

# Final Curtain for Jamboree

By Scott Swanson  
*Of The New Era*

To the strains of "Happy Trails to You," Oregon Jamboree fans left the festival grounds one final time Sunday evening, Aug. 3, having celebrated a bittersweet end with some crowd-pleasing performances from Joe Nichols and Jordan Davis.

A weekend of – by Jamboree standards – mild temperatures, ending with a downright comfortable Sunday in the 70s, helped create an atmosphere that Festival Director Robert Shamek described as including "lots of tears and lots of laughs."

Performers acknowledged the end of the Jamboree's 34-year run, some such as Friday headliner Clay Walker, announcing they were planning to return no matter what.

"It's good to be back!" Sawyer Brown lead singer Mark Miller told the crowd as his band opened for Walker. "We have done this five times and I'm sad it's going away, but we will still come out here and play for y'all."

Crowd sizes were noticeably



Photo by Scott Swanson  
Jordan Davis performs at the Oregon Jamboree Sunday evening, the final act of the festival's 34 years. See more photos on pages 7-11 and at [sweethomenews.com](http://sweethomenews.com).

smaller than they were in the Jamboree's heyday years, with noticeable open spaces on the Sweet Home High School athletic field venue that, in bygone years, would have been packed with fans.

Shamek said that, based on gate scans, the festival had between 7,700 and 8,000 patrons on Friday, Aug. 1, followed by "over 9,000" on Saturday and Sunday.

Sunday's crowd, visually, appeared to be the largest for the performances by Nichols and Davis.

All in all, Shamek said, "the weather was fantastic."

"Even though we had lower ticket sales, the people still came out and spent some money. We had great food sales, great beverage sales."

He said he got "a lot of hugs and a lot of handshakes and a lot of high-fives" over the weekend.

The Sweet Home Economic Development Group's announcement was a big theme of conversation on the grounds.

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# Finally, Burger Family together in Sweet Home

By Scott Swanson  
*Of The New Era*

Visitors to the Oregon Jamboree this past weekend were greeted by some other newcomers to town: the Burger Family, stationed outside Sweet Home's historic A&W drive-in on Main Street.

The Burgers' presence outside the restaurant was the culmination of years of effort by owner Josh Hankins to procure the iconic figures that once graced A&Ws across the land.

Hankins, who has owned the local A&W with his wife Patty since 1999, said he first got the idea of acquiring a set of the Burgers when he started attending franchise board meetings in Kentucky "in the early days," he said.

"I met several people, including Pete Knight down in Lodi," he said. Lodi, Calif., was where the first A&W, based around its trademark root beer, was founded in 1919.

"Pete owns the Lodi location and he had a full set down there," Hankins said, adding that Knight had assisted others in locating Burger family members.

According to [RoadsideAmerica.com](http://RoadsideAmerica.com), billed as "Your Online Guide to Offbeat Tourist Attractions," the Burger family was part of a trend in the 1960s to use cartoon characters such as the Burgers, Burger Giant, Big Barney, etc. to sell hamburgers.

"They weren't meant to be remembered," the website states. "They were meant to put you in a happy mood to buy



Photo by Scott Swanson  
Hankins family members, from left, Owen, Josh and Patti are flanked by their new Burger Family figurines, the result of years of effort to procure and restore the iconic A&W figures.

hamburgers."

Burger Family members Papa, Mama and Baby Burger were originally pictured on A&W packaging, but in 1960 the chain designated them as its mascots, adding Teen Burger in 1963.

Hankins said he thinks about 200 sets of the fiberglass mascots were produced in the early 1960s. According to Roadside-

America, that meant every 10th restaurant would have been able to display one or more statues.

Then, in 1974, A&W decided to introduce Rooty, the A&W Great Root Bear.

Mark Smith, a Burger Family statue collector who's done research into the histo-

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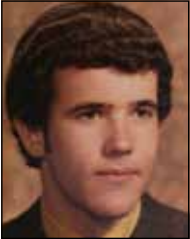
**William Marshall**  
*Aug. 23, 1954-June 27, 2025*  
William Douglas Marshall, 70, of Sweet Home, passed away June 27, 2025.

He was born Aug. 23, 1954, in Milwaukie, Wis. His parents were Margaret Eileen and Ned Larison Marshall.

Bill grew up in Hood River, graduating from Hood River Valley High School.

He attended Oregon State University for two years, then transferred to Central Oregon Community College where he graduated in Forestry.

After a short time in the Forest Service, he moved to Sweet Home where he took a job at Cascade Timber Con-



sulting, Inc., growing and protecting trees for tomorrow! He worked for them for 42 years.

Bill had so many interests. He tied his own flies for many fly fishing excursions, many of those trips with "Uncle" Donnie Cherrington, and lat-

diggers, skunks.

Part of the hunt included tasty mushrooms and all sorts of berries. Then there were butter clams, razor clams, cockles, scallops, gooey ducks.

Rock hounding was another passion Bill had fun with. He was a person who knew a colossal amount of everything.

He could give you a geography lesson on any drive, telling you why, when or how this ridge or this mountain happened to be where it is. He was eager to teach anyone anything he thought they needed to know.

He was very proud of his greenhouse and he probably would have given Johnny Appleseed a run for his money on who planted more trees.

Bill is survived by his wife, Diane Marshall of Sweet Home; son Joe (Carly) Marshall of Albany, daughter

Natalie (Sam) Rivera of Scio; mother Margaret Marshall of Hood River; sisters Mary Sue Benton of Hood River, Peggy (Woody) Woodruff of Hood River, Joani (Rod) Howell of Medford; bonus son Ryan (Jenny) Daniels of Lebanon; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ned Marshall (2017); Auntie Mair (2011); and brother-in-law Steve Benton (2018).

A celebration of life will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Aug. 23, at Sweet Home Funeral Chapel.

In lieu of flowers or cards, donations in his memory can be made to the City of Sweet Home Sankey Park Phase 3 fund by calling (541) 367-5128, or to the CAST for Kids Foundation by visiting [castforkids.org](http://castforkids.org).

*Paid Obituary*

**Richard Byrd**  
*April 4, 1964 - July 23, 2025*  
Richard Allen Byrd, 61, of Sweet Home, passed away July 23, 2025.

He was born April 4, 1964 to Dennis Byrd and Gwen Grissom in Riverside, Calif.

He was raised in Orting, Wash. In 1983 he joined the U.S. Army and was dis-



charged in 1986. Before coming to Oregon he lived in Pismo Beach, Calif.

Working as a chef most of his life, Rick still found time for his family and hobbies. You could always find him playing guitar, drums, singing and even song writing, along with spoiling his wife with amazing cooking skills.

Rick is survived by his wife of more than 30 years, Pam Thorp-Byrd; children Savannah and Danni, and son-in-law Jordan and four other children; and four grandchil-

dren.

He lives on in our memories, never to be forgotten.

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

**Connie Rye**  
*March 9, 1954 - June 23, 2025*  
Connie Rae Rye, 71, of Sweet Home, passed away June 23, 2025, at Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital, surrounded by her family.

She was born March 9, 1954, to Dorothy May and Albert "Buster" Lane in North

Bend.

Connie is survived by her daughter, Candace Rye of Sweet Home; and a granddaughter and her husband of Albany.

She was preceded in death by the love of her life Thomas O. Rye (2013); and great-granddaughter Kaia Rae Williams (2023).

Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements.

**Death Notices**  
**Sarah Rivers**  
*Oct. 15, 1952 - Aug. 1, 2025*

Sarah Jane Rivers, 72, of Sweet Home, passed away Friday, August 1, 2025. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements. For updated information, visit [www.sweethomefuneral.com](http://www.sweethomefuneral.com).

**Floyd Williams**  
*March 4, 1944 - Aug. 1, 2025*  
Floyd D. Williams, 81, of Sweet Home, passed away Friday, August 1, 2025. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements. For updated information, visit [www.sweethomefuneral.com](http://www.sweethomefuneral.com).

EVENTS

**Community Worship and Prayer Service**  
One Sweet Home will hold a Community Prayer and Wor-

ship Service from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10, at Riverside Christian Church, 42855 Green River Drive in Sweet Home.

**Sweet Home Health Fair Aug. 16**  
Learn about local health resources at the eighth an-

nual Sweet Home Community Health Fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at Sweet Home High School.

More than 30 tables of health-related information and resources will be available, including free clothing and back-to-school backpacks for kids.

More than 15 local agencies and organizations will be present to provide information about their services, ranging from housing assistance to substance abuse to hospice care. Admission is free.

**Art en Plein Air at Foster Lake**  
Artists and art watchers are invited to participate in a "Plein Air" artist event from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 20, at Foster Lake near Edgewater.

"Plein air," a French term, is the practice of creating artwork outdoors. Artists are invited to bring their art supplies (and table, chair, easel - whatever you need) to work on their own projects and enjoy the company of other artists.

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

PRECIPITATION

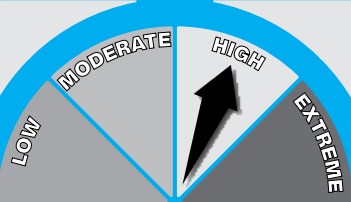
Year to date: 19.24  
July 31, 2024: 18.79

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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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).

**Aug. 3**  
12:14 a.m. - Caller reported large group of people in altercation at Dam Bar, 6099 Main St.

Travis Tyler Gregg, 31, arrested for harassment, disorderly conduct II. Clinton Jeffery Gregg, 33, arrested for harassment, disorderly conduct II. Both cited and released.

2:11 a.m. - Caller reported disturbance in 1000 block 13th Ave. involving "lots of yelling" with several vehicles at location. Officer responded. Determined that there had been minor physical altercation involving juveniles, but not mandatory arrest situation. Parties separated, left location.

3:33 a.m. - Jamie Daniel Carpenter, 49, arrested on SHMC warrant for FTC in criminal driving case, Oregon Jamboree Main Gate on 18th Ave. Cited and released.

5:21 a.m. - Joseph Gene Salley, 53, arrested on LMC warrant for FTA in driving while suspended case, 1500 block Main St. Cited and released.

10:30 a.m. - Caller reported vehicle hit in 4000 block Long St. Officer responded, info not-

10:24 p.m. - Caller reported group of juveniles trespassing on Oregon Jamboree grounds, 18th Ave. Officer responded, contacted security and juveniles. Investigation ongoing.

10:38 p.m. - Caller reported fire in 1000 block Wiley Creek Dr. Sweet Home firefighters and police responded. Fire, about 10 feet off roadway, was out on police arrival.

11:08 p.m. - Caller reported delivery vehicle sign stolen from Domino's Pizza, 2128 Main St. Officer responded, noted info.

11:15 p.m. - Amber Dawn Barton arrested at SHPD, 1950 Main St., on AMC warrant for FTA in probation violation case. Cited and released.

11:42 p.m. - Eric Raymond Shipp, 50, arrested for harassment after caller reported male had hit her in the head, 1400 block 22nd Ave. Cited and released.

11:45 p.m. - Desirae Estelle Johnson, 33, arrested on LMC warrant for FTA in criminal citation case, LCCC warrants for FTA in DUII, criminal misconduct II and FTA in case involving four counts of giving false information. 1100 block 55th Ave. Cited and released. Arrests came after caller reported dog was left in vehicle overnight with windows rolled up. Officer responded to that situation, found dog to be OK, counseled owner for leaving dog in vehicle.

**Aug. 2**  
1:17 a.m. - Noah James Pre-witt, 20, arrested for DUII, minor in possession of alcohol and wrong way on one-way street, 1300 block Long St.

1:39 a.m. - Caller reported neighbor's dogs barking for two hours in 4600 block Mahogany Lane. Officer responded, noted that dogs were barking "excessively" on arrival. Unable to contact owners but will do so.

2:25 a.m. - Michael William Godin, 21, cited for failure to wear seatbelt, 4000 block Main St.

2:36 a.m. - LCSO reported possible alcohol poisoning at Chewy's Pub and Grub, 1200 block 12th Ave. Male transported by medics. Report taken.

3:11 a.m. - Caller reported neighbor's dogs continuing to bark, 4600 block Mahogany Lane. Officer unable to make phone contact with owners. Left voice message.

3:16 a.m. - Male transported by medics after reportedly breaking his leg in fall from roof, 2500 block Birch St.

8:23 a.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 McCarthy, Bryce William McGowan, Eric Wayne McKnight, Carrie Lynne Miller, Thomas Elbridge Miller, James Keith Mortensen, Nicholas Alan Nelson, Daniel Austin Phillips, Tammy Lavonn Robinson, James Ryan Routon, Kristina Marie Sleutel, Joshua Alexander Williams

Amos Daniel Guerrero, 29, charged with possession of a stolen vehicle, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, unlawful possession of methamphetamine and giving false information to a

Crossword KEY

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## FROM OUR FILES



Resident George Stout demonstrates the fiddle expertise that garnered his first place trophy at the North Douglas County Fair in 1975.

### Aug. 10, 1950

City Council approved the purchase of a new one-ton flatbed truck to replace the water department's 1941 truck. Cost of the vehicle after trade-in allowance was \$1,478.75.

The Chamber of Commerce decided to temporarily abandon the plan to hire a full-time chamber manager. Also, during the regular August meeting, chamber members voted down a proposal to investigate and possibly mediate the labor-management dispute at Willamette National Lumber company here.

The first of three mobile units for Sweet Home's two-way police-fire radio system was installed this week in the fire department's old International truck. The second unit is to be installed in the police car while the third will be installed in the fire department's new rural-call truck.

### Aug. 7, 1975

A fire started in the bottom of canyon in "very rough terrain" about four miles northeast of Cascadia in the

Queens Creek area near Canyon Creek ended up burning about 110 acres of timber and slash this week. It is believed the fire was human caused. It is the 13th - and largest - fire in the area of the Linn patrol since July 1.

### Aug. 9, 2000

Sweet Home police arrested former resident Debra Ann Robinson, former owner of Smoker's Choice on Hwy. 20, in Salem this week as a result of a nationwide investigation into the illegal trafficking of pseudoephedrine - a precursor chemical used to manufacture methamphetamine. More than 140 people from multiple states were arrested.

The eighth annual Oregon Jamboree was dubbed one of the best to date. Headliners included Charlie Daniels, Dwight Yoakam, Wynonna, Kenny Chesny, Chely Wright, Terri Clark and Sawyer Brown. German photographers Hans and Elvira Pfaff - authors of coffee books about Canada - started documenting the Pacific Northwest by capturing images from this Jamboree.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Community leaders agree: We need Birth Center

Our community cannot afford to lose the birth center at Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital.

Doctors, nurses, our local fire chiefs, U.S. senators and representative, City Council president and current and former patients all agree: Linn County residents need essential services like labor and delivery and pre-and post-birth care in a central location that's accessible.

It isn't a luxury. This is life-or-death for moms and newborns and our community.

At the Girod Birth Center at Samaritan Lebanon, we do so much more than deliver babies.

We are a labor, delivery, postpartum, neonatal care, triage, and women's health post-operative recovery unit.

We provide special community services including childbirth classes, lactation support, testing for moms and babies with significant health risks, care up to a month after delivery and ambulance support for hospital transfers.

Put simply: We are a lifeline for local women, mothers, and babies. Our doors are open for them before, during and after birth and our care keeps them out of the emergency room—which means faster treatment for everyone else in our community.

Thousands of people have

already called on Samaritan executives to do the right thing and save essential local services like our birth center and emergency surgery team.

It's time for Samaritan executives and the board of directors to listen to the providers at the bedside, the patients we care for, our fire chiefs and elected officials and save our birth center. You can help send a message to Samaritan executives at [www.SaveOurBirthCenters.com](http://www.SaveOurBirthCenters.com).

**Amanda Vinson, RN, is an Oregon Nurses Association member and a nurse at the Girod Birth Center at Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital.**

## Editorial: Demise of Oregon Jamboree opportunity to get innovative again

By Scott Swanson  
Publisher

I'm sure I'm not the only one to hear lots of mixed reactions to the fact that this year's Oregon Jamboree is its swan song.

Many who enjoyed volunteering and attending the Jamboree are, not surprisingly, unhappy that the end has come. Others, the ones who tended not to be attendees and had to put up with the noise and the crowds, don't seem disappointed.

Understandable, but it's a loss for Sweet Home nonetheless.

Fact is, the Jamboree has been good to us. There's no question that a lot of money has flowed into Sweet Home on festival weekend as thousands of campers, both those with castles on wheels and those with legs, have converged on us over the years. Their presence has spelled opportunity for local merchants who have been able to cash in on that traffic.

Like other things that we get used to and take for granted, the Jamboree actually was a really big deal. It was a significant accomplishment for a town of less than 10,000 people (34 years ago) to be able to put something of this magnitude together and keep it going for well over 30 years.

Sweet Home's "git'er done" personality is a strength, as evidenced by the Oregon Jamboree. But sometimes it takes us a while to get there, and now we have to figure out what's next.

Former City Manager Kelcey Young's effort last year to get the SHARE group re-established was a step in that direction (disclaimer: I was person-

ally involved in that myself), but after she abruptly departed that effort was put on hold, at least for the time being.

Whether it be through a brainstorming effort like SHARE or some other means, we need to find what I like to call "critical mass" to figure out what's next. In any community, but particularly in a smaller one like Sweet Home, the right people have to be in the right place at the right time to make something happen that will endure.

That's certainly what happened back in 1992 when Marge Geil and Leslie Anke and some others came up with the idea of having a camping festival in Sweet Home.

I'm sure there were naysayers, but they demonstrated the initiative to do something out-of-the-box and it worked, providing succor to a community that had taken it in the chops at multiple levels thanks to circumstances well beyond its control.

While the Oregon Jamboree may not have solved a lot of problems for Sweet Home, it put us on the map and it's been kind of a shot in the arm for those who have been involved. And it has been fun for a lot of people.

One longtime volunteer, who has devoted literally hundreds of hours of heavy labor into the festival, working long shifts to make concerts happen over the years, told me last week: "When I think of all the time I've put in there, I'm not entirely sorry to see it go. But then, again, I am."

Sweet Home has a lot to offer, which was clear to the founders of the festival. They were looking for answers in

difficult circumstances, and they found one that worked pretty well.

Yes, there were costs to the community to have the Jamboree here, but the rewards were there as well - which is true of any successful enterprise.

When I hear comments about the downsides of the festival, or scoffing at the suggestion that we have tourist traffic that we could and should find ways to profit from, one phrase comes to mind: "Familiarity breeds contempt."

I was in New York City one time, standing in Times Square, and as I looked around it occurred to me: "These people go to national parks on vacation. I live in a national park."

OK, I was employing a little hyperbole there, but in Sweet Home we look out our windows at mountains and trees - things other people see on their calendars.

Sweet Home had something to offer when the Jamboree started and we still do. We have outdoor recreation galore - trees, trails, lakes, rivers - right outside town. We are strategically located in an area that is within two hours' drive of our state's largest metropolitan areas. My window at work faces Highway 20 and I see the campers rolling by all day long, every day when it's not winter. Other people think we have something to offer.

We also have expertise in putting on events, matured over three decades. We have seasoned volunteers, we have executive types who know the ins and outs, and just because the camping festival model doesn't cut it any more with

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# CEIP funds dried up; now city is trying to bring it back to life

By Sarah Brown  
Of The New Era

After about six years of offering monetary incentives to improve downtown buildings, the money pot started drying up, but City Manager Jason Ogden is looking for ways to replenish the fund.

"We're actively working to bring CEIP back to life by steadily replenishing the fund," he said. "Using rental and alternative revenues is one way to do that."

The Commercial Exterior Improvement Program (CEIP) was a matching grant opportunity for commercial properties to make exterior improvements on their properties.

The primary objective was to incentivize the improvement of the city's aesthetics to attract visitors, customers and new businesses.

Businesses could receive as much as \$5,000 in matching funds for approved projects, with additional opportunities to obtain more. With some stipulations by the city, projects may include landscaping, painting, facade or parking lot improvements, business signs or handicap-accessibility.

CEIP was initially operated by the Sweet Home Active Revitalization Effort (SHARE) from 2010 to 2015. In 2018, the City of Sweet Home revived the grant program with money it had sitting around for economic development

purposes. Through both operations, multiple businesses took advantage of the opportunity to invest in improvements.

## Back to the Beginning

CEIP's pre-origins could be traced back to 2004 when Sweet Home Economic Development Group (SHEDG) formed a revitalization committee for the purpose of sprucing up the downtown core.

Board members said they wanted to assist in small projects that would improve downtown's look and attract new businesses and shoppers. The nonprofit considered investing in revitalization projects with the idea that, then-board president Ron Moore said, they could try doubling the money invested through matching funds.

In 2004, their first revitalization project was completed - a "facelift" at the corner of 12th and Main streets near Sunshine Espresso, providing benches, trash cans, landscaping and a fresh coat of paint.

Once SHEDG got a better grasp on its direction to assist in downtown revitalization, it budgeted \$35,000 for projects in addition to the thousands of other dollars they invested throughout the community (In 2006, SHEDG reported it had - since 2001 - distributed more than \$102,000 in grants



Photo by Sarah Brown

Lilies and Lovelies used a CEIP grant in 2019 for roof work, and again in 2023 for new siding and paint.

and donations to the community, including median strip projects, murals, Main Street banners, and funds to Sweet Home Community Foundation for grants to worthy causes and organizations).

In 2005, the revitalization committee started offering a \$500 matching grant for facade improvements for up to 10 businesses.

They approved applications for The Rio Theatre (bench and neon lighting), Sunshine Espresso (paint), Seamingly Creative (paint) and Jack Pedersen's Chiropractic (paint), and made plans to budget another \$5,000 to the pot for next year.

News articles reported that Oregon Prospecting and Rita's

Relics also benefitted from SHEDG's facade improvement funds.

But this wasn't officially "CEIP" yet.

In 2008, SHARE was formed as an advisory council to SHEDG, effectively replacing the revitalization committee.

In 2010, SHEDG hired Community Development Director Brian Hoffman to work closely with SHARE and provide leadership in their economic development efforts. That same year, CEIP was born with a \$6,000 annual stipend from SHEDG. Later, the budget kept increasing up to as much as \$40,000.

Increases in matching funds also came as a response to a concern that not many

businesses were taking advantage of the money being offered.

Some SHARE members theorized that the \$500 wasn't enough to convince a business owner to take on an improvement project, particularly given the economy. Maybe more would help.

The new incentives seemed to have worked. Chamber of Commerce members could receive an additional \$500, matching funds were not required, and businesses could receive up to 10% of their project cost if they used local contractors (a \$50,000 project could receive \$5,000 in grant funds).

CEIP-funded upgrade projects through SHARE\*\* included: signs for Attitudes, South Santiam Salon, Funky Munky, Mechals Motors, and Sweet Home Funeral Chapel; signs and improvements for Hartsook Farmer's Insurance, and Foster Lake Bed and Breakfast; improvements on the building that housed Cutloose Hair and Nail Co.; sign and painting for LB Lock and Key; asphalt repair at McLain Racing; facade improvements at the Solar Way Building (12th & Main); landscaping and wall construction at Edgewater RV Resort; roof replacement at O&M Tire Factory, and Lilies and Lovelies; Veterans Hall;

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# Newspaper wins four awards in new Northwest contest

The New Era won four awards at the Pacific Northwest News Publishing Contest, held during the Oregon Newspaper Publishers convention on July 18 at Boulder Falls Inn in Lebanon.

This year's contest, for the first time, included Washington and Idaho newspapers. It was judged by members of the Virginia News Press Association.

Now-Editor Scott Swanson's editorial, "Local Newspaper Facing Dire Situation," informing the community about the financial straits The New Era was in last December, which prompted a vigorous response from the community, was a first-place winner.

Reporter Sarah Brown won two awards. She received a second place for Best Lifestyle Coverage with a story entitled

## EDITORIAL

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the public's tastes, we should be able to find other ways to play to our strengths.

That's what they did in 1992 and that's what we should do now.

I know I'm not the only one thinking about this. We've got cards to play with and it would

be a pity to just fold our hand.

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## JAMBOREE

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"It really sucks that this is the last one," said Jennifer Boulanger, attending her third festival, with her friend Lucia Case – a 20-year attendee – and their husbands, all from Washington.

"We love country music and we have to come and dance because we love to dance," Boulanger added.

Kim Harris, whose husband Tommy works for Buck's Sanitary Service, one of the partners in producing the festival, said it was her second year and she was sorry it was her last.

"I love it," she said. "It really sucks that it's going to be done with."

Shamek said that artists and businesses providing services to the Oregon Jamboree were generous this year in helping to make the production finan-

cially feasible.

"I've built a lot of good relationships within the industry," he said. "So we ended up with some really amazing discounts after they found out that it was our last year."

Jacque Roar, a finalist on Season 24 of "The Voice," was one of the performers at Thursday's Kick-Off Party, which was free to the community and was held at Sankey Park for the first time.

"Jackie actually reached out to me and said, 'Hey, I want to play a spot at the Jamboree this year, your last year.' So I said, 'Absolutely, I'll find a spot for you.'"

The Kick-Off performance also included Jeff Miller & the Congregation from Bend and headliner Kurt Van Meter, who is well-known to local Jamboree fans.

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## EVENTS

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watch the artists at work. You might see painting, drawing, sculpting, or perhaps even jewelry. There will be some art supplies available to try out yourself.

The event will be located in the grass between Foster Lake and the Edgewater at Foster townhomes.

**Wolthuis sisters to perform Aug. 23**

René Wolthuis Johnson and Dr. Carmen Wolthuis Hall will present a piano and organ concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1155 22nd Ave., Sweet Home.

Johnson is a pianist and organist based in Arlington, Va. Hall is a pianist, educator, and founder of Timpanogos Cham-

ber Music.

She also directs Young Pianists International, teaches at Utah Valley University and currently serves as president of the Utah Music Teachers Association.

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# Oregon Jamboree Kickoff



Fans gather around the stage at Sankey Park for the Kickoff Party on Thursday, July 31.



Jacquie Roar kicks off the 34th annual Oregon Jamboree at the Kickoff Party at Sankey Park on Thursday, July 31 as fans, below right, enjoy her performance.



Music fans take a moment for a group photo.



Guests walk through the scenic Weddle Bridge.



Photos by Sarah Brown

## The *Icebox* Performer Of The Week

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

Big props to Kevin from the marketing team! He's been tackling the massive job of updating all our product photos—no small feat—and still finds time to jump in wherever he's needed.

Whether it's behind the camera or behind the wheel on a delivery run, Kevin's been all in to support any part of the team.

Thanks for being a powerhouse and keeping things moving forward, Kevin!





Vendors fill Sankey Park for the first guests of the 2025 Oregon Jamboree during the Kickoff Party.

# Oregon Jamboree Finale



Photos by Satina Tolman

Sawyer Brown's Mark Miller, left, Gregg "Hobie" Hubbard on the keyboard and Bobby Randall lay it down for fans, below, during their gig Friday evening.



Photo by Scott Swanson

Clay Walker performs as Friday night's headline artisit.



Photo by Satina Tolman

Bellamy Brothers Howard, left, and David perform as their lead guitarist Randy Hiebert leans into a song.

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Shane Smith, left, and fiddler Bennett Brown, above, of Shane Smith and the Saints perform Saturday night. Upper right, Kylie Morgan has fun with the crowd Saturday afternoon while, right, emcees Mekela Rae and Jessie G welcome the crowd Saturday night. At left, Jackson Dean does double duty on stage, singing as he gives a fan an autograph. At bottom, fans enjoy a performance. See many more photos at [sweethomenews.com](https://www.sweethomenews.com).



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# Oregon Jamboree Finale

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“Those people that played, they played for free because they knew it was the last year,” Shamek said. “That was really nice.”

He said he is pretty confident that the festival will finish in the black this year.

“It takes a while to get all the invoices in, but I think we’re looking OK, which is good.”

The crowds appeared to be enjoying themselves.

Fire Chief Nick Tyler said the lower temperatures were “a blessing.”

“The Jamboree hired Adventure Medics to deal with the medical inside the Jamboree venue and that worked great for us,” he said. “We were able to handle the calls in the community without relying on help from other agencies.”

Police Chief/City Manager Jason Ogden said law enforce-

ment – his officers and Oregon State Police troopers who staffed the event – had “relatively few incidents.”

“Inside the venue things were running well and people seemed to be having a good time,” he said. “Outside the gates was solid too. There was good energy and no major issues.”

“All around, it felt like a successful event.”

The Jamboree ended well for Tony Cazares and Kyli Schultz of the Albany area, who left as an engaged couple after Cazares popped the question on stage during Davis’ performance.

“I never thought he would propose to me like this,” Schultz posted later on Facebook.

Other than a no-show by The Frontmen of Country on Saturday “due to circumstances beyond their control,” as the Jamboree announced earlier that day, citing “challenges that

arise in the touring world,” audiences seemed to appreciate the performances, which featured the usual variety of styles, ranging from high energy (Sawyer Brown, Jordan Davis) to contemplative (Shane Smith and the Saints) and just about everything in between on the Main and Park stages.

“I love all the different kinds of country music and I like to people-watch,” said Rhonda Whitten, who started attending after winning a free ticket eight years ago and has spent the last five as a volunteer. “It’s a lot of fun.”

Although the end was bittersweet, Shamek acknowledged that SHEDG directors “made the right decision” in ending the festival’s run.

“I think the biggest thing is they decided to go out on top and being able to pay all of our bills, versus trying to prolong

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Photo by Mack Knebel  
An aerial shot Sunday afternoon shows the grounds on the final day of the Oregon Jamboree.



Photo by Mack Knebel  
Joe Nichols connects with a fan as he performs Sunday afternoon on the Main Stage to an enthusiastic audience.



Photo by Scott Swanson  
Jesse G performs Sunday evening on the Second Stage to a packed crowd in Sankey Park.

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## CEIP

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Sweet Home Emergency Ministries; The New Era/Liquor Store building; Speedee Mart; and other drainage, painting, landscaping, storefront, paving, signage and awning projects.

According to Hoffman and then-SHEDG board president Kevin Strong, one of the main goals for providing CEIP grants was to provide the catalyst needed to encourage other commercial building owners to take action on their buildings.

In 2014, SHEDG determined that its \$60,000 CEIP investments to date helped fund as much as \$260,000 in improvements.

An exhaustive list of CEIP recipients through SHARE was not available, but historical New Era articles were combed through to identify many. SHARE ended its CEIP after a five-year run from 2010 to 2015.

### City Steps In

By 2017, the City of Sweet Home was sitting on about \$215,575 in the Housing Rehabilitation Fund, which “had been inactive for some time,” Ogden said.

“The city had taken over a set of federal home loans, and as those loans were repaid, the funds were deposited into this account,” he explained.

During the budget process for the 2017-18 fiscal year, the fund was renamed the Economic and Community Development Fund (ECD), and \$200,000 from the General Fund was transferred into it, giving the fund a total of \$415,575.

According to a May 2017 article on the subject, the money would not be for any specific project or program, but would be for use by the Community and Economic Development Director for the overall purpose of economic development opportunities – whatever that might look like.

In 2018, the city's new Community and Economic Development Director, Jerry Sorte, recommended the city allocate \$200,000 from that fund for its own version of a CEIP grant. During that time, Chamber of Commerce President Bill Matthews noted business owners wanted a program available to help them with improvements.

“Left on their own devices, they're not going to do it,” Matthews said. “There hasn't been a proactive approach to improving the appearance of businesses and blocks. They'll need to be encouraged, or it won't work.”

Scott Snedeker and Thomas Baham were the first recipients of the city's CEIP pro-



Photo by Sarah Brown

The Rio used the CEIP grant in 2018, 2020, 2021 and 2023 for landscaping, picnic tables, lighting, painting, planter boxes, tile facade, marquee lighting, a replacement sign, asphalt sealing, murals, sidewalk replacement and parking lot improvements.

gram in 2018.

Snedeker received \$4,290 for stucco repair, architectural trim and painting on buildings he owned between 1200 and 1206 Main Street. Baham won three grants totalling \$13,902.29 for work on The Rio Theatre and its adjoining park that included landscaping, picnic tables, lighting, painting, tile facade and parking lot improvements.

For about six years, businesses throughout the city received CEIP grants totalling an additional \$324,449.25. During that time, the only money – if any – replenishing the ECD Fund was from the old federal loan program. As many as 55 projects have been completed through the CEIP program from 2018 to 2024.

Recipients were: Aaron Hegge Agency, Dairy Queen, Dan Dee Sales, Downtown Restaurant and Lounge, East Linn Property Management, Freedom Hill Church, Foster Lake Inn, Gleaners, Hoy's Hardware, Industrial Welding, Into the Brew Coffeehouse, Layman, Lilies & Lovelies, Mary Gilds, McClain Racing, Moneyman, O&M Point S Tire, Peter Mynar, Ridgeway Health, River of Life Fellowship, Service with a Smile, Snegirev, Steelhead Fitness, Sugar Vibes, Sunshine Espresso, Sweet Home Barber Shop, Sweet Home Pregnancy Center, Sweet Home Veterinary Hospital, The Point Restaurant, The Woods Roadhouse, Thriftway, Valley View Logging, Walker Heating & AC, and Wolhuis.

“The intention was to use those resources to support local business growth and economic vitality,” Ogden said. “While a portion of the fund has supported CEIP, it's one of several eligible uses under the broader umbrella of economic and community development.”

In other words, all the money in the ECD Fund was for economic development as needed including funding of the CEIP grants.

According to Ogden, the

last CEIP applications were accepted in 2023, at which point the fund was reaching its limit “due to the number and size of grants awarded.”

The last businesses to take advantage of the grants include Hoy's Hardware, for awning and parking lot improvements; Walker Heating & AC, for exterior painting; and Into The Brew, for exterior painting and signage.

### Seeking Revenue Sources

When Ogden took over the role of city manager earlier this year, he began working with staff to find ways to rebuild the fund.

Since May, they have been putting revenue from the Flex Building lease and EV charging station into the ECD Fund, which currently has \$5,520. Some of the original federal loans are also still being repaid, which will continue to flow into the fund over time, Ogden said.

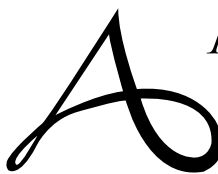
“No new applications are being accepted currently, and we are not issuing new CEIP awards at this time,” Ogden said. “However, the goal is to bring the program back as funds become available.”

The city manager said he realizes CEIP has been an impactful tool for local small business development, downtown revitalization and “community confidence.”

Making it flexible, accessible and controlled locally – rather than by state or federal program – helps the city be able to use the money according to Sweet Home's specific needs.

“Ultimately, this kind of local investment builds trust and momentum,” he said. “It signals to entrepreneurs that the city is a committed partner, and that small businesses matter here. We're optimistic that in the future we'll be able to reintroduce CEIP as a meaningful support tool for our business community.”

\*\* Other businesses may have received facade improvement funding through SHEDG, but may not have been reported on.





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

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**NOTICE OF PENDING ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION AND REQUEST FOR COMMENT.** The Sweet Home Community and Economic Development Department received an application for a Partition, and the Planning and Building Manager will decide on this request soon. The Department is now seeking your comments and suggestions. REQUEST: The applicant is requesting to partition an approximately 43,124 square foot (.99 acre) lot into two parcels. After the partition, existing tax lot 1501 will be split into two parcels. Proposed Parcel 1 shall be approximately 32,327 square feet. Proposed Parcel 2 shall be approximately 10,781 square feet. The subject property is in the Residential Low Density (R-1) Zone. APPLICANT: Kyle Latimer, Udell Engineering & Land Surveying, LLC. PROPERTY OWNER: Debbie Seavy. FILE NUMBER: P25-06. PROPERTY LOCATION: 725 Steelhead Way, Sweet Home, OR, 97386; Identified on Linn County Assessor's Map as 13S01E-31BA Tax Lot 1501. REVIEW AND DESIGN CRITERIA: Sweet Home Municipal Code (SHMC) Sections: 17.10, 17.58.030, 17.58.050, 17.58.070, 17.98.010-17.98.060, and 17.124. STAFF CONTACT: Angela Clegg, Planning & Building Manager. Phone (541) 818-8029, Email: aclegg@sweethomeor.gov. DATE MAILED: July 31, 2025. Comments must be received no later than: 5:00 PM on August 20, 2025. Written comments may be submitted to the Community and Economic Development Department at 3225 Main Street, Sweet Home, Oregon 97386 or to the staff contact listed above. Please include reference to the file number in the subject line of your comments. Notice of the decision on this application will only be mailed to the applicant, property owner, those who provided written comments on the proposal, and those who requested a copy of the decision. The failure

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of an issue to be raised in writing within the specified time frame, or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the decision maker an opportunity to respond to the issue, precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals based on that issue. A copy of the application and all documents and evidence relied upon by the applicant and applicable criteria are available for inspection at no cost and a copy will be provided at reasonable cost. A copy of the staff report will be available for inspection at no cost when it is complete, and a copy will be provided at reasonable cost. You may contact the Community and Economic Development Department at 3225 Main Street, Sweet Home, Oregon 97386; Phone: (541) 818-8029. (Aug 6)

**In the Matter of the Estate of WANDA R. IRWIN**

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Linn County Case No. 25PB06254 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Circuit Court of Linn County, State of Oregon, has appointed the undersigned as Personal Representative of the Estate of Wanda R. Irwin, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same, with proper vouchers, to the personal representative in care of Sarah Castleton, Attorney at Law, Ivers & Miller Law at 317 W. 1st Ave, Suite 302, Albany, OR 97321, within four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative. DATED and first published: August 6, 2025. Deborah Irwin Personal Representative c/o Sarah Castleton Ivers & Miller Law PO Box 1033

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317 First Ave W., Suite 302 Albany, OR 97321 (541) 928-5875 sarah@ivers.law (Aug 6)

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

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

*The Sweet Home Police Department has in its physical possession the unclaimed personal property described below. If you have any ownership interest in any of the unclaimed property, you must file a claim with the Sweet Home Police Department within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice or you will lose interest in that property. You may file a claim that presents proof satisfactory that you are the lawful owner or security interest holder of the property. The unclaimed property may be donated to a nonprofit organization or another government agency; retained for use by the City of Sweet Home; destroyed; or sold at public auction through govdeals.com, ebay.com or Facebook at any time after the 30-day period expires, Aug. 6-Sept. 5, 2025 (PP 25-05): DVD player, letter, penny collection, carts with miscellaneous personal items. Social Security cards for Clinton and Keisha Gerhard, chairs, skateboard, lighters, handbags, sacks and bags with personal items, clothing, bedding, sewing needles, rolling papers, tents, garden loppers, handsaw, bicycles, liquor, scissors, razor head, firearms, backpacks with miscellaneous items, knives, phones, computer cables, ammunition, magazine loader, suitcase with clothing, vaping device, stroller, tarps, rope, flashlight, bike trailer, gas can, books. (Aug 6)*

**Estate of Richard Quemado**

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Case Number: 25PB05769 NOTICE: The Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Linn, has appointed the undersigned as Personal Representative of the Estate of Richard Quemado, deceased. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative at 1220 20th St. SE, Ste. 105, Salem, OR 97302, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the re-

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cords of the Court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published on August 6, 2025. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE Roy Quemado ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE Alexis Shimada, OSB 184435 1220 20th St. SE, Ste. 105 Salem, OR 97302 Phone: 503.863.2732 Fax: 971.770.0450 Email: alexis@shimadalawfirm.com (Aug 6)

**Notice of sale of personal property under landlord's possessory lien.** Personal property left in the following units have been seized for non-payment of rent and will be sold at **The Storage Depot- 4199 Main St. Sweet Home, OR 97386 on August 27, 2025.** The following units are available for viewing at 10:00 am and will be sold to the highest bidder: Lon Salladay c/o Karla Salladay -A446, Leigh Gregory - B322, James Rodman - E133, Rita Kizer - E173, Kristina Johnston - D335, Kelly Orban - D224, Aaron Jefferson - A320, Jordan Boyes - A314, Christina Erickson - E167, Curtis Hughes - RV39, Rita Kizer - D222, Kaci Speck - D344, Arianna Ayres - A405, Alejandro Alvarez - A401, Ashley Bowers - B145, Samantha Mansell - D404, Farrin Geise - D425. (Aug 6 - Aug 13)

**Notice of sale of personal property under Landlords Possessory lien.** Personal property left in the following units have been seized for Non-payment of rent and will be sold at **The Storage Depot, 111 Davidson St. NE Albany, OR 97321 August 28, 2025 at 10:00am.** Beauford, Heather #C143; Sears, Sandra #C33; Wood, Patrick #E32; Ingram, Tiffany #C43; Dalebout, Richard #C154; Cockrell, Gail #F94; Terry, Jack #E23 (Aug 6 - Aug 13)

**Notice of sale of personal property under landlord's possessory lien.** Personal property left in the following units have been seized for non-payment of rent and will be sold at **The Storage Depot- 36666, Hwy 34, Lebanon OR 97355** on August 29th, 2025 at 10:00 am: Cochell, Pamela EL36; Corson, Maria DR10; Harwood, Nicole AL49; Keuscher, Kari CC64; Masog, Hailee DL37; Power, Megan DL22; Schrick, Ronald ER28 & BL12; Scott, Chiquita BR54; Ufford, Deandre Ufford F20; Valentino, Jennifer DL27; Wright, Nikki DC100. (Aug 6 - Aug 13)

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# SHHS ACADEMIC AWARDS

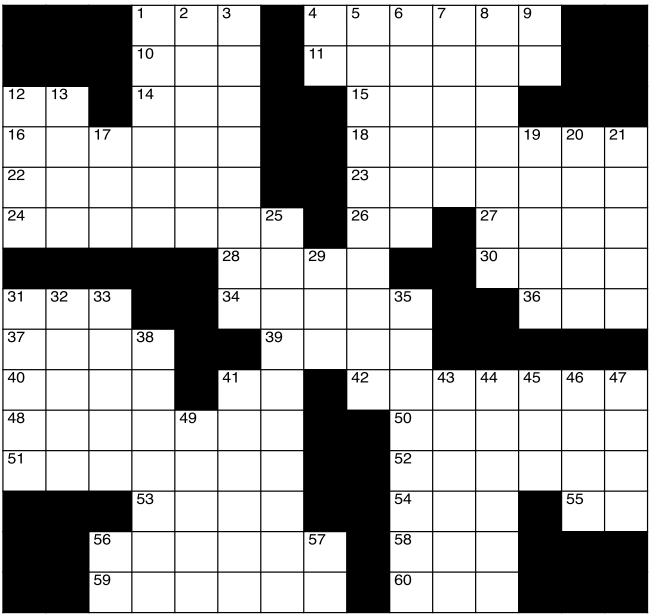
Following are awards presented at the end of the 2024-25 school year to Sweet Home High School students who excelled in each of the classes listed or in some other academic pursui, as announced by the school.

- ACADEMIC AWARDS**  
**Career Technical Education**  
Metals 1 - Dylan Bunjer  
Metals 2 - David Anderson  
Metals 3 - Caiden Matthews  
Manufacturing - Laylend Peterson  
Forestry 1 - Olivia Saveskie  
Forestry 2 - Bridger Royer  
Forestry 3 - Taylor Carr  
Forest Management - Dom Freeman  
Wildlife - Austin Hogan  
Intro to Ag Structures - Tyler Bondesen  
Advanced Ag Structures - Ty Newcomer  
Intro to Power Systems - Logan Kunkle  
Advanced Power Systems - Isaiah Scofield  
Intro to Programming - Jesse Jernigan  
Programming with Python - Ameliiah Spinney  
Marketing 1 - Dinah Watkins  
Entrepreneurship - Trevvor Starkey  
Accounting 1 A/B - Ronald Abbott  
Accounting 2 A/B - Jocelyn Fairchild  
Advertising/Graphic Design - Elizabeth Leonard  
Intro to Eng and Design - Conner Stevens  
Product Design - Jackson Barringer  
Intro to Agriculture - Ellie Dominy  
Animal Science - Bode Hart  
Horticulture - Delainie Pratt  
Vet Science - Kaylie Cooley  
Greenhouse/Nursery Mgmt - Tawni Banta  
Ag Leadership - Conner Stevens
- Electives**  
Intro to Culinary - Holden Wolford  
Culinary 1 - Miu Simmons  
Culinary 2 - Kalissa Ellis  
Culinary 3 - Khaira Hall  
Advanced Culinary - Layla Prewitt  
Beginning Sewing - Taelyn Colman/Courtney Newens /Khloe Wood  
Advanced Sewing - Joey Jazmin  
Realist Artist - Autumn Dieterich  
Medical Illustrator - Abigail Foss  
Portraitist - Joshua Meglen  
Renaissance Artist - Emerson Martineau  
Audubon Artist - Aria Gardner  
Master Potter - Tawni Banta  
Photojournalist - Ryker Burr  
Cinematographer - Ayden Gole

- Collaborative Artist - Daylon Thompson  
Wind Ensemble - Obadiah "Obie" Christman  
Jazz Band - Daylon Thompson  
General Music - Hayden Strawn  
Concert Choir - Elena Briggs, Zander Haggard  
Repertory Singers - Charm Flowers, Levi Ensley  
Intro to Ukulele - Malakai Walls, Aubrey Newberry  
Advanced Ukulele - Aria Gardner, Kyleigh Cutbirth
- English**  
English 1 - Dinah Watkins  
English 2 - Tayler Carr  
Honors English 2 - Ryker Burr  
English 3 - Jack Ortiz  
Honors English 3 - Elizabeth Leonard  
English 4 - Tawni Banta  
Writing 121 - Ivan Ogden  
English 104 - Amelia Sullens  
Creative Writing - Conner Wyckhuyse  
9th Grade Success - Olivia Lufkin  
10th Grade Success - AJ Rodriquez
- Health/PE**  
Wellness 1 - Elena Briggs  
Wellness 2 - Elizabeth Leonard  
Physical Cond for Women - Ayka Damag  
Lifetime Activities - Josh Aker  
Sports and Games - Sawyer Aiello  
Unified PE - Lawson Warner  
Outdoor PE - Aivah Boyd  
Weights - Jack Simmons, Brennen Eldridge  
PE 1 - Zach Davis
- Learning Resource Center**  
LRC - 9th Grade - Weston Nollen  
LRC - 10th Grade - Brody Taylor  
LRC - 11th Grade - Quintell Hall  
LRC - 12th Grade - Bode Hart  
Basic Life Skills - Christyna Thurber  
Behavior - Brenden Davis
- Math**  
Algebra Basics - Weston Nollen  
Algebra 1 - Sakura Miller  
Geometry - Cael Stevenson  
Honors Geometry - Amelia Spinney  
Algebra 2 - Xander Blom  
Math 111 - Trinity Victor  
Math 112 - Andrew Tolman  
Math 105 - Tanner Martinez Mendez  
Math 251 - Easten Perry and Peyton Markell  
Financial Algebra - Layla Prewit  
Math for the Trades - Ty Newcomer  
Integrated Math - Hayden Strawn
- Science**  
Intro to Science - Earth - Dinah Watkins  
Intro to Science - Physical Bentley Delibertis and Mariah Stevens  
Biology - Obadiah Christman

- Environmental Science - Aivah Boyd and Jack Ortiz  
General Chemistry - Victoria Victor  
Physics - Easten Perry  
Honors Chemistry - Ivan Ogden  
Anatomy and Physiology - Peyton Markel  
Intro to Health Occupations - Ayka Damag and Miu Simmons  
Sports Medicine - Emily Burks  
Medical Terminology - Jadyne Roos  
Marine Biology - Olivia Saveskie  
Integrated Science - Trenton Howard and Brittany Lippert  
All year partners - Olivia Sullens, Eturnty Allison, Damon Lawrence  
Crime Scene Investigations - Girl lab group: Kristen Epperson and Brook Epperson  
Boy lab group: Noah Kelly and Rafe Hayes
- Social Studies**  
Foundations of America - Tyler Bondesen  
Global Studies - Obadiah Christman/Aria Gardner  
Honors Global Studies - Olivia Saveskie  
20th American History - Elizabeth Leonard/Tanner Martinez-Mendez/Quintell Hall  
AP History - Trinity Victor/Alonna Baker  
Government - Killan Boggs/Josh Aker  
AP Government - Easten Perry  
Personal Economics - Josh Aker/Tiara Reynolds  
History Through Film - Olivia Saveskie  
History of Sports - Josh Aker  
Psychology - Connor Wyckhuyse  
Desktop Publishing - Alonna Baker
- SPECIAL STUDENT AWARDS**  
**Quiet Leader Award** recognizes students who lead through actions rather than words, often helping their peers in subtle, behind-the-scenes ways without seeking any praise: Dillan Davis, Peyton Markell, Paige Reynolds, Luke Rosa, Kyle Zajic.  
**Kindness Ambassador Award** recognizes students who consistently show kindness, generosity, selflessness and genuine care for others' well being. They bring people together, creating a sense of belonging and connection among their peers and a positive school environment. Honorees are: Aivah Boyd, Mailey Brewer, Kaydence Egner, Kalissa Ellis, Charm Flowers, Olivia Lufkin, Arman Marble, AJ Rodriguez, Natalie Smith.
- See SHHS Awards, Page 15**

# CROSSWORD



## CLUES ACROSS

1. Plural of be

4. Dress

10. Nothing

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

## CLUES DOWN

1. Enrages

2. Capital of Saudi Arabia

3. Uses in an unfair way

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

44. Rant

45. Famed journalist Tarbell

46. Opening

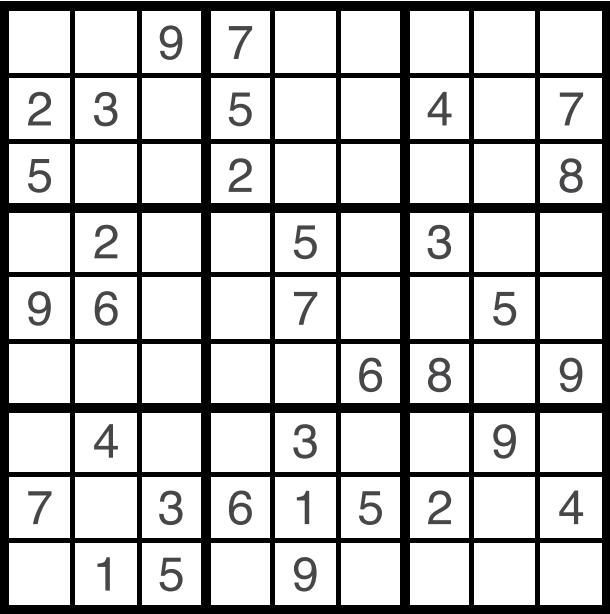
47. Round Dutch cheese

49. Archaic form of do

56. Once more

57. Registered nurse

# SUDOKU



Level: Beginner

# JAMBOREE

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another year and maybe not making it," he said.

Festival patrons provided plenty of input, he said.

"I got asked a million questions this weekend and I just kept reiterating that my focus is on making sure our last Jamboree is a successful Jamboree.

"A lot of people had 10,000 different things that they put in my ear, which is fantastic," he added. "Once I put this to bed, there could be some discussion but the focus right now is just getting this thing to a successful finish."

He said one of the most enjoyable parts of his job has been to deliver the "\$30,000 to \$40,000 checks to the school district that it disperses to the soccer team for cleats, to the swim team for computers."

"We've been doing it for years and years and years."

The Oregon Jamboree has outlived a lot of the competition, he noted.

"For a nonprofit festival to last 34 years in a small community that has one motel, I should say, 'one inn,' and a few restaurants, and we're still able to draw thousands and thousands of people, that's incredible," he said. "It just doesn't happen."

- Correspondent Satina Tol-

# Linn County ends 2024-25 fiscal year on solid financial footing

By Alex Paul

Linn County Communications

Linn County ended the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year with a solid financial footing, Accounting Officer Bill Palmer told Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Sherrie Sprenger and Will Tucker on Tuesday, July 29.

Palmer said the county received higher-than-budgeted revenue and department heads and elected officials held the line on spending.

Palmer said total fund balances were up about \$12 million over the prior year.

Health Department revenues - which are restricted

funds - were responsible for most of the increase.

Health Services Administrator Todd Noble said Linn County receives funds based on the number of members it has within the local Inter-Community Health Network, which serves Oregon Health Plan members in Linn, Benton and Lincoln counties.

## In other business, the commissioners:

- Approved an agreement with Protocol Services, increasing the monthly rate to \$10,125. Protocol Services provides 24/7 crisis phone services to county residents.

The contract was also extended to June 30, 2026.

- Approved an agreement with the Oregon Health Authority that outlined funding and responsibilities for programs offered through the Developmental Disabilities program for the 2025-2027 biennium.

- Approved an agreement with Regence Blue Cross Blue Shield outlining reimbursement rates for services provided by a registered nurse who makes postpartum visits to Linn County families with newborns.

- Approved the transfer of

\$198,222 from the Contin-gency Fund to Materials and Services to pay for invoices involved with remodeling of the Wheelhouse and 7th Street buildings.

- Adopted a collective bargaining agreement with the SEIU Local 503 and OPEU Linn County Local 390. The new contract calls for a 3.5 percent Cost of Living Adjustment the first year and 3 percent COLAs each of the next two years.

- Approved a First-Time Youth Wage Grant agreement with Apex Property Cleaning and Recycling.



## Antique Faire in Brownsville

Brownsville held its annual Antique Faire and Antique Car Show Saturday, Aug. 2, in Pioneer Park. The event drew some 6,000 people, who shopped some 80 vendors selling antiques and collectibles of all kinds, above, and got a chance to eyeball some mighty fine classic automobiles

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## PUBLIC SAFETY

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vehicle ran up onto sidewalk, hit mailbox, 2300 block Main St. Officer responded. Caller decided they wanted to attempt to exchange information with vehicle operator before pursuing charges.

11:46 a.m. - Jesse Lane David, 30, arrested by Lebanon police on SHMC warrant for FTA in DUII case. Cited to appear Aug. 27.

9:17 p.m. - Michael Dashawn Ferebee cited for driving while suspended, driving uninsured and failure to register vehicle, North River Dr./Foster Dam Rd.

9:58 p.m. - Bryan Allen Fry cited for driving while suspended, driving uninsured, Hwy. 228/Rowell Hill Rd.

10:06 p.m.- Kaelen Taeler Stansbury, 23, arrested by LCSO for FTC in SHMC disorderly conduct case. Cited to appear Aug. 27.

11:26 p.m. - Cameron Joseph Richards, 26, arrested for DUII and reckless driving, 3000 block Main St. Cited and released.

**Aug. 1**

7:14 a.m. - Caller reported vehicle that appeared to have caught fire abandoned at north end of 44th Ave. Officer responded, vehicle posted for removal.

8:37 a.m. - Caller reported male threw large amount of trash into roadway in area of Main St./41st Ave. Officer responded, report taken for offensive littering.

10:17 a.m. - Larry Allen Langford, 74, arrested for failure to register as sex offender by deadline, SHPD, 1950 Main St.

10:19 a.m. - Caller reported theft of bicycle from 5300 block Main St. Officer responded, report taken for theft III.

Value estimated at \$75.

10:35 a.m. - Caller reported someone took out ignition switch at his house in 900 block 13th Ave. and there was vehicle parked in his driveway. Officer responded, report taken for attempted unauthorized use of motor vehicle.

11:14 a.m. - Caller reported vehicle hit one-way sign and went wrong way down 13th Ave. Officer responded, no injuries. Damage estimated at under \$2,500.

2:35 p.m. - Caller reported being assaulted and having her purse stolen in 1100 block 55th Ave. Officer responded, report taken for harassment and theft II. Loss estimated at approximately \$150. Property owner asked to have caller trespassed.

4:41 p.m. - Caller reported argument involving multiple people in 4800 block Main St. Officer responded, report taken for harassment.

5:52 p.m. - Bryanna Sue Harley, 33, arrested by Albany police on SHMC warrant for FTA in theft case. Cited to appear Aug. 27.

7:39 p.m. - Caller reported someone tried to enter her house in 700 block Dogwood within previous hour. Officer responded, reviewed footage. Caller requested extra patrol.

7:46 p.m. - Caller reported agitated male waving machete around, punched his girlfriend and knocked out her tooth at Northside Park, 1712 11th Ave.. Officer responded, separated the man from his weapon, and heard from one party who said behavior was defensive. Investigation continuing.

7:51 p.m. - LCSO reported group of juveniles calling 911 repeatedly, then hanging up. Officer responded to area of Long St./29th Ave., contacted

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## SHHS AWARDS

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**Helping Hand Award** recognizes students who assist others—whether through school work, tutoring, peer support, or volunteering—without seeking recognition: Eturnyti Allison, Tawni Banta, Ally Downs, Gavin Garnder, Mylee Johnston, Christian Justham, Vincent Kennedy, Jenaya McElhinny, Sakura Miller, Trevvor Starkey and Electra Turner.

**Courage Award** recognizes students who step out of their comfort zones or take risks in academic or social settings: Zander Haggard, McKenzie Miller.

**Most Determined Award** recognizes students who never give up, even in the face of difficulties or challenges. They keep trying and pushing forward, no matter what: Bailey

Chafin, Dillan Davis, Alyssa Estrella, Daily Moehlmann.

**Student of Integrity Award** recognizes students who demonstrate strong moral principles, honesty, and ethical behavior in all areas of life: Emily Burks, Ayden Goble, Ivory Lambert, Ethan Malabago, Peyton Markell, Ivan Ogden.

**Student Spot Light Award** recognizes students nominated the most for student spotlight throughout the year. They exemplify Sweet Home High School's core values of family, owning it, rising up, expecting more and "We are SHHS": Elena Briggs and Ayden Goble.

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# A&W FAMILY

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ry, told Roadside America that the corporate headquarters issued orders to destroy the Burger Family mascots.

"They were told, 'The Bear's the thing now. We're going with this Bear. So get rid of all the Family members,'" Smith was quoted as saying.

Some 50 of the 1,100 original statues are still on display and others may be in storage or private collections, according to RoadsideAmerica.

"I thought that'd be fun to do here, you know, given that we're an older store," Hankins said.

In 2021 he made a bid for the Teen statue outside Shirley May's restaurant on Highway 20 between Lebanon and Albany. Shirley May's was closing and Hankins contacted the owner of the property to see if he was willing to let the statue go.

"He just wanted more money than I was willing to pay," Hankins said.

He also found the full family in St. James, Mo., but "I got outbid by another franchisee in Wisconsin."

Knight had been scouting around for him and last spring he contacted Hankins, reporting that he'd located three of the family in Turlock, Calif., not far from Lodi. The statues



A passerby snaps a photo of the Burger Family last week, the day after Josh Hankins and friends installed the figures, right. See more photos at sweethomenews.com.

were in the possession of the son of the owner of an A&W that had been shut down.

"I think his father had passed away, but at (the son's) home in Turlock, he had a kind of a lean-to shed on the side of his house and in there was the Papa, the Mom and the Teen."

Hankins and his brother Cyrus flew down and rented a U-haul, into which Knight helped them load up the statues, along with "a mug froster and probably 100 old A&W mugs" which he and Knight split between them.

They loaded up and headed up the freeway.

Arriving in Sweet Home, Hankins pressure washed the statues so he could feature them on his A&W float in the

2024 Sportsman's Holiday parade. Then he turned them over to a friend, owner of John Ridgeway's Auto Body Shop.

"He really wanted to do it. He wanted to be involved," Hankins said.

Ridgeway cleaned the statues and repaired some minor damage to the fiberglass. Then he painted the statues with weather-resistant automotive paint.

"He was trying to fit them in around his regular stuff, where he's doing classic cars," Hankins said. "It took a little bit to get through that process. And then, that whole time, we had been looking for the fourth statue, the Baby."

Hankins had a construction company build concrete ped-



Photos by Scott Swanson and Jack Hankins

estals for the statues, including the one he didn't yet have.

"I was pretty confident we could get one or create one."

Finding the Baby was turning out to be an even stiffer challenge than procuring the other three.

Hankins said he "started emailing people" and connected with a Canada-based "nostalgia Facebook group." Eventually, another collector in Illinois, who had a couple of the figures, contacted him and told him someone had offered him \$5,000 for a Baby Burger statue.

"I said, 'Well, that seems kind of steep, to be honest,'" Hankins said. "That kind of fizzled out."

Just a month before this year's Oregon Jamboree, he'd finally resigned himself to creating his own Baby Burger.

A friend of his in Visalia, Calif., had a Baby statue and Hankins arranged to travel to the Bay Area and drive to Visalia, south of Fresno, to borrow the statue, bring it to Sweet Home and have a friend who owns a fiberglass fabrication company make a mold and create a statue from that.

Then he got a break. One evening, a few days before his

family was scheduled to leave on that trip, Hankins got a text message from a friend: "Isn't this the statue that you need?"

It was located in Orange, in Southern California.

"I jumped on eBay and bought it."

He switched his travel plans to fly to Southern California instead and changed his U-Haul reservation.

The other good news was that the Baby statue had been completely refurbished.

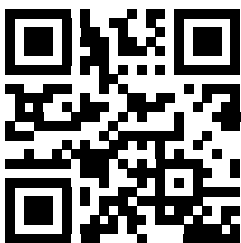
"It was in really nice shape," Hankins said, though her dress was red and he wanted it to be orange, to match the others.

"So I told John (Ridgeway), 'Do you have time to do this?' I really wanted to put those up before the Jamboree. He says, 'Yeah, bring it over.'"

Ridgeway got Baby painted early last week and when she was dry they loaded the statues on a flatbed trailer and hauled them down to the restaurant after it closed on Tuesday night.

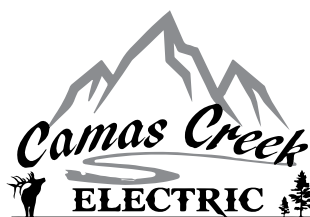
Patti Hankins, surveying the figures Wednesday afternoon after they were installed, said they were drawing views.

"We've had people stopping and taking pictures and honking all day," she said.



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