



Dustin Nichol, left, makes a point to his fellow School Board members at Monday's meeting, as fellow board members, from left, Amanda Carter, Jenna Northern and Mike Adams. Board members Dale Keene, Mary Massey and Rachel Maynard are sitting at right, behind staff members.

Photo by Scott Swanson

School Board takes action in face of accusations

Note: This report covers some major actions taken by the School Board at its July 11 meeting. A more expanded version is planned for our Aug. 20 issue.

By Scott Swanson
Of The New Era

Former Sweet Home School Board Chair Jason Redick and newly elected member Dustin Nichol gave the board

a tongue-lashing Monday, Aug. 11, in response to an aborted attempt by some members to oust Supt. Terry Martin in late July.

In a sometimes-contentious meeting that lasted nearly three hours, board members later voted out newly elected Chairman Floyd Neuschwander, who was not present, and Secretary Mary Massey. Both re-

main on the School Board, but not as officers.

Mike Adams, who was vice chair when the meeting started, was voted in as the new chair 6-1, with Massey opposing the move.

Also present at the meeting were Massey, Amanda Carter, Jenna Northern, Dale Keene and Rachel Maynard. Massey said Neuschwander was at his daughter's commission-

ing "on a boat somewhere."

"He would be here if he could, but he cannot because he put his child first," she said.

Adams, an attorney who has represented public agencies for many years, reported to the board that public complaints had been filed with the district over the past

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Rodeo to make return to Sweet Home this week

By Cindy Hamar
For The New Era

After 13 years without a local Sweet Home rodeo, cowboys and cowgirls will bring their riding and roping skills back to town for one day Saturday, Aug. 16.

The Longhorn Productions rodeo "Hell on Hooves" Roughstock Rodeo Tour will take place from noon to 10 p.m. at the Rodeo Fairgrounds located at 4100 Long St. The event is sponsored by O & M Point S Tire and Auto Service.

Sweet Home Rodeo and Events Board members - McKenzie Reynolds, Erin Barstad, Jeana Doll, Tom Lewison and Sarita Smith - want it to be an opportunity for fundraising and local vendors while providing a fun family event.

The Hell on Hooves tour is produced by Oregon-based Wild West Events, which has put on rodeos at various area fairs, including Linn County's, and in Creswell in the last month. The shows are announced by rodeo legend Wayne White, who also per-

formed behind the mic in Sweet Home's rodeos of the past.

Rodeo in Sweet Home began with the Calapooia Roundup in 1917, which ran into the mid-1950s. It was revived by Sportsman's Holiday organizers in 1983, taking place behind the high school before eventually moving to the current Long Street location. By 2012, however, after 29 successful rodeo events in Sweet Home, what by then was being called the Sweet Home Rodeo hung up its chaps because organizers were unable to secure the \$35,000 cost for the event.

Reynolds, who is leading the effort, said she's missed it.

"The whole reason I wanted to get it started was I wanted to have something for my kids to go to in summertime, to wrap up summer," she said. "4H, that stuff, was a big part of my life."

Gates will open at noon for a petting zoo and a kids corner that will include face painting and carnival rides,

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File Photo

Broncs will be back at the Rodeo Grounds in Sweet Home for the first time in 13 years as the Sweet Home Rodeo returns Saturday.

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OBITUARIES

Norene Dennis

Sept. 30, 1961 - Aug. 5, 2025
Vincia "Norene" Dennis, 63, of Sweet Home, passed away Aug. 5, 2025. She was born Sept. 30, 1961, to Marybelle (Hale) and James Paul Tullai in Covina, Calif.



She grew up in California, met and married Bobby Dennis in 1987, when she lived in Sacramento. They then moved to Falls City in 1988 where she cared for her mom and grandma in Dallas.

They moved to Sweet Home in 2003. Norene volunteered for Meals on Wheels

and then became manager in 2006 and had worked there ever since.

Norene had a big heart and helpful spirit. She enjoyed camping, rock hounding, beading crafts, woodcrafts and coloring. She loved coast trips and walks on the beach with her dogs. She adored all her animals. Her favorite hobby was tie-dyeing clothes.

She is survived by her husband, Bobby Dennis of Sweet Home; son Robert Daniels of California; and brother Jimmy Clark of McMinnville.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and brother Jack Tullai.

A viewing was held Aug. 11 at Sweet Home Funeral Chapel. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling the ar-

rangements.

Floyd Williams

March 4, 1944 - Aug. 1, 2025

Floyd D. Williams, 81, of Sweet Home, passed away Aug. 1, 2025.



He was born March 4, 1944 to Grace (Merril) and Clarence Williams in Lebanon.

Floyd attended grade school and high school in Sweet Home. He worked as a fuel truck driver for the U.S. government and drove a helicopter fuel truck during fire patrol. He worked several years at Lester's Shingle Mill in Sweet Home.

Floyd enjoyed collecting rocks, and liked to fish, hunt, hike, and enjoyed gardening.

Floyd is survived by his wife of 37 years, Marilee Williams of Sweet Home; children Dena Williams of Sweet Home, Denise McQuiston of Sweet Home, and Dennis Williams of Lebanon; stepchildren Brian Milligan of Hillsboro, Shannah Milligan of Albany and Angela Milligan of Portland; four grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his stepson, Terance

Milligan (2015).

A celebration of life will be at 2 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 17, at Sweet Home VFW. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements.

Douglas Marshall

Services for William Douglas Marshall, 70, who died June 27, 2025, will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, at the Sweet Home Elks Lodge. Note: This location is different than the one published in our Aug. 6 paper edition.

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EVENTS

Sweet Home Health Fair Aug. 16

Learn about local health resources at the eighth annual 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.

LCSWA to hold mill tour Aug. 19

Linn County Small Woodlands Association members

will tour the Weyerhaeuser Santiam Mill at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19, at 30440 Fairview Road.

The mill, built in 2008, covers 120 acres and employs 160 people. The tour will include visitor orientation, safety talk, tour, and a question and answer session. Participants will gather at the gate prior to 9 a.m.

Requirements to enter the mill include closed-toe shoes, long pants and long hair must be in a bun.

There is a group limit of 25 people. To sign up for the tour, contact Crystal.Kelso@oregonstate.edu.

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.

Non-artists may come and 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. Parking is the dirt lot just past 60th Avenue off Highway 20 and additional parking is available in the lot on the corner

of Foster Dam Road and Poplar Street.

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

The concert will feature a diverse program that will include works by Widor, Ka-

pustin, Brahms, Gounod, Mascagni and Bédard.

Hands on History back in Brownsville

Hands on History returns to Brownsville from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 23, at Library Park, 101 Park Avenue.

It's a fun-filled day in the park, featuring traditional pioneer and Native American skills, activities and crafts.

It's free, fun and for the whole family.

Hands on History includes activities like beeswax candle dipping, cornhusk doll making and washing clothes in an old galvanized tub on a washboard, which is especially fun on a hot day. Attendees can listen to old-time fiddlers, watch a mountain man load a flintlock rifle, hear authentic Kalapuyan stories, enjoy wagon rides and pan for gold.

Hands on History is sponsored by the Linn County Museum Friends. The Linn County Historical Museum is at 101 Park Ave. in downtown Brownsville. Library Park is next door to the museum.

For details, visit Linnparks.com or email: lchm@co.linn.or.us.

Family Literacy Night at Hillside Fellowship

Hillside Fellowship Church will host a Family Literacy Night from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 25, at 501 Nandina St.

The event will include dinner, reading and a craft that will involve the whole family. A local author will deliver a guest reading. The event is free.

For more information, call (541) 401-5833. Register at www.hsf.church.

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August	11	103	60	0.00

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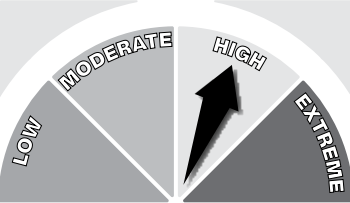
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Sun	AM Clouds	77	54
Mon	Mostly Sunny	82	53
Tues	Sunny	83	54
Wed	Sunny	86	53

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PUBLIC SAFETY

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It is crucial to emphasize that our reporting of an individual's arrest or citation for a crime does not imply guilt. Determination of guilt can only be established through legal proceedings in court. We commit significant effort to following through as cases move through the judicial process.

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

Aug. 10
7:32 a.m. - Verbal disturbance reported in 44300 block Whiskey Butte Dr. Male suspect located, trespassed from location.
9:25 a.m. - Caller reported agitated male swinging club, yelling in 1400 block 24th Ave. Officer responded, parties separated and did not want to pursue charges. Simply wanted club-wielding male to leave them alone.
10:56 a.m. - Individuals living in vehicle informed they could not be parked where they were in 43100 block North River Dr. They moved on.

12:18 p.m. - Larry Dean Bergstrom, 60, of Sweet Home, arrested on warrant, 5800 block Hwy. 20. Cited to appear. Report taken.
4:37 p.m. - Adrian Joseph Baseleon, 27, of Harrisburg, cited for speeding, 90/55, failure to carry proof of current registration and proof of insurance, Hwy. 99/Lake Creek Dr., Halsey.
7:03 p.m. - Caller reported that power outage was creating issues with traffic due to lack of signal at intersection of Hwy. 228/Hwy. 20. Public works set up temporary traffic control until power returned, about two hours later.

8:02 p.m. - Deputy on marine patrol on Green Peter located illegal camp at boat-in site, 45000 block Quartzville Rd. Campfire also detected, extinguished. Occupant, who was not identified in Sheriff's log, cited.
Aug. 9
11:58 a.m. - Michael Butler, 34, of Harrisburg, cited for speeding, 76/55, 25500 block Hwy. 99, Halsey, near substation.
5:44 p.m. - Caller reported people camping on property in 4500 block Main St. Officer responded, contacted campers who were trespassed from location. They were given one hour to get their vehicles moved.
6:51 p.m. - Cherene Brawnner, 46, of Sweet Home, arrested for outstanding warrant, 30200 block Bates Lane. Cited and released. Report taken.
7:53 p.m. - Kaitlin Chandra Lagene Lay, 29, of Lebanon, arrested by LCSO on SHMC warrant in endangering a child case, 2300 block Harding St. Cited to appear Aug. 27.
9:03 p.m. - Deputy responded to dog complaint in 1100 block Pine St., Brownsville. El-

derly couple's dogs were getting out. Deputy to check back and "see if I can help them fix a few things to keep the dogs in."
11:26 p.m. - Caller reported

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, Luis Gerardo Pacheco-Servin, Daniel Austin Phillips, Tammy Lavonn Robinson, James Ryan Routon, Kristina Marie Sleutel, Joshua Alexander Williams.

Scott David Citro, 49, sentenced Aug. 7 to 36 mos. supervised probation and 30

male shot with airsoft gun, then hit in head with golf club in 2400 block Main St. Officer responded, male transported to Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital.
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days jail after pleading no contest to burglary I and criminal mischief II. Burglary II charge dismissed.
Terrace William Culbertson Jr., 44, sentenced July 25 to 12 mos. bench probation and a \$100 fine after pleading guilty to attempt to commit a Class C/Unclassified felony - felon in possession of a firearm.
Dylan Uriah Elder, 29, sentenced July 30 to 120 hours jail and 36 mos. supervised probation after pleading guilty to DV assault IV. Menacing charge dismissed.
Karandeep Singh, 18, cited Aug. 9 for speeding 111/65 on I-5.
David Ralph Van Epps, 66, sentenced Aug. 1 to 240 hours jail and 24 mos. supervised probation after pleading no contest to criminal possession of rented or leased motor vehicle.



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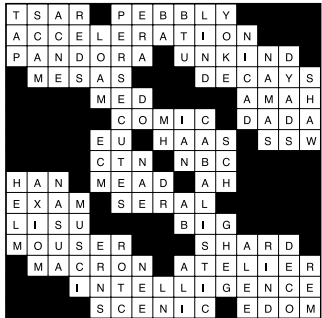
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FROM OUR FILES



Winners of the 1950 Frontier Days beard contest were, from left, Duke Johnson, of Holley, for "handsomest bush;" Walter Peden, of Sweet Home, for "reddest growth;" and Guy Oliver, of Sweet Home, for "most novel trim."

Aug. 17, 1950

A six-foot raised center island is included in plans for widening of Main Street. It will divide the street into two 31-foot travel ways, each providing for two lanes of traffic with an eight-foot parallel parking strip.

Winners of the Frontier Days beard contest were Duke Johnson, of Holley, for "handsomest bush;" Walter Peden, of Sweet Home, for "reddest growth;" and Guy Oliver, of Sweet Home, for "most novel trim." The third annual event netted about \$6,000 toward the planned construction of a community pool.

Fire started by sun rays reflected through a water bottle broke out in a log slash on an Alan Wodtli logging operation nine miles northeast of Sweet Home.

Aug. 14, 1975

Mrs. Lee Dudley donated the first \$50 toward the purchase of a Hospital Emergency Ambulance Radio (HEAR), which is expected to cost about \$3,600 for installation in both ambulances. The two-way communications system would connect ambulances with Willamette Valley hospitals in a 60-mile radius. It will allow EMTs to take patients' vitals and relay the information to the hospital on the way there. The city's current radio system loses contact with the police station just a few miles out of

town.

Pat Freeman was twice a winner in the Bicycle Derby races at the high school track. He rode the 440-yard in 50 seconds, and anchored the winning team in the three-lap relay with a time of 3:16. Ringo Ruff took first for Slowest Bicycle race, riding a 20-yard course in 43 seconds without touching his foot to the ground. Also, Harmen Costa is the Sankey-Northside Table Tennis Champion.

Aug. 16, 2000

The Planning Commission approved a recommendation for Brookside at Strawberry Heights, a planned unit development by Linn County Affordable Housing. A dozen residents opposed the development on the south end of Sunset Lane. Thirteen of the units would be sold to low-income families, and 10 units would be for seniors and disabled persons.

About 1,600 people converged on Sweet Home this week as past graduates and their families participated in the all-school reunion, a scholarship fundraiser. The all-day event featured activities such as golf, a quilt show, softball game, car show, picnic, musical memory program and art show. More than 1,000 graduates going as far back as 1929 attended and helped raise. Organizers hope they raised \$20,000.

Editorial: Community should give School Board space to rectify

By Scott Swanson
Publisher

It should go without saying that the way things have played out in the first month of this Sweet Home School Board's tenure have been a disaster..

But School Board members displayed some clear thinking and backbone in their Monday meeting in dealing with accusations that some of them had violated open meetings law in discussing a move to oust current school district Supt. Terry Martin and replace him with another candidate more favorable, it appears, to some of them.

Note: These are only accusations. There will be follow-up that will, hopefully, determine what happened and apply appropriate recompense.

There's been a lot of outrage in the community, some of which was voiced at the meeting by former Board Chair Jason Redick, who stepped down at the end of June after 20 years on the board.

Redick called out newly elected Board Chair Floyd Neuschwander for allegedly leading the charge on some of alleged malfeasance, as well as other board members who allegedly were involved.

As stated previously on this page, the timing of this thing was terrible and frankly took advantage of brand new members who literally had been sworn in as board members five days before the notice of the July 21 meeting to oust Martin appeared in public view.

But it may be prudent at this point to step back for a moment and look at this situation, which has been deplorable at best, from the 10,000-foot perspective.

New board members get training, but, as any of us know who have gone to seminars likely would agree, often it takes some real-life experience before what you learn in a workshop starts making more than just academic sense.

In this case, the accusations are that board members engaged in serial meetings - meaning they interacted via messaging or otherwise in plotting a course of action before actually meeting, and basically were trying to inject some personal preference and politics into their goals. That's putting it nicely.

As Redick appropriately reminded board members repeatedly Monday, school district business by law must always take place in public.

There are a few exemptions that allow for private discussion of specific topics that for various reasons shouldn't be public, such as hiring, performance, and discipline of specific employees), real property transactions, legal advice, and pending or anticipated litigation.

These are things for which a district may not want the "opposition" or "competition" sitting in on during negotiations.

But those are exceptions, not the rule. The public should be able to watch and hear what board members - or city councilors or Fire Board members or any elected body is saying and doing. And I will say that most local elected bodies are very careful to adhere to the law.

On Monday the School Board was certainly doing that.

Getting back to 10,000 feet, in addition to making sure business is conducted in public, what else is a school board supposed to be doing?

The Oregon School Boards Association offers a list of guidelines, headed by this one: "The child comes first."

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EDITORIAL

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At Monday's meeting variations of that phrase came up more than once, which indicates that board members at least pay lip service to that principle.

Basically, the role of a school board is to represent the citizens of the district in seeking to ensure that the schools are fulfilling their purpose of getting kids ready for responsible and productive citizenship.

Board members are responsible for making sure things are on the up-and-up financially, for dealing with issues that come up when hundreds or thousands of individuals interact, and for overseeing an administrative team who do the day-to-day work of making sure all this happens.

While political and world views certainly will influence board members' thinking and actions, they need to always consider how their goals will impact the stability and well-being of their schools and the community they serve.

Seeking to fire the executive leader of the organization, particularly without any obvious cause, does not lead to stability and well-being for anyone except possibly the few who instigate the action and their supporters.

Yes, in the case of egregious misconduct, unpleasant decisions sometimes must be made and carried out, but in most cases a responsible school board will always opt for corrective steps before dropping the boom.

Getting back to our board, four of these people were rookies in elected public service ("were" because Erin Barstad resigned). Three remain and the community should give any who got caught up in this mess a chance to get back on track.

Being a school board member is not always an enviable job and community members would do well to keep that in mind as they evaluate what should happen next. These people are volunteers and this is new territory for some of them.

Ultimately, what everybody wants is a well-functioning school district that is serving kids by getting them ready for life.

Yes, this has been a disruptive disaster.

But the board took some decisive actions Monday and unless there's some indication that the newcomers are stubbornly preoccupied with doing the wrong thing, they should be given some space to correct their course and get on with what they were elected to do.

That is to make sure Sweet Home's schools are functioning in as healthy and happy manner as possible.

Erin Barstad resigns from School Board a week before arrest on domestic charges

Erin Barstad, who was arrested following a domestic incident late Tuesday evening, Aug. 6, notified The New Era late Wednesday that she had submitted a letter stating her resignation from the School Board a week before the incident occurred.

The letter, dated July 28, is addressed to School Board Chairman Floyd Neuschwander and states: "Please accept this as official notice of my resignation. I wish you all the best. My last day at Sweet Home School Board will be 7-28-25."

Barstad also said that the District Attorney's Office

had reduced the charges stemming from the domestic conflict in her home to a single count of interfering with making a report. A review of Linn County Circuit Court records substantiates that an initial charge of fourth-degree assault has been dropped.

Barstad also disputed the interference charge, which in Oregon generally means that a subject is intentionally preventing or hindering another person from making a report by phone or similar communication equipment to a law enforcement agency.

"I didn't even take the

phone," she said of the incident. A police report had stated that officers responded at 11:54 p.m. to a call from Daniel Conn, stating that he wanted a woman removed from the home. According to police, a female, whom investigators determined was Barstad, took the phone and told a Sweet Home police dispatcher to disregard the call.

"He handed me the phone," Barstad said, adding that Conn "attested to that" to officers.

She said she would speak to why she decided to resign from the School Board at a later date.

SCHOOL BOARD

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week from five individuals, naming as many as five board members who, the filers alleged, had violated state open meetings laws and board policies in seeking to fire Martin in a meeting scheduled for July 21, exactly seven days after the board's regular July 14 meeting in which Neuschwander was elected chair in a 5-2 vote, Adams and Board Member Dale Keene dissenting.

Adams said that complaints had been filed starting Monday, Aug. 4, with four

separate complaints filed by Redick against four board members: Neuschwander and Massey, who are both two years into their four-year terms on the board, Maynard and Carter, who were elected to the board in May. Carter had not been sworn in until Monday's meeting. Those four complaints were followed by others on Aug. 7, Aug. 9, and Aug. 11.

The complaints all targeted Neuschwander, but also suggested that the board members in question had planned to replace Martin with former Foster Principal Luke Augsburger, now a vice prin-

cipal at Sweet Home High School, whose wife Chelsea Augsburger is a Sweet Home City Council member. The complaints included copies of social media messages in which board members appeared to be discussing their plans.

Redick took the mic during the public comment period, in front of a capacity crowd in the board chambers, lambasting the board for violating open meetings laws and for seeking to terminate Martin's contract "for no cause."

He noted that Martin's orig-

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munity Hospital by medics, report taken for assault III. Police seeking suspect.

Aug. 8

9:59 a.m. - Caller reported someone scratched his car in BiMart parking lot, 1980 Main St. Officer responded, report taken.

1:14 p.m. - Multiple callers reported female yelling, cussing, chasing people away from bus stop in area of 13th Ave./Kalmia St. Officer responded. Female experiencing mental health issues. Report forwarded to Linn County Mental Health.

1:46 p.m. - Caller reported she left cash at Wells Fargo ATM, 500 block Main St., at around 5:30 p.m. previous day. Amount not disclosed in police log. Cash was missing at time of call. Officer responded,

report taken.

2:09 p.m. - Bryce Taylor Keenon, 28, arrested by Albany police on SHMC warrant for FTA in hit and run case, FTA in giving false information case. Cited to appear Aug. 27.

3:22 p.m. - Caller reported juveniles on motorcycles and bike in 600 block Elm St. Officer responded, contacted three juveniles who left location.

3:50 p.m. - Luke David Rice, 36, arrested by Lebanon police on SHMC warrant for FTA in disorderly conduct case. Cited to appear Aug. 27.

8:02 p.m. - Caller reported theft at Sweet Home Community Pool, 1641 Long St. Officer responded, report taken for theft II. Approximate value of loss \$130.

8:44 p.m. - Overdose/poisoning reported in 38200 block Courtney Creek Dr., Brownsville. Non-suicidal fe-

male was convinced to allow medics to transport her to hospital.

9:57 p.m. - Heather Mae Kelly, 45, arrested by Lebanon police on SHMC warrants for failure to appear in six theft cases, two trespass cases and a harassment case. Cited to appear Aug. 27.

10:53 p.m. - Caller reported elderly female walking without pants in 400 block Main St. Officer responded, contacted female, who was given courtesy ride home.

Aug. 7

8:49 a.m. - Gilbert Alonzo Martinez, 49, arrested on LCCC warrants for FTA in possession of meth cases, AMC warrant for FTA in theft case, 3200 block Main St. Cited and released.

9:15 a.m. - Caller reported propane tanks stolen from Sweet Home Rodeo grounds, 4000 block Long St. Officer

responded, report taken for theft II. Approximate value \$600.

1:06 p.m. - Callers reported that male was trying to take back multiple items he had given them as gifts, 100 block 9th Ave. Officer responded, contacted all parties, who were advised of options. Male trespassed from location.

8:02 p.m. - Jimmy Rodger Varner, 58, arrested by LCSO on SHMC warrant for FTC in theft case. Cited to appear Aug. 27.

8:04 p.m. - Lisa Marie Jones, 63, arrested by LCSO on SHMC warrant for FTC in failure to appear case. Cited to appear Aug. 27.

7:12 p.m. - Stolen vehicle recovered in 45600 block Quartzville Rd. Gray 2006 GMC Sierra was stolen in Lacombe area a couple of weeks previously. It was found parked on the side of Quartz-

ville Road. Investigation ongoing.

7:51 p.m. - Jimmy Rodger Varner, 58, of Sweet Home, arrested on multiple outstanding warrants, and was cited for driving while suspended and driving without insurance, 24000 block Gap Rd., Brownsville. Marie Jones, 63, of Sweet Home, arrested for outstanding warrant. Cited and released. Report taken.

8:03 p.m. - Robert Brady, 39, cited for violation of fire restrictions, 51100 block Quartzville Rd., after deputy located him with campfire.

9:25 p.m. - Jeffery Clark, 55, of Eugene, cited for violation of fire restrictions, 51100 block Quartzville Rd., after deputy located him with campfire.

10:42 p.m. - Caller reported male pointing laser at dog in

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Sweet Home man arrested in Lincoln County Sheriff's sting

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As part of the operation, deputies posed as underage children on various social media platforms. During the investigation, they were contacted by adult males who engaged in sexually explicit conversations and attempted to arrange in-person meetings for illegal sexual encounters.

On July 28, a Lincoln County detective traveled to Albany and arrested Jimmy Smith, 45, of Albany, on charges of luring a minor and

second-degree online sexual corruption of a child.

According to the Sheriff's Office, while en route back to Lincoln County with Smith in custody, deputies operating decoy accounts were contacted by Kyle Anthony Carter, 34, of Sweet Home. Based on the nature of the interaction, probable cause was established for Carter's arrest, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office said.

According to the Sheriff's Office and court records, on July 29, Carter traveled to Newport to meet with a decoy persona and was subsequently arrested. He was charged with luring a minor and first-degree online sexual corruption of a child.

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Effective Aug. 1 through Dec. 31 for anglers with the validation, two rods can be used in areas of the Willamette River upstream of Willamette Falls including tributaries and flowing waters that are open to retention of coho salmon.

Coho salmon fishing on the South Santiam River is open up to the Grant Street Bridge in Lebanon.

Before the extension, the two-rod allowance for the upper Willamette was set to expire July 31. The 2024

total return of coho salmon to areas upstream of Willamette Falls was the highest on record, indicating a likely strong run of coho salmon in 2025. The first coho passed over Willamette Falls on July 29.

Two-rod validations cost \$28 for both residents and non-residents. Licensed anglers who purchase the validation can use two rods wherever regulations allow them, which is primarily in ponds and lakes.

Kids under the age of 12 do not need a two-rod validation to use a second rod in areas where two rods are authorized.

Numbers of coho counted at Willamette Falls are increasing daily, totaling 42 this month through Aug. 8.



Inscription of Thanks

An addition to the loggers icon situated outside the East Linn Museum gives homage to those who helped make the artistic piece a possibility. Robin Miller, one of the leads who installed the wood carving of loggers on a unique wood trunk, stenciled on a circular sawmill blade the names of everyone who contributed to the project. The blade now sits near the base of the statue.

Photo by Sarah Brown

Rock jumper injured in Cascadia

Medics and Sheriff's personnel remove a young man who fell at the Big Rock pool on the South Santiam River, east of Cascadia Park in the 48600 block Hwy. 20. Due to the fact that the man was injured and transported by medics to Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center for evaluation, the Linn County Sheriff's Office declined to release his name due to HIPAA privacy restrictions. According to the victim's acquaintances at the scene and Sheriff's officials, he jumped from a high ledge about 30 feet above the river and fell short of the water, hitting land. Acquaintances were unable to provide a spelling for his name, but said he was from Corvallis.

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as well as food and drink and merchandise available from vendors.

A mutton bustin' competition will be held at 2 p.m. for the first 40 entries who sign up. Sign-ups will be on-site.

The rodeo begins at 6 p.m.

It will feature bronc riding, barrel racing, bull riding and appearances and performances by the Canyon Rider Drill and Flag Team, as well as another mutton bustin' competition.

Also, eight entries for an invitational locals-only barrel racing competition will be held. Riders must be aged 16 or older. Information is available on Facebook or by contacting Reynolds at (541) 409-2703 or emailing the rodeo at info@sweethomeroдео.com.

An after-party begins at 8:30 p.m. and runs till 10 p.m., with live music by Trevor Tagle, food and drinks. Cost is \$15.

"We wanted to put the rodeo on for a community and have it be an opportunity to raise money," Reynolds said. "In the future I would love to add a youth rodeo."

Rodeo ticket prices are \$14 for ages 3-13, \$25 for attendees over 14; and \$150 for VIP tickets, which include parking, VIP seating, dinner, a private bar and bathrooms.

Parking for everyone else is \$5.

Volunteers are needed. For more information, email, or contact Reynolds.

Reynolds said that in addition to providing some money-making opportunities for local businesses and vendors, she hopes the event will stir interest in rodeo.

"Rodeo kind of took a dive



File Photo

A barrel racer competes in the 2010 rodeo in Sweet Home.

for a while, but it's becoming more popular now," she said. "We don't have a rodeo team at the high school. I'd love to bring that back. It's some-

thing a lot of kids don't even know about, roping steers, that sort of thing."

— Scott Swanson contributed to this article



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Family pet rescued from burning house on Hwy. 228

A 14-year-old Pomeranian named Tucker was rescued Monday morning, Aug. 11, as firefighters responded to a house fire at 40972 Hwy. 228, the Sweet Home Fire and Ambulance District reported.

SHFAD personnel responded at 8:34 a.m. to the reports from multiple callers that the garage and home were fully involved.

An incident commander arrived within five minutes and immediately requested a second alarm assignment.

SHFAD did not name the owners, but county records list the property owner as Scott Heinz.

Firefighters faced challenges due to inadequate water supply and shortage of immediately available resources, SHFAD reported. The home was in an non-hydrated area, requiring water tenders to shuttle water in.

Upon establishment of water supply and adequate resources, firefighters conducted a primary search and rescued Tucker.

Ultimately, crews were



Photo courtesy of SHFAD



Photo by Scott Swanson

A firefighter, left, returns Tucker, the Pomeranian, to an owner. At right, firefighters battle the blaze, which severely damaged the structure.

forced to transition to a defensive mode of fire attack due to the fire conditions and the deteriorating structural integrity of the home.

Firefighters were at the

scene for several hours.

No civilians were injured; one firefighter was taken to Urgent Care for evaluation of possible heat-related illness resulting from the fire.

A total of 32 firefighters and 12 apparatus responded to the fire, including crews from our mutual aid partners from Lebanon Fire District, Mohawk Valley Fire District,

Albany Fire Department, and Brownsville Rural Fire District.

The cause of the fire was still under investigation late Monday.

SCHOOL BOARD

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inal contract stated that if he were to be fired for no cause, he would be paid up to three years of wages and benefits, a provision that state law has since limited to one year.

"This law was not intended to be used because a few members of the board decided that they wanted to remove the superintendent and insert their friend in this position," Redick said, adding that the new law's intent was

to protect the district from a costly pay-out.

He then moved on to remind the board that "any business of the board is to be conducted in public session only" with a few legal exemptions.

Redick, who filed five of the complaints himself, said conversation and electronic communication between board members "constituted an illegal serial board meeting" based on state law and the board's own policy.

"This violation occurred

through the board chair contacting multiple board members in order to gain support for his termination of the superintendent's contract."

He warned board members that they could individually face fines for participating in illegal meeting activities and if the board does not respond to the complaints, the matter would be appealed to the Oregon Government Ethics Commission.

Redick also accused Neuschwander of "potential for actual conflict of interest re-

garding the removal of the superintendent and the appointment of his preferred candidate to the position," adding that Neuschwander's goals "were in retaliation for employment actions taken against Floyd's wife, who is an employee of the school district."

Redick stated that he personally has had to stop Neuschwander from "trying to attack the superintendent over that issue in public meetings.

The board chair's job, he added, is to run public meet-

ings in a manner that keeps "these situations" from happening, that all voices of board members are heard before decisions are made. He said Neuschwander failed to do that.

"Floyd has used his position to push his personal agenda and to attempt to keep debate and the decision process out of the view of the public. He has violated not only board policy, but state law, and in the process, dragged

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Linn County voters to see 4-year law enforcement levy on November ballot

By Alex Paul

Linn County Communications

Linn County residents will be asked to vote on a four-year law enforcement tax levy on the November 2025 ballot, replacing the existing levy that will expire in 2026.

Tuesday morning, Aug. 5, Linn County Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Sherrie Sprenger and Will Tucker approved placing a levy of \$3.08 per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation on the ballot.

It would replace the current law enforcement tax levy of \$2.98 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

Current law enforcement tax levy funds are distributed to the Linn County Sheriff's Office, 76%; Juvenile Department, 14%, and District Attorney's Office, 10%.

Sheriff Michelle Duncan told the commissioners that high inflation over the first two years of the current four-year levy has resulted in significant price increases for materials and services. She added that vehicle prices are up about 50%.

"There are also new expect-

tations for Emergency Management and Search and Rescue," Sheriff Duncan said.

She said the process is shifting more toward rescue efforts and with that comes an additional critical medical care component.

Funds would also enhance and promote emergency preparedness and response to wildfires, flooding, severe weather and other catastrophic events, according to written information presented to the commissioners.

The levy would generate an estimated \$184,595,812 over its four years, beginning July 1, 2026.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Approved transferring \$103,104 within the General Fund from non-departmental to General Services. The money will pay for improvements to be made to the Old Armory Building parking lot.

- Approved an amendment to the Muddy Creek (Bowers Drive) Bridge Project, for the Road Department. The amendment updates language, adds right-of-way

and construction phases and increases federal funds available from \$337,833.45 to \$2,561,522.31.

- Reappointed Jennifer Stanaway to a three-year term on the 4-H and Extension Service District Budget Committee.

- Reappointed Roger Nyquist and Reagan Knopp to the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council.

- Appointed Gabriella Valdez to a position on the Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board.

- Appointed Kerry Johnson and Erik Anderson to the Linn County Planning Commission.

- Approved a \$2,750 refund by the Linn County Planning & Building Department to James Sapp and Randal Sapp of Lebanon.

- Approved Pay Plans for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

- Approved a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Linn County Juvenile Detention Association. The agreement calls for Cost of Living Adjustments of 3.5% the first year and 3% each of the following two years.



Senior Center gets facelift

Photos by Scott Swanson

Senior Center Director Dawn Mitchell shows off new paint at the Senior Center, which was part of an upgrade that took place in July. The improvements included installation of some 2,000 square feet of new carpet.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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3100 block Main St. Officer responded, contacted both parties. No crimes committed.

Aug. 6

1:27 a.m. - Juvenile caller reported that he and friend were riding bikes when teens in red Toyota Tacoma older-model pickup chased them from Safeway to 1200 block Long St., at one point knocking them down. Officer responded, report taken for reckless driving.

7:18 a.m. - Citizen visited SHPD, 1950 Main St., with suspicious package that had been delivered to her residence in 600 block 5th Ave. Item seized for destruction.

9:06 a.m. - Littering violation reported in area of Wiley Creek/Whiskey Butte drives. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

10:55 a.m. - Caller reported juveniles riding ATVs on Clark Mill Rd. near railroad tracks. Officer responded, contacted juveniles, who were advised where they should be riding ATVs, which they pushed home.

11:49 a.m. - Fraud reported in 40600 block Dew Rd. According to LCSO, T-Mobile account was opened in the victim's name using old addresses and phone numbers.

Report taken.

12:05 p.m. - Kyle Dawayne Roebuck, 30, arrested on SHMC warrant for FTA in trespassing case, SHPD temporary shelter, 1950 Main St. Cited and released.

2:32 p.m. - Donald Ray Walkup Jr., 30, arrested by Albany police on SHMC warrant for FTA in assault case. Cited to appear Aug. 27.

3:18 p.m. - Steven Andrew Williamson, 56, arrested at Linn County Jail on SHMC warrant for FTC in theft case. Cited to appear Aug. 27.

9:21 p.m. - Caller reported group of juveniles speed racing in parking lot at Thriftway, 621 Main St. Officer responded, contacted juveniles, who moved along.

11:38 p.m. - Cassandra Marie Angulo, 36, arrested at SHPD, 1950 Main St., on LMC warrant for FTC in driving while suspended case. Cited and released.

Aug. 5

11:04 a.m. - Caller reported that parked RV was making it difficult for semis to exit Bi-Mart, 1980 Main St. Officer responded, unable to contact anyone in RV.

11:39 a.m. - Marcus Wesley Hesson, 53, arrested by Albany police on SHMC warrant for FTA in resisting arrest case. Cited to appear Aug. 27.

1:17 p.m. - Resident visited

SHPD to report items stolen from his boat between July 19 and 26. Officer responded, report taken for theft II. Missing items valued at \$800.

5:06 p.m. - Crash reported in areas of Pleasant Valley Rd./Northside Dr. Zaylee Egner, 20, cited for following too closely. Report taken.

6:24 p.m. - Possible hit and run reported in 100 block Stanard Ave. Under investigation. Report taken.

10:04 p.m. - Caller reported male was hit with "rock-hard pastry" thrown from vehicle, 4800 block Main St. Officer contacted male, who said he was fine.

11:54 p.m. - Erin Elizabeth Barstad, 45, arrested for assault IV-domestic, interfering with making report after caller contacted 911 and told dispatcher he wanted female out of house in 700 block 29th Ave. According to police, female, identified as Barstad, took phone and told Sweet Home Police dispatcher to disregard. Barstad lodged in Linn County Jail.

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8:49 a.m. - Caller reported female screaming at Dollar General, 1937 Main St. Officer responded, female transported by medics. Property secured for safekeeping.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LAND USE APPLICATIONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sweet Home Planning Commission and City Council will hold public hearings to consider the following request. REQUEST: The applicant is proposing to change the Zoning Map in an area consisting of approximately 86,358 square feet, located in Sweet Home, OR 97386 (13S01E32AA Tax Lot 500). The Sweet Home Zoning Map is proposed to change from the Residential Low Density (R-1) Zone to the Residential High Density (R-3) Zone. The proposed zone change would bring the zoning designation into conformity with the property's existing Comprehensive Plan Map designation. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing and make a recommendation to the City Council. The City Council will hold a public hearing and decide on this application. Application ZMA25-01 is being filed simultaneously with Application P25-07. APPLICANT & PROPERTY OWNER: James Hurley
PROPERTY LOCATION: Sweet Home, OR 97386, Identified on the Linn County Assessor's Map as 13S01E32AA Tax Lot 00500.
REVIEW AND DECISION CRITERIA: Sweet Home Municipal Code Section(s) 17.10, 17.14, 17.90, 17.114, 17.128, 17.30, 17.32, OAR 660-012-0060
FILE NUMBER: ZMA25-01
PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING DATE & TIME September 18, 2025, at 6:30 PM
LOCATION: City Hall Council Chamber at 3225 Main Street, Sweet Home, Oregon 97386
CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING: DATE & TIME: October 14, 2025, at 6:30 PM
LOCATION: City Hall Council Chambers, 3225 Main Street, Sweet Home, Oregon 97386
STAFF CONTACT: Amber Steinborn, Planning & Building Permit Technician Phone: (541) 367-8113; Email: asteinborn@sweethomeor.gov
You may submit comments or recom-

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mendations prior to or at the public hearings. Written comments submitted by 5:00 PM on September 2, 2025, will be included in the staff report that is provided to the Planning Commission and/or City Council. Written comments that are submitted after that time, but prior to the hearings will be presented to the Planning Commission and/or City Council at the public hearing(s) as applicable. Comments may be emailed to asteinborn@sweethomeor.gov or mailed or submitted to the Community and Economic Development Department office at City Hall, 3225 Main Street, Sweet Home, Oregon 97386. Please include the file number(s) in the subject line of your comment. The failure of an issue to be raised in a hearing, in person or by letter, 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, 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 at least seven days prior to the hearings and a copy will be provided at reasonable cost. Please contact the Community and Economic Development Department at 3225 Main Street, Sweet Home, Oregon 97386; Phone: (541) 367-8113. Persons interested in commenting on these issues should submit testimony in writing to the Community and Economic Development Department Office located in City Hall prior to the hearing or attend the meeting and give testimony verbally. Persons who wish to testify will be given the opportunity to do so at both the Planning Commission and City Council hearing. Such testimony should address the criteria in the Sweet Home Municipal Code which are applicable to the request. The location of the meeting is accessible to persons

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with disabilities. If you have a disability that requires accommodation, please notify the Community and Economic Development Department Office in advance of the meeting by calling (541) 367-8113.
(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- 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.
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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.
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NOTICE OF PENDING ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION AND REQUEST FOR COMMENT The Sweet Home Planning & Building 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

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suggestions.
REQUEST: The applicant is requesting to partition an approximately 86,358 square foot lot into two parcels per Sweet Home Municipal Code 17.98. Proposed Parcel 1 shall be approximately 11,208 square feet. Proposed Parcel 2 shall be approximately 75,150 square feet, including a flagpole. The subject property is in the Residential Low Density (R-1) zone. Application P25-07 is being filed simultaneously with Application ZMA25-01. APPLICANT: James Hurley
OWNER: James Hurley
FILE NUMBER: P25-07
PROPERTY LOCATION: Property A (Tax Lot 500): Located in Sweet Home, Oregon 97386; Identified on the Linn County Assessor's Map as 13S01E32AA Tax Lot 00500.
REVIEW AND DECISION 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: Amber Steinborn, Planning & Building Permit Technician Phone: (541) 367-8113 Email: asteinborn@sweethomeor.gov
DATE MAILED: August 4, 2025 Comments must be received no later than: 5:00 PM on September 2, 2025. Written

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comments may be submitted to the Community and Economic Development Department at 3225 Main Street, Sweet Home, Oregon 97386 or to the staff contact listed above. Please include reference to the file number in the subject line of your comments. Notice of the decision on this application will only be mailed to the applicant, property owner, those who provided written comments on the proposal, and those who requested a copy of the decision. The failure of an issue to be raised in writing within the specified time frame, or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the decision maker an opportunity to respond to the issue, precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals based on that issue. A copy of the application and all documents and evidence relied upon by the applicant and applicable criteria are available for inspection at no cost and a copy will be provided at reasonable cost. A copy of the staff report will be available for inspection at no cost when it is complete, and a copy will be provided at reasonable cost. You may contact the Community and Economic Development Department at 3225 Main Street, Sweet Home, Oregon 97386; Phone: (541) 367-8113.
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SHHS grads move on with dollars

Following is a list of scholarships received by Sweet Home High School graduates, as reported by the school.

Ronald Abbott - SHAF Horner Memorial (\$1,250); SHAF Gear Up (\$750).

Colton Bennett - SHAF Virginia Dosser (\$500); SHAF Gear Up (\$500); SHAF Singing Christmas Tree (\$500).

Killan Boggs - OSU Finley Academic (\$4500/yr = \$18,000); LBCC Dan and Daisy Ashton Scholarship (\$4500); SH Rotary (\$1,000); SHAF Norm Davis Memorial (\$1,000); SHAF General (\$500); SHAF GEAR UP (\$2,000); SHAF Rotary (\$500).

Mariah Bradley - East Linn Masonic Lodge (\$1,000); SHAF General (\$1,500); Doris and William Scharpf Scholarship (OSAC) (\$5,000/yr for 6 years=\$30,000).

Hunter Dalley - UO Summit Scholarship (\$5000/yr=\$20,000);SHAF Greg Hagle Memorial (\$500); SHAF Lawrence Parker (\$500); SHAF Gear Up (\$1,500).

Emma Durrett - Sportsman's Holiday Princess, Miss Congeniality (\$750); SHAF Maureen Scanlon Haynes Memorial (\$2,000).

Keydence Egner - LBCC Foundation Steve Schilling CTE Scholarship (\$1500/yr=\$3000);LBCC Dan and Daisy Scholarship (\$4,500); SHAF Hopkins Scholarship (\$1,250); SHAF Gear Up (\$1,250).

Abygail Foss - WOU Merit Award (\$1,000/yr=\$4,000); WOU Criminal Justice Sciences Division Scholarship (\$1000); SHAF Sportsman/Sorseth Family (\$1,250); SHAF Gear Up (\$750).

Gavin Gardner - UO Summit Merit Scholarship (\$5,000/yr=\$20,000); Elks (\$1000); SH Rotary (\$1,000);SHAF Greg Hagle Memorial (\$500); SHAF Keith Gabriel Memorial (\$500); SHAF Melissa Klumph Memorial (\$750); SHAF Loren Emmert Family (\$750); SHAF Tony & Shelly Larson (\$500); SHEA (\$500); Unified Sports (\$350).

Ben Haggas - LBCC Dan and Daisy Ashton Scholarship (\$4500); SHAF General (\$1,000); SHAF Gear Up (\$250); SHAF Little Promises (\$500); SHEA (\$500); Foster PTC (\$500).

Luci Hankins - Unified Sports (\$150).

Bode Hart - LBCC Dan and Daisy Ashton Scholarship (\$4500); SHAF Cody McFarland Memorial (\$500); SHAF Chuck McIntyre Memorial (\$2,500).

Brooke Hillsman - OSU Finley Academic Excellence (\$4500/yr=\$18,000); SHAF Dahlenburg Family (\$1,000); SHAF Gear Up (\$1,000).

Christian Justham - Unified Sports (\$350).

Jacob Landtroop - OSU Provost Scholarship (\$6,000/yr=\$24,000); SHAF Maureen Scanlon Haynes Memorial (\$1,250); SHAF Gear Up (\$750).

Abbigale Larsen - WOU Merit Award (\$1,000/yr=\$4,000); SHAF Chuck Smith Memorial (\$750); SHAF General (\$1,750).

Peyton Lindsey - Sportsman Holiday Princess (\$500); SHAF Greg Hagle Memorial (\$500); SHAF Dale Peterson Memorial (\$1,500); Unified Sports (\$150).

Ethan Malabago - Fordham Merit Scholarship (\$68,750-\$71,250/yr=\$275,000 - \$285,000); Burger King Scholars \$1000 (one time award); SH Certified (\$500); SH Rotary (\$500); SHAF Velma Martin Memorial (\$2,000); SHAF Gear Up (\$2,000); SHEA (\$500).

Arman Marble - UO Logan Scholarship (\$2000/yr=\$8000); UO Summit Scholarship (\$5000/yr=\$20,000); Oregon Opportunity Grant (\$3804); Work study; SHAF The Millie Miller (\$500); SHAF Gear Up (\$1,500); SHAF Alumni (\$500); OSEA (\$500).

Peyton Markell - UO Summit Scholarship (\$5000/yr=\$20,000); Sportsman's Holiday Queen (\$1,000); SH Rotary Scholarship (\$1500); Pay It Forward Scholarship (\$750); SHAF Jim Riggs Memorial (\$1,250); SHAF Driggs Family Community Service (\$1,000); SHAF Kiwanis (\$1,250); SHEA (\$500); DAR (\$100); Foster Elementary (\$500).

Emerson Martineau - SH Rotary (\$500).

Hannah McCluskey - NAU President's Academic Scholarship (\$9,000/yr=\$36,000).

Ivan Ogden - GF Presidential Scholarship (\$23k/yr=\$92,000); GF Summit Scholarship (\$2500/yr=\$10,000); GF Visit Scholarship (\$1000/yr=\$4,000); Oregon Opportunity Grant (\$1968); SHAF Greg Hagle Memorial (\$500); SHAF David Skeen Memorial (\$500); SHAF Tony & Shelly Larson (\$500); SHAF Keesecker Family (\$500); SHAF Gear Up (\$1,000).

Conner Pace - SHAF Grace Patch Memorial (\$4,150).

Anna Perez - Oregon Opportunity Grant (\$4272); SHAF General (\$1,500); SHAF Singing Christmas Tree (\$500).

Easten Perry - OSU Chiu Electrical Engineering Scholarship (\$2000), OSU Finley Academic Excellence (\$4500/yr=\$18,000), OSU Engineering Student Success Initiative (\$2000/yr=\$8000); SHAF Robbie Melcher Memorial (\$500); SHAF Fun Forest (\$500); SHAF

McQueary Family (\$1,000); SHAF Tony & Shelly Larson (\$500); SHAF Elkins Family (\$1,000); SHEA (\$500).

Laylend Peterson - SHAF Grace Patch Memorial (\$4,150).

Layla Prewitt - SHAF Gear Up (\$1,000); SHAF CC/Trade School (\$1,000) Crimson Ring WOU Merit (\$3000/yr=\$12,000); Ford Foundation Scholarship (up \$40K/yr=\$160,000).

Jadyn Roos - OIT Presidential Scholarship (\$4,000/yr=\$16,000).

Kirsten Sautel - Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) Scholars Excellence Award (\$17,858/yr=\$71,432); UI Athletic Scholarship (\$10,734/yr=\$42,936); SHAF Dean McQueen Memorial (\$1,000); SHAF Ramona Waibel (\$1,500); SHAF Gear UP (\$1,000).

Boden Sayer - OIT President's Scholarship (\$5,000/yr=\$20,000); OIT Engineering Scholarship (\$2000/yr=\$8,000); SHAF Greg Hagle Memorial (\$500); SHAF KC Hanscam Memorial (\$750); SHAF Tony & Shelly Larson (\$500); SHAF Gear Up (\$750).

Shayne Schuster - WUE Scholars Excellence Award (\$17,000/yr=\$68,000); SHAF Robbie Melcher Memorial (\$1,000); Baumgartner Family (\$1,250); SHAF Gear Up (\$250).

Dylan Sharp - OSU Finley Academic Award (\$4500/yr=\$18,000); SHAF Ernie & Pat Baxter Memorial (\$750); SHAF Carlson Family (\$500); SHAF General (\$250); SHAF GEAR UP (\$2,000).

Conner Stevens - OIT Winston Purvine Presidential Scholarship (\$5000/year=\$20,000); OIT Engineering Scholarship for (\$1,000/year=\$4,000); SHAF Fun Forest (\$1,000); SHAF General (\$1,000); SHAF Gear Up (\$1,000); SHEA (\$500).

Sophia Stock - WOU Merit (\$1,000/yr=\$4,000); SHAF General (\$500); SHAF Gear Up (\$500); SHAF Singing ChristmasTree (\$500).

Amelia Sullens - PU Senior preview (\$2K/yr=\$8,000); PU Merit \$30,000/yr=\$120,000); Sportsman Holiday Princess (\$500); St. Helen's Women's Club (\$1500) - Pay it Forward (\$250 cash); SH Rotary (\$1,000); SHAF Walraven/Schirmer (\$2,750); SHEA (\$500).

Natiyah Walters - WOU Merit Scholarship (\$1,000/yr=\$4,000).

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23. Nursemaid
24. Joke-teller
28. Male parent
29. Group of countries (abbr.)
30. "Rambling Rose" actor Lukas
32. Midway between south and southwest
33. Cartoon Network (abbr.)
35. Peacock network
36. Principal ethnic group of China
39. Made of honey and water
41. Exclamation of surprise
42. Evaluates skill or knowledge
44. Stage in ecological succession
46. Ethnic group of SE Asia
47. Not small
49. A cat is one
52. Broken piece
56. French president
58. Artist's workroom
60. Ability to apply knowledge and skills
62. Visually stunning
63. Ancient region south of Dead Sea

CLUES DOWN

1. Used to pour beer
2. Con game
3. Skin disorder
4. Communists (slang)
5. Subjects to hostility
6. A major division of geological time
7. Hitting statistic (abbr.)
8. British thermal unit
9. Influential envoy to Woodrow Wilson
10. Goes on neck of animals
12. Fertile soil
13. Type of battery
16. Khoikhoi peoples
17. Consist of two parts
20. Small group of trees
22. Execute or perform
25. Millihenry
26. 007's creator
27. Associated with esoteric doctrine
29. Electronic countermeasures
31. Schenectady County Airport
34. No (Scottish)
36. Position of leadership
37. Statement
38. Raccoons belong to this genus
40. One who diagnoses
43. True mosses
45. Blood type
48. Albanian
50. Emergency response notification system
51. College reservists
53. Away from wind
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Level: Intermediate

Senior Center artists combine to put on City Hall exhibit

By Satina Tolman
For The New Era

Five local artists who share more than just a love of painting are showcasing their work at City Hall this summer, and the public is invited to experience it.

The exhibit, sponsored by SHOCASE (Sweet Home Oregon Coalition for Artistic and Scholarly Enrichment), features paintings by members of the Wednesday Art Group at the Sweet Home Senior Center.

The exhibit is currently on display and runs through Sept. 2 during City Hall's open hours, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. A reception to meet the artists will be held Thursday, Aug. 21, from 3 to 5 p.m.

"This group has become like family," said artist Vanesa Gallup. "We have a lot of fun and we laugh together. We talk about all kinds of subjects as we're working, and we encourage each other."

That encouragement is evident in the vibrant variety of works on display. The five artists have painted landscapes, animals, and even a few abstract pieces, created in mediums ranging from



Senior Center artists, from left, Marina Orri, Rosemary Thurber, Vanesa Gallup, Dianne Hills and Paula Woodruff, are displaying their work at the City Hall Gallery through Sept. 2.

Photo by Sarah Brown

acrylic and watercolor to pastels and charcoal.

Five Artists, Five Journeys

Each artist brings a unique story to the exhibit.

A lifelong artist, Dianne Hills started with drawing through grade school and then took oil painting classes in her 30s.

She recently discovered acrylic painting after 30 years of working in watercolor.

"Acrylic seemed to have the best qualities of both oil and watercolor," she said. "I can water it down and make washes like watercolor, or lay it on thick, like oils."

Hills gravitates toward landscapes, often inspired by places she has visited or striking scenes that capture her eye.

Born in Holland, Marina Orri, has been painting most of her life. Her art path began in Europe, where she attended art retreats in France and Belgium. After moving to Sweet Home, she took some local art classes.

Orri studied watercolor before recently experimenting with gouache, a medium she says is "more forgiving

than watercolor but has a similar look." While realism is often her focus, she enjoys abstract painting when she wants to convey pure emotion without forming a recognizable image.

Paula Woodruff vividly remembers wanting a paint set when she was 8 years old and being upset that her brother received one for Christmas instead of her. She attended a country school and recalls learning art through lessons broadcast over the radio.

As an adult, she learned from nationally recognized artist Virginia Carlson. Today, her work, including her award-winning pastel of a horse, reflects her love of realism and bold colors. Woodruff is fluent in many art forms, although she currently enjoys acrylics the most. "My goal is to paint acrylics so they look like oils," she said. "I love that look and I think I have been successful!"

Vanesa Gallup has also been creating art most of her life. She started when she was 15 years old, drawing horses with charcoal, and later moved on to pastels.

"I love art. It's always been my passion, and I just keep doing it," she said.

Gallup earned art scholarships and majored in art at Southern Oregon State College. She now works primarily in watercolor and acrylic. She usually strives for realism with occasional forays into looser, more abstract styles. "I hope people feel happy when they look at my art," she said.

Some artists start later in life and discover they have real talent. Rosemary Thurber didn't pick up a paintbrush until nine years ago, when a friend invited her to the Senior Center art group.

"I had never attempted painting before," she said. "Watercolor is my favorite, but I've done some oil paintings, copying from calendars or art books."

Her favorite piece in the exhibit is an oil painting of a mill with a waterfall because she likes the woods and streams. They evoke a very serene feeling. Thurber encourages others to try art: "Give it a try. Practice and ask for help."

More Than an Art Class

The Art Group meets weekly on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon at the Senior Center, where members exchange ideas and feedback.

"At the Senior Center, we enjoy each other's painting methods, make comments, and ask questions about the various works in progress," Hills said. "We also ask for suggestions and always get useful help from each other. Just having another point of view makes a huge difference."

While the core group consists of about five regulars, others drop in, and new participants are always welcome.

"People come in saying, 'I can't draw and I can't paint,'" Orri said. "But when you see what they've created a year later, you think, 'Yeah, you can paint! You can draw!'"

While members must be at least 55 years old to join the Senior Center, which offers numerous benefits, anyone is welcome to participate in the group. Non-members of the Senior Center are welcome to the art group and asked to contribute \$2 per session.

Artists should also bring their supplies. Got questions about what's needed?

Celebrate Local Art

The City Hall exhibit not only showcases local talent but also reflects the role of the community in fostering creativity. SHOCASE, the event sponsor, works to promote art and cultural activities throughout Sweet Home.

Visitors can view the artwork during City Hall hours or meet the artists in person at the August 21st reception.

To learn more about upcoming SHOCASE events or find out how to get involved, visit www.sweethomeshocase.org or follow SHOCASE-Sweet Home on Facebook (facebook.com/shshocase).

"Art brings people together," Gallup said. "And when you share it with others, it makes it even better."

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Dak Johnson works on a high-end hopscotch game at Sankey Park Friday, Aug. 8, during a Summer Reading Program activity in which kids created their own games – tabletop or otherwise.



Jackson Butterfield, left, and Coraline Hansen work on a game called "Escape from Mom's Basement" as library staffer Taylor Hess observes their progress.



Emmett Sieg, left, Alex Dodson and Max Dodson, right, work on a "Dodge or Dare" game.

Library Summer Reading

Friday, Aug. 8, was Game Day at Sankey Park for Sweet Home Library's Summer Reading Program participants. This summer's theme is "Level Up at Your Library," which any serious game player will understand. Children on Friday created their own table games.

The Summer Reading Program continues at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 15, with a Battle of the Books trivia challenge Sankey. Also, "MINE-CRAFT: The Movie" will be shown at 8 p.m.

on Aug. 15 at the park. On Aug. 22, a Water Fight Day will be held at 10 a.m. at the park, followed by a showing of "Critters" for teens (13-19) from 6 to 8 p.m. at the library.

Also, a Community Read with author Lana Holden, a local teacher and author, will be held at 6 p.m. on Aug. 14 at the library.

The Summer Reading Program will wrap up Aug. 29 with prizes, and a bunch of other fun stuff.



Librarian Megan Dazey, left, gives some new arrivals instructions on the table game activity at Sankey Park.

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Sweet Home swimmers compete in summer championships

Sweet Home Swim Club athletes competed in three championship meets this summer during the Long Course Championship Season.

The Long Course Championship events take place in an Olympic-sized pool (50 meters) rather than the short-course (50 yards/50 meters) pools used for high school competitions and other club competition.

For recent Sweet Home High School graduates Kirsten Sautel and RJ Abbott, "it was the end of an era as they completed their final swim meets with Sweet Home Swim Club," Coach Jessica Rice said.

Sautel competed in the Speedo Sectionals meet hosted by Mt. Hood Community College July 17-20.

She finished 92nd in the 100 free, 87th in the 200 Individual Medley, 48th in the 200 Breaststroke and 15th in the 100 Breaststroke. Sautel will compete this year at the University of Idaho.

Sophia Burns and Abbott competed in the Oregon State Championships July 24-27, also held at Mt. Hood.

Burns had qualified in nine events for 11-year-olds but could only compete in six at state, posting personal bests in five of those events. She dropped 10 seconds in her 200 IM to place second, then placed third in the 50 butterfly with a two-second PR. She also dropped nine seconds in the 100 Freestyle to place seventh, five seconds in the 100 butterfly to place fourth, and nine seconds in the 200 Free to place seventh.



Kirsten Sautel

Rice said most of Burns' events included 20 other 11-year-olds from throughout Oregon.

Abbott was largely there to cheer Burns on, Rice said, but he did race the 50-meter Butterfly, posting a personal best by five seconds. He will swim



RJ Abbott

this coming year at Shasta College in Redding, Calif.

At the Western Senior Zones in Clovis, Calif., Abbott competed in the 200 and 50 meter freestyles. He equaled his best time in the 200 Free and ended his club career with a best time in the



Photos courtesy of Sweet Home Swim Club
Sophia Burns

50-meter Freestyle, going 26.84 seconds.

The Sweet Home Swim Club will hold team tryouts at 5 p.m. on Sept. 4 at the Sweet Home Community Pool, 1641 Long St. For information, contact Jessica Rice at jcoats2017@gmail.com.

SCHOOL BOARD

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other board members into these violations, opening up those board members to personal liability and loss of crimes," Redick said.

"One board member who was involved in the situation has already resigned. There are others who should consider the same course of action."

He also said he questioned why Barstad's resignation letter to Neuschwander, dated July 28, the date that Barstad said she submitted it to Neuschwander, was not stamped as received by the district until Aug. 7, the date the agenda for Monday's meeting was revised to include acceptance of Barstad's resignation.

"If the board chair had received a letter of resignation, why did he sit on it through the Board Officers' Meeting, which took place on Aug. 4, when the agenda for this meeting was set?" Redick asked. "Why was it not a part of the original agenda that was set and approved by all of the board officers? I can speculate about why this happened, but I can't come up with one single justifiable reason for him to hold this resignation until it became public knowledge and his hand was forced."

In addition to violations of board policy and state law, Redick blamed Neuschwander's actions for dragging the board into controversy and disrupting the district "extremely," with potential of

costing it "hundreds of thousands of dollars that should be used to educate the students," as well as breaking trust and creating "unnecessary anger at the board for his own benefit."

He warned that dysfunction at the top of the district would work its way down into the classrooms and suggested that board members who participated in illegal activity should consider resigning.

Adams told board members that, after conversations with Oregon School Board Association attorneys and Oregon Government Ethics Commission personnel, he believed board members had three choices in deciding how to respond to the complaints filed with the district.

He noted that they had

21 days from when the first complaint was filed, on Aug. 4, to respond to the complaints. He said the timing of the filings, during the week before the meeting, prompted him to hold off on distributing the complaints to board members to avoid the appearance of impropriety – a serial meeting, he said. Those filings, he said, were the first step toward filing a grievance with the OGE.

"This process is kind of what gets you through the gate, through the door," he explained.

Adams said they had three options:

- (1) Deny that they did anything wrong;
- (2) Admit the facts, but deny the violation – essentially explaining away any appearance of wrongdoing; or
- (3) Admit the facts and the violation and explain how they were going to fix the situation.

He acknowledged that time was too short to hire an investigator to look into the situation.

Nichol said he'd tried to do some research on his own in preparation for the scheduled July 21 meeting, since he'd only met Martin briefly, once.

He said he'd talked to 62 people from a wide range of the local population over the weekend before he anticipated participating in the July 21 meeting, and only two had told him they wanted Martin gone. He said he got "educated" about board policies and messaging in those conversations.

Also, he said, he spent "quite a bit of time" talking

with state officials about serial meetings.

"All this stuff came down the pike and this is all before we could even get into school," Nichol said.

"We don't make widgets in the Sweet Home," he said. "Our products are human beings."

"For people to come onto this board and act the way you're acting at the expense of the kids, to take their personalized, individualized, and selfish agendas to this board is insulting, in my opinion."

After extensive discussion of various options, board members agreed with a motion posed by Nichol to go around the table and have each member opt for the first option – deny any wrongdoing, or the third – admit the facts and explain how they planned to remedy the situation.

Carter, Northern, Adams, Keene, Maynard and Nichol all picked Option 3, while Massey picked the first option.

They then voted 6-1, with Massey in opposition, to select Adams as chair.

The board then voted unanimously to support a motion by Keene to have Adams craft a response to OGE stating that they had removed and replaced the board chair and the other officer named in the complaint (Massey) and that they would seek remedial training from OSBA and defer to the Ethics Commission.

They agreed that they would fill the other board officer vacancies – the secretary position and Adams' former vice chair position – at

The ICEBOX Performer Of The Week

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

We're proud to recognize someone known for their precision welds and smooth application. Last week, Rick jumped right in to help complete a few priority jobs before the weekend kicked off. He not only got the work done, but did it with a smile and a great attitude.

Rick, we truly appreciate everything you do and are incredibly glad to have you as part of our ICEBOX Team!