run this month. The carnival, under sponsorship of the Post 133 American Legion, will be set up between Sweet Home and Foster.

June 12, 1975

Steps were taken to begin the formation of a new county in East Linn after a group of people decided it was a

good idea. Eighteen of 27 people present at the first official meeting – held at Mollie’s Bakery – indicated they favored the plan for a new county. They call themselves the Citizens Committee for a New County, elected executive committee members and suggested calling the new county Santiam County, to encompass the boundaries of the Sweet Home School District.

June 14, 2000

Contractors for the city began working on the Midway area contaminated well water mitigation project. Using a \$704,000 grant, the city is installing new water lines between 42nd and 47th avenues. The new lines will require hookup by 32-35 residents in a “critically affected” area, which could cost some homeowners as much as \$712. The project includes areas identified with well contamination by chlorinated solvents.

The Sweet Home Rodeo is moving from 49th Avenue to its new 15-acre site on Long Street. A groundbreaking was held last week, during which time the 2000 rodeo queen was announced as April Meyers. The selection of a rodeo queen is a return to the roots of the rodeo.

Opinion: Permit fees, not taxpayer bailouts, should fund state water agency shortfall

By Madilynne Clark

Should permitting agencies receive increased funds? If budget increases are justified, should finances be increased through fees or the general fund?

This is the question that must be asked regarding two bills in front of the House Ways and Means Committee in the Oregon State Legislature, House Bill 2808 and House Bill 2165.

Both bills address the budget shortfall of \$875,000 for the Oregon Water Resources Department, but through different methods. Instead of choosing which bill offers the best path towards good governance, the legislature seems to be saying, “both.”

HB 2808 would increase the permitting and licensing fees related to wells, and HB 2165 would provide an increase in funding to OWRD from the general fund of \$830,415.

Initially proposed as a one-or-the-other approach, the current recommendation from the last work session in the Oregon House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water is that both bills are needed, with no downsizing of either proposal. The solution addressed by these bills is critical to the one-in-four

Oregonians relying on domestic wells as their primary source of potable water.

Every state has some type of permitting process for well construction.

In Oregon, there are 15.68 FTE (full-time employees) supporting the program, which supervises over 250,000 wells, with about 3,000 new wells each year. The well construction program protects public health by identifying poor well construction and addressing the associated groundwater contamination.

It is easy to determine that well-owners, not taxpayers, should pay for the increased employment costs at OWRD. Permit fees are a means of ensuring that the agency has a fiscal responsibility to process applications, versus relying on a one-time bailout from the general fund that has no statutory requirements for processing applications.

According to testimony from OWRD, “The fee increases proposed are 40% for start card fees, and 10% for well driller licensing and landowner permit fees. This proposed fee increase will maintain existing staffing levels in this program through the 2027-29 biennium.

Well owners are usually

very familiar with lump costs because there are plenty of upfront and maintenance expenses, despite being cheaper than city water in the long run. Drilling can range from \$5,000 to \$10,000 on average, with deeper, more difficult drilling sites costing more.

Repairs are also expensive, ranging from a couple hundred dollars to \$2,000 for pump. A permitting increase of \$140 (from \$350 to \$490) would only account for a one to two percent increase in construction costs.

When the associated consequences of drilling an illegal well is a Class B misdemeanor and fines of up to \$25,000 (in the case of Cannabis plants), a \$140 increase is unlikely to significantly alter behavior.

The taxpayer funded general fund should not be the means of covering the externalities created by the increase in illegal well drilling, as desired by the Oregon Groundwater Association in their testimony.

Members of the work session discussed this viewpoint.

Rep. Anna Scharf stated, “I would love for the agency to figure out how they can work on an enforcement mechanism, so that they increase

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# Larson, Miller and Wright named track team's MVPs

Three athletes, representing a wide range of disciplines in track and field, were named Most Valuable Tuesday, May 3, at the track team's awards night.

Sophomore Nick Larson and juniors McKenzie Miller and Selah Wright, who Head Coach Nathan Whitfield said represented "two ends of the spectrum – they were both great in their respective areas," were named the top performers for this season.

Larson qualified for the state championships in three events – the pole vault, which he just took up this year, the 110 Hurdles and the 300 Hurdles.

Whitfield noted that he scored 90 points this season for the boys; the next highest scorer finished with 54.

Miller qualified for state in the 3000, her first chance to run at that level, and finished the season with a 4-second PR to complete a 24-second string of PRs over the course of three weeks. She was the Huskies' only girl to qualify for state this year.

Although Wright didn't make state this year, she was the Huskies' top performer in the throws, making the podium in all three throwing events at the district meet.

Miller also was named Distance Runner of the Year for the girls, while sophomore Ryker Burr, who competed at state in the 800 and led the team in that event, was the boys' honoree.

Jumpers of the Year were junior Loralai Mark, just missed state with a PR long jump of 15-11 (a 9½-inch PR) at the district meet, sophomore Kaeson Walker, who was third in district in the triple jump, and Larson.

Kaeson had a pretty eventful year – he went from 32-9 to 40-11," said Assistant Coach Spencer Hart, who introduced the jumpers. "It was really awesome to watch."

Assistant Coach Ramiro Santana introduced the Sprinters of the Year, sophomore Brooke Elder, Mark, and junior Dillan Davis, who competed at state in

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Track and field award winners include, in front from left, McKenzie Miller, Sydney Dominy, Brooke Elder, Selah Wright, Peyton Markell, Delainie Pratt, Noelle Helfrich and Keegan Vogel. In the rear, from left, are Ean Tackett, Gavin Tyler, Kaeson Walker, Jack Simmons, Dylan SharSharp, Dillan Davis, Conner Stevens and Ryker Burr.

## OPINION

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the fines against the bad guys to pay for the good guys."

Rep. Mark Owens replied, "Though I don't support a lot of fees. This program definitely articulated it probably needed both these bills in order to continue the improvements they have made to try and stop illegal wells."

Instead of pushing for two new funding increases, the legislature should be evaluating when fee increases are warranted. Good budgetary stewardship by OWRD would mean ensuring staff workloads are maintained, wait times are not increased, and no rulemaking is adopted leading to processing slowdowns.

The legislature should require OWRD to report on their efficiency during the next biennium. Advocates of limited government recog-

nize the potential economic damages of fee increases on businesses and employment. But when fees are required by law, it should be the users and beneficiaries of the projects that pay the price, not the taxpayers.

Fee increases should be permitted only when the agencies can show increasing employment costs, increasing demand for processors, and that no agency rulemaking has created obstacles to processing.

In the case of OWRD, funding increases are needed; but this should come from the landowners wanting a new well, not the unsuspecting taxpayers who are already paying their own monthly water bills.

— Madilynne Clark is a policy analyst at Cascade Policy Institute, Oregon's free market public policy research organization.

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# Sautel named to Husky Hall of Fame during Senior Awards night

Kirstin Sautel was named to the Sweet Home High School Athletic Hall of Fame at the Booster Club's sports awards presentation event Sunday, June 1, in the Sweet Home High School Auditorium.

Sautel, who is headed to the University of Idaho to swim for the Vandals, is a three-time state swimming champion in the 100 Breaststroke (and only lost at state to now-graduated teammate Malia "Josie" Hewitt in 2022, when Sautel was a freshman).

She is a 15-time district champion in swimming, was a valedictorian for this year's graduating class and also played soccer for Sweet Home.

She and Dylan Sharp were named Distinguished Athletes for the Class of 2025, an award that recognizes athletes who didn't just excel in their respective sport, but raised the bar for others around them.

Recipients of this award are recognized as being particularly illustrious in their sporting career.

The Bruce West Spirit of a Champion award, which recognizes athletes who had to overcome genuine adversity to participate in sports, went to Kayla Saddoris and Colton Bennett.

Recipients of the Larry Johnson Sportsmanship Award, which recognizes outstanding sportsmanship by an athlete, team, or spectator(s), were Peyton Lindsey, Jackson Barringer and Gavin Gardner.

The Coaches Scholar Athlete Award, which recognizes one boy and one girl who not only excelled in their sport(s) but in the classroom as well, went to Sharp and Peyton Markell.


The Spirit of a Husky Award, which goes to athletes who participated in three sports throughout their high school careers, went to Barringer (football, wrestling, track), Markell (soccer, cross-country, swimming, track), Emerson Martineau (soccer, swimming, track) and Sharp (football, wrestling, track).

The Moe Award, designed to honor the athlete who may not be the most gifted, but is the hardest worker, the first to arrive and last to leave, the one who always gives their all regardless of anything else going on in life, went to Jack Simmons, RJ Abbott and Tiana Reynolds.

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# Spring sports All-League athletes named



Track and field athletes earning Oregon West Conference All-League honors for the 2025 season are, in left photo, from left in front, Nick Larson, 110 Hurdles, 300 Hurdles, Pole Vault. In the second row, from left, are Ryker Burr, 800 Meters and 4x100 Relay; Landon Murry, Relays; Chase Cameron, Relays; and Conner Stevens, 4x100 Relay. In the rear, from left, are Jack Simmons, Javelin; Kasey Kast, 800, 4x400 Relay; Gavin Tyler, Shot; Kolton Wilmarth, 400, Relays; and Dillan Davis, 400, Relays. At lower left is McKenzie Miller, 3000 Meters. In photo below are Sweet Home baseball and softball players who earned Oregon West Conference All-League honors for the 2025 season. They include, in front, from left, Katriona “Peanut” Harris, Honorable Mention Pitcher, softball; Miley Smith, First Team Outfield, softball; Addy Vannice, Honorable Mention Outfield, softball; and Hannah Sieminski, Second Team Infield, softball. In the rear, from left, are Aaliyah Brown, Honorable Mention Infield, softball; Damon Lawrence, Second Team Outfield, baseball; Luke Rosa, Honorable Mention Infield, baseball; Kyle Zajic, Honorable Mention Infield, baseball; and Natalie Smith, Honorable Mention Catcher, softball. Also named but not available for the photo, are: Jocelyn Fairchild, Second Team, Pitcher, softball; Aubrey Newberry, Honorable Mention Infield, softball; and Conner Northern, Honorable Mention First Base, baseball.



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# LOVIN' ON CLASS OF '25

Soon-to-be Sweet Home High School graduates get some love from the community as the now-traditional Graduation Parade, above, rolls down Long Street Thursday evening, June 5. Below, Peyton Lindsey does a little performing as she's driven down the parade route. Upper right, RJ Abbott enjoys his moment in the sun. Below right, Tawni Banta, left, and Gracie Vaughan say goodbye to high school. See more photos at [sweethomenews.com](http://sweethomenews.com).  
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# GRADUATION

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Principal Ralph Brown shared heartfelt advice for the students. "Be kind to people," he said. "Twenty years from now, people won't remember who scored the last touchdown, but they will remember who was kind to them. Work hard. Make America proud. Do the right things. Do the best you can to make the world a better place."

Brown also encouraged graduates to carry forward the support they received.

"Remember the people who helped you, your champions. The ones who were there when you needed them and made a difference in your life."

Assistant Principal Luke Augsburg praised the resilience of the class, saying, "They've done a really great job at coming together after adversity. They are high achievers and have taken full advantage of the high school experience." He added, "Keep challenging yourself and pursuing things that interest you. I hope you remember how much we cared and how much we want you to succeed."

Although he didn't speak at the ceremony, Assistant Principal Aaron Huff, who has worked alongside these students since he joined SHHS four years ago, wants them to remember, "This is usually a time when people want to pump the brakes, which is fine, just don't turn off the car."

He encouraged them to find focus and purpose, noting, "We have a lot of talent and ambition in this group... Pay it forward, because someday it will be your turn to give back."

## Remembering a Classmate

The ceremony included a tribute to classmate Tison Monahan, who passed away in July 2024. His name appeared in the graduation program, and a chair was set aside in his honor. Seventy-five classmates walked with his photo pinned to their gowns.

His family was privately presented with a diploma in his memory.

## New Traditions and Performances

This year, graduation honor cords were introduced, with colors representing distinct achievements: gold for top 10%, green for varsity athletics, black for leadership, blue for FFA, brown for Future Natural Resource Leaders, purple for fine arts, and silver for state or national club participation.

The SHHS choir performed two moving selections: "Hold



Photo by Kristine Banker

Valedictorians Dylan Sharp, left, Keillan Boggs and Peyton Markell prepare to address the crowd in Husky Stadium. Below, graduates' hats display their aspirations – or sense of humor. See more graduation photos at [sweethomenews.com](http://sweethomenews.com).

Me, Rock Me" by Brian Tate and "Big Sky" by Seth Houston.

## Valedictorian Voices

Ethan Malabago reminded classmates, "Our future isn't something you just step into. Hate to break it to you, but we've still got more work to do."

He quoted Leonard Sweet: "The future is not something we enter. The future is something we create."

Peyton Markell offered practical advice: "If you don't think things through, you may be dealing with consequences that can stick with you for a long time... so don't be dumb."

Kirsten Sautel spoke to the value of perseverance. "Even when we fall just short of our goals, the journey still holds value," she said. "We grow stronger, more determined,

and more capable of dreaming even bigger." She closed with, "Just know that arriving at one goal is just the start of another."

Killian Boggs, reflecting on his difficult personal journey to becoming student body president, said he wanted "to highlight the importance of not giving up."

"I couldn't have done this without the amazing people around me," he told his classmates. His advice? "Don't chase perfection. Chase growth. The world doesn't need more perfect people. It needs real ones."

Dylan Sharp reminded classmates: "It's important to remember that when moving forward, you will carry your life at Sweet Home with you—and whether or not you wanted it to, it has likely changed you."

Easton Perry added a message of authenticity: "Don't be the best that you can be—be the you that you are. You are the only one who will ever see the world the way you see it."

## A Homegrown Keynote

Keynote speaker Jarid Ad-

ams, an SHHS alumnus and now a history teacher, offered a message rooted in personal connection and passion.

"These milestones are more than historical facts," he said. "They are reminders that the human story is always unfolding, and now, it's your turn to write the next chapter."

Adams emphasized the power of kindness: "It's how you build bridges, communities, and create lasting impact." He also encouraged the graduates to embrace failure. "What set every inventor, artist, leader, and changemaker apart wasn't perfection; it was persistence. Let failure be your teacher, not your limit."

He reminded them that life may take unexpected turns. "What feels like a detour might actually be a doorway," he said. "Your goals may shift, your interests may evolve, and your definition of success may change. That's not failure, it's growth."

On happiness, Adams shared a final reflection: "It was never in the hands of others. It was always about being kinder to yourself and embracing the person you are becoming."



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# Steve Thorpe Honored With High Q Award of Merit

By Satina Tolman  
For The New Era

Steve Thorpe was named the Sweet Home Alumni Foundation's High Q Award honoree this year for his contributions to the community and to the sport of wrestling.

The Alumni Foundation selects one distinguished Sweet Home High School graduate regularly for the High Q Award of Merit whose life and legacy exemplify the very best of what it means to be from Sweet Home.

Thorpe, a 1986 graduate of Sweet Home High School, has contributed particularly to the sport of wrestling that have earned him accolades at the local, state, and national levels.

But this award, he says, holds a special place in his heart.

"I have been fortunate enough to be honored with many different awards, but this is truly one of my most cherished," Thorpe said through tears.

The High Q Award of Merit isn't simply about accolades or professional milestones—it honors individuals whose lives reflect character, leadership, and service.

## A Hometown Legacy

While a student at SHHS, Thorpe was student body president and a multi-sport athlete, becoming the first four-time district wrestling champion in school and conference history. He went on to become Sweet Home's first NCAA Division I varsity wrestler, competing for Oregon State University.

After graduating in 1991 and marrying his high school sweetheart, Heather, Thor-



Photo by Satina Tolman

Steve Thorp, left, stands with Tomas Rosa, Thorpe's former student and athlete, who presented the award.

pe returned to Sweet Home to teach and coach. Over the next 30 years, he turned the school's wrestling program into a statewide powerhouse.

His teams claimed seven state championships, 24 state trophies (finishing in the top four), and nine Oregon Wrestling Classic dual state titles, which many consider paramount to winning a state title. With 760 dual meet wins and a conference dual record of 194-4, Thorpe is the winningest coach in Oregon wrestling history.

He also helped usher in the rise of girls' wrestling in Oregon. Sweet Home's women's teams have earned three re-

gional and seven state titles in the past five years.

But Thorpe is quick to deflect praise.

"My success is not just mine," he said, crediting his faith in his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the support of his wife of nearly 34 years and their three children — Taylor, Natalie and Travis — his parents, Wayne and Jeanie, and a long list of dedicated assistant coaches.

He also recalls advice from his father that became his personal motto: "There will always be someone more talented, stronger, quicker, and better. You can't control that, but what you can control is

how hard you work and what you're willing to do. Just out-work them."

That philosophy has become a cornerstone of Thorpe's coaching and parenting. "My own kids are all very successful," he said. "And it wasn't by accident. They worked really hard for it."

## Beyond the Mat

Thorpe's influence reaches far beyond Sweet Home. Through his work with USA Wrestling, he's served on national boards, launched Oregon's longest-running wrestling camp, and led virtual training sessions during the COVID-19 shutdown that gained national attention.

He has been named Conference or Region Coach of the Year 23 times, Oregon Athletic Coaches Association Coach of the Year eight times, and National Wrestling Coaches Association Coach of the Year six times. He's also a five-time recipient of the National Federation of State High School Associations Coach of the Year honor and a recipient of USA Wrestling's President's Award.

Still, Thorpe insists that wrestling, while significant, isn't the most important thing in his life.

"My coaching is a ministry," he said. "The Lord comes first. Then my wife and my family."

Thorpe's impact on young athletes is perhaps his most meaningful legacy. In addition to coaching his own children, he has coached 53 individual state champions (43 boys and seven girls), including one four-time champion, four three-time champions, and seven two-time

champions. Forty-two of his wrestlers have gone on to compete at the college level.

And many, he says, have found more than just victory through the sport.

"I've used wrestling to save lives," he shared. "You see it when a kid hits that 'aha' moment — when all the hard work pays off, and they believe in themselves. That's the magic."

## A Leader With Purpose

Thorpe's approach to leadership is simple but profound. He's known for a phrase he's repeated so often that he has seen other coaches have started printing it on t-shirts and painting it on their walls: "Success is not an accident, it's an on-purpose."

"If you want to be successful, you better have a plan for it," he said. "You don't stumble into greatness. You work for it."

He also believes in learning through failure.

"You grow more from losing than winning," he said. "I've been motivated just as much, maybe more, by the losses."

Tomas Rosa, a fellow teacher at SHHS, a former wrestler and longtime friend who presented the award at the graduation ceremony, shared the impact Thorpe had on his life.

"Without Thorpe's guidance and encouragement, I would never have competed in college," Rosa said. "But his influence goes far beyond wrestling. He officiated my wedding. He's answered my calls at all hours. He's been my mentor for 30 years. I'm forever grateful to work with a man of his character."

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# Open house features first edition of new Brownsville Times

By Sarah Brown  
Of The New Era

News staff at The Brownsville Times held a grand opening on the day of the release of the first “revived” issue, June 5, at its new office, 343 N. Main St.

Originally established in 1888 as The Times, the long-established community paper folded in December 2024, but community members rallied together only a couple months later to try to revive the institution.

Several residents formed the “new” paper as a non-profit which, Board Chair Sharon Banks said, provides an alternative way to keep the paper financially afloat.

“It’s really hard for newspapers to make any money these days, and it gives us an opportunity to apply for grant funding,” she said.

Keeping the historic newspaper going is important, Banks said, because it documents the present for the future – the people who live here, what they do and who they were – so that it’s not lost to time.

“You just can’t do that on social media,” she said.

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**Brownsville Times Board Chair Sharon Banks stands outside the location where the revived Brownsville Times office is located on Main Street during its open house Thursday.**

eration, everyone in the community gets to participate, she noted.

With one part-time paid editor, Mikayle Stole, and more than 40 volunteer writers from Brownsville and the surrounding area – many of whom are accomplished writers – The Brownsville Times promises to publish a variety of features about gardening, arts, health, schools, city news and more.

Banks contributes to the

Critter Chronicles column, which highlights funny-but-true stories about pets and wild animals. Other columns include Dear Gertrude, The Long Gray Braid, American Legion, Taking Root and more.

“We have a ton of different material that’s coming in that is just interesting and unique,” Banks said. “It’s just fun; we’re just having a ball.”

So far, she said, everybody is loving the new paper.

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**A fresh stack of the first edition of the new Brownsville Times sits on a table while volunteer staff and guests visit.**



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**Trustee's Notice of Sale**

Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed (the "Trust Deed") made Pathfinder Properties, LLC, an Oregon limited liability company, as grantor (the "Grantor"), to Ticor Title Company, as the trustee, in favor of Honu Bells Whistles and Chimes, LLC, as beneficiary, dated March 19, 2021, and recorded on March 25, 2021, as Instrument No. 2021-07399, in the Official Records of Linn County, Oregon, covering the Grantor's interest in the following described real property situated in the above-mentioned county and state, to-wit: LEGAL DESCRIPTION PARCEL I: Lot, 27, HYLAND ADDITION, IN THE CITY OF LEBANON, COUNTY OF LINN AND STATE OF OREGON. PARCEL II: LOT 28, HYLAND ADDITION, IN THE CITY OF LEBANON, COUNTY OF LINN AND STATE OF OREGON. Commonly known as 630, 636; 660 West B Street, Lebanon, OR 97355. APN: 203600, 503140, 203584, 203592. The current trustee under the Trust Deed is Christopher R. Ambrose (the "Trustee"). The undersigned hereby certifies that no assignments of the Trust Deed by the Trustee or by the Beneficiary and no appointments of a successor trustee have been made, except the foregoing and as are or will be recorded in the Records of the county or counties in which the Property is situated. Further, no action has been instituted to recover the debt, or any part thereof, now remaining secured by the Trust Deed, or, if such action has been instituted, such action has been dismissed except as permitted by ORS 86.735(4). Both the Beneficiary and the Trustee have elected to sell the Property to satisfy the obligations secured by said Trust Deed and a Notice of Default has been recorded pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes 86.752(3); the default for which the foreclosure is made is Grantor's failure to pay when due the following sums, together with all subsequent sums advanced by Beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Trust Deed and the Security Instruments, or as a result of the following action or inaction: 1. Failing to provide the final payoff by March 1, 2023 in the principal amount of \$650,000.00 plus accrued and unpaid interest; 2. Failing to provide the late charges associated with the late monthly installments. By reason of the default, the Beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the Trust Deed immediately due and payable, those sums being the following estimated amounts, to-wit: 1. Unpaid Principal: \$650,000.00; 2. Accrued and Unpaid Interest (through and including February 28, 2023): \$33,003.67; 3. Accrued and Unpaid Interest (from and including March 1, 2023 through and including March 6, 2025, and continuing at \$325.00/day): \$239,200.00; 4. Trustee's Sale Guarantee Report (estimate): \$1,500.00; 5. Late Charges: \$24,375.00; 6. Misc. Charges (collection costs, NSF fees): \$320.00; 7. Pre-payment Fee: \$n/a; 8. Foreclosure Legal Fees and Costs: \$2,500.00; 9. Subtotal: \$950,898.67; 10. Plus title expenses, trustee's fees, recording fees, and attorneys' fees incurred herein by reason of said default and any further sums advanced by the Beneficiary for the protection of the Property and its interest therein. WHEREFORE, notice hereby is given that the undersigned Trustee will on July 15, 2025, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m., in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, at the following place: at the 4th Street Main entrance to the Linn County Courthouse, located at 4th & Broadalbin Streets SW, Albany,

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OR 97321, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the Property and which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by Grantor of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or Grantor's successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for the sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed, and in addition to paying said sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with Trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by said ORS 86.778, if applicable. In construing this notice, the singular includes the plural, the word "Grantor" includes any successor in interest to the Grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the Trust Deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. ORS SECTION 86.771(9) Notice: Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Dated: February 26, 2025. Successor Trustee: /s/ Christopher R. Ambrose. CONTACT INFORMATION FOR TRUSTEE'S COUNSEL: Ambrose Law Group LLC, Attn.: Christopher R. Ambrose, 1133 NW Wall Street, Suite 104, Bend, OR, 97703, Phone: 541.617.0707, Email: crambrose@ambroselaw.com (May 28 - Jun 18)

**NOTICE OF SALE**

The trust deed to be foreclosed pursuant to Oregon law is referred to as follows (the "Trust Deed"):

**Grantor:** WEST HOOD HOLDINGS, LLC, an Oregon Limited Liability Company

**Original Trustee:** JESSICA MEYER, MORLEY THOMAS LAW

**Beneficiary:** JOHN E. GALLEY, Trustee, John E. Galley and J. Diane Galley Restated Revocable Living Trust, dated 2-9-2007, as amended

**Date:** April 11, 2022

**Recording Date:** April 11, 2022

**Recording Reference:** 2022-06657

**County of Recording:** Linn County

**SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE:** The Successor Trustee is attorney Matthew G. Shepard and the mailing address of the Successor Trustee is: 685 Church St. NE, Salem, OR 97301.

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The Trust Deed covers the following described real property in the County of Linn and State of Oregon, (the "Property"):

Beginning at the Northwest corner of Lot One (1), Block Four (4), KIRKPATRICK'S THIRD ADDITION to the City of Lebanon, as the same appears on the plat of record in the office of the County Recorder of Linn County, and running thence East along the North line of said lot to the Northeast corner of said Lot 180 feet; thence South along the East line of said Lot 80 feet; thence West parallel with the North line of said Lot to the West line of said Lot 180 feet; thence 80 feet North to the place of beginning along the West line of said Lot.

The default for which foreclosure is made is the Grantor's failure to pay when due the following sums:

Monthly payments of principal and interest in the amount of \$759.40 from October 2023 to present, and monthly impound payments for taxes and insurance of \$336.44 for the months of May 2023 to the present; together with all costs, disbursements, and/or fees incurred or paid by the beneficiary and/or trustee, their employees, agents or assigns; plus real property taxes (if any), together with any penalties, delinquent interest, late charges thereon, and fire insurance premiums.

The sum owing on the obligation that the Trust Deed secures (the "Obligation") is:

The principal balance of \$192,672.70, plus interest at a rate of 2.20 percent per annum from October 5, 2023, until paid; plus late charges, title expense, costs, trustee's fees and attorney fees incurred herein by reason of said default; and any further sums advanced by the beneficiary for the protection of the above described real property and its interest therein. WHEREFORE, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee will on August 8, 2025, at the hour of 1:00 PM PT, in accord with the standard time established by ORS 187.110, inside the main lobby of the Linn County Courthouse, located at 300 4th Avenue SW, in the City of Albany, OR, County of Linn, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the Property which the grantor has or had power to convey at the time of the execution of said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Trust Deed, to satisfy the Obligation and the costs and expenses of sale.

The right exists under exists under ORS 86.778 to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by doing all of the following at any time that is not later than five days before the date last set for the sale:

Paying to the Beneficiary the entire amount then due (other than such portion as would not then be due, had no default occurred); and Curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the Trust Deed; and Paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the Obligation and Trust Deed, together with Trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778.

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are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. in construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes the plural, the word "Grantor" includes any successor in interest to the Grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the Trust Deed, and the words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. The trustee is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information he obtains will be used for that purpose. Cashier's checks for the foreclosure sale must be made payable to Matthew G. Shepard, Successor Trustee. Dated March 21, 2025. /s/ Matthew G. Shepard, Attorney and Successor Trustee OSB No 105009 Law Office of Matthew G. Shepard 685 Church St. NE, Salem, OR 97301 (Jun. 4 - Jun 25)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINN In the Matter of the Estate of: Beverly J. Smail, Deceased. Case No.: 25PB04267 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that David L. Carlson has been appointed personal representative of the estate of Beverly J. Smail. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative at: David L. Carlson, P.C. PO Box 13066 Salem, Oregon 97309 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 attorneys for the personal representative, David L. Carlson, P.C. PO Box 13066 Salem, Oregon 97309. Dated and first published: June 11, 2025. David L. Carlson, P.C. P.O. Box 13066, Salem, OR 97309 (503) 365-0373/(503) 365-0374 (fax) David@DavidCarlson-Attorney.com (Jun. 11)

**NOTICE OF PENDING ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION AND REQUEST FOR COMMENT**

The Sweet Home Community and Economic Development Department received an application for a Partition, and the Planning and Building Manager will decide on this request soon. The Department is now seeking your comments and suggestions. REQUEST: The applicant is requesting to partition an approximately 0.44 acre (19,151 square foot) lot into two parcels per Sweet Home Municipal Code 17.98. Proposed Parcel 1 shall be approximately 0.24 acres (10,622 square feet). Proposed Parcel 2 shall be approximately 0.20 acres (8,529 square feet). The subject property is in the Residential Low Density (R-1) zone. APPLICANT: MSS Inc. OWNER: Cherise Kish FILE NUMBER: P25-08 PROPERTY LOCATION: Located in Sweet Home, Oregon 97386; Identified on the Linn County Assessor's Map as 13S01E27C Tax Lot 04500 REVIEW AND DECISION CRITERIA: Sweet Home Municipal Code (SHMC) Sections: 17.22,

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17.58.030, 17.58.050, 17.58.070, 17.98.010-17.98.060, and 17.124 STAFF CONTACT: Amber Steinborn, Planning & Building Permit Technician Phone: (541) 367-8113 Email:asteinborn@sweethomeor.gov DATE MAILED: June 2, 2025 Comments must be received no later than 5:00 PM on July 1, 2025. Written comments may be submitted to the Community and Economic Development Department at 3225 Main Street, Sweet Home, Oregon 97386 or to the staff contact listed above. Please include reference to the file number in the subject line of your comments. Notice of the decision on this application will only be mailed to the applicant, property owner, those who provided written comments on the proposal, and those who requested a copy of the decision. The failure of an issue to be raised in writing within the specified time frame, 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 and 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 copy of the staff report will be available for inspection at no cost when it is complete, and a copy will be provided at reasonable cost. You may contact the Community and Economic Development Department at 3225 Main Street, Sweet Home, Oregon 97386; Phone: (541) 818-8029. (Jun. 11)

**Sweet Home Police Department  
1950 Main St., Sweet Home, OR 97386  
(541) 367-5181**

**Notice of intent to dispose of property under ORS 98.245**

*The Sweet Home Police Department has in its physical possession the unclaimed personal property described below. If you have any ownership interest in any of the unclaimed property, you must file a claim with the Sweet Home Police Department within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice or you will lose interest in that property. You may file a claim that presents proof satisfactory that you are the lawful owner or security interest holder of the property. The unclaimed property may be donated to a nonprofit organization or another government agency; retained for use by the City of Sweet Home; destroyed; or sold at public auction through govdeals.com, ebay.com or Facebook at any time after the 30-day period expires, June 11-July 11, 2025 (PP 25-03):*

Debit card for Gabirel Garcia, backpacks with miscellaneous items, bicycles, passport for Hong Nhi Bao, sleeping bags, tarps, clothing. Bedding, ID for Gavin Scott, umbrella, change, knives, bottle of aspirin, sunglasses, headphones, lighters, tents, medication for Leslie Maynard, garden tools, debit card for Jared Carter. (Jun. 11 - Jul. 2)

Summons For Service In the Circuit Court Of The State of Oregon for the County of Linn Jacqueline Torres, Plaintiff /Petitioner v. Jose Manuel Ruetas Torres, Defendant/ Respondent Date of First Publication: June 11, 2025 (response must be filed within 30 days of this date). Case No. 25DR07319. Jacqueline Torres has filed a custody case asking the court to order a child custody. NOTICE TO DEFENDANT Jose Manuel Ruetas

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Torres: READ CAREFULLY! You must "appear" in this case or the other side will win automatically. To "appear," you must file a legal Response, Answer, or Motion. Forms may be available through the court above or online at www.courts.oregon.gov/forms. Talk to a lawyer for information about appearing by motion. Your response must be filed with the court named above within 30 days of the date of first publication (noted above), along with the required filing fee (go to www.courts.oregon.gov for fee information). It must be in proper form. You must show that the other party's lawyer ( or the party if they do not have a lawyer) was formally served with a copy of your response according to the service rules. Service rules are in the Oregon Rules of Civil Procedure (ORCP) Rule 9. If you have questions, see a lawyer immediately. If you need help finding a lawyer, you can call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at 503.684.3763 or toll free in Oregon at 800.452.7636, or go to www.oregonstatebar.org. (Jun. 11 - Jul. 2)

The City of Sweet Home's 2024 Consumer Confidence Report regarding annual water quality is now available. You may request a copy at Sweet Home City Hall, 3225 Main Street, or view the report at https://www.sweethomeor.gov/publicworks/page/water-quality-report. (Jun. 11)

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11. Sayings attributed to Christ  
13. The products of human creativity  
14. Listen to  
15. Longed  
16. No (Scottish)  
17. Descriptor  
18. Yankees' sensation Judge  
20. Zero  
21. Comics legend Lee  
22. Honorary title holder  
25. "Uncle Joey"  
30. Graceful and stylish  
31. Pitching term  
32. Former Mets outfielder Jones
33. One who avoids animal products  
38. Quick to learn  
41. Mechanism in an organ  
43. Redo with new materials  
45. Epics  
47. Wings  
49. Extrasensory perception  
50. Cavalry sword  
55. Bangladeshi monetary unit  
56. Not the bottom  
57. Afflicted  
59. Bound  
60. One who is highly skilled  
61. Jewish spiritual leader  
62. Tall, rounded vase  
63. Liturgical language of Hinduism (abbr.)  
64. Cheek

CLUES DOWN

1. Pie \_\_\_ mode  
2. Portuguese cape  
3. Ottoman military title  
4. Movable frame used in burials  
5. Type of coal  
6. A treeless grassy plain  
7. Artist's workroom  
8. Assists  
9. Protein-rich liquids  
10. A song of praise to God  
12. Much \_\_\_ about nothing  
14. Japanese city  
19. Atomic number 10  
23. Egyptian goddess  
24. Go places  
25. Having ten  
26. Complete  
27. Automotive belt  
28. Psyche
29. Melodious bird  
34. Medical personnel  
35. Acquired  
36. Type of beverage  
37. Neither  
39. Spanish monetary units  
40. Small area of grass  
41. Your  
42. Diana \_\_, singer  
44. Salt's partner  
45. Made of wood  
46. No longer alive  
47. Alaskan island  
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quested welfare check on elderly individual who appeared to be hiding in the bushes wearing clothes not appropriate for heat. Lodged at Linn County Jail.

5:54 p.m. - Deputy warned male for shooting explosive similar to Tannerite on CTC property, 47300 block Quartzville Rd.

10:01 p.m. - Brent Anthony Prather, 37, arrested on SHMC warrant for FTC in criminal trespass case, 18th Ave./railroad tracks.

10:37 p.m. - December Christman, 29, of Lebanon, arrested on outstanding warrant, 28500 block Hwy. 20.

11:05 p.m. - Earl Ryan Dodge, 31, arrested on LCCC warrant for FTA in possession of meth case, Long St./Holley Rd. Cited and released.

11:27 p.m. - Christian Michael Rogers arrested by Albany PD on SHMC warrant for FTA in theft case. Cited to appear June 25.

**June 6**

3:59 a.m. - Shauna Ray Harden, 31, arrested on LMC warrant for probation violation in driving while suspended case. Cited for driving while suspended, driving uninsured. 1300 block 22nd Ave. Cited and released.

4:53 a.m. - Zion Glen Elkins, 20, arrested on SHMC warrant in theft case. 3224 Main St. Cited and released.

10:10 a.m. - Zachery Todd Pickle, 21, arrested, after he turned himself in at

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driving while suspended or revoked - fine \$2,015, suspend license; driving uninsured - fine \$1,015, suspend license.

**David Graciano**, 46, guilty by default for operating a vehicle without driving privileges - fine \$1,015, suspend license.

**Evan A. Gillespie**, 17, guilty by default for speeding 55/45 - fine \$265, suspend license.

**Michael L. Woosley**, 26, guilty by default for operating a vehicle without driving privileges - fine \$1,075, suspend license; driving uninsured - fine \$1,065, suspend license.

**Violet G. Norris**, 47, speeding 64/45 - fine \$165.

**Michele L. McMullen**, 46, violation driving while suspended or revoked reduced to operating a vehicle without driving privileges - fine \$265.

**Aaron M. Pikaart**, 39, Violation driving while suspended or revoked - fine \$390; driving uninsured - fine \$215.

**Michael W. Rouse**, 84, Speeding 35/25, fine \$115.

**April 9**

**Bethany S. Cook**, 39, guilty by default for driving uninsured - fine \$1,015, suspend license.

**Rick Sommers**, guilty by default for open storage - fine \$280.

**Naomi P. Nyberg**, 59, pleaded no contest for DUII - fine \$1,771, drug and alcohol evaluation and treatment, victim impact panel, license suspension one year, work crew 10 days, not use or possess alcohol or controlled substance; DUII - fine \$1,771, drug and alcohol evaluation and treatment, victim impact panel, license suspension three years, work crew 10 days, not use or possess alcohol or controlled substance; criminal driving while suspended or revoked - dismissed.

**Jack V. Townsend Jr.**, 57, pleaded no contest for DUII - fine \$2,406, drug and alcohol evaluation and treatment, victim impact panel, license suspension one year, work crew 40 days, not use or possess alcohol or controlled substance; recklessly endangering another person - dismissed; failure to carry proof of compliance with financial responsibility requirements - dismissed.

**John P. Ohmer II**, 62, pleaded no contest for operating a vehicle without driving privileges - fine \$215; driving uninsured - fine \$250.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A public meeting of the Sweet Home Fire & Ambulance District will be held on June 17th, 2025 at 6:30 o'clock pm at Station 21, 1099 Long Street, Sweet Home, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 as approved by the Sweet Home Fire & Ambulance District Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at 1099 Long Street, Sweet Home, Oregon, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. or online at sweethomefire.org. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.

Contact: Nick Tyler, Fire Chief

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2023-2024	Adopted Budget This Year 2024-2025	Approved Budget Next Year 2025-2026
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	2,388,675	1,449,000	1,800,000
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	1,516,223	1,500,000	1,700,000
Federal, State and all Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations and Donations	63,460	2,291,880	6,665,787
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt	476,758	4,810,000	3,839,348
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	300,000	3,358,320	123,843
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	287,063	143,120	247,143
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	1,496,116	1,700,000	2,326,870
Total Resources	6,528,295	15,252,320	16,702,991

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Personnel Services	2,756,953	5,034,144	9,541,948
Materials and Services	603,108	1,043,000	1,087,500
Capital Outlay	899,293	4,860,515	4,205,000
Debt Service	263,042	356,600	778,670
Interfund Transfers	75,000	3,358,320	123,843
Contingencies	0	250,000	250,000
Special Payments	0	0	0
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	1,930,899	349,741	716,030
Total Requirements	6,528,295	15,252,320	16,702,991

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *			
Name of Organizational Unit or Program	FTE for that unit or program		
Administrative Division	1,257,423	2,200,120	2,475,643
FTE	5	7	7
Ambulance Division	77,774	125,000	147,500
FTE	6	6	0
Fire Division	1,883,399	2,364,000	2,559,000
FTE	2	2	9
Grant Fund	1,090,066	2,597,000	7,022,630
FTE	0	2	1
General Obligation Bonds	278,839	3,330,000	526,870
FTE	0	0	0
Equipment Reserve Fund	339,986	3,352,200	2,559,348
FTE	0	0	0
Wildfire	(12,152)	1,165,000	1,245,000
FTE	6		6
Not Allocated to Organizational Unit or Program	1,612,960	119,000	167,000
FTE			
Total Requirements	6,528,295	15,252,320	16,702,991
Total FTE	13	17	23

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING *			
PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed 2023-2024	Rate or Amount Imposed This Year 2024-2025	Rate or Amount Approved Next Year 2025-2026
Permanent Rate Levy (rate limit 1.50 per \$1,000)	1.50	1.50	1.50
Local Option Levy	.35	.35	.35
Levy For General Obligation Bonds	.2900	.2600	.4700

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS		
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1.	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds	\$0	\$516,256
Other Bonds		
Other Borrowings	\$0	
Total	\$0	\$526,870

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## TRACK

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the 400 and as a member of both relays.

"The way they work, the way they do things, it doesn't surprise me," he said in handing out the awards. "Loralai, from last year, is a different person. I always tell Dillan he doesn't run hard enough – just the way he runs. He makes it look easy."

Throwers of the year, introduced by Assistant Coach Randy Whitfield, were sophomore Mailey Brewer, sophomore Gunnar Summers, Wright, and seniors Jack Simmons and Peyton Markell. Randy Whitfield said his team was pushed "harder than we ever have," with hill runs, box drills, sprints and weight training.

"They were ready to pass out," Whitfield said, "but I never heard them complain. And they didn't die," though he said he wondered sometimes whether his charges would survive.

"They made great gains partially because they were thankful to be there and they had confidence in themselves," he said.

Simmons placed sixth in the 4A state javelin championship, unleashing his lifetime-best throw of 166-7 on his final attempt at state.

"He's a snake in the grass," Whitfield said. "He's an incredible athlete but he doesn't know he is."

"Jack is worth all the accolades you can give him. He's a pretty special kid."

Summers "did well" at district in the javelin and Brewer placed seventh in the district discus competition with a 14-foot PR of 94-11.

Wright, a top thrower for the Huskies in the shot and javelin, didn't make it to state, though she placed in every throw at district. But, Whitfield said, "I truly believe this when I say that the book has not been written on Selah."

Markell, he said, missed state "by inches" in the javelin, finishing third at district with her second-farthest finish of the season.

"I give kids targets to throw at," Whitfield said, adding that he puts his hat 102 feet from the foul line and has his javelin throwers try to hit it.

"Not only did Peyton throw that far, she hit by hat – for the first time in 25 years. She put a hole in it."

"I'll wear that hat with pride. She's one heck of a competitor, and she will work herself to death until she gets it right."



Nick Larson

Newcomer Awards went to freshmen Sydney Dominy and Ean Tackett, sophomore Noel Helfrich and senior Kolton Wilmarth.

Nathan Whitfield said each of them "contributed mightily" to the program this year.

Tackett finished second on the team in the javelin, throwing 128-0 at the district meet and placing seventh with a 7½-foot PR of 128-0.

Dominy finished second on the girls side in the shot, finishing with a 30-8¼ PR by more than a foot to just miss the podium in ninth place.

"Sydney's a hard-working girl," Whitfield said, adding jokingly: "She's one of those with a red face, and I'm wondering 'Is she going to die?'"

Distance coach Dave Martin said Helfrich, who is in her first year of track at Sweet Home, improved her 800-meter time by 20 seconds and placed fourth at districts in 2:37.36, a PR which she posted "running by herself."

The Hustle Award, which Martin said honors those who compete "as hard as they could" at every practice and competition, went to seniors Conner Stevens

and Dylan Sharp, sophomore Brooke Elder and freshman Madison Ciullo.

"If you ask the kids who the leaders are, it's these two," Martin said of Sharp and Stevens.

He noted that Elder was leading drills as a freshman because of her example to teammates and Ciullo, though not making it to the varsity level, had "massive" PRs in the 800 (33 seconds) in her first year of track.

The Will to Win award went to Miller, Wright, sophomores Gavin Tyler and Ryker Burr, Wilmarth and Dillan Davis.

Nathan Whitfield said Wilmarth entered every competition with the attitude of "if somebody's in front of me, I'm going to go get him," which paid off in a five-second PR as anchor of the 4x400 team at state, where he ran a final leg of 49.5 seconds.

Davis, he said, "is the epitome of a competitor" and Wright "wants to beat everyone – on her team or on the other team."

Miller, after running a four-second PR in the 3000 in her first-ever appearance in a state championship, apologized for not placing high enough, he noted.

Tyler, he said, "is an absolute stud," who has excelled in the shot despite a disappointing outing in the state shot competition.

Burr was the team's best 800 runner as a sophomore, finishing second in a personal best 2:02.44 and qualifying for state, where he was 10th. Burr usually took the lead and didn't give it up in his races during the season.

Coaches Award honorees are selected exclusively by

coaches, unlike the others, which are voted on by team members as well as coaches, goes to athletes who "the best way to describe them is they are great human beings," Nathan Whitfield said.

### Honorees were:

Markell, who, noted Nathan Whitfield, who presented the award, received it during all four years of high school – just like her older sister Rylee.

"We need to rename it the Markell Award," Whitfield joked.

Delainie Pratt who, Whitfield said, is always present when something needs to happen.

"What's special about Delainie is her attitude," he said.

Keegan Vogel, who spent most of the season in a walking boot after breaking his leg in wrestling.

"He did not get the season he wanted," Whitfield said. "The second he got that boot on, the track season was coming on."

But Vogel came to practice every day and helped coaches in a multitude of ways.

Helfrich, who was a quiet leader – "she doesn't like to talk a whole lot," Whitfield noted.

But Helfrich helped people who needed it, did hard workouts without complaining and did what needed to be done when coaches weren't there.

Simmons, who only tried track for the first time as a junior, but in his senior year displayed "jack of all trades" abilities, moving to the sprints in a time of need after solely concentrating on throwing. He performed

so well that he ended up on the short relay for part of the season when the regular team members were injured.

"Jack is one of those kids who do everything," Whitfield said.

He told the crowd that his team was young, but that Martin had compiled a list of team members currently listed in the school's top-10 list of performers in each event.

"We had a pretty talented group this year," he said. "It was not just seniors carrying the team."

"These guys don't know how to not work. They were doing all the things right and it paid off. We had roughly 45 PRs at districts."

Although the district meet "didn't go quite the way we hoped," it played out about how Whitfield said he expected it would.

The boys tied for second last year, but "this year No. 3 wasn't close," he said.

The girls were fourth with 83 points, well ahead of fifth-place Newport.

He said the Huskies "did a great job at state."


"A lot of people PR'd that weren't supposed to. It was a great job all the way around. They overcame some crazy stuff."

The boys team placed fourth in the 4A Division in the academic rankings, which rate teams based on cumulative GPA. Honored for that achievement were David Anderson, Logan Anderson, Jackson Barringer, Ryker Burr, Dillan Davis, Chase Cameron, Bode Hart, Cannon Klumph, Kasey Kast, Louis Kistner, Evan Knight, Nick Larson, Landon Murry, Conner Pace, Boden

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# Pool to kick off summer with ‘Block Party’

By Satina Tolman  
For The New Era

The Sweet Home Community Pool is diving into summer with its first-ever “Sweet Home Community Pool Block Party” on Thursday, June 13, from 1 to 5 p.m.

The event, held at the city’s only community pool, located at Sweet Home High School, celebrates the end of the school year and gives families a chance to cool off, have fun and learn more about the pool’s summer offerings.

Admission is just \$1 per person and includes a hot dog, bottled water and access to a variety of activities for all ages.

“We are trying to do a kick-off summer party to try and let the community know what we are doing over the summer — some of our activities that we have and some of our programs,” said AJay Bronson, director of the Sweet Home Community Pool since the summer of 2018. “At the same time, letting them celebrate a little bit that school is out.”

The family-friendly event will feature inflatables in the courtyard next to the

pool, including a bouncy house for younger children and an obstacle course for older kids. There will also be yard games, open swim time and a tie-dye station where lifeguards will help guests decorate drawstring backpacks, scrunchies and hats.

Guests will also be able to learn more about the pool’s upcoming swim lessons and a new Junior Lifeguarding program, which introduces youth in sixth grade and above to water safety skills and the basics of becoming a lifeguard.

Swim lessons begin Monday, June 16, and run for 10 weeks. Each session includes eight lessons over a two-week period, Monday through Thursday. Group lessons are available for \$50, with a 3-to-1 student-to-instructor ratio, and private lessons cost \$75. Registration is available in person or by phone.

In addition to teaching swim strokes, lessons also improve water competency—skills like floating and self-rescue which further reduce risk. A 2009 case-control study pub-

lished in the Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, which found that children ages 1 to 4 who had formal swim instruction were 88% less likely to drown in lakes, rivers, or pools. The study reported an adjusted odds ratio of 0.12 (95% CI: 0.01–0.97).

The Sweet Home Swim Club, a longtime patron of the pool, will also be on-site with information about its swim team and programs.

Bronson said organizers hope for a strong turnout and that the block party becomes a beloved annual tradition for local families.

“It’s a way to bring everyone together, have fun, and get ready for a great summer,” he said.

Community members are encouraged to bring their children, beat the heat, and help make a splash as Sweet Home kicks off the summer season.

“We are just excited to offer something new to the community and trying to encourage them to use the pool for all of their summer fun needs and water safety issues,” Bronson added.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

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SHPD, 1950 Main St. on LMC warrant for FTA in DUII case. Cited and released.

11:29 a.m. - Hunter Ariel Ringheimer, 31, arrested by Lebanon police on SHMC warrants for FTA in contempt of court case and FTC in failure to perform duties of a driver case. Cited to appear June 25.

1:01 p.m. - Sarah Littell, 48, of Cascadia, arrested for contempt of court, 42700 block North River Dr. Report taken.

2:48 p.m. - Sherri Yvonne Bower arrested by Albany police on SHMC warrant for FTA in offensive littering case. Cited to appear June 25.

7:42 p.m. - Robert Hasenyager, 43, of Lebanon, arrested on warrant, 43700 block North river Dr. Report taken.

9:03 p.m. - Missing person reported in 43500 block Wiley Creek Dr. Investigation ongoing. Further details unavailable at press time.

10:57 p.m. - Loyd Weatherly, 41, of Lebanon, arrested for menacing, 41100 block Upper Calapooia Dr. Report taken.

11:12 p.m. - Christopher Lance Turner, 29, arrested for criminal misconduct II af-

ter caller reported that male had kicked down her door in 1400 block 53rd Ave. and then drove away. Responding officer located vehicle and took passenger, Turner, into custody.

## June 5

1:08 p.m. - Angelica Maria Ruiz, 42, arrested, after she turned herself in at SHPD, 1950 Main St., on SHMC warrant for FTC in a SHMC case unspecified in the police log. Cited and released.

See the complete Public Safety report at [sweethomenews.com](http://sweethomenews.com).

## LIBRARY

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for ages 10 and up with a “library-themed campaign,” Mikulaitis said. “That should be super fun.”

Also on the program are “bread and butter” water fights (July 11 and Aug. 22), Make Your Own Board Game day (Aug. 8), a Field Day at Sankey Park on July 25, a Battle of the Books trivia challenge on Aug. 15 at Sankey, and a Community Read with author Lana Holden, a local teacher and author, at 6 p.m. Aug. 14 at the library.

Plus, in addition to “Luca” on Friday, Movies in the Park will include “The Goonies” on July 18 and “MINECRAFT: The Movie” on Aug. 15. Both start at 8 p.m. at Sankey Park.

Unless otherwise specified, Summer Reading Program events are open to all ages.

There’s more: Visit [www.sweethomeor.gov/library](http://www.sweethomeor.gov/library) to see the full schedule.

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## TRACK

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Sayer, Elisha Scofield, Dylan Sharp, Case Stevens, Conner Stevens, Ean Tackett, Gavin Tyler, Mason Tyler, Noah Valdez, and Kolton Wilmarth.

Fourth-year varsity letters were awarded to Chase Cameron, Bode Hart, Kasey Kast, Peyton Markell, Emerson Martineau, Beatrice Reeve, Dylan Sharp and Conner Stevens.

“These are the kids, to be

honest, who are some of my favorites,” Whitfield said, adding that the reason why he feels that way is because they helped build the team from 35 kids four years ago, coming out of COVID, to over 100 signed up this year.

“They committed to four years of blood, sweat and tears,” he said. “To be honest, this would not be this team without them.”

Third-year letters went to Dillan Davis, Cannon Klumph,


McKenzie Miller, Conner Pace, Delainie Pratt, Loralai Mack, Selah Wright and Keegan Vogel — all juniors, as Whitfield noted.


Receiving second-year letters were: Jackson Barringer, Mailey Brewer, Ryker Burr, Brooke Elder, Abygail Foss, Amara Gonzales, Nick Larson, Jayla Moore, Landon Murry, Elisha Scofield, Jack Simmons, Miu Simmons, Sophia Stock, Gavin Tyler, Kaeson Walker and Khloe Wood.

First-year letter winners, which are athletes who were in the top three on the team in their events, qualifying to compete at district, were: David Anderson, Sam Barringer, Sydney Dominy, Grace Gardner, Caden Foley, Noelle Helfrich, Louis Kistner, Evan Knight, Yadira Martinez, Conner Spencer, Case Stevens, Gunnar Summers, Ean Tackett, Mason Tyler, Acen Webber, Emma Whitton and Colton Wilmarth.

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