

## Roots go deep at the Bohemian Club's 100th

By Sarah Brown  
*Of The New Era*

Outside, the sun playing a cordial role in the evening's temperature, patrons gathered around makeshift tables propped up by old whiskey barrels, tossed bean bags in a round of cornhole, ordered savory food from Majahua, and welcomed in the live music vibes.

Nathan Rice and Marcia Kegler, owners of The Bohemian Club Tavern, celebrated what is believed to be the tavern's 100th anniversary, but it was also their one-year anniversary of being a part of the business themselves.

The pair said they took ownership of the historical operation during the summer of 2024 after friend Clinton Pollock off-handedly asked if they knew anyone interested in buying it.

"Me and Clint have been buddies for a long time and he was just wantin' to do something else; he's been doin' it a long time," Rice said. "Me and Marcia were kinda lookin' for an investment. It's been a place



Photo by Sarah Brown  
**Patrons crowd the Bohemian Club, as the business celebrated what is believed to be its 100th anniversary, which would make it the oldest in town.**

here in Sweet Home forever that everybody's come to, so I figured to give 'er a shot."

At least a couple hundred patrons showed up throughout the evening to be part of the celebration on Saturday, July 26, keeping the bartend-

ers behind the formica counter flitting past each other in a frenzy.

Aurora Bechtel, bartender at the Bohemian for several years, said the business gets pretty busy from time to time, but never anything like this.

The visitors perched themselves at their favorite bar seat, sat outside for a smoke, or stood in the fenced-in patch of grass next door for food and live music by Trevor Tagle. Sloping floors in certain areas of the building hinted at its age and the weight of people it has carried for a good number of years

Television screens offered a variety of images to watch during those awkward silent moments – options on this night were a 1970s rerun of The Price is Right, Lottery, and a rotating photo display of local sportsmen. Other patrons played a round of darts, took their chances on brightly lit Lottery machines, or shot balls across the pool table.

Long-time customers, familiar with their stomping grounds, were heard sharing stories with each other about the business – sometimes referring to its nickname of "Boho" or "Bohunk."

Lonnie and Louise Littell, who've been coming to the Bo-

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## Josai visit to Sweet Home

Members of this year's Josai exchange program tour group from Josai Gakuen high school in Tokyo, Japan, make a stop at A&W on July 21 during an 11-day visit to Sweet Home. At right is Trinity Victor, who helped guide the guests on a walk through town. Their trip involved a lot of sightseeing – Linn County Fair, Bullwinkle's, a hike at Silver Falls, a visit to the Oregon Coast Aquarium, a trip to the Woodburn outlets and a Knights baseball game in Corvallis, organized by Amy Wingo, adviser of Sweet Home High School's Josai Club. July 21 was spent in Sweet Home, where they had an English lesson followed by games and a tour of town. The group of 10 students and a teacher, were hosted by Josai Club students, who will visit Japan next year. They stayed with host families in Sweet Home July 17-27.

Photo by Miriam Swanson



## Down Day for Local Fisherman

Owner Pat Sherrett explains to a County Parks ranger how his Dodge Dakota pickup ended up in Foster Lake Wednesday morning, July 23, at the Gedney Creek Boat Ramp on North River Drive. Sherrett, of Lebanon, who said he fishes the lake frequently, said he was hauling his boat out – something "I've done hundreds of times" – and decided to straighten it a little. He said his brakes got wet and "failed" and the truck and trailer slid down the ramp. He said he had to climb through the window, as the truck floated, to escape. He was soaked but said he was unhurt. Sherrett was able to get into his boat and move it to the dock. Sweet Home Fire and Ambulance District personnel and a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representative responded to the scene, but Corps officials directed them to leave the truck until Corps personnel arrived later in the day to arrange to get the truck and trailer out of the water.

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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.

p.m., koto (a Japanese instrument) demonstration at 2 p.m.

For more information or to register, visit samhealth.org/LebanonHealingGardens or contact Brandy O'Bannon at bobannon@samhealth.org.

**CORRECTION**

Our article in the July 23 edition on Samaritan Health CEO Marty Cahill should have stated that he graduated in 1992 with a bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon.

A last-second editorial change created a confusing error in our report on the Sweet Home Junior National JBO team's finish at the state tournament. The caption should have stated in both places that they finished fifth.

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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

OBITUARIES

**Jerry Davis**  
Aug. 13, 1949 - July 19, 2025

Jerry Harrison Davis, 75, Pierpont, Ohio, went to his rest, Saturday, July 19, 2025

Jerry was born Aug. 13, 1949, in Carp Lake, Mich., to Raymond and Roma Davis, and married the love of his life, Violet Joy Davis, on June 22, 1968, in Ukiah, Calif.

Jerry is survived by his spouse, Violet Joy Davis, of Pierpont, Ohio; his daughters, Leona (Davis) Norman, of Ashtabula, Ohio, and



Christine (Davis) Bangman of Chewelah, Wash.; and his son, Steven Joseph Davis, Big Falls, Minn., as well as their spouses, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers, Alvin (Buddy) Davis of Moyie Springs, Idaho, and Jimmy Davis, Naples, Idaho; as well as his sisters-in-law, Velma and Dawn Davis; and many nieces and nephews and their families. He was predeceased by his parents, Raymond and Roma Davis; his son, Kip Harrison Davis; and his brothers, Raymond, Larry, and Verdin (Boots) Davis, as well as nephews Anthony and Larry Don Davis.

A graveside ceremony to honor his life will be held at

10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 3, at Gililand Cemetery, 1301 50th Ave. in Sweet Home.

A potluck lunch will be held immediately following the service at Sweet Home SDA church, 300 Holley Road.

All are welcome to attend.

For questions or to RSVP, contact Leona Norman at (440) 850-7437.

*Paid Obituary*

**Richard Byrd**  
April 4, 1964 - July 23, 2025

Richard Allen Byrd, 61, of Sweet Home, passed away July 23, 2025.

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

**The ICEBOX Performer Of The Week**

This week's ICEBOX Performer of the Week goes to Mike!

Mike is our Maintenance Technician and one of the newer faces on the team. His true colors are already shining bright — Mike jumped right into action last week, braving the blistering heat to tackle sprinkler system repairs and lend a hand wherever else it was needed.

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July	23	91	56	0.00
July	24	88	56	0.00
July	25	84	54	0.00
July	26	80	51	0.00
July	27	81	51	0.00
July	28	81	54	0.00

### PRECIPITATION

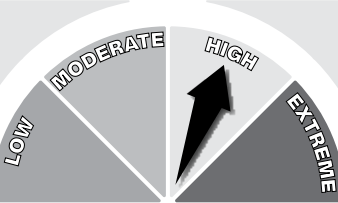
Year to date: 19.24  
July 31, 2024: 18.79

### FORECAST

DAY	WEATHER	HIGH	LOW
Thur	AM Clouds	85	55
Fri	Mostly Sunny	88	54
Sat	Sunny	86	53
Sun	Partly Cloudy	81	52
Mon	Partly Cloudy	83	55
Tues	Mostly Sunny	86	57
Wed	Mostly Sunny	88	59

### CURRENT LEVELS

Foster Reservoir: 636.8  
Green Peter Res.: 943.5



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PUBLIC SAFETY

Information for the Public Safety report and Courts in The New Era is sourced from local law enforcement and fire agencies. Addresses provided generally denote the location of the incident or arrest, occasionally indicating the origin of the call. Incident details, which may not always be available from agencies in time for publication in our weekly paper edition, are often updated online at [sweethomenews.com](http://sweethomenews.com) as information becomes available. Also, due to space limitations in our paper editions, content may be restricted to the most recent information, and a more extensive version of the Public Safety Report will be available at [sweethomenews.com](http://sweethomenews.com).

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).

*Editor's note: Linn County Sheriff's logs were unavailable this week, so when they do become available, we will update these online.*

**July 26**  
12:53 a.m. - Suzanne Marie Stroud, 65, arrested on LCCC warrant for FTA in attempted assault case, 1400 block Long St. Cited and released.  
9:31 a.m. - Caller reported trail camera stolen from 1200 block 47th Ave. Officer responded, report taken.  
12:44 p.m. - Caller reported she was suffering from Alzheimer's, 1500 block Tamarack. Officer responded, caller transported to hospital by medics.  
1:03 p.m. - Johnny Lee Stone, 33, arrested by Albany police on SHMC warrants for FTC in initiating false report case, FTA in trespass case. Cited to appear Aug. 27.  
6:40 p.m. - Caller reported spotting cougar in area of 1200 block 40th Ave. Officer responded, unable to locate animal.  
9:23 p.m. - Caller reported female camping in Sankey Park, 877 14th Ave. Officer responded, advised female of where she could camp for night.  
11:12 p.m. - Caller reported male violating restraining order, 1400 block 24th Ave. Officer responded by phone, report taken. Investigation continuing.

**July 25**  
12:55 a.m. - David Arroyo-Sandoval, 44, arrested on LMC warrant for probation violation in theft case, 3000 block Main St. Cited and released.

1:14 a.m. - Caller reported that his friend had just been chased by two cougars in area of Mountain View Rd./Jefferson St. Officer responded but did not locate animals.  
3:54 a.m. - Leslie Renee Maynard, 52, arrested on SHMC warrant for FTC in harassment case, 1100 block 13th Ave. Cited and released.  
12:51 p.m. - Lynette Irene Johnson arrested by Lebanon police on SHMC warrant for FTC in criminal driving case. Cited to appear Aug. 13.  
2:06 p.m. - Lorea Bier arrested on LCSO warrant for contempt, AMC warrant for contempt, Marion County warrant for FTA in attempted aggravated harassment case, 3500 block Juniper St. Cited and released.  
4:22 p.m. - Caller reported female driver hit fence in 1500 block 47th Ave., then left scene.  
8:00 p.m. - Corey Alan Smith, 60, arrested on SHMC warrant for failure to perform duties of a driver, LMC warrant for contempt of court in driving while suspended case, AMC warrant for FTC in contempt of court case, LCCC warrant for FTA in possession of controlled substance case. 1500 block Main St. Cited and released.  
10:30 p.m. - Caller reported juveniles drinking alcohol in parking lot at Thriftway, 621 Main St. Officer responded, contacted group who were counseled for their behavior, advised to leave.

**July 24**  
1:07 a.m. - Kristina Larizza Boswell, 40, arrested on LMC

tions, 100 block Holley Rd. Arrest followed report that female had broken into a home and was refusing to leave. Cited and released.  
6:42 a.m. - Dalton Rhys Orr, 29, cited for city noise ordinance violation, 5500 block Nandina St.  
11:09 a.m. - Hunter Ariel Ringheimer, 31, arrested on SHMC warrants for FTA in theft case, FTC in hit and run case, and contempt of court, and LCJC warrant for driving while suspended. Bradley Allen Bowman, 29, arrested on SHMC warrant for FTA in theft case, LMC warrant for FTA in theft case. Clark Mill Road/railroad tracks. Both cited and released. During arrest officer located drug paraphernalia. Report taken.  
2:19 p.m. - Caller reported cellphone stolen in Sweet Home area. Report taken for theft I.  
3:36 p.m. - William Lee Phillips, 42, arrested at Skate Park on LCCC warrant for FTA in criminal misconduct case, AMC warrant for FTA in trespass case, 1957 Long St. Lodged at Linn County Jail.  
8:20 p.m. - Caller reported individual walking around parking lot at Mr. Lucky's Deli, 1207 Long St., carrying firearm. Requested extra patrol.  
9:57 p.m. - Thomas Daniel Elmer, 54, arrested on SHMC warrant for FTC in theft case, 3200 block Main St. Cited and released.  
10:09 p.m. - Skyler Steven Daniel Sills, 23, arrested for speed racing, 70/45, and Daven Lee True, 24, cited for speed racing, 70/45, arrested for criminal driving, Main

St./42nd Ave. Both cited and released.  
**July 23**  
1:46 a.m. - Shay Cameron Kepler, 28, arrested on LMC warrant for FTA in theft case, 800 block Mountain View Rd. Cited and released.  
7:49 a.m. - Taylor Ray Plummer arrested by Lebanon police on SHMC warrant for FTC in criminal conspiracy case. Cited to appear Aug. 13.  
3:23 p.m. - Caller reported

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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 McCa-rthey, 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 Robin-

son, James Ryan Routon, Kristina Marie Sleutel, Joshua Alexander Williams

**A 17-year-old** was cited July 19 for speeding 100/65 on I-5.  
**John Pablo Scott II**, 34, charged July 25 with supplying contraband (fentanyl), and unlawful manufacture or delivery or possession of controlled substance (fentanyl). Bail set at \$30,000.  
**David Ralph Van Epps**, 66, charged July 22 with criminal possession of a rented or leased motor vehicle. The charge alleges he failed to return a rented car. Bail was set at \$5,000.

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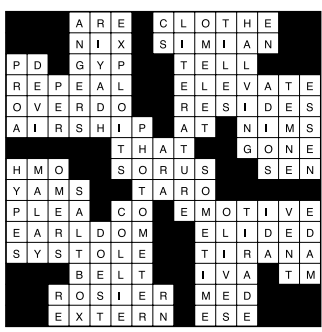
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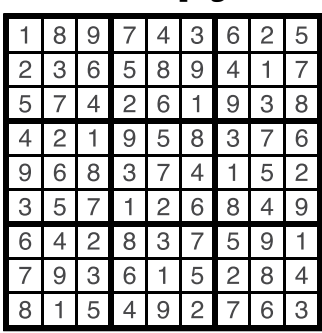
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FROM OUR FILES



Youngsters grab a bite to eat along the rocky banks of Quartzville Creek during Quartzville Day Camp, a program of City Recreation Dept. at the old Quartzville Ranger Station in 1975.

**Aug. 3, 1950**  
City Manager Jess Parker announced the widening of Highway 20 through Sweet Home is expected to begin next month. The state acquired all property and structures that will be removed necessary for the widening except for two parcels, which are expected to be condemned by the city. The city is preparing for the third annual Frontier Days event, which will raise funds for a community pool. Proceeds from the last two events have raised \$9,957; total needed is \$40,000.

**July 31, 1975**  
The chairman of the Foster Midway Independence Association vowed the organization will go all the way to the Oregon Supreme Court, if necessary, to stop forced annexation of the Foster-Midway area to the City of Sweet Home. Nine year old Cynthia Costello was visiting with her family from Washington

when she was accidentally shot. Her brother David, 11, and cousin Michael Malby, 16, were target practicing when she stepped in front of one of them as they fired. She was taken into surgery for an abdominal gunshot wound with internal injuries.

**Aug. 2, 2000**  
Quadriplegic Ron Heagy Jr. celebrated the reality of his dream with the grand opening of Camp Attitude. The park already has \$1 million invested into it, and it will take another \$1 million to complete the plan. Marci Klampe and Todd Claunch, new owners of The Pastime Tavern, plan to reopen the establishment with more of a “clean” and fun atmosphere. The bar was closed in 1996 after an investigation revealed a large drug problem and resulted in a number of arrests. The owners want to bring it back to the way it used to be when seniors went to play pinochle in the daytime.

Editorial: Recent government processes prompt questions about timing, motives

By Scott Swanson  
Publisher

In 40-some years as a newspaper journalist, I’ve covered a lot of politics. And I’ve spent a lot of time observing and analyzing the actions of political bodies.

One thing I’ve appreciated about Sweet Home is that, for the most part, public officials here seem pretty committed to orderly process and tend to be genuinely interested in what the public thinks as they address issues. Those are really healthy qualities for a public servant.

A quality public servant is one who is in close touch with constituents, who is not there to ramrod an agenda through or just take care of supporters.

They’re engaged. They don’t just show up once a month or every two weeks to a meeting and are nowhere to be seen the rest of the time.

Also, a good basic rule of thumb for any public official: Don’t surprise constituents with unnecessary fast ones.

I was reminded of that recently by a couple of developments in the local political scene.

One of those was the City Council’s seemingly sudden and certainly rapid decision to discontinue water fluoridation earlier this month.

The other was the School Board’s announced move –

also sudden – to discuss dismissing schools Supt. Terry Martin. (That meeting was put on hold at literally the last minute, 10 days ago.)

So let’s start with Exhibit 1: I’m not taking a position here on water fluoridation. As it turns out, prior to the council’s decision, Sweet Home hadn’t even been fluoridating its water for several years due to faulty equipment.

I’m also not here to take a side on whether Martin should stay or go.

What I am concerned about is process and timing.

The fluoridation issue was broached by Councilman Dylan Richards on May 27, asking that it be placed on a future agenda for discussion. That happened June 24, when the council voted 6-0 (Councilor Ken Bronson, the council’s representative on its Community Health Committee, was absent) to conduct the first two of three readings of an ordinance that would effectively ban water fluoridation in Sweet Home.

There’s been a lot of talk lately about things like fluoridation and vaccines, driven by social media and politics, which have been very effective in influencing some Americans’ thinking.

So it’s certainly not surprising that the issue of fluoridation arrived in front of the City

Council a little over 10 years after it was last addressed.

At a public hearing in 2014, roughly 20 residents spoke on the issue and it was pretty much 50-50 - for and against. The council responded by taking no action, saying they weren’t willing to overturn a vote of the people (back in 1964).

Hindsight’s always 20/20 and if I’d known a month ago what I know now, we would have made a point to alert readers that the issue was coming up. One of the reasons we don’t do more “previews” on agenda items is agendas typically are posted too late for us to do so, at least in the paper edition. That’s something I’m going to need to think about...

Anyway, the matter was duly on the agenda for June 24, with prospective first and second readings listed for “Repealing SHMC Chapter 13.04.170 Fluoridation.” (To create an ordinance in Sweet Home, the council must hear three readings of the ordinance before voting on it.)

Although all that was in order, I was a little surprised that the council did two readings on a topic that was very likely to engender some controversy, particularly since no one had shown up (again, I wish we had done things differently as the newspaper).

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# PUBLIC SAFETY

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that friend had pulled a firearm and threatened him an hour before and friend's mother was now threatening him. 1000 block 13th Ave. Officer responded. Report taken for menacing. Investigation continuing.

8:39 a.m. - Jered Douglas Roebuck, 28, arrested on LMC warrant for probation violation in driving while suspended case. 1500 block Main St. Cited and released.

10:29 a.m. - Caller reported neighbor hit his trailer, took off. 3100 block Main St. Officer responded, report taken for MVC-non-injury. Damage under \$2,500. Information exchanged.

3:23 p.m. - Caller reported that a friend had threatened him with a firearm and he was now receiving threats over the phone, 1000 block 13th Ave. Officer responded, investiga-

tion continuing. Report taken.

5:03 p.m. - Landon Frank Gerard, 49, arrested on SHMC warrant for FTC in trespassing case. SHPD, 1950 Main St. Cited to appear Aug. 13.

5:52 p.m. - Timothy Dean Morgan, 23, arrested on SHMC warrant for FTC in trespassing case, SHPD, 1950 Main St. Cited to appear Aug. 13.

## July 22

8:36 p.m. - Multiple callers reported large amounts of black smoke in area of 1600 block 18th Ave. Smoke was from vehicle on fire in area of Pleasant Valley Rd./Red Baron Lane, to which Sweet Home Fire responded.

10:49 a.m. - Caller reported that female has been calling him again and asked for officer to speak with her, 1600 block Elm St. (Daily calls to police recorded pertaining to this location in logs over past five days, most involving reports of tele-

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## Staff protests in front of Lebanon hospital

Staff members of the Lebanon Girod Birth Center and the emergency after-hours surgical services unit at Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital protest Wednesday afternoon, July 23, along Hwy. 20 in front of the hospital. Nurses say that the community is being given "untrue statistics and not enough information to be able to form a real and informed opinion" and respond knowledgeably to proposed cuts to those services at the hospital.

Photo by Scott Swanson

# Community demand for food programs on rise, commissioners learn

By Alex Paul

## Linn County Communications

Food programs sponsored by the Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments are experiencing increased use, Executive Director Ryan Vogt told Linn County Commissioners Roger Nyquist and Will Tucker Tuesday morning, July 8.

Commissioner Sherrie Sprenger was not present.

Vogt introduced new agency director Paul Egbert. Vogt said Egbert is taking on more internal management duties and Vogt will work more with member governments and outreach efforts.

Vogt presented the commissioners with the organization's annual report, which shows that in Linn County, Linn Benton Food Share provided food boxes between the months of January and April to 4,337 households (12,811 individuals) in 2022 and 7,767 households (31,291 individuals) in 2025.

The report also noted that food distribution increased 37% from February to May 2025, increasing from 99,743 pounds to 136,642 pounds.

The Meals on Wheels program served 163,800 meals and made 156,690 home deliveries. The program also provided 685 food boxes. There are four meal sites in the county that served 9,425 in-person dining meals.

The Meals on Wheels program is active in Albany, Brownsville, Lebanon, Halsey, Harrisburg, Mill City, Sweet Home, Sodaville and Tangent.

The Adult Protective Services staff received 1,943

calls, of which 457 resulted in investigations.

The Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance Program helped 662 clients and the Foster Grandparent Program has 26 volunteers.

The Cascades West Ride Line provided 86,774 trips totaling 2.9 million miles.

The Council of Governments provided \$700,000 for generators to support safe drinking water and public works programs.

In 2024, staff participated in 19 community events in Linn County.

Since March, the Utility Assistance program helped 467 households and 1,065 individuals.

From March to May, the housing assistance program

helped 474 individuals (232 households) with rental assistance and in obtaining rental units.

COG is now leasing space in the Sweet Home City Hall to provide more accessible services to area residents.

Commissioner Nyquist said local food programs are vital and he encouraged utilizing the mid-valley's large agricultural base — which includes many fresh food items — as part of the food distribution programs.

Vogt said Linn Benton Food Share partners with the area gleaning programs that work with local farmers.

## In other business, the commissioners:

• Were told by Veterans Services Director Dee Ba-

ley-Hyder that her office has helped local veterans and their families recover \$596,616.90 in benefits from April through June 2025, compared to \$409,185.03 for the same quarter in 2024.

• The total amount recovered over the past fiscal year is \$2,472,079. Baley-Hyder added that the number of veterans and family members being served has increased to 9,840, including 387 new accounts filed since the department moved into its new office about a year ago. There are an estimated 10,076 veterans in Linn County.

• Accepted an easement along Lulay Road for the Lulay Road Cross Culvert Replacement Project. Grantor is Gregory Shook and cost

is \$300. Approved the purchase of a Leeboy 8520 paver from Pape' Machinery for \$273,817.74.

• Approved a contract with the Oregon Department of Transportation not to exceed \$531,774 in 5311 Funding for the 2025-2027 biennium. The funds will support the Senior Citizens of Sweet Home, Linn Shuttle and Dial-A-Bus programs. 5311 funds support rural transportation programs.

• Approved Resolution and Order 2025-241, making a correction to the amount shown on Resolution and Order 2025-200, budget adoption, correcting an error in the budget total from \$279,995,597 to \$279,718,287.



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## EDITORIAL

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And, as we later learned, the matter hadn't even been submitted to the city's Community Health Committee for review, which is what I would expect. One would think if the fluoridation issue drew a full house to a council meeting last time around, the process this time would be a little more circumspect.

Moving on: The School Board's announcement that it would consider terminating Martin was concerning partly because it came immediately after four members – returnee Mike Adams and new arrivals Erin Barstad, Rachel Maynard and Dustin Nichol – of the newly constituted board were sworn in (on July 14) and another electee, Amanda Carter, had not yet even had a chance to take the oath of office.

Literally four days later – I personally saw the posted agenda on Friday, July 18, the board was scheduled to “consider the termination of the Superintendent's Contract” in an executive session scheduled for the following Monday, July 21, at which Carter was also to be sworn in.

I've heard a lot of talk about this and I've heard a lot of conjecture regarding what was going on here, and I think things will become more clear as we move on.

However, in the interest of orderly governance, the timing was abrupt and seemed rushed. I don't think I've ever personally seen a group of newly elected officials make a move to fire their executive director literally in a special meeting they've called less than a week after being sworn in. That one took even me by surprise.

Whether or not a superintendent deserves to be terminated is certainly a question that is within the jurisdiction of any school board. But the timing here had “agenda” spelled all over it.

What's puzzling is four of the current board members voted to extend Martin's contract by one year at their April 14 meeting and to approve his evaluation. Both votes were unanimous, although current Board Member Jenna Northern was absent for that meeting so she couldn't weigh in.

Current Board Members Mike Adams, Mary Massey, Dale Keene, Amanda Carter and Floyd Neuschwander, who now chairs the board and ordered that agenda item, were present for those votes.

Amidst the consternation out there, one thing is very important to remember: Just because the matter was put on

an agenda does not necessarily mean all the board members are for it. That's something that should be fleshed out before talk I hear about recalling board members gets legs.

But there's another concern: The speed with which this went down raises the question of whether any of this was discussed before the matter was actually put on an agenda. Let's hope not.

Why? Because Oregon open meetings law is pretty strict about what must take place in the public arena. Board members cannot meet in a quorum – five people for a nine-member board like our School Board – outside of meetings that have been announced to and are open to the public (more on that in a moment).

So let's say Joe City Councilmember attends a neighborhood festival and runs into Sue Mayor and two others of the seven-member City Council. They say “hi” and move on. That's not really a violation. But if they huddle in a corner and discuss city business, that is, especially if they're plotting strategy on how to get something done.

Or, if they meet for breakfast somewhere, that's an illegal meeting. At the very least, if discovered, they're going to lose social capital – lack of trust and negative perception from the public if the word gets out.

But it could be worse: Illegal meetings by elected officials in Oregon can result in lawsuits, voided decisions, civil penalties (paid by individual board or council members) and even lawsuits.

Also, any use of electronic written communication (emails, texts, social media messages) that occurs among a quorum of the public body members for the purpose of

deliberating or deciding on matters within the body's jurisdiction, that's a violation as well.

And it doesn't stop there. Let's say I'm an elected board member and I decide I want to get something done.

So I contact, individually, other members one by one, telling them what I think and urging them to vote my way.

This practice, called “serial communication,” is also illegal if it involves enough individuals to form a quorum.

There's a reason for this: The public's business is to be done in public.

Yes, there are reasons why a board can meet privately, in “executive session,” one of which is to discuss personnel matters, which is what a discussion of firing someone would be. But any prior discussion is either illegal or suspect.

At the very least, the timing of this was poor. It immediately raises suspicions (speaking from what we've heard) that this was a set-up, that there may have been collusion.

The fact that Martin was on vacation when the meeting was scheduled and had no chance to speak for himself may not play well on the “fairness” scale with some. Even though the board has the right to do that, members would be wise to consider timing and appearances.

Fact is, Martin got a thumbs-up three months ago, so some looming questions are who now wants him out and what has changed. Finances appear to be in good order. Morale seems to be reasonably decent. There are always wrinkles and inefficiencies when large numbers of people work together, but termination of a leader is a big step.

An explanation is in order.

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# Doctor: Staying connected critical for senior citizens

By Rachel Marty  
AARP Oregon

As we get older, keeping our minds sharp becomes increasingly important – and fortunately, one of the best ways to protect our brain health is also one of the most fulfilling: building and maintaining meaningful social connections.

Dr. Suvi Neukam, a geriatrician at Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU), has seen first-hand how social engagement supports cognitive and emotional health in older adults across the state.

“Social interaction isn’t just something nice to have,” she says. “It plays a central role in brain function, emotional resilience, and even longevity.”

### Social Engagement Matters

Research suggests that older adults who maintain

active social lives are less likely to develop cognitive impairment and dementia. Neukam compares socializing to brain exercise: “When we connect with others – talking, laughing, problem-solving – we’re strengthening memory, attention, and executive function.”

It’s not just about the quantity of interactions, either. Quality matters. Sustained relationships, meaningful activities, and feeling needed all contribute to what psychologists call eudaimonic well-being – a sense of purpose that has been directly linked to improved brain health.

“If we don’t have a reason to get out of bed,” Neukam notes, “we often start losing our ability to get out of bed. Social purpose is protective.”

### Hidden Toll of Isolation

Social isolation and lone-



Photo courtesy of AARP

Older adults who maintain active social lives are more likely to maintain healthy mental functions as they age, research indicates.

liness have profound biological effects. Studies have shown that isolation triggers stress responses in the body, increasing inflammation and reducing brain resilience. “When we’re

disconnected, our cortisol levels rise, and chronic inflammation can set in,” Neukam explains. “That inflammation affects vascular health, which in turn is tied to brain health. What’s good

for the heart is good for the brain—and isolation is bad for both.”

Beyond the chemistry, isolation can lead to depression, anxiety, and apathy—symptoms that are themselves risk factors for cognitive decline. “We often see apathy or withdrawal before other signs of cognitive change,” she adds. “These early warning signs should never be ignored.”

### Creating Connection: What Works Best?

Neukam encourages older adults to think creatively and personally when seeking connection. “There’s no one-size-fits-all solution. The best activity is the one you’re going to enjoy and stick with.” Here are some categories of social engagement shown to boost cognitive health:

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August 2025					
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## CONNECTED

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Creative and Leisure Activities: Book clubs, art classes, music groups, and even knitting circles stimulate the brain and create bonds.

Physical Activity with Others: Group exercise, like tai chi or walking groups, combines physical and social benefits.

Cultural and Faith-Based Involvement: Attending plays, concerts, or services builds both community and purpose.

Exercise Opportunities: Sweet Home Community Pool, Sweet Home Senior Center, and Steelhead Strength and Fitness offer low-cost swimming and exercise opportunities in Sweet Home for seniors. Steelhead has, for many years, offered aerobics classes specifically designed to accommodate seniors with various levels of fitness and mobility. The bonus, of course, is comradery.

Volunteering and Advocacy: Meaningful service can fill the “purpose gap” left by retirement, and supports cognitive resilience.

### In-Person, Virtual, or Both?

While in-person interaction is the gold standard, virtual and phone-based options still offer real value – especially in rural or transportation-limited communi-



File Photo

### Senior Center members enjoy lunch while the Sweet Home High School band performs.

ties.

Neukam advises a flexible approach: “Perfection isn’t the goal. If you can’t get to an in-person event every week, mix it up with virtual activities or phone calls. Something is always better than nothing.”

She adds that, “thanks to the pandemic, there’s now a rich menu of virtual offerings across Oregon.”

### Connection Opportunities

Oregon offers a wide range of virtual classes, community-building events, and volunteer opportunities statewide. But Neukam also points to lesser-known local programs making a big impact. Locally, these include:

**Sweet Home Senior Center:** The Senior Center’s purpose is to provide a social gathering place for seniors. Services include a variety of social activities, exercise, arts and crafts, Wednesday

lunches and senior trips. The Senior Center is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays at 880 18th Ave. It’s a great place to make friends (or re-establish old friendships) and be active. Getting there should not be a problem: the Linn Shuttle transportation and Dial-A-Bus service operate in conjunction with the Senior Center. Call (541) 367-4775 for help or email [georgette.shsenior@gmail.com](mailto:georgette.shsenior@gmail.com) or [summerd.shsenior@gmail.com](mailto:summerd.shsenior@gmail.com).

**Meals on Wheels:** Stuck at home or having difficulty getting out? Meals on Wheels provides not only very affordable meals multiple days each week (days vary according to community), but it also provides regular visitors who deliver that food and can check on you to make sure you’re doing OK. Meals on Wheels delivers to Sweet Home, Browns-

ville and Lebanon areas, so most of east Linn County is covered by their service.

**Manna:** Provided by Sweet Home Emergency Ministries (SHEM), this meal site program is located at Sweet Home United Methodist Church, at the corner of 6th Avenue and Ironwood Street (down the hill from Oak Heights School). Meals are provided Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evenings at 5 p.m. for those who are elderly, homeless or just need to stretch their budget or are seeking some companionship.

**Volunteer:** Here’s a way to stay connected and help others. There are lots of opportunities locally. Here are a few:

• **Meals on Wheels** (which is operated by the Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments) needs volunteer help in administrative

support, its Advisory Council, home delivery, kitchen preparation and its pet program. Interested in volunteering? Contact Heidi at [hdurrett@ocwcog.org](mailto:hdurrett@ocwcog.org) or by calling (541) 812-6015 (ext. 358).

• **SHEM:** Sweet Home Emergency Ministries does a lot of things to address hunger and need in the community: Manna meals (see above), supplies to the homeless population in our community and maintains a free clothing closet. SHEM also assists families whose homes have been destroyed by fire by providing bedding, clothing and household items. Volunteers operate a limited system of home delivery for shut-ins and those without transportation. SHEM coordinates a community-wide Christmas basket program and a Back-to-School Celebration, which provides backpacks and school supplies for needy school-aged children. Interested? Visit SHEM at 1115 Long St. or call (541) 367-6504.

• **East Linn Museum:** Located at 746 Long St., the museum is a treasure trove of local history, with displays featuring many aspects of community life from the past. Volunteers are always needed to staff the facility during hours of operation (which are large-

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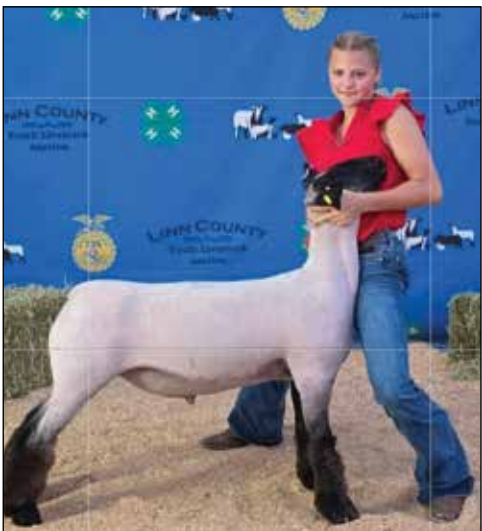
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# Landtroop scores wins at Fargo wrestling tourney



Photos courtesy of Steve Thorpe  
Jesse Landtroop gets credited with a win at Fargo.

Jesse Landtroop was the top finisher for Sweet Home at the 2025 U.S. Marine Corps Junior Nationals wrestling tournament held July 12-19 in Fargo, N.D.

Landtroop, wrestling at 120 pounds in the 16U Division, went 3-2 in Greco and 1-2 in freestyle.

He opened the Greco competition with an 8-0 tech fall over Tyler Shin of Virginia, then beat eventual seventh-place finisher Mateo Gallegos of Pennsylvania 14-3, another tech fall, before losing to then lost 11-6 to Anthony Valls of New York, then beat Hendrix Schwab of Iowa 8-0 (another tech fall) in the consolation bracket before losing to No. 1 seed Corey Brown of Maryland 4-2.

In freestyle, Landtroop beat Jake Benyo of Pennsylvania 9-2 in the first round, then lost to Corey Brown 10-0, before losing 4-2 to Riley Alancar of Pennsylvania.

Tytus Hardee, wrestling at 126 pounds in the Junior Division, lost 9-7 in first round of the freestyle competition to Joseph DeAngelo of New Jersey, then lost by a 12-1 tech fall to Shea Richter of South Dakota. In Greco he opened with an 8-0 loss Grayson Crites of Colorado to end his tournament.

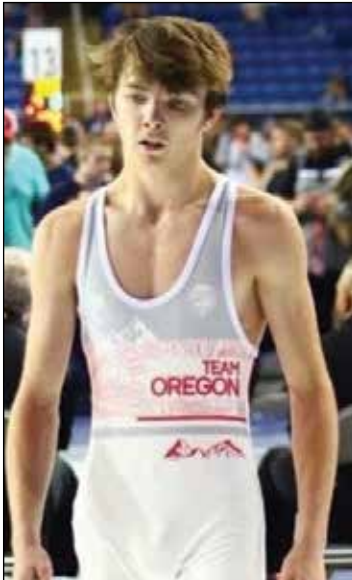
Keegan Jefferson wrestled at 113 pounds in the Junior Division, going 1-2.

Coach Steve Thorpe noted that they were wrestling against the best competition available at the high school level in North America.

The tournament drew a record-breaking 8,531 entries, making it the largest wrestling tournament in the world, according to USA Wrestling.

Thorpe thanked local contributors who helped get the boys to Fargo which, he noted, isn't a cheap trip, to allow them to compete.

"Any time you're going to Fargo, you're testing yourself



Tytus Hardee not just against the best in the state, but the best in the U.S.," he said. "These guys are doing that stuff, competing the way they're competing. They're training through the spring into the summer, then they go to the Santiam Camp and the national camp, then they go to Fargo."

## PUBLIC SAFETY

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phonic harassment.) Officer responded. Report taken for telephonic harassment.

12:48 p.m. - Crash reported in area of Main St./Clark Mill Rd. Motorcycle and vehicle. Operators were Robert Campbell and Gertrude Collingwood. Campbell transported by medics. Report taken for MVC-injury. Estimated damage over \$2,500.

2:44 p.m. - Robert Clyde Lott, 64, arrested on LMC warrant for FTA in DUII case, 1100 block 12th Ave., after caller reported individuals setting

up camp under gazebo in that area. They were told to move along. Lott cited and released.

3:22 p.m. - Jason Dale Roy Avery, 32, arrested by LCSO on SHMC warrant for FTC in harassment case. Cited to appear Aug. 13.

4:52 p.m. - Caller reported bike stolen from 1900 block Main St. Officer responded, report taken for theft II. Black BMX bike estimated value \$800.

9:22 p.m. - Zachery Todd Pickle, 21, arrested for criminal mischief II, Hwy. 228/1st Ave. Arrest came after caller reported male punching mailboxes in area. Cited and released.

**July 21**

8:43 a.m. - Caller reported burglary in 1200 block 46th Ave. Missing were dog clippers and box with cash, valued at estimated \$900. Officer responded, report taken for burglary I, theft II.

12:49 a.m. - Female warned for illegal camping, 51100 block Quartzville Rd.

12:51 a.m. - Illegal camp issued warning. 51100 block Quartzville Rd.

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• **Sweet Home Police Department:** Volunteer help is needed for putting on events such as Sharing Tree and Shop with a Cop at Christmas, National Night Out, Child Abuse Awareness Month, and the Safety Fair, accumulating traffic data, traffic control during events, assisting with the dog kennel, and more. Contact Sean Morgan at (541) 367-5181.

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to identify people. They're open three days a week (sometimes less if a volunteer is unavailable to open the place), from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday thru Thursday. For more information, visit [www.shgenealogy.com](http://www.shgenealogy.com), email [shgs1223@gmail.com](mailto:shgs1223@gmail.com), or call (541) 818-0578.

• **SHOCASE:** The Sweet Home Oregon Coalition for Art & Scholastic Enrichment is dedicated to providing the community with opportunities to get involved in the arts through various performances, gallery exhibitions, school support and more. Interested in promoting the arts in east Linn County? Volunteers are needed. For information, contact Rose (541) 680-2220 or Ward at (541) 570-2308 or visit [sweethomeshocase.org/contact](http://sweethomeshocase.org/contact).

• **Beautification Committee:** The Sweet Home Beautification Committee is an all-volunteer group that maintains the median strips throughout town, as well as landscaping throughout the city including the ones at the

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• **Sweet Home Library:** The Sweet Home Library and Friends of the Library need volunteers for a wide variety of activities. Library volunteers help with book covering, material processing, shelving books and movies, preparing for and assisting with programs, seed sorting and more. Volunteers, who are 14 and up, can work as often as once a week or two or three times a month, depending on their schedules.

• **The Friends of the Library,** established in 1984, provides support for the library including its Summer Reading Program, Art in the Park events and Community Reads Program. The

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Dr. Michael W. Stoner

Q: Do I have dry eyes or allergies?

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**Linn Shuttle** – The Linn Shuttle operates on a scheduled route, traveling from Sweet Home with stops in Lebanon and Albany. It leaves 10 times a day, Monday through Friday, and six times a day on Saturdays, from the Sweet Home Senior Center 880 18th Ave. Any requests for route deviations must be cleared through the Transportation Director. Rides are \$1 each way. Through an agreement between Linn-Benton Community College and Linn Shuttle, LBCC students ride free of charge upon showing their current ID card. Multi-Ride tickets are available from the bus driver and at the office. The mission of the Linn Shuttle is to provide a safe transportation service that supports the economic, social, transportation and environmental needs of the community it serves.



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Friends also provide funds for games and puzzles. The Friends of the Library bookstore, open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays at the corner of Long Street and 12th Avenue, is staffed by volunteers, but there are other opportunities for those not interested in working in the store. For more information, call (541) 409-0243.

• **Other City Volunteer Opportunities:** City residents staff various committees that advise the City Council, including the Budget Committee, Community Health Committee, Library Board, Park and Tree Committee, Planning Commission and Public and Traffic Safety Committee. In addition to attending meetings, citizens volunteering for these committees may also be involved in doing legwork to accomplish objectives, participate in public events and otherwise provide expertise and energy to accomplish goals or committee business. For more information, contact the City Manager's Office at (541) 367-8969.

• **Sweet Home School District:** The school district offers many opportunities for qualified individuals to volunteer. Volunteers can help out in classrooms, assist with athletic and music programs and events, as well as Booster Club and PTC (Parent-Teacher Committee) activities, and more. A good way to learn about possible volunteer activities is to contact the principal or teachers at the school at which you are interested in helping out. Volunteers must complete necessary paperwork



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**Volunteer Mike Harcrow opens cans of canned goods at SHER, where food is distributed to needy members of the local population.**

and undergo a background check to qualify for actual service in schools. For more information, contact Loni at (541) 367-7126 or via email at [loni.weinman@shsd55or.gov](mailto:loni.weinman@shsd55or.gov).

• **Sweet Home Pregnancy Care Center:** This faith-based, nonprofit organization, located at 1344 Main St., has been serving Sweet Home since 1985, helping women of all ages who are pregnant or parenting with free "compassionate help and practical resources." Qualified volunteers can be helpful in providing those services. For more information, call (541) 367-2447 between noon and 5 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, or leave a message.

• **Virtual Resources:** AARP

Oregon's Virtual Community Center is a hub for in-person and online events, plus free digital tools like cognitive assessments and more. Join online at [local.aarp.org/virtual-community-center](http://local.aarp.org/virtual-community-center).

• **Phone Lines:** Free phone-based companionship via landline or cell.

• **The David Romprey Oregon Warmline** is available 24/7 at 1-800-698-2392, led by trained peers.

• **Senior Loneliness Line (Lines for Life)** is available to Oregon adults aged 60-plus daily from 5:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m. at (503) 200-1633 or 800-282-7035.

– The New Era staff contributed to this article



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# COMP-NW to be named after donor Jeff Heatherington

Western University of Health Sciences' College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific-Northwest in Lebanon will be named the Heatherington College of Osteopathic Medicine in honor of Jeff Heatherington and the Heatherington Foundation for Innovation and Education in Health Care.

Heatherington is a leader, philanthropist and lifelong advocate for osteopathic medicine in Oregon. This is the first time in WesternU's 48-year history that a college site will be named for a major benefactor and advocate.

Through his leadership of the Heatherington Foundation and FamilyCare, Inc., Heatherington stands as WesternU's largest donor, credited with more than \$50 million in total giving to WesternU and the donation of 150 acres of riverfront property in Lebanon to build a new cam-

pus and launch a graduate program in behavioral health therapy.

Heatherington has been a leader in the osteopathic profession for almost 50 years. He was executive director of the Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of Oregon, a member of the Oregon Health Council, and chaired the Coalition for a Healthy Oregon.

He received the Distinguished Service Certificate from the American Osteopathic Association in 2007 and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Osteopathic Foundation in 2021.

In 2007, Heatherington teamed up with Samaritan Health Systems leadership in Corvallis and began talking about expanding clinical training for D.O. students. This vision eventually led to the founding of COMP-Northwest in 2011.

The college has graduated

over 1,100 osteopathic physicians, many of whom are practicing in Oregon and the Northwest.

Heatherington served as a dedicated Board of Trustee member and was recognized with a Doctor of Humane Letters by WesternU.

WesternU President Robin Farias-Eisner, MD, PhD, MBA said, "This naming is more than symbolic. It reflects a legacy built on advocacy, innovation and service. It is a strategic step forward for the University's mission to educate tomorrow's health care leaders through humanistic, whole-person care."

"This strategically located property will soon be the site of a new, state-of-the-art building for the Heatherington College of Osteopathic Medicine, the only osteopathic medical school in Oregon. His giving is a powerful testament to his profound belief

in the power of education and his dedication to advancing the health sciences, with a particular commitment to osteopathic medicine and primary care."

Heatherington's roots in osteopathic medicine run deep, profoundly shaped by the pioneering work of his father, Dr. J. Scott Heatherington. Born in 1919, Dr. J. Scott Heatherington was a distinguished osteopathic physician and surgeon. He served as the president of the American Osteopathic Association, two-term president of the American Academy of Osteopathy, and dean of the Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine. His dedication was recognized with numerous accolades, a Lifetime Achievement Award in 1996, and the A.T. Still Medallion of Honor in 1998.

"My father's passion for osteopathic medicine and his



dedication to teaching truly laid the groundwork for my own commitment to the field," Heatherington said. This familial legacy is further honored by the endowed scholarship at COMP-Northwest, named for Dr. J. Scott Heatherington, cementing the Heatherington family's profound and enduring connection to WesternU and to osteopathic medicine.

# Commissioners approve transportation funding for east Linn County

By Alex Paul

Linn County Communications

Linn County Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Sherrie Sprenger and Will Tucker on Tuesday, July 22, approved agreements with area providers who will use Statewide Transportation Improvement Funds for area public transportation services.

Linn County Special/Rural Transportation Coordinator Reagan Maudlin said the commissioners approved the 2025-2027 Linn County STIF Plan on January 14 and have also approved an agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation to receive STIF funding.

Linn County's STIF funding is passed on to subrecipients in local communities for the 2025-2027 biennium.

The commissioners approved the following agreements using STIF Population funding: Albany Paratransit/Call-A-Ride, \$48,000; Lebanon/LINX, \$190,000; Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments vouchers, \$30,212; Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments seniors, \$9,600; Oregon Mennonite Residential Services, \$14,400; Sunshine Industries Unlimited, \$54,000; Senior Citizens of Sweet Home Dial-A-Bus, \$46,486; Senior Citizens of Sweet Home, Linn Shuttle, \$170,000; Volunteer Caregivers, \$115,200.

The following agreements using STIF Payroll funding were approved:

Contracted services with Senior Citizens of Sweet Home/

Linn Shuttle, an ongoing Linn County commuter project, \$820,000.

Contracted services with Senior Citizens of Sweet Home/Dial-A-Bus, \$467,000.

Lebanon LINX, maintaining existing program at expansion levels, \$1,598,000.

Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments, bus tracking software: \$49,000.

City of Albany, Albany Transit System, \$1,276,850.

City of Albany Loop Expansion Project that will maintain Loop and expansion services that began in December 2021 and operating assistance for the LB Loop, \$872,000.

Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments match for Mobility Hub, construction phase, \$82,398.

The commissioners also approved an agreement to receive up to \$75,475 in COVID funding for transportation programs.

**In other business, the commissioners:**

- Were told by Juvenile Director Torri Lynn that in June, there were four youth from Benton County held for sev-

en days; 26 youth (21 males and five females) from Linn County held for 249 days; and one male from Lincoln County held for 22 days. There were 60 referrals in June and there are 173 youth in the probation program. Lynn said the Victim Advocate made 142 contacts. The Tier 1 work crew of 11 youth completed 178 hours of community service and the Tier 2 work crew of 18 youth completed 346.5 hours in 23 project days.

- Approved a personal service contract with Grace Wellness to provide two social workers who support the Time 4 Change program, specializing in Hispanic youth and families. The contract is not to exceed \$80,000 over two years.

- Approved a two-year contract not to exceed \$83,472 with Dr. Daniel Mosher dba Veritas Director Primary Care. Mosher is the medical director for the Linn Benton Juvenile Detention Center, providing medical services two days per week and on-call. He also supervises the Center's licensed practical nurse, who is on-site five days per week.

- Approved an intergovernmental agreement with the Oregon Youth Authority for \$25,872 for Individualized Services which is typically used to pay for treatment services that are not covered by other funding sources.

- Approved an amendment to a personal service contract with Karen Cox Counseling, which provides sexual offender mental health treatment services. The county agrees to pay for some new certification requirements and Karen Cox Counseling will provide services for the next five years, or reimburse Linn County on a prorated basis.

- Approved an Intergovern-

mental Agreement with the Oregon Youth Authority for \$681,170 for the biennium. The funds are used to provide Diversion Services and Basic Services aimed at keeping youth out of correctional facilities and to support department infrastructure. Funds help pay for a probation officer position, psychological assessments, drug and alcohol evaluations, mental health evaluations, clothing, clubs and pro-social activities for young people.

- Approved a 3.5 percent Cost of Living Adjustment for members of the Service Employees International Union and Juvenile Detention Asso-

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# Longtime teacher Hummel (Lundy) ends career, but not learning

By Satina Tolman  
For The New Era

Known throughout her career as “Mrs. Lundy,” Marybeth Hummel is closing the book on a 36-year teaching career, 35 of those in the Sweet Home School District.

With her recent marriage to Dale Hummel in April, she’s taking on a new name and a new chapter of life.

Hummel taught every elementary grade, kindergarten through fifth, and worked at every school in the district. She started at Hawthorne, spent three years at Holley, 28 years at Oak Heights, and finished her career with three years of kindergarten at Foster Elementary, the age she most enjoys.

“Kindergarten is definitely my favorite,” she said. “They’re so full of wonder and accept you just as you are. I’ll miss hearing, ‘I love you, teacher!’ from the little ones,” Hummel said with a smile.

Originally from Salem, Hummel earned her teaching degree from what was then Western Oregon State College. She spent her first year substituting in the Salem-Keizer area before settling in Sweet Home.

While she taught hundreds

of students over the years, one of her biggest lessons was one she had to learn herself.

She has always taught her students, “If you can believe it, you can achieve it.”

And yet she didn’t really believe in herself and didn’t think she would be able to go back to school and get a master’s degree.

“One day it kind of hit me: ‘You know, you’re preaching this to these kids, yet you’re not living it.’”

In 2008, while teaching full-time and caring for two young nephews, a little flyer showed up in her box about a cohort through Portland State University. Hummel decided to listen to her own advice, believe in herself and go back to school. She earned her master’s degree in curriculum and instruction from PSU in 2010, graduating with honors.

Hummel was inducted into the National Honor Society at PSU and said the experience taught her to finally live what she had always taught her students. She finally truly believed in herself and started living as an example to her students.

Education has changed significantly over the years, and Hummel has seen it all.

“Education is like a pendulum,” she said. “For example, when I started, we taught reading through phonics. Then it switched to whole language. Now it’s back to phonics again, but now they call it ‘the science of reading.’ I think that’s the best way, because it’s based on research.”

But she worries about the pressure on young learners.

“There’s more expected of kids now, especially at 5 and 6. We don’t give them enough time to just be kids,” she said. “I believe in assessment, but constant testing isn’t the only way to measure learning.”

She emphasized her belief in learning through experience.

“I know kids can learn through play; I’ve seen it,” she said. “Hands-on activities, learning through doing, not just giving them a worksheet, that’s what sticks with them.”

Some of her favorite teaching memories reflect that hands-on approach.

She recalled a fourth-grade field trip to Clear Lake with fellow teacher Tim Swanson – one she fondly remembers and likes to laugh about to this day.

Another highlight was an overnight trip to Fort Clatsop that they fundraised for entire-



Marybeth Hummel

ly on their own. “It was filled with hands-on learning. The kids got so much out of it.”

She hopes to inspire future educators, but reminds them it’s not an easy path.

“If you want to make a difference, this is the place to do it,” she said. “But it’s a lot of work. People think we have the summers off, but we spend them creating curriculum, preparing for the next year, and taking online classes.”

Despite the challenges, Hummel says the rewards have always outweighed the stress.

“When that lightbulb goes on for a kid, that’s everything.

It’s a really rewarding career. I’ll miss the kids and the people I worked with.”

Health issues helped her decide it was time to retire and focus on self-care. But she’s not slowing down.

She and Dale plan to spend time with grandkids, cruise the Caribbean, visit Alaska to see the Northern Lights, travel across the U.S., and volunteer with organizations like Love INC in Albany. She also hopes to return to classrooms as a substitute teacher and finally catch up on scrapbooking.

“I’ve got boxes of photos waiting for me,” she said. “I’m always creating and I’m a lifelong learner. I’ll always be asking, ‘What else can I learn?’”

Luke Augsburg, who used to work with Hummel as the Foster Elementary principal and is now the assistant principal at Sweet Home High School, called Hummel an asset to the community.

“She’s magnificent,” he said. “She truly cares about students and brings so much positivity to the classroom. She’ll be missed, but I want to congratulate her on her retirement.”

## BOHEMIAN

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hemian for “close to 50 years” recalled back in the day when there was a chalkboard on the wall where job listings could be found. Louise also remembered a day many decades ago when a woman came into the bar.

“Before she got to the end of the bar, she had a fight started,” Louise said. “One woman took on the whole bar. I went outside and stood at the window and watched.”

Explaining why he’s committed to the Bohemian, Lonnie said, “This was all family at one time” – including some of the blood on the floor – adding that his mother is a descendant of the Ames family, who founded the city.

Jared Banta, who likes to stand at the far end of the bar, has also been a longtime customer and has seen his fair share of Bohemian owners.

More recently, before Rice and Kegler took over, Banta once helped former owner Pollock rebuild some of the flooring. He unearthed multiple layers of floor before uncovering the old wood beams holding the building off the ground, he said.

Jesse “Bill” James, now in his 80s, said he remembers the wood floors from way back.

“This was a loggin’ town and

the loggers wore their cork (caulk) boots in there,” he said. “Pretty soon it just tore up the wood; it practically turned to sawdust and splinters.”

James also said the establishment would have two or three fights every month, and he recalled an Ames lady known as the “Blond Bomber.” When he was a kid in the late 1940s, James made a shoe shine kit and set himself up outside the Bohemian to do some business.

“The drunker she got, the more heck she’d raise. She’d fight men or whatever,” James said about the woman.

But she would slam her foot down on his kit and pay him well for his work, he said.

Still, for all the history remembered about the Boho as far back as the living can remember, nailing down the exact date and original owner is less easy to come by.

After much research, this reporter has so far been able to unearth information that a W.C. Kahler in Salem purchased the Woods Restaurant on Long Street from Martin Woods in September 1934, and opened there the Bohemian Club with Fred Blevins and Lester B. French (also of Salem) managing the establishment.

Not long later, Harry Johnston was the proprietor of the business (with Kahler still as owner). In 1935, Kahler pur-



Vergene (Miller) Davenport stands outside the Bohemian Club in this photo believed to date from the early 1940s. (Note the Roxy Theater in the background.)

chased property from Dewey Fogle “just west of the present location of the club,” where he erected a new building with updated fixtures and moved the Bohemian there.

It’s quite possible, however, that the Bohemian originated earlier than 1934 on a different plot of land, though research has yet to confirm that. If this is the true origin of the Bohemian, though, then the owners in nine years will once again be able to throw a centennial cel-

ebration, and many more stories can be shared at that time.

It should be noted, however, that current owner Rice has a long family line in Sweet Home. It was his ancestor Andrew Wiley who settled Foster in 1852, the same year the Ames family settled.

His lineage can also be traced back to Charles Rice, who came to the Holley area in roughly the same time period as Wiley.

“When my grandpa (“Char-

lie”) was a little kid, he would walk up the Santiam River. His grandpa (perhaps referring to “Charles Ora”) would take supplies to homesteaders up there,” Rice said. “That was back when my grandpa was a little guy.”

The story goes that the elder and younger Charles’ would take a dog with them to run cougars if they came across any. That makes sense, since elder Charles’ dad, James Norval Rice, trained dogs for such a task, according to Mona Waibel’s book.

Regardless of the origin of the Bohemian, it’s clear that the tavern and its owners continue to hold fast to the roots of Sweet Home’s history.

For Rice and Kegler, the Bohemian is perhaps something of a side hustle, as they both work full-time elsewhere. As Kegler put it, “we bought ourselves a second job.”

The experience so far, she said, “is different than I imagined, but enjoyable.”

Rice praised Kegler for the success they have in the business. He’s been so busy at his other job, he said, that it was Kegler who really helped keep the tavern business going.

“She’s amazing, and people love her,” he said. “The customers are great; they’re like family.”



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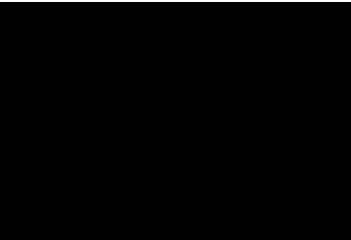
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SUMMONS – CASE NO. 25CV23154  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINN  
TO: Destiny L. Wilson, the above-named defendant.  
You are hereby required to appear and defend the complaint filed against you in the above entitled action within thirty (30) days from the date of the first publication of this summons, and in case of your failure to appear and answer, plaintiff for want thereof will apply to the above entitled court for the relief prayed for in its complaint, to-wit:  
1. For the principal sum of \$11,006.00, plus late fees in the amount of \$156.87, plus accrued interest in the amount of \$1735.92 through April 2,

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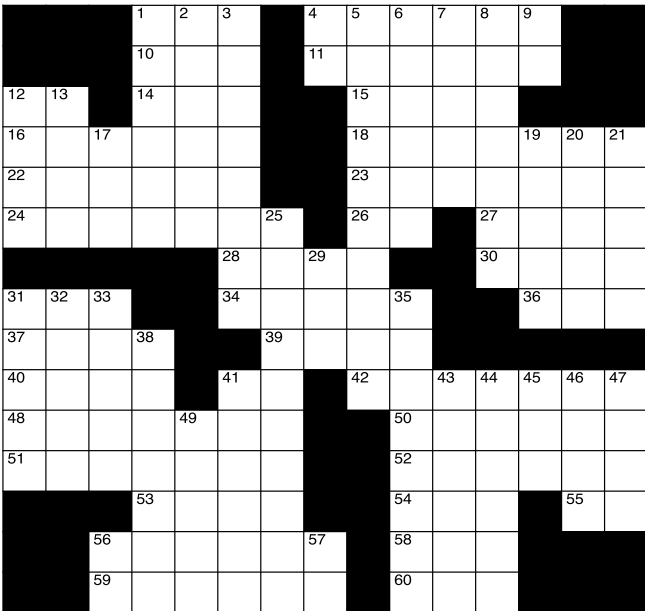
2025, plus interest accruing on the principal balance at the contract rate of 10.74 percent per annum (\$3.238 per diem) from April 3, 2025, until the date judgment is entered;  
2. For Plaintiff’s reasonable attorney fees, costs and disbursements incurred herein;  
3. For interest on the sum of paragraphs 1 and 2 above at the contract rate of 10.74 percent per annum, from the date judgment is entered until paid in full; and  
4. For such other relief as the court deems just and proper.  
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(Jul. 23 - Jul. 30)



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CLUES ACROSS

1. Plural of be  
4. Dress  
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11. Relating to apes  
12. They protect and serve  
14. Swindle  
15. Show’s partner  
16. Lift  
18. Raise up  
22. Do something to an excessive degree  
23. Occupies  
24. Power-driven aircraft  
26. Indicates position  
27. Matchstick games  
28. This and \_\_\_\_  
30. No longer here  
31. Health insurance  
34. Spore-producing receptacle on fern frond
36. Monetary unit  
37. Sweet potatoes  
39. Tropical Asian plant  
40. Guilty or not guilty  
41. Carbon dioxide  
42. Able to arouse intense feeling  
48. Earl’s jurisdiction  
50. Omitted  
51. Heartbeat  
52. Albania capital  
53. Fashion accessory  
54. Interaction value analysis  
55. Symbol of exclusive ownership  
56. More promising  
58. \_\_\_\_ student, learns healing  
59. Nonresident doctor  
60. Midway between east and southeast

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4. Cesium  
5. Written works  
6. Breakfast item  
7. Found in showers  
8. A way of fractioning  
9. Unit of measurement  
12. Sailboat  
13. Indian goddess  
17. For each  
19. Farewell  
20. Ethnic group of Sierra Leone  
21. German industrial city  
25. Measures intensity of light
29. Small, faint constellation  
31. Promotes enthusiastically  
32. Malaysian inhabitant  
33. Ancient units of measurement  
35. An unspecified period  
38. Frame house with up to three stories  
41. Lassie is one  
43. Martinis have them  
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# 'Stand By Me' features annual flashback to days gone by

By Cindi Hamar  
For The New Era

The community of Brownsville celebrated the remembrance of the filming of the movie "Stand By Me" Saturday, July 26, with a wide range of activities.

The 1986 movie, filmed in Brownsville, was a coming-of-age story about four boys on a journey to find the body of a missing boy in the fictional town of Castle Rock, Ore.

Stand By Me Day has become an annual fundraiser for the Linn County Museum Friends, Inc. featuring walking tours, merchandise, old cars, the annual Pie Eating Contest, and lots more along Park Avenue.

"What a great time it was where everyone had smiles," said Linda McCormick, who chaired the event. "I was able to meet people who came from Indiana, St. Louis Missouri, Brazil, Japan, Germany and England."

Activities included: Guided Walking Tours every 15 minutes that included a tour guide who pointed out some of the movie features, such as the tree in which the boys had a tree-house in which they gath-



Photos by Cindi Hamar

Classic cars line Park Street during the "Stand By Me" celebration Saturday, July 26.

ered throughout the movie. The tree currently resides on private property.

Walking through Brownsville, visitors saw the penny in the street that one of the boys picked up (at the corner of Main and Park), the bar where the boys set off firecrackers, the painted Pepsi Cola mural on the side of the Daniel L. Meyers office building, Mema's Country Kitchen (now a bakery) and Gordie Lachance's house - all very familiar to movie

buffs.

Four local boys mingled among the crowd, dressed as the four boys in the movie. Kerry Travis (Teddy), Kevin Hahn (Chris), Isaiah Jeffrey (Gordie) and Ansel Karo (Vern).

Fan Forum, featuring the Stand By Me Singers, performers from throughout Oregon who came together for the celebration, including Katherine Wilson, who was a crew member of the movie. Also, Shari Chin



A visitor checks out a truck used in the actual "Stand By Me" movie, parked on Main Street.

Chen, who was a stand-in for Vern climbing the fence at the junkyard, made an appearance via Zoom.

Pie Eating Contest at Pioneer Park Stage featured a variety of pie-eating contests in the spirit of the "barf-o-rama" pie-eating

contest scene in the movie.

Car Show, displays of vintage cars including a brown truck used in the movie parked along streets in town.

McCormick said the event can always use more volunteers. To volunteer, call (541) 466-3390.

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## Busy June squelches deputy hours spent in Brownsville

By Sarah Brown  
Of The New Era

Linn County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Steve Frambes reported during the Brownsville City Council's July 22 meeting that they are 15 hours short for June's work hours due to deputies being busy with multiple "high resource" calls throughout the county that month.

Among incidents deputies responded to in Brownsville were an intentional overdose, two brothers who tried to stab each other, and an intoxicated subject who broke into someone's trailer and fell asleep in their car.

Last year, the LCSO fulfilled its contractual obligations of 200 hours in June. They is-

sued 33 traffic citations and 51 traffic warnings. In June 2025, they worked 185 hours, and issued one traffic citation and 11 traffic warnings.

**In other business:**

- City Administrator Scott McDowell gave a presentation about cyber security;
- McDowell reported the city was rated AA- by the S&P, which is "really good;"
- Councilor Mike Winklepleck reported he, Councilor Trapper Solberg and Mayor Adam Craven met with the American Legion to discuss ideas for how to honor veterans for Veterans Day. It was suggested they look into displaying banners of local veterans along city streets.
- The council authorized



Photo by Sarah Brown

The Brownsville City Council hears a monthly report by the Linn County Sheriff's Office.

McDowell and Craven to execute an agreement with a contractor to paint City Hall. McDowell said the city sent out seven or eight RFPs for the project.

• McDowell reported what

he heard regarding a recent meeting of the Brownsville Canal Company, that they "are looking at some options regarding the land and how they might deal that land back to the property owners."

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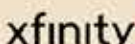
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