



Jesus Festival

A young participant in the Jesus Festival, left, fires a ball as Colton Emmert, pastor of River of Life Fellowship, awaits his fate in the dunk tank. At right, Logan and Lyla Bennett get some treats from Grace Swanson at a booth as their mom, Nicole, watches. The event, in which 17 local churches participated, was held Thursday, July 17, at Sankey Park. See more photos at sweethome.news.com


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As protests arise, effort to oust superintendent pauses

By Scott Swanson
Of The New Era

Some two dozen protesters, a mixture of Sweet Home School District staff and local residents, lined the sidewalk in front of the Sweet Home School District administration building Monday despite the fact that a School Board meeting called to dismiss Supt. Terry Martin had been canceled earlier in the day.

The special session agenda was posted Friday, July 18, although it was not sent to local media, as is the usual practice with School Board meetings. Agenda items included the swearing-in of School Board Member Amanda Carter, who was not present for the board's regular meeting on July 14 (see page 5). It also included an executive session in which board members were to "consider the termination of the superintendent's contract."

The current School Board is made up of three members who have served half of their four-year terms – Floyd Neuschwander (Cascadia), who was elected chair on July 14, Dale Keene (At Large)



Photo by Scott Swanson
Demonstrators opposing a move to oust schools Supt. Terry Martin line Long Street Monday, July 21.

and Jenna Northern (Crawfordsville). Three other newly elected members were sworn in at the July 14 meeting: Mike Adams, who retained his At Large seat, and newcomers Dustin Nichol (Holley) and Rachel Maynard (At Large).

Word spread over the weekend via social media and several people contacted The New Era, asking about or commenting on the development. The plan for a protest was being circulated early Monday.

Midway through the afternoon on Monday, July 21, an announcement appeared on the district's website announcing that the meeting had been canceled.

Knowledgeable sources said Martin is on vacation in Alaska, where he worked before moving to Sweet Home.

Martin was principal at Nikolaevsk Elementary-High School in Nikolaevsk, Alaska, from 2001 to 2004. He was then principal at the Ninilchik School in Ninilchik, Alaska from 2004 to 2011, and principal at Marshall School in Marshall, Alaska, for one year after that. He then served as director of human resources at the Northwest Arctic Borough School District from 2014 to 2020, before becoming

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OBITUARIES

Alice Hanscam
Oct 15, 1931 - July 16, 2025

In loving memory of Alice May (Hyland) Hanscam, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend, passed away peacefully on July 16, 2025. She was 93 years old.



Born in White City, Kan., on October 15, 1931 to Myrten and Elsie (Ramsey) Fleming. Alice lived a life filled with love, laughter and purpose. She spent her early years, through high school, in Hoquiam, Washington where she met Robert Hyland. Alice attended St. Peter Nursing School in Olympia, Washington. Rumor has it that she would sneak out at night to see Bob when they were dating. They married in September 1952 in Hoquiam. They lived in

Nevada and Portland before settling in Sweet Home in 1962 where Robert opened his dental practice. Robert passed away in 1995.

In 2001, she married Mervin Hanscam. Alice and Merv spent the next eighteen years traveling, golfing and having great adventures together. They spent winters at their home in Desert Hot Springs. Mervin passed away in 2019.

Alice spent most of her life nurturing and caring for others. She was a surgical nurse, ER nurse and the last twenty-five years of her career, she was the Administrator of Twin Oaks Nursing Home. She mentored a number of young men and women throughout her career. Many still talk about her compassion and grace she showed others while caring for them.

She volunteered her time in many local community organizations. Alice was active in Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Little League Baseball, AAU Swimming and for over

ten years, she volunteered countless hours at the local blood mobile. Alice was a long-time member of The United Methodist Church in Sweet Home and was a fifty-nine-year member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood - (currently Chapter FA). She was awarded "Sweet Home Woman of the Year" for 1972 because of her community involvement and the impact her work left on the community.

Alice is survived by daughters: Lauri Carlson (Harvey), Diane Hyland-Edwards (Brian); sons: Larry Hyland (Brenda), David Hyland (Lynne), step-daughters: Chris Dahlenburg (Ben), Suzanne Aschinger (Thomas) and step-son: Steve Hanscam (Danielle). Her life was full and complete with 14 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by Dr. Robert Hyland (husband, 1995), Mervin Hanscam (husband, 2019), brothers: Don Fleming (1979),

Calvin Fleming (1967), Dale Fleming (1966), Cecil Fleming (2022) and sister: Iona Wallace (2001).

A Celebration of Life will be 11:00 am, Saturday, September 27, 2025 at Sweet Home United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to: Linn Benton Community College to the Dr. Robert Hyland Memorial Scholarship Endowment; Sweet Home Alumni Foundation to the Carlson Family Scholarship; or Alzheimer's Association - 225 N. Michigan Ave. Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements www.sweethomefuneral.com.

Dale Roy Larsen
Sept. 27, 1956 - July 13, 2025

Dale Roy Larsen, 68, of Sweet Home, passed away Sunday, July 13, 2025. He was born September 27, 1956 to Arba Jean Larsen in Oroville, California.

He was born and raised

in Oroville, California. Dale was medically discharged from the Marines in 1976. He married Barbara Sparks on April 1, 1976 in South Lake Tahoe. In 1992, he moved to Lebanon to open the new Walmart, and was the manager for 31 years.

Dale enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing and restoring all kinds of vehicles.

He is survived by his wife Barbara Larsen of Foster; daughter Stacie Storey of Fountain Hills, Arizona; brother Robert Lee of Oroville, California; sister Kayona Larsen of Kellogg, Idaho. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers: Bill Larsen and Frank Lee.

No services are planned. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements www.sweethomefuneral.com.



EVENTS

Blood drive at Evangelical Church

American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1, at the Evangelical Church Activity Center, 1347 Long St.

To schedule a time slot, call 1-800-733-2767 (RED CROSS) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter SweetHomeComm. Those with O, B- or A- blood types can maximize their blood donations by making a Power Red donation. Red

blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

Annual Rummage & Craft Sale

The Sweet Home Genealogical Society will hold its Summer Rummage & Craft Supply Sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 1-2, at 1223 Kalmia St.

Donations for the rummage sale may be delivered on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10

a.m. to 4 p.m. They will accept clean items in good condition; no large furniture, TVs or clothes.

Vendors can rent a space to sell crafts/supplies from \$5 to \$15. Stop by the building during open hours, or call (541) 818-0578.

Spend time at Healing Garden

Lebanon Community Hospital is hosting a series of monthly cultural events at

the Boulder Falls Event Center and patio, 605 Mullins Dr. through the summer.

Garden Grooves Community Concert; Saturday, July 26, at 6 p.m. - The Fabulous Bad Cats, an original rockin' blues band, will play classic hits from Johnny Cash to Prince. They have performed throughout the Pacific Northwest since 2002.

Melodies and Masterpieces: Sunday, Aug. 3, from 1-3 p.m. - The Orchid Trio, a Portland-based string trio, shares chamber music appreciation. Enjoy music while learning

new art forms: Japanese origami class from 1-2 p.m., kokedoma (moss ball) class from 1-2 p.m., koto (a Japanese instrument) demonstration at 2 p.m.

Healing Garden Lecture: Thursday, Sept. 18, at 6 p.m. - Diane Durston, curator emeritus from the Portland Japanese Garden, will discuss Japanese philosophies of Wabi Sabi and forest bathing. Registration is required.

For more information or to register, visit samhealth.org/

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Donation to Search and Rescue

Photo courtesy of Nancy Patton

Organizers of this year's Honoring the American Man event, held in June, present a check for \$500 to the Linn County Search and Rescue team in memory of the late Jim Search, who worked for the Linn County Sheriff's Office. The donation is intended to be used for training new recruits, medical supplies and equipment. Pictured, from left, are American Man organizer Nancy Patton, Sheriff Michelle Duncan, Emergency Manager Rick Lentz, Tyson Patton, American Man organizer Sheri McDaniel, Assistant Emergency Manager Meghan Becker and Sheriff's Capt. Andy Franklin.

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July 15	91	48	0.00
July 16	97	56	0.00
July 17	87	55	0.00
July 18	91	54	0.00
July 19	84	52	0.00
July 20	76	54	0.00
July 21	76	52	0.00

PRECIPITATION

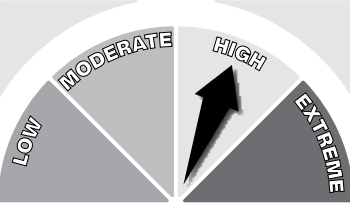
Year to date: 19.24
July 24, 2024: 18.79

FORECAST

DAY	WEATHER	HIGH	LOW
Thur	Partly Cloudy	89	53
Fri	Partly Cloudy	86	54
Sat	Mostly Sunny	84	52
Sun	Sunny	85	53
Mon	Sunny	89	55
Tues	Sunny	90	56
Wed	Mostly Sunny	89	56

CURRENT LEVELS

Foster Reservoir: 636.0
Green Peter Res.: 948.2



TODAYS FIRE DANGER IS
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PUBLIC SAFETY

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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. We commit significant effort to following through as cases move through the judicial process.

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); AMC (Albany 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).

July 20
12:26 a.m. - Caller reported Samsung Galaxy A-15 cell-phone stolen from their vehicle while they were swimming in river on Upper Calapooia Dr. in area of Nichol Dr. Report taken.
12:54 a.m. - Eric William Kauth, 36, arrested for criminal trespass II after reporting that he was unable to find his belongings at Quarry Park, 3101 Zelkova St. City parks close an hour after sunset. Cited and released.

2:23 p.m. - Crash reported in area of Quartzville Rd./Old Hufford Dr. Non-injury. Further details not available at press time. Report taken.
1:02 p.m. - Caller reported tires slashed in 700 block 27th Ave. Officer responded, report taken for second-degree criminal mischief.
6:10 p.m. - Caller reported theft of beer from Foster Lake Market, 5401 Main St. Report taken for theft III. Loss valued at \$5.
July 19
12:54 a.m. - Single-vehicle crash reported in 50400 block Quartzville Rd. One passenger transported with back pain. Report taken.
9:30 a.m. - Kelly Duane Kearns, 53, arrested on SHMC warrant for FTA in theft and concealed weapons cases, Sankey Park, 877 14th Ave. Cited and released.
9:37 a.m. - Morgan Lee Belcher, 31, arrested on SHMC warrant for FTC in theft case, 4800 block Main St. Cited and released.
11:31 a.m. - Death investigation in 1000 block 26th Ave. Report taken.
6:55 p.m. - LCSO, Sweet Home Fire assisted in retrieving individuals from ponds at Quarry Park, 3101 Zelkova.
July 18
8:28 a.m. - Cody Michael Lobdell, 29, arrested by LCSO on SHMD warrant for FTC in theft case. Cited to appear Aug. 13.
10:00 a.m. - James Wood, of Sweet Home, cited for unspecified traffic violation in 28700 block Liberty Rd.
10:14 a.m. - Ulexis Marie Cloonan, 24, arrested by Al-

bany police on SHMC warrant for FTC trespassing case. Cited to appear Aug. 13.
11:00 a.m. - Caller reported neighbor left Bible on her porch in 1000 block 54th Ave., stated he was trespassing. Officer responded, left business card with neighbor, advised caller of her options.
11:05 a.m. - Ricki Anne Orth, 47, arrested by Lane County Sheriff's Office on SHMC warrant for FTA in theft case. Cited to appear Aug. 13.
11:35 a.m. - Stephanie Irene Starkweather, 37, arrested on AMC warrant for trespassing and theft, 1300 block 13th Ave. Cited and released.
11:41 a.m. - Aleece Rochelle Woods, 39, arrested on SHMC warrants for FTA in trespassing and theft cases, LCCC warrant for FTA in trespassing case. Caller had reported three people digging in trash bin in 4600 block Main St. Woods cited and released.
11:57 a.m. - Kari Michelle Wilkinson, 34, arrested on AMC warrant for FTC in theft, Linn County probation violation warrant in fraud case, 44th Ave./Main St. Lodged at Linn County Jail.
12:38 p.m. - Aelisha Drian Devine, 32, arrested by Albany police on SHMC warrant for FTA in disorderly conduct case. Cited to appear Aug. 13.
12:42 p.m. - Crash reported in area of Hwy. 99/Lake Creek Dr., Halsey. Non-injury, non-reportable. Drivers exchanged information.
1:56 p.m. - Crash reported in 48200 block Quartzville Rd. According to LCSO, operator

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CIRCUIT COURT

Warrants are out on the following individuals: Travis Alexander Ayres, Raymond Paul Binford, Christopher Frances Ciullo, Kelsey Nicole Ciullo, Hope Marie Connors, Ashlee Dee Flanagan, Sean Doyle Gay, Nicholas Gregory Godell, Aaron Thomas Halvorson, Noe Hernandez-Reyes, Marcus Wesley Hesson, Michael Trevor Hilton, Faron Walter Kennedy, Tyler Bruce Lanz, Charles James Marvel, Thomas Junior McCarthey, Bryce William McGowan, Eric Wayne McKnight, Carrie Lynne Miller, Thomas Elbridge Miller, James Keith Mortensen, Nicholas Alan Nelson, Luis Gerardo Pacheco-Servin, Daniel Austin Phillips, Tammy Lavonn Robinson, James Ryan Routon, Kristina Marie Sleutel, Joshua Alexander Williams

Charges against **Steven Lee Ballweber, 35**, of robbery III, harassment and theft III dismissed without prejudice July 15.
Raymond Paul Binford, 35, charged July 17 with DUII (liquor), reckless driving, criminal driving while suspended or revoked, and failure to install IID. Charges allege he was convicted of DUII at least two other times (2021 and 2022).
Buzz Starr Dodson Jr., 27, sentenced July 14 to 25 days jail and 18 mos. supervised probation after pleading no contest to DV assault IV. A strangulation charge was dismissed.
Andrea Lynn Leilani Kennedy, 36, sentenced July 18 to one year suspension of a

driver's license, 10 days compensatory service in lieu of jail, 18 mos. bench probation and a \$100 fine after pleading guilty to assault IV. A charge of failure to perform the duties of a driver to injured persons was dismissed.
Dustin Aaron Matthew Lambert, 33, charged July 18 with DV strangulation, DV assault IV, and harassment.
A strangulation charge against **Rockie Eugene William Morse, 51**, was dismissed without prejudice July 10.
Luis Gerardo Pacheco-Servin, 28, charged July 16 with theft I, forgery I and criminal possession of a forged instrument I.
Sean Mathew Pierce, 41, charged July 17 with 14 counts of encouraging child sexual abuse I. Bail set at \$50,000.
Christian Michael Rogers, 30, charged July 10 with theft III.
William Joseph Shinall, 37, charged July 17 with sexual abuse II and sexual abuse III. He posted 10% of a \$30,000 bail.



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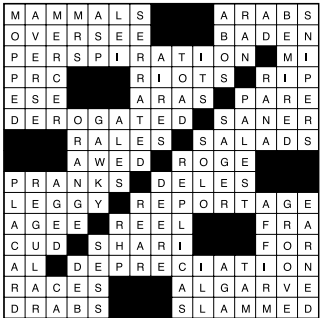
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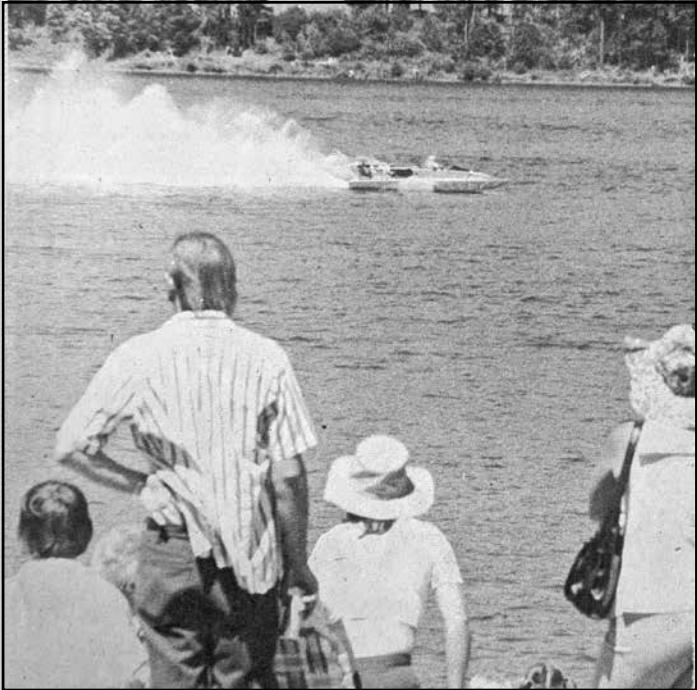
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FROM OUR FILES



A crowd lines the banks of Foster Lake to enjoy the thrill of hydroplane races, one of the more popular features of the 1975 Sportsman’s Holiday celebration.

July 27, 1950

The second application of anti-mosquito spray (DDT) is scheduled this week in the early morning to prevent spray from damaging items on clotheslines and softening wax on parked cars. The first operation used 350 gallons of a 5% DDT and 3% pyronone in an oil mixture, and this second application will use 500 gallons. Frontier Days queen candidates were outfitted with handmade pioneer-fashioned outfits by members of the Sweet Home Women’s Club. The skirts were blue, red and brown cotton check with three tiers of ruffles, accessorized with matching sunbonnets and purses.

July 24, 1975

The City of Sweet Home and Linn County had a tiff and are no longer living together. Linn County commissioners want to charge the city \$10 a day for keeping Sweet Home prisoners in county jail, so the city countered with an \$85 charge per month for the deputies using the police station. Dissatisfied with this turn, the Sheriff’s Department is moving to the

U.S. Forest Service’s Sweet Home Ranger District office. A plan to build an airport on the land owned by TOMCO and Jim Stock, east of Sweet Home, was considered by Linn County Commissioners. They decided to further explore the proposal and applicable laws with the City of Sweet Home.

July 26, 2000

The U.S. Dept. of Justice and Willamette Industries came to an agreement regarding Clean Air Act issues relating to some of Willamette’s composite panel and plywood plants. Willamette agreed to install air emission control equipment and emission control devices that destroy volatile organic compounds, as well as pay an \$11 million fine and fund \$8 million in environmental projects. A bull owned by Ron Blackwell, of Crawfordsville, earned the title of supreme champion bull at the Linn County Fair. The bull, named Kalapuya Tailor 602 C, is only five months old and is expected to weigh more than 800 pounds by September.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Loss of Oregon Jamboree hurts Editor:

I owned Trash to Treasure for 13 years, first downtown across from A&W and then I moved out to the old Radiator Supply building next to O&M Tire. I do not know any details about how or why this is the last year for the Oregon Jamboree But I will share what it meant to me as a business owner in Sweet Home. Our business doubled and even tripled in income during the Oregon Jamboree weekend. It was also the only Sunday I ever stayed open. We had a great time with the fans as they came into town. We had contests. We decorated our entire store for the weekend. We stood out on the sidewalk on Wednesday and waved at the Oregon Jamboree fans as they pulled into Sweet Home with their RVs. We had red signs on a pole made, saying Welcome Jamboree Fans, and we put the pole in our flagpole holes up and down Main Street and Long Street. We decorated our windows and the Jamboree offered a contest for best window (Trash to Treasure won one year, when we did Red Solo Cup.) We stocked up on cowboy hats, cowboy boots, denim skirts and anything country we could sell! I made baskets for the auction they would have at the Oregon Jamboree, I had fans come and buy furniture (yes furniture) and hold it for them until Monday when they rolled out of town after the event, I had fans donate items to me each year when they came back for the Oregon Jamboree. I also know of many businesses that depended on the Oregon Jamboree to keep their business a float. This will be difficult on our community! Not maybe but will. Again, I do not know all the reasons for closure of the Oregon Jamboree, but I do

know it hurts very badly and we will miss it. Nancy Patton Sweet Home

The Sweet Ride Charity Car Show for Kids was a success!

This year was great – music by DJ Michael was right on, and the weather was perfect. Many thanks to the founders Larry and Susan Angland, the Board of Directors and the 28 volunteers that pulled this show together. With so many moving parts it takes an army to be successful. We had 141 registered vehicles with many more un-registered, which showed up at the last minute. The vehicle participants included cars and trucks from all eras, 4x4s, motorcycles, mini trucks, a semi, plus many more. We gave 61 trophies this year, 25 voted on by Doernbecher kids and their friends. We also brought back People’s Choice (voted on by spectators) and Participants’ Choice (voted on by registered participants); these winners were automatically added to the marketing campaign for next year, along with the Best of Show, Best Semi, 4x4, and Motorcycle. Last year we had a young man, Clinton Corrington, driving around the show; his dad built him a replica of a Kenworth W900 with a side tilt dump trailer. He was chosen as a Kids Pick but left due to heat before we could acknowledge his awesomeness. Well, this year he was back and we were honored to have him hand out the Best Semi trophy and to stay to be on our marketing campaign for next year. We had one hiccup in the show with the T-shirts showing up really, really late; however, the show participants were very gracious and understanding. We only had a few people that left before receiving their T-shirts and it’s being handled! Two new additions includ-

ed an RC Offroad obstacle course and 1/24th scale funny car drag strip. The RC course was a huge hit with the kids and adults, but the drag strip/cars couldn’t get “up to speed” (the tables could not get leveled enough). However, we have a plan for next year! The burn out pit was a success, with Alex Justice taking best show when the car spooled then blew flames out the pipe on the hood. There were five registered vehicles that took part in the “All American Burn-Out,” as Clint from Santiam Sound described it. Vehicles paid \$10 to pull onto the pit except Veterans, who played for free (thank you for your service, Josh). Devon Dixon performed with his '57 Chevy pickup to get the show started. Josh Noble in his Monster Red '71 Nova, Sawyer Aiello in his '94 Toyota pickup, Eric Munts in the '90s Danger Ranger and Alex Justice in his '91 Nissan 240 SX. When asking Alex how it felt, he stated, “Well, I am on my lunch hour from work, thought I would come down and check it out.” Alex not only was on lunch from Point S – O&M Tire but won the \$200 Burn Pit certificate. All the proceeds, plus \$250, are donated to the ABC House for assessment and support services for local children and youth. This year we made sure to have shade for participants during the awards in front of the stage area. The generosity towards our charities of focus is awesome! I want to thank all the sponsors, vendors, participants, and the public for supporting our event. Again, thank you to everyone, especially the volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this event happen. Rubber side down & keep cruisin’! Kimi Nash Director Sweet Home Sweet Ride Car Show

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New School Board members sworn in; Neuschwander elected chair

By Scott Swanson
Of The New Era

The newly constituted Sweet Home School Board got rolling Monday, July 14, with the swearing-in of five newly elected members and the election of new board officers.

Sworn in were Dustin Nichol for Position 1 (Holley), Amanda Carter for Position 2 (Liberty), Rachel Maynard for Position 5 (At Large), Mike Adams for Position 7 (At Large) and Erin Barstad for Position 8 (At Large).

Carter and Adams were re-elected, Carter running unopposed and Adams defeating challenger Robert Egner for the seat.

No candidates filed for the Holley seat in the May 20 election, but Nichol was the top vote-getter out of 280 write-in votes for 85 individuals, finishing with 87, ahead of former board member Da-

vid Kem. Barstad and Maynard are newcomers to the board, Barstad defeating Matthew Bechtel for the Zone 8 seat.

Maynard and Carter were not present at the meeting, but Maynard participated remotely, as did Massey.

Floyd Neuschwander, who occupies the Cascadia seat, was elected board chair after a nomination by Mary Massey (Foster) and a second from Maynard.

Neuschwander, who has been a board member since 2023, received votes from Massey, Maynard, Barstad and Jenna Northern (Crawfordsville).

Voting no were Keene, who nominated Adams for chair, Adams and Nichol.

Adams was elected vice chair and Massey secretary, both unanimously.

In other action, the board approved a list of what Neus-

chwander described as “boilerplate stuff” for the new members, noting that most of the firms have served the district for years.

Those were mostly decisions to renew agreements with various firms that advise the district in legal and other matters for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

They included:

■ Designating Supt. Terry Martin as Chief Administrative Officer, District Clerk; Hearings Officer, and as the district’s signature authority on all state and federal grants;

■ Designating Business Manager Kevin Strong as the district’s deputy clerk, custodian of funds and budget officer;

■ Authorizing Martin and Strong to handle district funds;

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Jami Cate announces bid for Senate seat

Rep. Jami Cate announced last week that she is running for the Oregon Senate District 6 seat, currently occupied by Cedric Hayden, whose term ends in January 2027.

Oregon’s primary election is May 19, 2026, 10 months after Cate’s announcement on July 19.

Cate has represented state House District 11, which includes all of Linn County except for Albany, Millersburg and Tangent, and Jefferson and Marion in Marion County, since 2021.

A fifth-generation farmer from rural Lebanon, Cate said in a statement that she will bring “common-sense leadership, deep community roots, and commitment to rural values to the State Senate.”

“Rural Oregon deserves a voice that fights for our farms, forests, and freedoms,”

said Cate. “As your state representative, I’ve stood firm against overregulation and Portland-driven



agendas, advocating for Jami Cate

wildfire recovery, agriculture, and accountable governance. I’m running for Senate District 6 to continue this work, ensuring our communities thrive for the next generation.”

Among her accomplishments in office, Cate said she has been a leader in wildfire recovery efforts, pushed for accountability at every turn, and defended constitutional rights.

Her list of priorities, if elected, includes:

- Protecting Rural Economies: Supporting

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SUPT. PROTEST

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ing principal at Sweet Home Junior High School in the fall of 2020.

Martin took on the role of acting superintendent on May 2, 2022, after then-Supt. Lisa Riggs took a leave of absence

beginning on that date. Riggs officially resigned from the role of superintendent on June 30, 2022, after serving roughly six months in the position.

On Nov. 14, 2022, School Board members unanimously voted to make Martin’s position permanent.

“Terry has done a good job

of stepping in in a positive way that has helped unify our district,” said then-Board Chairman Mike Reynolds at the time. “Morale is way up. The board feels that we are willing to take a chance and have him lead the district forward, and has faith that he will do so. He’s doing a great job.”

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In addition to running a grass seed farm, Cate has also been a longtime member of the Lebanon Strawberry Festival, including serving as board chair and association treasurer; and has served in various leadership capacities with the Lebanon Museum Foundation; the Oregon Tall Fescue Commission; and the Lebanon Community Foundation.

Cate listed nearly 30 endorsements from local politicians and law enforcement officials in her candidacy announcement.

Sen. Fred Girod, who formerly represented much of Linn County before re-districting moved east Linn County out of Senate Dis-

trict 9, described Cate as “smart, articulate, and a counterweight to Portland’s extreme liberal agenda.”

“I trust her to support our rural way of life. She simply is the best.”

Linn County Commission Chair Roger Nyquist said: “When our community needs something, Jami Cate is there, every time. I am honored to endorse her and am committed to helping her get elected. Jami will be a strong voice for Linn County and rural Oregon in the Senate.”

“Jami Cate was a leader in pushing back on the horrific drawdowns at Green Peter and Lookout Point Dams, and the damages they’ve caused our communities,” said Lebanon Mayor Kenneth Jackola. “She has worked to keep our citizens informed to help amplify

EVENTS

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LebanonHealingGardens or contact Brandy O’Bannon at bobannon@samhealth.org.

Local author book reading

Local author Jim Corley and his granddaughter, Madalyn Coleman, will present a reading of a book they co-authored at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 26, at the Sweet Home Public Library, 1101 13th Ave.

The children’s book (ages 4-8), “The Water Speaks: A Wilderness Adventure of Friendship,” follows the story of a grumpy wolverine and a sensitive lynx, a pair who don’t like each other but learn valuable lessons from a wise owl.

Community Market every Saturday

Sweet Home’s Community Market is held every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Sept. 27 in Library Square, at the corner of Kalmia Street and 12th Avenue.

Some two dozen vendors sell a wide range of food and other fun stuff. Space is available for a limited number of vendors. For more information or to apply to be a vendor, visit www.sweethomeor.gov/community/page/2025-community-market-vendor-applications-open-now or contact

Joy Kistner at (541) 367-5007.

Deliver for Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels of Sweet Home is in urgent need of volunteer drivers, delivering free meals to local seniors and disabled adults in the Sweet Home area.

Delivery days are Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. The role is best suited for people available in the mid-day, as meals go out at noon. Volunteers work one to two days a week for about 2.5 hours each shift.

Meals on Wheels is managed by Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments and operated by local volunteers. Volunteers package fresh meals in the kitchen and the drivers deliver them. Many local people count on this food as a primary source of nutrition.

Email to volunteers@ocwcog.org or call Heidi at 541.812.6015. Each volunteer must fill out an application and complete a background check.

Stand By Me Day in Brownsville

The annual Stand By Me Day in Brownsville will be held Saturday, July 26, throughout Brownsville. More details to come.

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2025 Logger Olympics Winners



Relay first place winners are, representing Rice Logging Snow Peak, from left: Ryan Huss, Nate Adams, Doug Rice, Ben Terry and Travis Bowser. Finish time 1:31.90.



Relay second place winners are, representing CTS, from left: Lewis Conn, Christian Keeney, Joe Batchelor and Jordan Newport. Finish time 1:35.50.



Relay third place winners are, representing Rice Logging Springfield, from left, Blane Mendors, Josh Gibbs, Lyle Lowery and Wyatt Snapp. Finish time 1:39.00.



Relay fourth place winners are, representing Rice Logging North Valley, from left, Gabe Caldera, Juan Ocon, Austin Durlan and, not pictured, Dustin Nichol. Finish time 1:43.33.



Relay fifth place winners are, representing THI Timber Harvesting, from left, Kody Marvin, Kaden Dodd, Rodney Camper, and, not pictured, Payton Johnson. Finish time 1:43.80.



Relay sixth place winners are, representing Burke Logging, from left, Dillon Stutzman, Adam Cooley, Jason Burke and Brock Crocker. Finish time 1:44.80.

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2025 Logger Olympics Winners



Junior Choker Setting Age 6-7 winners are, from left, (9) Stanley Jorgensen (19.23), (7) Colt Keeney (14.75), (6) Travis Parks (12.13), (5) Sawyer Anderson (10.62), (8) Dawson Albrecht (17.37), (4) Leo Davis (9.93), (3) Timmy Holley (9.57), (2) Quinton Aiello (9.15) and (1) Adalynn Camper (8.87) and Rodney Camper, who was the top finisher in the age 3-5 competition. Behind them are the Sportsman's Holiday Court.



Accompanied by Sportsman's Holiday Court members are Junior Choker Setting Age 8-9 winners, from left, (4) Olivia Farris (16.68), (3) Elly Manley (8:12), (2) Bill Sieg (6.88) and (1) Finn Cooley (6.44).



Production Power Saw winners are, from left, (6) Christian Keeney (time not available), (5) Micah Wright (1:03.44), (4) Wyatt Aiello (48.78), (3) Nick Dishaw (46.19), (2) Jordan Newport (45.30) and (1) Kody Marvin (34.38).



Pole Climbing winner Dillon Stutzman

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Powder Puff Axe Throw winners are, from left, (6) Lauren Parks, (5) Brooke Burke, (4) Hailey Hill, (3) Wendi Melcher, (2) Jaden Flanagan and (1) Aissa Buenaventura.



Choker Setting winners are, from left, (6) Josh Gibbs (8.87), (5) Ben Terry (8.62), (4) Gabriel Caldera (8.44), (3) Blake Meadors 8.07, (2) Ryan Huss (7.16), and Nathan Adams (6.81).



Flanked by Sportsman's Holiday Court members, in rear, are Junior Choker Setting Age 13-14 winners, from left, (4) Jaxson Burke (11.50), (3) Ace Davis (7.96), (2) Wiley Farris (7.91) and (1) Ryder Farris (6.25).



Open Axe Throw winners are, from left, (6) Sawyer Anderson, (5) Joe Bachelor, (4) Dillon Stutzman, (3) Ben Terry, (2) Christian Keeney and (1) Jon Farris. We missed getting a photo of the Novice Axe Throw winners, who were (6) Dale Luckman, (5) Micah Wright, (4) Andrew Falk, (3) James Davis, (2) Tyles Holley and (1) Juan Ocon.

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Animals Galore, Fun for All at Fair



Photos by Scott Swanson
Local veterinarian Dr. Steve Hiett, left, chats with Sweet Home FFA members Emma Lehr, center, and Natasha Marin in the livestock barn as Lehr waits to auction off her Boer goat.



A rocket created from Legos by Avery Southard of Sweet Home is one of the winners in the Arts and Crafts competition at the fair.



Photo by James Swanson
One-man band Eric Haines plays as he goes during a stroll through the Fair Saturday. For many more photos, visit sweethomenews.com.



Performer Lou Mack, of Jump! The Ultimate Dog Show, puts one of his rescue canines through its paces in front of an appreciative audience at the Fair.



Hunter Hayes performs on the main stage Saturday evening.

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Angelita Sanchez announces House run

Sweet Home City Council member Angelita Sanchez announced last week that she will run for the House District 11 seat after current Rep. Jami Cate announced a run for the Oregon Senate.

Sanchez pledged “to bring common sense, courage, and rural representation back to Salem.”

“Our part of Oregon is full of hard-working families who feel forgotten,” she said in a statement. “I am running to make sure their voices are heard loud and clear in the Capitol. We need another representative who understands our way of life — and is willing to fight for it.”

A seventh-generation Oregonian, Sanchez said she has deep roots in Sweet Home and the surrounding communities. Her distant grandfather Frank Kropf is the “Father of the Ryegrass Industry.” Her grandfather Ralph Myers worked in the mills and gave her the love

of forestry, she said. Sanchez said she saw what it did to Myers when the mills closed.

Sanchez said her campaign will focus on: “protecting rural jobs and natural resource industries; defending parental rights and educational choice; securing our communities and standing with law enforcement; rejecting unfunded mandates and urban overreach from Salem; and putting working Oregonians — not bureaucrats — first.”

Sanchez has worked in the legislature the last two years as an aide to Sen. Cedric Hayden (R-Fall Creek), who occupies the District 6 seat for which Cate is running.

“Angelita has earned my endorsement for the Oregon House of Representatives because she’s proven herself to be a true grassroots advocate for the people of her community,” Hayden said in the statement issued by Sanchez.

“Not only has she been a



Angelita Sanchez

strong voice serving as a City Councilor in Sweet Home, she’s served in our Senate office as my legislative aide, engaging in complicated topics like health care, transportation taxes, and civil rights for families and people with disabilities. Her constituent service work is excellent. She has earned her place to serve as a state representative through her actions and her heart for the people of this state.”



U10 Softball State Winners

Sweet Home’s U10 tournament softball team shows off their hardware after winning the USA Softball state “C” tournament June 27-29 and will not move on to a national tournament on Jamboree Weekend, Aug. 1-3, in Newberg. At the state C-level tournament, Sweet Home beat SC Crush 20-4, Grants Pass 14-0, Fireballs Thomas 15-5, Oregon Blaze 10-2, Wilsonville Wildcats 15-8 and Oregon Blaze once again in the final, 16-4. Coach Emily Marchbanks said she “expected us to do pretty well” at the C-level, but she added that her team would have been “competitive” at the B level as well. Team members pictured are, from left, Annalee Hansen, Kaylee Sevier, Madison Kropf, Bristol McCutcheon, Makenna Miller, Avery Bondesen, Brooklynne Zehneer, Paityn Larsen and Natalie Dargis. In the rear are coaches Emily Marchbanks, Dakota Albrecht, Mackenzie Kropf and Josh Dargs. Team members not pictured are Raegan King and Sophia Valdenegro.

Commissioners OK health agreements

By Alex Paul

Linn County Communications

Public Health program agreements were front and center at the Tuesday, July 15, meeting of the Linn County Board of Commissioners.

Public Health Administrator Todd Noble presented the commissioners with four requests, all of which were approved.

The county approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with the city of Lebanon. Linn County will pay for public transportation services for individuals with disabilities. Linn County will reimburse the city \$23.18 per eligible ride.

The agreement is contingent on Linn County receiving funding from the Oregon Department of Human Services. The total is not to exceed \$500,000 for the contract which runs from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027.

The commissioners approved an agreement with the Oregon Health Authority for the Intoxicated Driver Program Fund.

Linn County will provide services to individuals who have been adjudicated in local courts for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. OHA will provide Linn County funding not to exceed \$100,116 for services provided between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2027.

The commissioners approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Health Authority to provide Problem Gambling Prevention

Services to increase public awareness of problem gambling.

OHA will provide Linn County with funding not to exceed \$403,000 for services from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027.

The commissioners approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Health Authority to provide services for the CHOICE Model Services program.

OHA extended the original expiration date from June 30, 2025 to Dec. 31, 2025 and added funding, not to exceed \$170,214.85.

■ Approved an agreement to provide 21 beds at the Linn County Jail for Oregon Department of Corrections inmates.

The bed rate will increase from \$103 per day to \$110 per day per bed. The agreement will run through June 30, 2027.

■ Were asked by Troy Jones, a member of Friends of Gap Road, to pass a local resolution that would ban commercial solar facilities and large-scale battery storage operations on farmland zoned Exclusive Farm Use, much like neighboring Marion County has done.



Sweet Home’s Junior National Green baseball team finished sixth in the state tournament held July 11-13 at Meldrum Bar Park in Gladstone. The Huskies opened the tournament facing Oregon City Coyle, the eventual champion, losing a 13-12 heartbreaker. Later Friday, they beat Neah-Kah-Nie after NKN was disqualified when they exceeded the allowable pitch count. to move on to the second day. However, on Saturday morning they lost another close one, 18-17 to Portland Christian, to finish fifth.



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Public Notices

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Interested firms are required to attend a Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference scheduled for July 24th, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. Proposals shall be submitted by firms that comply with the qualifications outlined in the RFP document. All interested firms must submit a Proposal pursuant to the requirements set forth in the RFP document. Proposals shall be mailed to Halsey-Shedd Rural Fire Protection District, Attn: Travis Hewitt, Fire Chief, P.O. Box 409, 740 W 2nd Street, Halsey, OR 97348.
All proposals must be received by 2:00 p.m. on August 7th, 2025. The full Request for Proposal document can be picked up on July 17th, 2025, at 740 W 2nd Street, Halsey, OR 97348. The Request for Proposal document is also available by email. Please contact Travis Hewitt, Fire Chief, for a copy of the RFP.
For any questions or clarification, contact Travis Hewitt by email at thewitt@halseyfire.com or call 541.369.2419.
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(Jul. 23)
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Veteran Car Donations

Vintage trailers rally in Brownsville for annual event

By Sarah Brown
Of The New Era

As many as 145 old-timey trailers from all over the country converged on Pioneer Park for the annual Rally on the River Vintage Trailer Rally, held July 16-20.

Organized by Wade and Lisa Long, of Springfield, the event invites enthusiasts to harken themselves back to the early days of luxury camping.

The Longs held their first rally in 2016 to help Brownsville celebrate the 25th anniversary of the city's Stand By Me Day. It was such a hit, Long said, that two years later the city asked him to host a rally every year.

This year they wanted the event to be a family rally.

"Most of them are adult-oriented. We show our trailers, we visit and maybe have a few drinks," Wade said. "I wanted a place where we could bring our grandkids, so I set it up as a family rally."

It was extra work for him to focus on the kids this year, he said, but he seemed to pull it off successfully. Specifically for the kids, the rally



Photo by Sarah Brown

A Ford Fairlane competes for attention with the Aljo trailer it's pulling.

ly included bowling, a bike and pet parade, art events, pie eating contest and karaoke. Other events throughout the weekend included art and jewelry workshops, card games, a 1950s sock hop and hula hoop contest, potluck and s'mores, and a pancake breakfast and hot dogs and watermelon in the evening.

During Saturday's open house event - which invites the public to tour the trailers - the trailer owners are asked to dress up in fashion representing the year of their trailer.

Mary Mode, of Fort Atkinson, Wisc., represented

her 1971 Holiday Rambler wearing a bright, mod floral pair of bell bottom stretchy pants. She and her husband, Steve Mode, often join vintage trailer rallies in the midwest, but traveled 2,700 miles to the west coast this year to visit family and take part in Rally on the River.

Steve raved about Brownsville's rally, Wade Long's organizational skills, the fun opportunities they found, and the new friends they made.

At these trailer rallies, he said, "You meet your camper family. Everybody has a shared interest."



Kristy Welch, of Lebanon, and Julie Sannes, of Junction City, find themselves camping neighbors and spend a little time chatting.

Man arrested for allegedly lighting hayfield on fire

A Lebanon man was arrested late Friday, July 18, after allegedly throwing things at vehicles and then lighting harvested hay on fire.

Linn County Sheriff Michelle Duncan said deputies responded at 11:15 p.m. to a report of a man walking in the middle of Brownsville Road, north of Brownsville, striking vehicles with rocks, causing damage.

Additional calls were re-

ceived reporting that the man was continuing his disorderly behavior and, at one point, threw a bicycle into a vehicle. The man then ran into a field near the intersection of Brownsville Road and Harrison Road where he lit harvested hay on fire before fleeing into the field.

The fire was extinguished by the Brownsville Rural Fire Protection District as deputies and Oregon State Police

troopers began searching for the suspect with assistance from a Corvallis Police Department K9 unit and an Albany Police Department drone operator.

The male, identified as Kenneth Helfrich, 44, of Lebanon, was located hiding in a nearby field.

Helfrich was lodged at the Linn County Sheriff's Office jail on multiple charges related to damaging vehicles, including unlawful use of a weapon, first-degree criminal mischief, second-degree criminal trespassing, reckless endangering, giving false information to a police officer, and on multiple warrants. Additional charges are expected relating to the fire, Duncan said.

Anyone with additional information on the case is encouraged to contact the Linn County Sheriff's Office at (541) 967-3950.



Fun-Fueled LEGO Race

Photo by Sarah Brown

Six-year-old Brodie Gangle lines up three LEGO derby cars while his friend, Aria Sagan, 6, waits at the finish line. Brodie and Aria are the last to leave after having participated in Halsey Public Library's LEGO Derby car race, held Saturday, July 19, at City Hall's community center. The event was the second in a series of Summer Reading Program activities, which aims to encourage reading in the summer. More than 30 kids signed up for the program this year which, Library Director Kaitlyn Watts said, is really good for such a small town. About 25 kids showed up for the LEGO Derby, which gave them the opportunity to build their own race cars before seeing whose car was faster. Watts saw kids "really getting into it," building aerodynamic cars. She will bring the activity back next year.



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Huskies hold Volleyball Camp

Some 70 prospective volleyball players, above, braved the heat last week for Sweet Home High School's volleyball camp in Sweet Home High School's Main Gym. Below, center, Coach Katie Dargis explains some finer points of the game to a camper. Below left, high-schooler Lexi Rundell works with incoming sixth-grader Lola Urbalejo. Above left, Coach Amy Tyler explains how to serve to fifth-grader Hannah Opel. See more photos at sweethomenews.com.

Photos by Scott Swanson



Bohemian Tavern making memories for 100 years

By Sarah Brown
Of The New Era

The hinges of the Bohemian Tavern door squeal as a patron adds their presence to the facility. It's just past 10 a.m. and some of the tavern's regulars are already seated in their usual spots with a cold drink.

For Jerry Thompson, it's a Michelob Ultra with V8. For Richard Cahill, it's Busch Light. Jeff Kragness, he chose Boneyard draft on this day.

At each mounted barstool is a worn-down circle of faded orange formica, suggesting that the countertop could tell a thousand stories. Above it, tacked to the ceiling, are a handful of dollar bills and a pair of insoles once belonging to timbercutter Elmer Branson, who celebrated his 1987 retirement by leaving his insoles there.

The Bohemian Tavern is rumored to be the city's longest continuously-running business, and the owners are celebrating its 100th anniversary on Saturday, July 26.

Kragness, now in his 60s, said his earliest memory at the Bohemian is playing football in the rain in the parking lot. He would've been about 8 or 9 years old at the time. He explained that his dad would spend Saturdays working on



Photo by Sarah Brown

Jerry Thompson leans toward one of the many worn-down spots on the bar while a bartender talks with Jeff Kragness in the background.

his log truck.

"Inevitably he had to come to town for parts, so we'd end up here," he said.

According to Kragness, the place pretty much looks the same as back then, save for a smaller kitchen and missing wood stove.

It was in 1980, after his dad died and he turned 21, that Kragness returned to the Bohemian for a beer.

"I wanted to get to know his friends, so I came where they hung out. Been here ever since."

For him, it's the people that make the Bohemian special.

Kragness occupies the stool

at the farthest end of the bar, taking possession of the seat almost every day by noon.

Thompson, 61, also remembers playing out in the parking lot as a kid while his mother, Sue Thompson, worked inside. From time to time, he would pop in to ask his mom for a soda pop or candy bar. For him today, it's those memories of his mother working the bar that make the tavern special.

Right about when he was 25, Thompson started making the Bohemian a regular stopping ground.

"It was a good place in the morning to come for a 'breakfast club' beer," he said.

That was back when the millworkers would get off their graveyard shifts and head to the Bohemian for an end-of-the-day drink.

Cahill, pushing 85 and still charming the ladies – some might say – became a part of the Bohemian family when he hit drinking age.

He doesn't have stories to share about football with friends in the parking lot because he grew up down the street from Maples in Cascadia, where his own dad would grab a cold one. But after he got married and moved to town, he started sharing his sips between the Waterhole and Bohemian.

During his 40-plus years with Melcher Logging, he would sometimes end his shift in the afternoon with a drink before heading home, just like the "breakfast club" guys some time ago who would end their shift with a beer so early in the morning.

On this day, Thompson and Kragness shoot the breeze between the occasional sip of beer. Speaking over music that fills the mostly-empty room (it's 10 a.m., after all), they mention the two old guys who come in sometimes. One buys a beer and the other orders a soda, Thompson says.

When those guys arrive, regulars know what they're getting ready to do – go mushroom picking.

"One of them can't hardly walk," Kragness said.

"Yeah, they're on canes and stuff, and they're just into going after the mushrooms," Thompson said.

Here inside the walls of the Bohemian Tavern must live thousands of stories left behind like ghosts. Kragness and Thompson suggest they know a few of them, but refuse to unveil the secrets that are, supposedly, not suitable for print.

Cahill is willing to admit he's seen a few fights at the bar.

Those are the guys who just wanted to see who was tougher, Kragness noted. Still, it's a mellow bar – tavern, to be precise – he said. Granted, he's never been there to see what takes place at night. Neither of these guys have, in fact. They're the daytime crowd.

Any who attend the centennial celebration this weekend may have opportunity to establish a few more stories – good ones – with the provisions of live music, hard alcohol, food, and games and prizes.

After all, a hundred years is a long time, and the next story is always just one round away.

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