

SH Fire gets \$8.7 million grant for wildfire defense

By Scott Swanson
Of The New Era
Sweet Home Fire and Ambulance District and other firefighting agencies got some really good news last week: \$8,711,040 worth of it, to be exact.

The district was alerted that it had received a Community Wildfire Defense grant from the U.S. Forest Service, which goes to communities that have limited resources and face high risk from wildfire.

"It's pretty amazing," said Nick Tyler, Sweet Home fire chief.

He said the district has wanted "for quite a while" to be able to apply for the grant, which involved meeting various conditions. Then they had to wait.

"It was many, many, many, months ago that we submitted this," said Craig Pettinger, unit forester at the Oregon Department of Forestry Sweet Home Unit, who assisted with the application process. He added jokingly, "I almost forgot about it."

The grants are intended to fund strategic fuels manage-



Firefighters battle a grass fire during a practice burn earlier this month at the Old Mill Property north of 24th Avenue.

Photo by Scott Swanson

ment, increased defensible space work, and expanded resources to help at-risk communities in east Linn County reduce wildfire risk, the U.S. Forest Service said in announcing the grant, one of 10 totaling \$57 million, to fund projects across Oregon and Washington, and part of more than \$200 million being in-

vested in 58 projects across 22 states and two tribes.

"These grants are about putting resources in the hands of those that know their lands and communities best, so that they can better protect their families, businesses, infrastructure and the future of our shared landscape," said U.S. Agriculture Secretary Brooke

Rollins.

"Keeping forests healthy, resilient and productive doesn't come from the top down, it comes from us standing alongside the people and communities we serve, and supporting practical, science-based management that ensures the

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School Board members opt not to act on colleague's complaints

By Scott Swanson
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Following an 80-minute closed session Monday night, Sept. 29, Sweet Home School Board members voted unanimously to take no action on complaints filed by member Mary Massey Speck against Chair Mike Adams.

Massey's complaints mirrored concerns she had voiced at the board's Sept. 8 meeting, centering on alleged mismanagement of meetings by Adams, who was elected board chair at the board's Aug. 11 meeting, replacing Floyd Neuschwander, who was on a trip.

The controversy began in July when Neuschwander, with agreement from Ad-

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Tom Schmidgall, foreground, with Gary Westphall, left, and Bob Depuy, all Cascadia Volunteers from Salem, work on the roof of a sleeping shelter at Longbow Organization Camp last week.

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Volunteers work to renovate Longbow

By Scott Swanson
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Hammers rang last week at Longbow Campground as volunteers replaced cedar shingles on sleeping shelters, working toward completing a project that began during the COVID pandemic.

U.S. Forest Service Archaeologist Cayla Kennedy said that the project to restore Longbow,

built by Civilian Conservation Corps workers from Camp Cascadia in 1937-39, began in 2021.

The 10-acre campground, originally called Long Bow Forest Camp, has six sleeping shelters, a community kitchen with attached dining, an amphitheatre that seats 75 people, and a water system for the campground, all built by

the CCC. Modern vault toilets were installed more recently.

Longbow Organization Camp, as it now is known, hosted annual picnics to honor local CCC veterans until recently. Over the years, the rustic structures have deteriorated due to weather, and unkind restoration efforts began.

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OBITUARIES

Clara Lowe

Nov. 1, 1948 – Sept. 15, 2025
Clara Kathleen Lowe, 76, of Sweet Home, passed away Sept. 15, 2025.

She was born Nov. 1, 1948, to Clara (Counts) and Milton Presley in Lebanon.



She resided in Lebanon until she was married. She moved to Brownsville for a short time, then settled in Sweet Home area, where she lived for over 50 years.

Clara was a licensed hairdresser and worked several years at the Point Restaurant as a kitchen aid and baker.

She loved to decorate cakes, enjoyed crocheting and various needle point projects. Clara adored spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughter, Karri (Matt) Sta-

neart of Corvallis; son Jason (Christy Perrigo) Lowe of Sweet Home; brother Jeff Presley of Arkansas; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leland Lowe; brother Milford Presley; father Milton Presley; mother Clara Presley and daughter-in-law Darlinda Lowe.

A graveside service was held Sept. 26 at Gilliland Cemetery.

Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements.

Lysa Taylor

Nov. 4, 1970 – Sept. 22, 2025
Lysa Chrystine Taylor, 54, of Sweet Home, passed away Sept. 22, 2025.



She was born Nov. 4, 1970, to Christiane Anne (Be-
raud) and Robert Marcel

Rom in Petaluma, Calif.

She grew up in California. Lysa met and married Marion Gerard Taylor in Santa Rosa in 1997. They moved to Oregon in 2005 and settled in Sweet Home in 2011. She worked as an activities assistant director at a nursing home.

When she was younger Lysa was involved with her dad in community theater. She also raised rabbits when she was younger and loved animals.

Her mom was from France, so they traveled to Paris many times to visit family. She liked playing games; she would host murder mystery parties. She also enjoyed going to the coast.

Lysa is survived by her husband, Marion Gerard Taylor of Sweet Home; sister Lori Imoto (Fred) of Napa, Calif.; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister Linda Rom; and brother Rick Rom.

Donations to help with funeral costs can be made at Sweet Home Funeral Chapel. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements.

Death Notices

LeAnn Boyce

Jan. 4, 1952 – Sept. 28, 2025
LeAnn Karen Boyce, 73, of Albany, passed away Sept. 28, 2025.

Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements. For updated information, visit www.sweethomefuneral.com.

Calvin Carver

March 21, 1951 – Aug. 28, 2025
Calvin Clayton Carver, 74, of Sweet Home, passed away Aug. 28, 2025.

A celebration of life will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at Sweet Home Funeral Chapel. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements. For updated

information, visit www.sweethomefuneral.com.

Leslie Hunter

Feb. 27, 1955 – Sept. 29, 2025
Leslie “Les” Lynn Hunter, 70, of Sweet Home, passed away Sept. 29, 2025.

Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements. For updated information, visit www.sweethomefuneral.com.

Anne Mehn

Dec. 17, 1934 – Sept. 18, 2025
Services have been scheduled for Anne Virginia Mehn, 90, of Sweet Home, who passed away Sept. 18, 2025.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at United Methodist Church. A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 27, at Gilliland Cemetery.

Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements. For updated information, visit www.sweethomefuneral.com.

EVENTS

Harvest Festival this Saturday

Sweet Home's annual Harvest Festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. this Saturday, Oct. 4, at Sankey Park, 847 14th Ave.

The event includes games, pumpkin and face painting, lots of vendors offering plenty of goodies, live music by Cascade Rye and Brian James and the Revival, a chili cook-off, and free snacks – while supplies last.

Judges and volunteer help is still needed.

For more information, visit www.sweethomeor.gov or call (541) 818-8029.

Annual bunco fundraiser

Sweet Home P.E.O. Chapter DD will host its annual bunco party from 2-5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11, at the Evangelical Church gym, 1347 Long St.

Cost is \$20 per person. Pre-pay for four players and get extra tickets for the raffles.

Help provide a table and get extra tickets for the raffles. There will be a silent auction, raffles, prizes and crafts for sale.

RSVP by Oct. 4 to Donna at (541) 401-2513. Cash, check, Zelle (sweethomepeo@gmail.com), or Venmo

(Sweet Home Chapter DD-PEO) accepted. All proceeds go to supporting scholarships for local women.

After 5 Connections Dinner, program Oct. 14

After 5 Connections – a gathering for women – will host a “Craftastic!” dinner and program from 6-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 14, at Ma’s Restaurant, 2416 S. Santiam Hwy., Lebanon.

Guest speaker will be Georgia Golling of Eagle, Idaho, who will speak on “Who Am I (Really)?” She will talk about the tragedy of losing her mother when

she was just an infant.

She was adopted at the age of 4 and nearly passed away at age 6. Golling met her husband when she was 19 and traveled around the world with him as an Air Force wife.

Michelle Petersen of Lebanon, an accomplished singer and musician, will provide music.

Sunny Davis, owner of Mudpie & Roses in Lebanon, will give tips on refurbishing home items into family keepsakes.

Cost for dinner is \$23; credit cards cannot be accepted. To RSVP, contact

Sherri at (541) 258-6414, or Nancy at (541) 259-1396 or by email at NancyPinzino@comcast.net. Please call to cancel reservations, if needed.

Advance care planning

Samaritan Health Services will host an advanced care planning session from 2-3 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 21, at The Oaks at Lebanon Retirement and Assisted Living, 621 W Oak St.

The Samaritan Palliative Care team will explain what an Advance Directive is and how to fill one out.

They will guide you through the six key steps to planning one’s future health care. Bring your questions.

Electronics Recycling Drop Off

The City of Sweet Home invites residents to dump their unwanted electronics at no charge during a free recycling event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25, at City Hall, 3225 Main St.

Green Century Electronics Recycling will be there as part of the Oregon E-Cycles program to accept any of the following items: computers, TVs, printers, monitors, keyboards, mice, phones, gaming consoles, networking devices, AV equipment, cords and chargers, and miscellaneous computer components.

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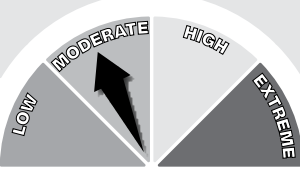
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September 24		87	48 0.00	Fri	Partly Cloudy	70	46
September 25		78	48 0.00	Sat	Mostly Sunny	68	44
September 26		76	42 0.00	Sun	Sunny	66	41
September 27		82	44 0.00	Mon	Sunny	70	43
September 28		75	51 0.00	Tues	Sunny	72	43
September 29		63	49 0.31	Wed	Sunny	71	44
PRECIPITATION				LAKE LEVELS			
Year to date:		20.22		Foster Reservoir:		621.5	
October 2, 2024:		20.66		Green Peter Res.:		901.5	



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PUBLIC SAFETY

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

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).

Sept. 28

1:56 p.m. - Burglary reported in 000 block American Dr., Halsey. Business broken into during previous night. Report taken.

2:09 p.m. - Sex offense reported in 41900 block North River Dr. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

2:41 p.m. - Caller reported

male parked RV in his driveway in 3500 block Flannigans Rd., and when caller attempted to contact driver of RV, he noticed female trying to get out of motorhome and said male was preventing her from doing so. Officer responded, contacted female, who was fine. Officer gave male notice of removal, alerted him of city ordinance.

3:10 p.m. - Elisha Marie Sherwood, 39, arrested for criminal mischief II after caller reported red SUV pulled into his driveway in 500 block Surrey Lane, followed by sound of window being smashed. Officer responded, window broken on Toyota Corolla. Approximate value \$100. Sherwood cited and released.

4:03 p.m. - Deputy located camp where someone had left a mess in 51100 block Quartzville Rd. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

4:26 p.m. - Caller reported that neighbor is upset over caller's Halloween decorations, 500 block 7th Ave. Officer responded, contacted all parties. No violations of city codes, no crimes. Parties advised of Neighbor to Neighbor program.

6:50 p.m. - Calvin Alvin Ames, 59, arrested on LMC warrant for probation violation in driving while suspended case, 4400 block Main St. Cited and released.

7:30 p.m. - Crash involv-

ing pedestrian reported in 2000 block Main St. Details were incomplete, but the victim, Sally Jones, 73, of Sweet Home, was transported by Life Flight to Corvallis. According to SHPD log, Nick Louis Begrin, 45, was cited for driving while suspended, driving uninsured in the shared driveway of McDonald's, BiMart and SHPD.

10:24 p.m. - Sexual assault reported in 6300 block Hwy. 20. Deputies responded. Report taken.

Sept. 27

7:08 a.m. - Caller reported neighbor's dog had charged him on his property in 500 block Surrey Lane. Officer responded, contacted dog owner and had conversation about the ongoing issue (see Sept. 23 entry).

12:57 a.m. - Caller reported male attempted to jump in front of her car, 3200 block Main St. Officer responded, contacted male who was counseled for his actions, agreed to stay out of roadway.

4:33 a.m. - Caller reported vehicle stopped at stop sign for 25 minutes at corner of 12th Ave./Hawthorne St. Officer responded, contacted driver, who was trying to locate owner of lost dog. Dog returned to owner, who was warned for dog at large.

8:20 a.m. - Davy Anthony Phillips, 53, arrested for theft III, criminal trespass I in followup to incident that took

place Sept. 26 at Thriftway.

10:25 a.m. - Deputies responded to neighborhood dispute over dogs, 1000 block Pine St., Brownsville.

11:16 a.m. - Callers reported vehicles entered during previous night, 1400 block Live Oak St. Officer responded, info noted.

11:32 a.m. - Landon Frank Gerard, 49, arrested by Bend police on SHMC warrant for FTC in criminal trespassing case. Cited to appear Oct. 22.

1:59 p.m. - Caller reported vehicle was struck, damaged, 3100 block Main St. Officer responded, report taken for

criminal mischief II.

3:47 p.m. - Deputies responded to abandoned vehicle in 700 block Templeton St., Brownsville.

6:36 p.m. - Matthew Martinez Mendez, 20, of Lebanon, and Noah Hellums, 29, of Lebanon, both cited for littering and fire restriction violations after deputy located garbage left at campsite and fire left smouldering in 50000 block Long Ranch Rd., Cascadia. Report taken.

7:45 p.m. - Caller reported she had left her phone in grocery basket at Safeway, 1540

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CIRCUIT COURT

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

Nicolas James Merrill Bearnson, 23, sentenced Sept. 25 to one year suspension of a license, 120 hours jail, 24 mos. bench probation and \$1,355 in fines and fees after pleading guilty to DUII (liquor) with a .10% BAC and reckless driving. Dismissed charge: criminal driving while suspended or revoked.

Brandon Craig Horton, 37, charged Sept. 23 with DUII (liquor) and refusal to take a test for intoxicants.

Anthony Murrey Ness, 52, sentenced Sept. 19 to one year revocation of a license,

30 days jail, 24 mos. supervised probation and a \$200 fine after pleading no contest to criminal driving while suspended or revoked.

John Paul Smith, 52, sentenced Sept. 23 to 15 days jail and 36 mos. supervised probation after pleading guilty to criminal mistreatment I. Assault IV charge dismissed.

Treyontae Eugene Trask, 21, charged Sept. 25 with luring a minor and sexual abuse III. Bail set at \$5,000.

MUNICIPAL COURT

Warrants are out on the following persons: Larry Bergstrom, Loa Branton, Fawn Burleson, Jamie Carpenter, Justyn Clark, Kagen Cowart, Earl Dodge, April Ferebee, Landon Gerard, Diana Hall, Kyle Hanscam, Marcus Hesson, Joshua Hughes, Jhenna Lance, Gilbert Martinez, Michael Matthews, Ricki Orth, Bradley Pugh, Jennifer Reynolds, Kyle Roebuck, Thomas Studer, Shawna Tidwell, Donald Walkup, John Webb, Aleece Woods, Steven Young.

Kevin M. Osberg, 36, pleaded guilty to theft III - fine \$813, 24 mos. probation,

10 days work crew, no contact orders.

Jason A. Scott, 38, pleaded no contest to driving while suspended or revoked, failure to register vehicle and driving uninsured - fine \$730.

Eric R. Shipp, 50, pleaded guilty to two counts harassment - fine \$1,017, 10 days work crew, 60 mos. probation, no contact orders. Assault IV dismissed.

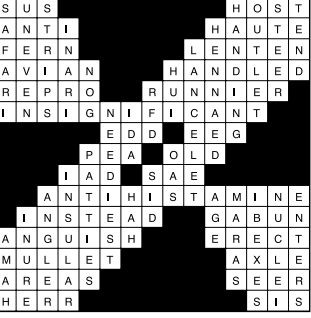
Richard S. Smith, 30, guilty by default of driving while suspended or revoked, and fail to install ignition in-

terlock device- fines \$4,030, suspend license.

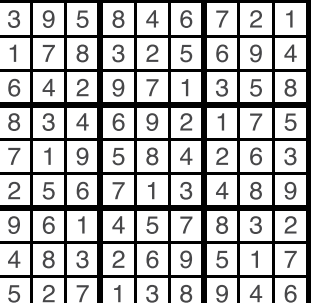
Kris A. Stein, 45, pleaded guilty to child neglect II, failure to perform duties of driver when property is damaged, and two counts recklessly endangering another person - fine \$1,199, 90 days license suspension, 15 days work crew, drug and alcohol evaluation and treatment, 36 mos. probation.

Corey C. Thompson, 35, guilty by default of driving while suspended or revoked - fine \$2,015, suspend license.

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FROM OUR FILES



Paving is scheduled to start on the first section of Highway 20 through Sweet Home in 1975.

Oct. 5, 1950

Paul Bailey, student manager for the Sweet Home football team, was treated for electric shock received on the local football field. The boy was hit by the electric jolt when he attempted to turn off the field lights after the team completed its practice. He was found a few minutes later in a semi-conscious state. The principal blamed a faulty ground on the light pole, plus wet weather conditions, for the shock.

Steps are being taken to enforce the state law requiring youngsters 7 to 18 years old to attend school. Sweet Home's high school principal said the school system has "worked up to this gradually" but feels school facilities are such that enforcement is possible.

Oct. 2, 1975

Jean and Wilbur Heyne locked up their Heyne Store for the last time this week. The business was closed for good after 30 years of operation. The Heynes purchased the store 18 years ago. Jean confesses they look forward to relaxing and having a vacation, which they haven't done since buying the store. Closure was precipitated by planned widening of the highway and purchase of the facility by the Oregon State Highway Division.

Fir Lawn and Bethel Lu-

theran churches are sponsoring a Cambodian family. Kim Ear, his wife, four children and parents will be brought here from Arkansas where they've been housed in tents since they fled to the states from their homeland. The family will be provided housing, and Amos Horner will hire Ear to help with construction of the new TOMCO mill.

Oct. 4, 2000

An altercation between two Foster area men turned nearly deadly when one of the men fired several gunshots into a SHPD vehicle. Flying glass struck Officer Vic Clodfelter, who was forced to hide behind the vehicle during a two-hour standoff with Michael Peverieri, who had called police to accuse his caretaker, Ronald Vanhouse, of assault. When police arrived, Vanhouse claimed he was assaulted, and Peverieri was agitated and told police to leave before firing at the car. Peverieri was later found guilty.

Firefighters put out a smokey fire at Yo' Mama's Pizza on the corner of 12th Avenue and Highway 20. They found a small fire burning between the dining room and ovens in the counter area. Firefighters believe it started from a smoldering cigarette near the cash register.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kirk's example worthy one for young people

Editor:

I watched Charlie Kirk off and on over the past years, admiring his way of standing for what he believed without shutting down the viewpoint of those who debated him.

He was a joyful warrior, whose confidence in God's word was something behold. His love for his country and his concern for young men and women was beautiful and effective: Consider belief in God, find a soul mate, get married, have children, and work hard at something you love.

He gave them direction and a future to strive for, to be the best they can be.

I hope there will be young people willing to open a Turning Point USA chapter here in Sweet Home. I believe the message to the students would be profitable and encouraging.

Cathy Burks
Sweet Home

Devote energy to needs, not debate

Editor:

Among the first settlers in this area was the Ames family. They arrived in what is now the area of Sankey Park and were so delighted by the

beauty and peace they found there that they called it "Paradise Camp."

Today their name still remains as the identification of the small stream which borders the park.

Many years later I had the opportunity to participate in a writing group in the community and was rewarded with stories from fellow citizens who didn't know this as "Paradise Camp" but who had obviously found this to be a "home, sweet home." Among them was a woman who had been a young girl in France during World War II. She had been captured and forced to work in a German parachute factory before escaping with another girl and finding her way back to France. Also among our group was a woman who lived in England at this same time and who had been walking to school one morning when a German plane flew overhead and shot a boy who was walking down that same road.

There was no anger or bitterness in these women, nor in other members of the group who shared stories of the challenges they had faced in years past before coming to this little community they now called home.

There was a time when

Sweet Home was known for our abundance of volunteers. That time has passed.

I am concerned that we might lose the spirit of community which the Ames family had and which these friends in the writing group enjoyed among us. Across the country cities are being torn apart by protest groups, which destroy, clamor and block everyday citizens from their normal travels.

If Sweet Home is to remain a "sweet home," we must learn to respect one another, listen to one another and even learn from one another.

Instead of waving banners and flags and trying to see how big a "protest group" they can assemble, concerned citizens must start caring for their fellow citizens, volunteering at groups which take food to elderly shut-ins, provide food and clothing for those in need, preserve the history of this community and the people who made it a "sweet home," etc.

Yes, the best way to keep Sweet Home a "sweet home" is to respect one another, listen to one another and care for one another, even when there are issues on which we will disagree.

Glenda Hopkins
Sweet Home

PUBLIC SAFETY

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Main St., for few minutes and when she returned it was gone, though the bag it had been in was still in the basket. Officer responded, report taken for theft II. Value \$500.

Sept. 26

7:34 a.m. - Assault reported in 25600 block Gap Rd., Brownsville. Investigation ongoing.

9:30 a.m. - Caller reported people sleeping vehicle in area of 2300 block Main St. Officer responded, contacted two individuals who had been invited by tenant. License plate seized.

9:34 a.m. - Nicholas Vincent Kutch, 23, of Eugene, cited for speeding, 78/55, Hwy. 228/Ogle Rd., Halsey.

10:55 a.m. - Caller from Thriftway, 621 Main St., reported male who had been trespassed returned and stole items. Officer responded, report taken for theft III. Estimated value \$25.

1:02 p.m. - Marcus Wesley Hesson, 54, arrested on SHMC warrant for FTA in resisting arrest case, Benton County Circuit Court warrant for FTA in resisting arrest case, following SHPD response to report of fight in 1400 block Main St. Victim did not want

to pursue charges, declined medical assistance.

1:59 p.m. - Citizen visited SHPD to report crash that had occurred previous day in area of 13th Ave./Main St. Parties exchanged info, damages under \$2,500, report taken for non-injury MVC.

2:13 p.m. - Deputy located stray 6-month-old chocolate Labrador retriever in 27600 block Liberty Rd. Lodged at Animal Control.

2:40 p.m. - Caller reported finding large amount of golf balls in yards in area of 1/5th streets, Halsey. Deputy checked area, but was unable to locate anyone hitting golf balls or any golf-related equipment.

2:43 p.m. - Curtis Rondell Martin, 23, of Shedd, cited for speeding, 45/25, failure to carry proof of insurance, failure to renew vehicle registration, 700 block N. Main St., Brownsville.

2:49 p.m. - Caller reported someone had been walking on their property in 51300 block Hwy. 20, Cascadia, early that morning. Suspicious individual was gone by time of call.

3:40 p.m. - Ashley Ruthann McCarthy, 28, arrested on AMC warrant for FTA in probation violation case, 40800 block Country Lane, after re-

port of trespass in progress.

4:53 p.m. - Steven Anthoney Young arrested by Albany police on SHMC warrant for FTA in disorderly conduct case. Cited to appear Oct. 22.

6:11 p.m. - Citizen visited SHPD to report vandalism at United Methodist Church, 845 6th Ave. Officer responded, investigation continuing.

11:46 p.m. - Caller reported his vehicle spray painted at Mr. Lucky's Deli, 1207 Long St. Report taken for criminal mischief III.

Sept. 25

8:07 a.m. - Caller reported license plates stolen from his vehicle in 1100 block 55th Ave. Officer responded, report taken for theft III. Estimated value \$50.

8:15 a.m. - Melissa Ann Dewar, 52, arrested for assault IV-domestic after report of disturbance between male and female in 4400 block Long St. According to SHPD, verbal argument escalated into physical altercation. Victim sustained minor injuries. Dewar odged at Linn County Jail.

8:56 a.m. - Parent and juvenile reported harassment at Sweet Home High School, 1641 Long St. Officer responded. Information noted.

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Fish and Wildlife commissioners: Mule deer hunts to change in 2026

Mule deer hunts in Eastern Oregon in 2026 will be structured based on herd ranges, not wildlife management units, state Fish and Wildlife Commission members decided Sept. 12.

WMUs have been used to structure Oregon's big game hunts and collect population data since the 1950s. Based on conventional wisdom about animal distributions and movements at that time, WMUs were used primarily for managing hunter distribution. Easily recognized landmarks and socio-political boundaries were used as boundaries for ease in identification.

Extensive research using GPS-collared deer has shown that WMUs rarely contain all the resources a deer herd needs in a year. For example, many animals within a herd spend summer/early fall (when they are harvested by hunters) in different WMUs than during winter (when they are counted by ODFW).

Based on the movements from over 1,400 mule deer collared in recent years, ODFW has identified 22 distinct mule deer herd ranges in eastern Oregon. A mule deer "herd range" includes the entire area a herd uses in a year, including summer ranges, winter ranges, and the migration corridors between them. These ranges now form the basis for ODFW's mule deer monitoring and management, including harvest management.

ODFW's improved, stronger population models now integrate multiple data streams, including herd composition (buck and doe ratios) and abundance data. To function properly, these models also require accurate harvest data to be collected within a herd range, which is difficult with the current WMU hunt structure.

To address this misalignment, ODFW will transition mule deer hunting from WMUs to new Deer Hunt Areas within herd ranges in 2026. Commissioners were told that this change will better align hunting effort and associated harvest with Oregon's mule deer populations and management goals, improve monitoring of population trends, and allow for quicker management responses/accurate evaluation of management actions.

Many hunters likely won't see significant impacts to their hunt except for a hunt

name change. In other areas, boundaries for new hunts will be different than past hunts.

Tag numbers will change slightly to manage hunter pressure and numbers could fluctuate over the next few years as hunters and ODFW adapt to these new hunt areas. All the areas that have been open to deer hunting will remain open.

There is also no change to the preference point system under the new hunt structure. But, as always when there are new hunts, hunters should expect a period of uncertainty regarding how many hunters choose to put in for a hunt and the number of preference points needed to draw a tag for a given hunt area. Hunters will want to be aware of this uncertainty when deciding how to use preference points over the next few years.

Hunters are encouraged to visit the MyODFW.com Eastern Oregon Deer Hunting page at myodfw.com/articles/eastern-oregon-deer-hunts for more information, including maps showing old vs new hunt boundaries.

In other action, the commission:

- Voted to open a hatchery Chinook salmon season in the Coquille River, the first Chinook season since 2021, during their meeting Sept. 12 in Ontario.

- The Coquille River will be open for fall salmon fishing from Sept. 13 to Oct. 15 from the Hwy 101 bridge upstream to the Hwy 42S Sturdivant Park Bridge near

the town of Coquille. The daily bag limit is two adult salmon (hatchery Chinook and coho, but only one may be a wild coho) with a season limit of three wild coho.

- Approved spearfishing in rivers and streams that are open with no limit for bass and walleye. Anglers have been requesting expanded opportunity to spearfish for bass and walleye, a popular alternative fishing method that may also help to reduce impacts of bass and walleye on native fish.

- Spearfishing for bass and walleye would be allowed in the Willamette River downstream of reservoirs but not in the reservoirs, with the exception of Foster Lake.

- Approved the fishing for coho salmon in the South Santiam between Jan. 1 and Aug. 1 and Oct. 15 through Dec. 31 between Waterloo Bridge to 200 feet above Waterloo Falls.

- Approved fishing for coho salmon in the mainstem Willamette River between the Hwy. 20 bridge and the Hwy. 99 bridge between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31, due to increased coho populations in the upper Willamette Basin.

- Approved changes to the kokanee bag limit in an effort to clearly separate it from the trout limit. Beginning in 2026, the kokanee bag limit will be 10 per day, open all year with no size limit (unless noted under Exceptions). The change removes the confusing bonus bag limit and replaces it with a standard kokanee specific limit.

- Banned the use of dead aquaria species fish be-

cause aquaria (those kept as pets in tanks) fish are not screened for pathogens that may affect native or other game fish in waterbodies may be transmitted if dead aquaria fish are used as bait.

- Approved fishing for crayfish all year in streams or lakes, including those listed as closed. The change clarifies the current regulation that can be misinterpreted as inadvertently restricting crayfishing to streams and not open to lakes or not open all year to lakes.

- Approved the use of spring (basket/cage) type feeders for carp fishing. Fishing for carp is increasingly popular, but the use of spring feeders, a common method when targeting carp, was not allowed under previous regulations.

- Approved a fee change for ocean anglers: Starting Jan. 1, 2026, anglers will need an Ocean Endorsement (\$9 annual/\$4 daily) to fish for all marine fish species (except for shellfish, salmon and steelhead) in ocean waters. The 2025 Oregon State Legislature approved this endorsement to specifically fund fish popu-

lation surveys and research in Oregon's state waters.

More nearshore fish population surveys are important because they give scientists assessing populations more confidence in their models, so there is better data informing management decisions. Learn more about the Ocean Endorsement at MyODFW.com. The cost of the Ocean Endorsement is the same for residents and nonresidents and it is included for free with resident Pioneer, resident Disabled Veteran, and Youth licenses.

- Approved an updated "Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Assessment and Strategy for Oregon" and amended associated rules as proposed by staff. The plan provides greater clarity on ODFW's approach to sage-grouse management. It emphasizes the biggest threats to sage-grouse in Oregon (fire, invasive annual grasses, and conifer encroachment) and includes an improved population model to help track population abundance and trends and updated Core and Low-Density Habitat maps.



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10:42 a.m. - Caller from Sweet Home High School, 1641 Long St., reported hit and run. Officer responded, report taken. Will follow up later with juvenile and parents.

2:53 p.m. - Caller from Public Works reported damage from homeless camp to manhole in Ames Creek near Long St. Officer responded, report taken for offensive littering, criminal mischief II. Investigation continuing.

3:03 p.m. - Jamie Daniel Carpenter, 49, arrested after turning himself in at SHPD, 1950 Main St., on SHMC warrant for FTC in criminal driving case. Cited and released.

3:52 p.m. - Caller reported male in middle of lane of

travel in 2400 block Main St., standing and arguing with no one. Male was on sidewalk by time officer responded.

4:26 p.m. - Raul Pena Ramirez, 54, arrested after turning himself in at SHPD, 1950 Main St., on SHMC warrant for FTA in providing false information to police officer case. Cited and released.

5:56 p.m. - Fender-bender reported in Taco Bell parking lot, 1502 Main St. No injuries. Parties, one a juvenile, exchanged information.

7:50 p.m. - Willa Hopkins, 59, cited for driving while suspended, 1500 block Main St.

9:46 p.m. - Hunter Gomez, 42, arrested by LCSO on SHMC warrant for FTA in theft case. Cited to appear Oct. 22.

9:51 p.m. - Thomas Ray Pi-

mentel, 27, arrested by Lebanon police on SHMC warrant for FTC in failure to perform duties of a driver case. Cited to appear Oct. 22.

Sept. 24

9:49 a.m. - Caller reported vehicle dumping trash in 1400 block 60th Ave. Deputy contacted person who was clearing their trash.

12:03 p.m. - Caller from Sweet Home School District Administration Building, 1920 Long St., reported juvenile had taken power tool from location. Tool, valued at \$300, was recovered. Juvenile referred to Juvenile Dept. for theft II.

12:43 p.m. - Ielena Levitzky, 61, arrested for theft III after caller from BiMart, 1980 Main St., reported female detained for shoplifting multiple items. Items valued at

\$85 recovered. Cited and released.

12:46 p.m. - Caller reported someone stole their temperature gun out of vehicle parked in 1500 block Main St. Missing item valued at \$50. Report taken for theft III.

1:25 p.m. - Treyontae Eugene Trask, 21, arrested at 33430 Brewster Rd., Lebanon, for encouraging child sex abuse II, luring a minor, and sex abuse III, following investigation of earlier report. Lodged at Linn County Jail.

3:06 p.m. - Caller reported abandoned vehicle in 2300 block Long St. Officer responded, vehicle posted for 48-hour removal.

3:18 p.m. - Amy Lyn Seavey, 38, arrested for theft II after caller from BiMart, 1980 Main St., reported shoplifter detained. Multiple items val-

ued at \$130 recovered. Cited and released.

4:47 p.m. - Andrew Wiltberger cited for speeding, 55/35, driving uninsured, failure to yield to emergency vehicle, 1500 block Main St.

10:54 p.m. - Susan Marie Ausbun-Miller, 51, arrested by Albany police on SHMC warrant for FTA in criminal misconduct case. Cited to appear Oct. 22.

Sept. 23

10:39 a.m. - Rachel Marie Marrel, 38, arrested for animal neglect II and resisting arrest after caller reported dog in vehicle had been barking for 15 to 20 minutes and caller was concerned about temperature in vehicle. Downtown area.

See additional and updated police log reports at sweethomenews.com.

Modified drawdown to be held later; city declares emergen-

By Sarah Brown
Of The New Era

As the end of the year approaches, the City of Sweet Home once again faces the annual deep drawdown of Green Peter Reservoir. As such, the City Council adopted a resolution declaring a state of emergency during its Sept. 23 meeting.

Ahead of the drawdown last year, the city declared a state of emergency in regards to water drinking quality, which the city believes laid a foundation that eventually protected them.

"That action actually gave Sweet Home the leverage to advocate for our community and it worked," City Manager Jason Ogden said. "The drawdown was halted and, in doing so, our water system and residents were protected."

Again this year, anticipating risks associated with the draw-

down, the city declared a state of emergency, which provides access to state and federal support, if needed, he said.

According to Dustin Bengtson, operations project manager for the Willamette Valley and Rogue Basin projects with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the Corps will try to reach their target reservoir level by Dec. 1.

"It's a little different than it has been in years past" he said. "We're supposed to try to get to that target elevation by the first of December. And then, different than in prior years when we were trying to achieve a 30-day operation at that level, this year is planned for two weeks."

As such, the Corps plans to hold Green Peter Reservoir at 780 feet above sea level between Dec. 1 and Dec. 15.

In 2023, the first year of the

deep drawdown, the Corps started releasing water from Green Peter Reservoir in late summer as they attempted to reach their target level by mid-November, but they actually reached the target a month early. They held the pool at its targeted level until mid-December.

The following year, in 2024, the Corps began drawing down in mid-October to reach its target elevation by mid-November, with an expected 30-day hold period. However, drinking water risks from downstream municipalities halted the operation, and the Corps began allowing the reservoir to refill by Nov. 23 that year.

Greg Taylor, USACE Supervisory Fisheries Biologist for the Willamette Valley and Rogue Basin Projects, said water has already been getting released from Green Peter Reservoir

this year, but it's more of a gradual release.

"Because the inflows to Green Peter are significantly lower than the releases, the reservoir elevation will continue to drop slowly," he said.

As for the water's turbidity, it should not be noticeable until later this year than in previous years.

"Based on previous monitoring, we have been able to tie the onset of turbidity to the elevation of the reservoir," Taylor said. "It looks like this year we should not see turbidity increase until November, barring anything unusual with the weather."

Bengtson said the Corps is currently not working under the 2021 injunction that forced the deep drawdown, but they are working under "a modified operation to achieve the same objective."

Kathryn Tackley, a program manager at the Portland District, reported these drawdowns should be considered the "new normal" until USACE constructs physical fish passage structures to replace the need for the drawdowns.

The Corps maintains regular communication with the affected cities, Bengtson said.

More information about this year's drawdown, as well as upcoming informational meetings, is expected to be announced by USACE soon.

In other business, the council:

- Held a work session prior to the regular meeting to review the employee evaluation process for the city manager and city attorney.
- Adopted the 2025 Linn County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan.

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Sweet Home business hires bring Youth Wage Grant recipients number to 22

By Alex Paul

Linn County Communications

Twenty-two applications have been submitted for this year's First-Time Youth Wage Grant program, Linn County commissioners Roger Nyquist, Sherrie Sprenger and Will Tucker were told by Administrative Assistant Amanda Giles at their Sept. 23 meeting.

This is the 18th year the program has been sponsored by the Board of Commissioners. It provides employers who hire young people ages 14 to 19 with a \$3 per hour stipend on their wages.

Applications from Sweet Home Dairy Queen and Sweet Home A & W were approved last week, bringing the total

approved thus far this year to 17. Three applications have been forwarded to the County Attorney's Office for drafting of grant agreements. Two applications are missing required information.

To qualify, businesses must hire eligible employees between May 1 and Sept. 30. The employee must be legal to work in the United States and a resident of Linn County.

Qualifying businesses must employ 35 or fewer employees and the young people must be first-time employees, who have not previously worked for the individual business.

An employer can hire up to three youths at any given time and receive a maximum of

\$1,500 per new hire, or \$4,500 total. Employers have until Nov. 14, 2025, to submit a request for reimbursement.

Stipends are supported by Linn County's share of Video Lottery funds.

For more information, call Amanda Giles, administrative assistant, at the Linn County Board of Commissioners office at (541)-967-3825, extension 2129, or visit LinnCountyor.gov/businessdevelopment/page/youth-wage-grant.

"I appreciate the staff keeping this program alive," Commissioner Tucker said.

He added that securing a first job is important and he wants young people to have a successful work experience.

Milt Moran named to Lebanon High School Hall of Fame

By Sarah Brown
Of The New Era

Milton Moran Jr., president of Cascade Timber Consulting in Sweet Home, is one of four Lebanon High School alumni who have been selected as this year's inductees into the Bud and Dorothy Page Lebanon High School Alumni Hall of Fame.

Moran graduated from LHS in 1971.

The Hall of Fame recognizes LHS graduates who have made significant achievements in the fields of arts and entertainment, science and medicine, business, humanitarian service and athletics.

It is intended to promote Lebanon pride, inspire students by highlighting the successes of those who've gone before them, and raise scholarships for the Bud Page Leadership Award.

This year's induction ceremony will be held Oct. 25 at the Boulder Falls Event Center. Tickets can be purchased at RKI Insurance, 1175 S. Main St., Lebanon.

Moran has been selected for both his business leadership and humanitarian service.

He oversees the management of all timber land op-

erations and fiscal management of 145,000 acres of Hill Timber Limited Partnership lands through Cascade Timber Consulting.

He began his career with CTC following graduation from Central Oregon Community College with an associate of science degree in forest technology in 1973, and has been with the company for 52 years, serving in various management roles prior to becoming president in 2018.

Moran's leadership in forestry management literally spans the globe. He has served on countless boards and committees, chairing many of them, such as the Oregon Forest Industries Council, the Northwest Log Rules Group (past president), the COCC and OSU Cascades Campus Forestry Advisory Committee, and numerous committees for the Oregon Department of Forestry, to name a few.

On a national level, he has represented private landowners on the Federal USFS & BLM Large Wildland Fire Incident Commanders Council.

Since 2020, Moran has been a member of the Board

of Governors for Cainard Forestry in New Zealand.

Moran's commitment to his community is as impressive as his professional leadership, particularly his work to improve access to quality healthcare and to provide opportunities for children.

Representing Sweet Home on the Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital Board of Directors since 2004 and on the Samaritan System Healthcare Board since 2014 (board chair 2020-22), Moran championed Sweet Home's need for improved medical facilities. As co-chair for fundraising, he was instrumental in accomplishing the construction of Sweet Home's new clinic, urgent care and pharmacy facility.

Improving the lives of Sweet Home's children is also important to Moran. He served on the school board for eight years and held leadership positions on the budget committee and the high school advisory committee and site council.

As a member of the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Greater Santiam Fundraising and Building Project Committee, Moran played a key role in raising funds to construct



Milt Moran

Sweet Home's new Club and Community Center facility.

Moran and his wife Jane (Duerr) have been married 49 years, raised four children, built three new houses, and have seven grandchildren.

This year's other inductees are: Carol Herron, recognized for humanitarian service based on her extensive volunteerism and leadership working with fragile and underserved populations in the Northwest; U.S. Navy Commander (Ret.) Ben Masog, an aircraft carrier fighter pilot and Electronic Attack Weapons School graduate; and the late Dan Speasl, longtime head coach at Crater High School, where he won six state team championships, and founder of scholarship programs both there and at Lebanon High School for graduating seniors.

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SH FIRE

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future of the forests as well as rural prosperity.”

In total, the program is investing \$1 billion over five years to assist at-risk communities, including tribal communities, non-profit organizations, state forestry agencies and Alaska Native Corporations with planning for and mitigating wildfire risks on lands not managed by federal agencies.

“No single organization can tackle the severe fire conditions we face today. It is imperative that we work together to protect our forest and communities,” said U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Schultz. “For those communities that already have plans in place, these investments will enable immediate action to reduce wildfire risk.”

Tyler and Pettinger noted that the grant doesn’t just benefit Sweet Home.

“I think it’s more going to help the community, a lot of communities in Linn County,” Pettinger said. “That’s where the work is going to take place.”

Tyler said that a key step toward being able to apply for the grant was to update east Linn County’s Community Wildfire Protection Plan, which is a joint effort by a variety of districts and agencies

in east Linn County.

“The last time it was updated was 10 to 15 years ago, so we could never apply,” he said.

He and Pettinger said that changed with the appointment of Christian Whitfield to head Sweet Home’s Wildland Fire Division.

“One of his first priorities was to get the CWPP up and running,” Tyler said of Whitfield. “He got the partners in place and went right to work on the grant.”

“Christian was one who helped seal the deal on this,” Pettinger said.

Tyler said the CWPP is the result of collaboration between SHFAD, which was the lead applicant, the ODF South Cascade District, Lebanon Fire District, Linn County Juvenile Department, and the South Santiam and Calapooia watershed councils.

The updated plan they produced focused on three main strategies:

“Project Pipeline: Develop a strategic, sustainable and collaborative “project pipeline” that would provide more focused and efficient management and collaboration in reducing dangerous wildfire fuels in the area and fund a community forester to assess and coordinate those efforts.

Tyler said a “key” element of the grant is funding a full-time employee who will be respon-

sible for overseeing the joint efforts, “managing, tracking info, figuring out where work needs to be done as we do home assessments.”

Fuels Reduction: Accelerate the pace of fuels reduction by funding a SHFAD fuels crew to treat 60 properties per year, hosting six “Chipper Days” per year for free debris disposal for local residents, and creating defensible space.

Education and Empowerment: Host seven annual town hall community education events held at Lebanon and Sweet Home stations and substations to equip residents and other community partners with knowledge, decision-making tools and resources to understand and reduce wildfire risks. Establish and support two Firewise Communities, which are neighborhoods that work collaboratively to reduce wildfire risk through various activities, including individual homeowner responsibility for safer home construction and landscaping.

Also, the collaborating agencies will provide education for local K-12 students on fire ecology and prevention, and risk reduction, and will provide vocational training over five years to a total of 285 Linn County Juvenile Department-referred youths relating to careers in fuels and fire.

The project will benefit eight

east Linn County communities: Cascadia, Sweet Home, Holley, Crawfordsville, South Lebanon, Sodaville, Waterloo and Lacombe.

“It was kind of an odyssey,” Tyler said of the application process. “There were multiple partners involved, a lot of coordination. One partner backed out late in the cycle.

“Again, having Christian Whitfield involved – he took over as lead for the project.”

Although the funding will benefit east Linn County as a whole, Tyler said \$5.4 million of it is earmarked to fund Sweet Home’s Wildland Fire Division.

“There’s a lot of equipment in there as well, to help with the work we’re already doing,” he said of the grant.

Lebanon stands to receive \$1 million to hire seasonal wildfire hazard assessment staff and conduct a total of 600 assessments over five years.

Both Tyler and Pettinger pointed out that Sweet Home’s grant was rated second-highest in the nation.

“It’s impressive,” Pettinger said.

He noted that ODF and Sweet Home Fire have already been doing the type of work covered by the grant, but “this is a humongous deal.”

“It will be really interesting to see how it unfolds, how we make all this stuff happen on

the ground,” he said.

“I think, honestly, one of reasons we were successful is because we’re all working toward the same goal. It’s impressive.”

Agencies and individuals from throughout the state contributed letters of support for the application, including the Linn County Board of Commissioners, U.S. Forest Service District Ranger Nikki Swanson of the Sweet Home Ranger District, the Linn County Sheriff’s Office, the Oregon State Fire Marshal, the Oregon State University Extension Fire Program, state Rep. Jami Cate of House District 11, the city of Sweet Home, the Linn County Parks and Recreation Department, Cascade Timber Consulting, Inc. and residents who have benefited from fuels management work conducted by Linn County Juvenile Department’s workforce training crew.

Tyler noted that a \$430,000 grant from the Oregon State Fire Marshal’s Office funded Whitfield’s position, which has resulted in a \$5.4 million earlier grant from the U.S. Forest Service to fund the Wildland Division, and now this.

“We took that grant from the Oregon State Fire Marshal’s Office and you can see the fruit of a lot of things we’re doing that couldn’t have been done without that grant,” he said.

“We’re saving taxpayers a lot of money. We’re getting a lot of work done on the backs of these grants we’ve been receiving.

“As fire chief here, it feels really good to be able to get all this work done. I think we’ve created value added in addressing some of these concerns, without cost to taxpayers, without having to pass a bond or levy or that kind of thing.”



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Retired teachers find new way to stay involved with kids

By Scott Swanson
Of The New Era

When Billy and Barb Snow retired from their teaching jobs, they really didn't expect to spend their retirement at high school and college tracks.

But as a longtime coach at Sweet Home, Billy had a lot of experience with track and cross-country meets, so maybe it shouldn't be surprising that they found their way back to the world of high school running – in a different context.

Last Saturday the Snows sat under a canopy emblazoned with "Athletic.net" logos, recording the results of a small cross-country meet being hosted by the Huskies.

They were in their element. "It's just been a way for us to stay connected to a sport that gave me a lot of joy, being involved in it," Billy Snow said.

Billy, 73, "going on 74," re-

tired from teaching in 2014, although he continued to coach track and field at Sweet Home until 2016, because "they had trouble finding a track coach" to head the program he'd led since the mid-1990s.

Eventually, though, he retreated to the home in the Liberty-area forest, where he and Barb had raised their four kids, Megan, Erika, Jessica and Dakota, and retired – or so he thought.

Barb, who had taught math for some 30 years at Seven Oak Middle School in Lebanon, retired when COVID forced her into remote teaching, Billy said.

"She was facing that, going back and she said 'No, that's not me,'" he said.

Both Billy and Barb, who's now 63, grew up participating in athletics. Billy grew up in Ohio playing football and running track. When he graduated, he didn't go to college

right away, he said.

Instead, he worked, eventually landing a job with the U.S. Forest Service in the mid-1970s that took him to the wildlands of Oregon. He liked it here.

Along the way, he started playing on a men's volleyball team.

"I wasn't very good."

He was attending Oregon State University when he decided he needed to work on his conditioning.

"I could walk for miles, but I decided to start running to get in shape."

He remembers wearing a pair of the black Converse shoes, popular then, and he signed up for a class taught by Bill Winkler, the Oregon State physical education professor and fitness guru, called "Marathon Training."

It changed his life, connecting him with people who became his friends and workout



Barb and Billy Snow work at a local race, an activity they've taken on since retiring from teaching and coaching.

Photo by Scott Swanson

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Send in the Cavalry: The Oregon Volunteer Cavalry – 1861-1864

By Roberta McKern

The Oregon Volunteer Cavalry played a significant role in maintaining order and protecting settlements throughout the Pacific Northwest during the American Civil War. Organized in response to growing unrest and the need for military presence on the frontier, these volunteers faced challenging conditions, including difficult terrain, supply shortages, and frequent skirmishes with local tribes.

Despite these hardships, their dedication and service contributed greatly to the stability of the region between 1861 and 1864.

The East Linn Museum has received a “new” used book, a reprint of “General History

of Oregon” put out by Binford and Mort in 1971 authored by Charles H. Carey, LLD, who died in 1941.

The history of Oregon’s early days, the book is considered definitive. A lawyer, Carey had a meticulous legal mind, plus a continuous interest in Oregon history and had served for many years as head of the Oregon Historical Society, leaving behind a body of well-respected work.

As we plunged into the book, we were disappointed to discover it did not continue into the 20th century, leaving off with the Civil War years, for the most part.

But what we still know of Oregon during that time of 1860-65 is limited. For example, here in the Willamette

Valley, a clandestine organization called “Knights of the Golden Circle” flourished for a time. After all, at the war’s beginning it seemed the South was winning.

They had seized the initiative and Oregon’s Gov. John Whiteaker, the state’s first, fearing the South with its “Peculiar Institution” could not be defeated said, “Have a care that in freeing the negro, you do not enslave the white man.”

The Knights of the Golden Circle gained so much popularity they recruited at the state fair and initiated several members. They proposed to resist the draft, should one be called, and discussed becoming part of the Republic of the Pacific, a movement to form an independent, separate na-

tion in the Western United States.

But mainly they worried about whether to call themselves Knights of the Golden Circle or The Olde Guard or Friends of the Union, although their sympathies were with the South. Pro-unionists came up with their own version of a patriotic organization called “The League of Americans for the State of Oregon,” but it was too big a mouthful and never gained popularity like the Knights of the Golden Circle.

Oregon had cast most of its electoral college votes for Abraham Lincoln in the 1860 election with one for Breckenridge and was primarily anti-slavery in sentiment.

However, Gov. Whiteaker had plenty of southern rhetoric, and this disjuncture put Oregon behind the anti-secession group at the start of the war.

A real blow happened when Oregon’s cavalry contingent was recalled. Those in Washington DC seemed to give little thought to the states and territories located at a distance, treating them like stepchildren reluctant to give adequate support to the eastern government sitting face to face with the uncertainties of the rebellion.

Thus, as the federal cavalry was ordered east, Oregon was urged to call up its own troops.

Oregon cavalry officers were appointed with the intent that they enlist the needed number of young men, none of whom would grow wealthy in the cavalry. For three years’ service, an enlistee was promised \$31 dollars a month plus

40 cents per day for use of his horse and equipment, which the recruit had to furnish.

A good horse could cost from \$150 to \$250, and 40 cents a day for the horse was subject to recall.

In some respects, the American Congress proved to be a bane to the Oregon cavalry. Long complaints about broken Indian treaties had a certain truth to them. It was not that the treaties were necessarily made in bad faith, but Congress back in Washington DC took its time about ratifying them, sometimes amounting to two or three years, while those who believed in the treaties settled on supposed ceded lands.

We can speculate about the slowness of Congress to act in the years leading up to the Civil War. Anti-slavery people wanted votes to go in their favor, but pro-slavery ones had no desire to encourage passage of legislation favoring areas where slavery was restricted.

When Oregon set about forming its own cavalry, enlistees did not rush to recruiters to answer the call to arms and different tricks were used to bring them in, like having counties in the Willamette Valley vie to see which could raise the first regiments A or B.

Polk County won. One recruiter solved his problem by going to California and signing up men from there.

With its loss of cavalry, the state gained a definite Indian problem as did much of the frontier east of the mountains from Minnesota down through west Texas, Montana and the Dakotas.

As troops were whipped out and headed east for big battles of the war, Indian leaders took notice.

Along with gold strikes at Baker City and in the John Day region, and along the Idaho border, as Carey notes, a different type of immigrant was entering the scene although one which should have been families from the 1849 California gold rush days. Men interested more in striking it big than settling down with a family, had exploitation in mind.

The work of the Oregon cavalry on the eastern and southern frontier in the 1860s seems to have assumed a certain regularity. Sometimes they pursued hostiles. If the Indians proved to have practiced depredations, they might be shot or hanged.

Generally, the Oregon cav-

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Fall 2025

Winter-blooming shrubs add color and fragrance to Pacific Northwest gardens

In January and February, the flowers of winter arrive, blooming as cheerfully as the showoffs of spring.

"One of the coolest things about gardening in the Pacific Northwest is winter gardens," said Neil Bell, horticulturist with the Oregon State University Extension Service. "Spring is overwhelming with flowers, but in winter it's surprising. It's nice to see something that's so unexpected. And then there's the scent — such an enjoyable thing."

Mahonia 'Charity'

One of the showiest cold weather shrubs is Mahonia 'Charity,' a relative

of native Oregon grape with bountiful spikes of yellow blooms. The large evergreen leaves give the plant a tropical look and make it a standout year-round. Snow is no deterrent for this easy-care, 10-foot shrub, which will take temperatures down to -5°F. A bonus is the multitude of blue berries.

Winter-blooming camellias

For those familiar only with spring-blooming camellias, Camellia sasanqua will come as a pleasant surprise, Bell said. Blooming in the middle of winter, this 8-foot camellia doesn't get the mushy, brown flowers some hybrids display. White-bloom-

ing 'Setsugekka' is easy to find, as is 'Yuletide,' the most popular Camellia sasanqua, with Santa Claus-red flowers decorated with prominent yellow stamens. These flowers provide sustenance for overwintering Anna's hummingbirds.

Sweetbox

In the darkest part of the year — sometimes before Christmas — the vanilla perfume of sweetbox hovers in the air. The small white flowers aren't flashy, but the scent more

than makes up for it. The shiny, dark green foliage is similar to its relative, boxwood, and is useful as a hedge or backdrop for colorful perennials and annuals in other seasons.

Several species are on the market, most commonly Sarcococca racifolia and S. confusa,

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Cover crops improve soil and support pollinators over winter

No one wants to think of harvest's end when the vegetable garden is at its peak, but now is the time to plant overwinter cover crops to improve soil for next season.

Cover crops can add organic matter and aerate the soil, protect it from compaction caused by rain, suppress weeds and reduce erosion, said Nick Andrews, organic vegetable specialist for Oregon State University Extension Service.

As a bonus, if allowed to flower, their blooms provide nectar and pollen for pollinators and other beneficial insects.

Not a bad deal for an almost no-maintenance plant. To get started, prepare your soil and broadcast plenty of seed. Lightly rake it in and water as needed until fall rains begin. Then enjoy watching your cover crop grow during winter before incorporating it in spring.

Types of cover crops

Cover crops include grains such as winter oats and cereal rye, as well as a wide range of broadleaf plants. Legumes — including crimson clover, Austrian field pea and common vetch — are nitrogen fixers.

Beneficial bacteria in their root nodules take nitrogen from the air and supply it to the plant. When the cover crop decomposes in the spring, some of that nitrogen

Field of pink crimson clover.
Agriculture nitrogen-fixing cover crop.



becomes available to fertilize the following year's vegetables.

If cost is a concern, nitrogen from legumes is much cheaper than organic fertilizer and can compete with conventional fertilizer prices.

Planting and timing

Timing is key, Andrews said. Plant seeds of overwintering cover crops by September or early October, before the weather turns too cold and wet for germination and establishment.

Make sure seeds have good soil contact. Larger seeds like peas, vetch and cereals should be raked in lightly. Mix small seeds

with sand to make them easier to broadcast and then water them in. If the weather remains dry, keep the area irrigated.

For vegetables harvested after early October, consider interseeding into established crops during summer before they cast too much shade.

Managing cover crops in spring

Be prepared to manage your cover crop in the spring and kill it before it sets seed — unless you want to save seed from plants like fava beans. In Oregon's climate, most gardeners incorporate cover crop residue to pro-

mote decomposition. Do this three to four weeks before planting vegetables so the crop breaks down well. Otherwise, it can encourage diseases and insect pests.

If you don't have three to four weeks for decomposition, remove the stems and leaves and apply them elsewhere as mulch or compost, or dig the cover crop deeper into the soil. When to kill the crop depends on when you plan to plant vegetables.

"Big is better when it comes to cover crops," Andrews said. "If you can, let the crop grow until early flowering. Just be prepared to incorporate big

crops if you grow them. You'll see why organic farmers love cover crops."

When it's time to kill the cover crop, till shorter plants directly into the soil.

If plants are too tall, mow first or use a weed trimmer. Tough-stemmed plants can be cut and left to decompose above ground. Or put the tops in the compost pile and dig in the roots.

Some experienced gardeners who prefer not to till are having success with tarping, Andrews said. No matter the method, allow the turned-under material to sit before planting.

Beginner advice

- Start with a cover crop that is easy to grow and manage, such as crimson clover or phacelia.

- Prepare your garden ahead of time and have sprinklers ready if the weather is dry. Water the soil before seeding if it is very dry.

- The first time you try cover crops, plant them in an area you can reserve for vegetables typically planted in May or June. This allows time to manage the residues in spring.

- After success with one cover crop, try another in a different part of the garden. With experience, experiment with mixtures, interseeding, tarping and other practices.

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The gardening experts at Ball Horticultural Company offer their top recommendations for capturing what makes this season so special with three easy tips for novice and experienced gardeners alike.

Welcome guests with style

To give guests a warm welcome when they visit, refresh your front porch entryway with lovely decorative containers and hanging baskets in rich fall colors.

Spreading Pansy Top Wave™ — A great new choice for cool-season containers on your porch or patio, these pansies offer mounds of friendly flowers to brighten window boxes, planters and baskets. With a wide va-

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Rudbeckia Suntacular — Also called Black-Eyed Susans, these stunning vase-shaped perennials bring a cheerful burst of sunshine to any mixed container or landscape, making your outdoor spaces more inviting for guests. Their hardy nature and easy-care appeal make these plants ideal for cooler weather, adding warmth to your fall decor.

Create a pollinator-friendly fall environment

Transform your backyard and patio into an oasis for birds, bees and butterflies by choosing plants and flowers that attract pollinators. Explore these options to add both color and character to any outdoor space:

Lantana Shamrock™ Yellow — These lively and fragrant yellow clusters of flowers attract butterflies.



and hummingbirds, while also being deer resistant and drought tolerant. This is a great plant for containers and baskets thanks to its compact, well-kept growth habit.

Salvia Mystical — Available in striking blue or crisp white, these narrow-stalked blossoms will provide a beautiful contrast to warmer hues such as yellow, orange or red in your garden or

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Echinacea Sombrero® Mandarin Mambo —

An upgrade to the traditional cone-flower, this perennial offers bright orange flowers that change to a lovely peach color as they mature and provide lasting appeal for pollinators. Leave the spent seed heads to feed foraging birds in the fall.

Celebrate the fall classic with mum companions

Mums have long been cherished as a hallmark of the fall season, blooming into their full, glorious colors when many other flowers begin to fade. Pairing them with plants that offer bold colors and interesting textures can enhance your fall garden and create a

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No matter your gardening experience, make your autumn shine this year by embracing the season's warm colors and striking blooms. Discover more gardening resources and ideas at BallHort.com.

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SHRUBS

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both topping out at 5 feet. They tolerate temperatures down to about 5°F and grow happily in shady, dry areas of the garden, where many other plants struggle.

Grevillea victoriae

Bell points to Grevillea victoriae as one of his favorite winter-blooming plants. The 8-foot-tall and wide evergreen shrub, with small gray leaves and stems, can bloom from September through April once established. Unusual red-orange flowers emerge from rust-orange buds, making it a standout in the garden. It's also attractive to hummingbirds and bees.



currant (Ribes sanguineum) — is the chaparral currant (R. malvaceum) of the California coastal ranges. The 5-foot shrub attracts hummingbirds that sip nectar and forage for insects among

downward-facing pink flowers. The aromatic foliage is typically unappealing to deer.

tica). This large shrub can grow up to 12 feet tall and wide, with glossy green leaves and white undersides. In winter, long chains of catkins — often 6 inches or more — hang in a waterfall effect. It's also drought tolerant.

More shrubs to consider

These six shrubs, all hardy down to about 10-15°F or lower, are on Bell's short list. Others worth researching include witch hazel (Hamamelis), winter jasmine (Jasminum nudiflorum), Viburnum 'Dawn,' winter-sweet (Chimonanthus) and Harry Lauder's walking stick (Corylus avellana 'Contorta').

"Having color in the garden in winter is not that hard to do," Bell said. "Once you're aware of the possibilities, it's just a matter of planting the right plants."

Native silk tassel

Bell's list wouldn't be complete without native silk tassel (Garrya ellip-

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- Scrunch them up to surround items when you're packaging as an alternative to bubble wrap.
- Use them in the garden to hold your grass cuttings and hedge trimmings before transfer to a compost bin.
- Use them when packing for a holiday to keep dirty/wet clothes and shoes away from dry clothing.

Making use of your mountain of paper:

- After children's drawings and paintings have been displayed for a while they can be used to wrap presents.
- Old calendars, colorful pictures, etc. can be used to make your own envelopes. You can unstick a used envelope and use it as a template for making envelopes.
- Junk mail can be used as scrap paper, or as bedding for pets.
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Making use of household waste in the garden:

- Aluminum trays from pies and cakes make ideal 'drip saucers' to put under potted plants.
- Lawn clippings can be used to cover weeds and keep from growing in the garden through winter.
- Broken crockery can be used as drainage at the bottom of potted plants.
- Old newspapers (including those gathered from your friends) can be used to mulch and weed control the garden. Wet newspaper and place thickly on the garden. Cover with bark or stones.
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Getting Started:

A 4x4x4 foot area out of direct sunlight is ideal for your compost pile. Choose an easily accessible spot on a grass or soil base. Composting can begin any time of year, but many people start in the fall when leaves are abundant. Organic materials should be mixed, adding water as needed so that the materials feel like a moist, wrung-out sponge. The compost pile should be turned after a few weeks so that the outside layers are exchanged with the center of the pile. Turn compost piles about once a month, except in cold winter conditions. Water can be added during turning, if necessary.

CAVALRY

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alry practiced respect toward non-threatening Indians, but harsher punishment could be meted out by volunteer militia eager to eradicate an annoying problem.

As it was, some friendly Indians assisted the cavalry as unpaid guides, depending on whether foes were being chased. Cavalry members wished Indian guides could be hired, but that did not occur until later.

Some Indians, like the Nez Perce, were held in high esteem.

Yet, young Oregon men grew disillusioned with service in the state's cavalry units when their hope was to court glory across the Mississippi River or on the banks of the Potomac.

Their general fate was to explore eastern and southern Oregon in desiccated conditions which tried the health of their horses. Left with jaded mounts at the end of the war, they would find the War Department was shying away from even paying the 40 cents

per day allotment to help see to the health of the animals.

Even before the war erupted at Fort Sumpter, in 1860 unrest on the Oregon-Idaho border began to grow.

Two raids were made against the Warm Springs Indian reservation, and a massacre took place at Salmon Falls near Boise, Idaho, bad enough to influence future skirmishes between the cavalry men and disaffected Indians as those fomenting violences were often called.

We, at the museum, decided that if Judge Carey could include the bald-faced truths, so might we when it came to the massacre.

An incident which occurred shortly before the North and South took up arms emphasizes how important having a cavalry was to Oregon. This was the Myers Massacre and in recording it, Carey let it speak for itself.

It was named that after the husband, wife and five children who were among the survivors. The party of forty-four immigrants had been conveyed by the U.S. Army to a point a short distance from

Fort Hall near Boise, Idaho. The army then left the party in supposed security.

On Sept. 13, 1860, a band of a hundred Bannocks surrounded them. The Bannocks first demanded food as presents, then they drove off the party's cattle, and followed by an attack on the immigrants themselves, killing 11, including one woman and two children.

Abandoning their wagons, the surviving immigrants fled. They were pursued, six being killed near Burnt River and one more near the Owyhee. The fate of two girls and two boys was never discovered but some thought they had been taken as slaves by the Bannocks.

Five persons starved to death, two discharged soldiers took firearms and deserted the company, claiming they'd bring help. Subsequently, they too were found dead.

Out of the original forty-four people, only fifteen survived in part by eating the bodies of four children who had died. They spent forty-four days of

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SNOWS

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buddies.

"Every quarter we signed up to work out," he said. "A lot of our training was racing because we didn't like to lose."

His first road race was the Seaside Marathon.

"I had no clue what I was doing," Snow said. "The weather was terrible and the wind was blowing because a big storm was coming in. We ran out toward Gearhart with the wind at our backs, then we ran with the wind in our faces coming back."

He finished the 26.2 miles in 3 hours and 15 minutes, a credible time under those conditions.

"I felt fine, maybe a little stiff," Snow said. He kept going, on to many more road races, many run with his former athletes and his daughter Megan and her family.

He continues to run, often in the hills behind his house, three to five times a week, he said.

His top reason for running is "enjoyment," followed by the fact that there's a history of heart problems in his family.

"I figure running will help hold that off," Snow said. Barb Snow was a tennis player in high school, but after she married Billy and their kids got older, she started running as well.

"It's something we could share together," Billy said.

Snow has always been interested in track and field statistics; since 1999 he and current Sweet Home cross-country Coach Dave Martin have produced a bound, inch-thick annual encyclopedia of the previous season's high school track and

field performances entitled "Who's Who in Oregon Track and Field."

After he and Barb retired, Billy got an email from an acquaintance at athletic.net, an online sports information platform developed by Dan Bowdoin, the track coach at tiny New Hope Christian School in Grants Pass.



File Photo

Billy Snow, left, organizes young runners for a relay race at the All School Track Meet in May.

if they would be interested in working at track meets. They decided to give it a shot.

He said it took them a couple of years – and a lot of phone calls – to figure out how to run the equipment – computers, timers, cameras and sensors, which are used to record results for competitions.

This past spring, though, "was actually a pretty good year," he said. "We got the set-up down and we didn't have any major problems." This past season they worked three or four meets a week, he said.

"We can determine how busy we want to be," he said. "It's a way to stay connected with the sport, beyond just the 'Who's Who in Oregon Track and Field' book."

The Snows also like being able to stay connected with kids and old associates in the sport.

"It gives me a feel for the kids involved in the programs and we love to go to different schools and programs, where we run into people I coached

with, who are still coaching or retired and just volunteering."

Track and field, where they spend most of their athletic.net time, is different from cross-country because meets tend to be significantly more intense – multiple events going on simultaneously, Snow said.

"It's pretty intense for two months, but part of the joy of track and field is the intensity."

Plus, they get paid for working the meets.

Snow said people don't realize how much preparation goes into setting up for a meet, including "lots of communication" and sometimes multiple weeks of set-up.

"You go to a meet as a spectator, you think, 'Man, these people know what they're doing.' Behind the scenes, it's not always smooth sailing."

In the end, though, he and Barb are doing something they love, he said.

"It's just been a way to stay connected to a sport that gave me a lot of joy, being connected with it."

TRANSPORTATION

Dial-A-Bus – The Sweet Home Dial-a-Bus is a curb-to-curb transportation system within the Sweet Home area within the School District #55, from Crawfordsville to Cascadia and as far west as Santiam Terrace. Rides are \$1 within a five-mile radius of our office at the Sweet Home Senior Center. Over five miles, the charge is \$2. Ten ride tickets are available for \$10. Caretakers riding with a passenger ride at no charge. Call 24 hours in advance to schedule a ride at (541) 367-4775.

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



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Q: What are the worst drinks for my teeth?

A: Ironically, many of the foods and drinks we enjoy the most aren't good for us at all.

1. **SODA.** Two of the most harmful things for our teeth are sugar and acid, and carbonated beverages are full of both! The teeth literally start dissolving under the attack of the acid, leading to cavities.

2. **SPORTS DRINKS.** Like soda, they are often full of sugar and are highly acidic. One study showed that lemon-lime Gatorade dissolved more tooth enamel than any other drink, including Coke.

3. **FRUIT JUICE.** After reading to this point, you probably know why this is on the list. Juice has lots of sugar and acid too. While it could be considered a healthy option, most fitness experts will advise you not to drink your calories. Eat the entire fruit instead, and enjoy the health benefits of the fiber.

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CAVALRY

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incredible hardship before being taken care of by members of the Ninth cavalry under Capt. Frederick I. Dent, the brother-in-law of the future general and President Ulysess S. Grant.

At the end of the Civil War in 1865, Congress cut back on military personnel, too far back, leading to warfare in the intermountain area with serious consequences like Custer's well publicized "Last Stand."

Congress would even decrease pension money meant to aid aging Oregon cavalry members. The forty cents a day meant to fund the trooper's well used horse had gone by the board long ago.

When we look at the past, we often imagine a golden age, but as Carey's book shows, a lot of what we imagine is fools'

gold. When the Myers massacre took place in the 1860s, the nation was indecisively bending over the blade of the sword and deciding to engage in a war in which hundreds of thousands of young Americans would die. The massacre likely looked as bad as it could and words of it spurred attitudes of revenge which would shape the future.

Now we are pleased to read Charles H. Carey's carefully researched work thanks to Binford & Mort's desire to publish histories of Oregon's past. As we look around the East Linn Museum, we can spy two cavalry sabers. Maybe one was used by a man riding pell-mell around eastern and southern Oregon, pursuing hostiles.

(A note: Last time we wrote about the War of 1812 and claimed Beethoven wrote the 1812 Overture. He did not, but the Russian Tchaikovsky did.)

Public Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LINN, Lakeveiw Loan Seervicing, LLC, Plaintiff v. LEANNA MARIE BIGGERSTAFF, an individual; TWANIA LYNN HEROD, an individual; RAY KLEIN, INC., a corporation; THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, a government entity; and ALL OTHER PERSONS, PARTIES, OR OCCUPANTS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN, ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF'S TITLE, OR ANY CLOUD ON PLAINTIFF'S TITLE TO THE PROPERTY, Defendants. Case No. 24CV54074 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO THE DEFENDANT: Leanna Marie Biggerstaff: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and defend the complaint filed against you in the above entitled Court within thirty (30) days from the date of the first publication of this summons. The date of first publication in this matter is October 1, 2025. If you fail timely to appear and answer, for want thereof, plaintiff(s) will apply to the court for relief demanded in the complaint. This is a judicial foreclosure of a deed of trust in which the plaintiff requests that the plaintiff be allowed to foreclose your interest in the following described real property: A tract of land being a part of that certain tract of land being described in deed to Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation, Recorded August 10, 2022 as Instrument No. 2022-14047, Linn County Deed Records. ALL OF THAT TRACT CONVEYED TO MICHAEL J. LEE PER MICROFILM VOLUME 1431, PAGE 823, LINN COUNTY MICROFILM RECORDS, AND A PORTION OF THAT TRACT CONVEYED TO DAVID L. VANDERLIP AND RACHEL L. VANDERLIP PER MICROFILM VOLUME 1391, PAGE 670, SAID RECORDS, LYING BLOCK 111, HACKLEMAN'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ALBANY, IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST, WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, IN THE CITY OF ALBANY, COUNTY OF LINN AND STATE OF OREGON, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A 5/8" IRON ROD AT THE LEE SOUTHWEST CORNER LYING NORTH 81°45'00" EAST 100.00 FEET FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID BLOCK 111; THENCE ALONG THE LEE WEST LINE NORTH 8°21'45" WEST 113.33 FEET TO A 5/8" IRON ROD AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER THEREOF; THENCE ALONG THE LEE NORTH LINE AND EXTENSION THEREOF, NORTH 81°46'58" EAST 32.92 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST THEREOF, ALSO BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID VANDERLIP TRACT; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG VANDERLIP NORTH LINE, NORTH 81°46'58" EAST 12.64 FEET TO A POINT LYING NORTH 8°49'28" WEST 0.80 FEET FROM A 5/8" IRON ROD; THENCE LEAVING VANDERLIP NORTH LINE, SOUTH 8°49'28" EAST 29.40 FEET TO A 5/8" IRON ROD; THENCE SOUTH 81°46'58" WEST 3.00 FEET TO A 5/8" IRON ROD; THENCE SOUTH 6°31'45" EAST 83.95 FEET TO A 5/8" IRON ROD ON THE VANDERLIP SOUTH LINE BEING ALSO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK 111; THENCE ALONG SAID BLOCK LINE AND THE SOUTHERLY LINES OF SAID LEE AND VANDERLIP TRACTS, SOUTH 81°45'00" WEST 40.11 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as: 521 3RD AVE SE, ALBANY, OREGON 97321. NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT: READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY! You must "appear" to protect your rights in this matter. To "appear" you must file

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with the court a legal paper called a "motion" or "reply." The "motion" or "reply" must be given to the court clerk or administrator within 30 days along with the required filing fee. It must be in proper form and have proof of service on the defendant's attorney or, if the defendant does not have an attorney, proof of service on the defendant. If you have questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help in finding an attorney, you may call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at (503) 684-3763 or toll-free in Oregon at (800) 452-7636. The Oregon State Bar's web address is <http://www.osbar.org>. This summons is issued pursuant to ORCP 7. Malcolm Cisneros, A Law Corporation, Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112, Nathan@mclaw.org Attorneys for Plaintiff 2112 Business Center Drive, Second Floor, Irvine, CA 92612, P: (949) 252-9400, F: (949) 252-1032. (10/1, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22)

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ANGELINA G. HALSETH has been appointed Personal Representative of the ESTATE OF BARBARA DORIS WOLFORD, Deceased, by the Circuit Court for the State of Oregon for Linn County under Case No. 25PB07238. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the said Personal Representative at Stayton Law, 582 E Washington St, PO Box 248, Stayton, OR 97383, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published October 1, 2025.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINN

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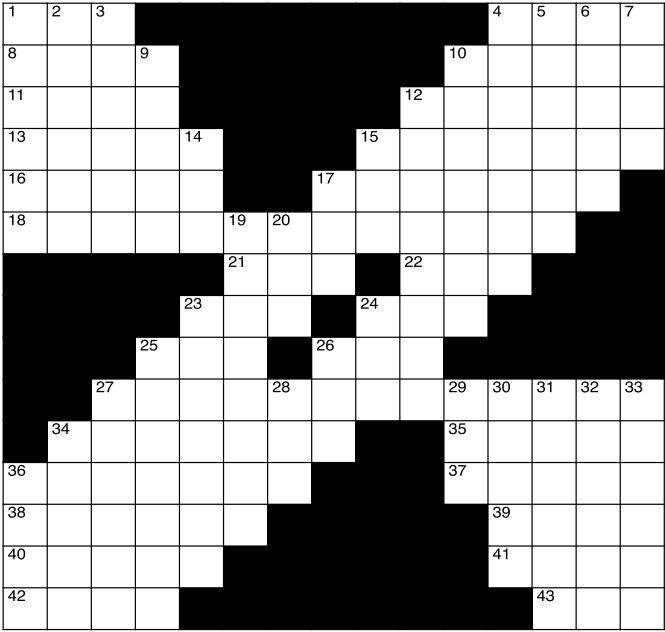
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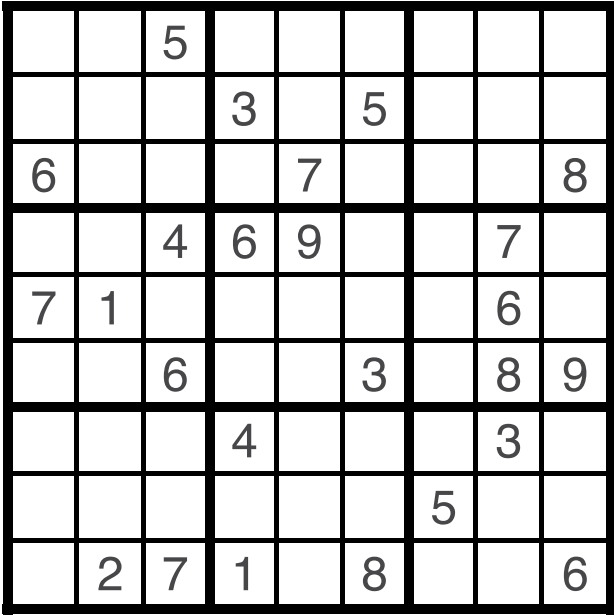
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- 4. One who entertains
- 8. Not in favor of
- 10. Couture
- 11. Nonflowering plant
- 12. Of Christian fasting season
- 13. Of birds
- 15. Dealt with
- 16. Duplicate
- 17. More liquid
- 18. Inconsequential
- 21. Doctor of Education
- 22. Electroencephalograph
- 23. Partner to the carrot
- 24. Not young
- 25. Discontinued Apple advertising platform
- 26. Car mechanics group
- 27. Treats allergies
- 34. Rather
- 35. African nation (alt. sp.)
- 36. Suffering
- 37. A way to raise
- 38. Hairstyle
- 39. Vehicle part
- 40. Subject matters
- 41. One who can see the future
- 42. German courtesy title
- 43. Female sibling

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Jungle vacation
- 2. Off-kilter
- 3. Takes off
- 4. Passing
- 5. Where to plug in devices
- 6. Drive
- 7. Take care of
- 9. City in Finland
- 10. Dyed
- 12. Small invertebrate
- 14. Holiday beverage egg
- 15. Hawaiian club
- 17. Rural Free Delivery (abbr.)
- 19. Most impoverished
- 20. British romance novelist Pollock
- 23. Burgers
- 24. Organization of American States
- 25. Lacking contact with other people
- 26. Sex Pistols bassist Vicious
- 27. One who uses a rod and line to fish
- 28. Expression of surprise
- 29. Get older
- 30. Rooney and Kate are two
- 31. Wild goats
- 32. Cores
- 33. Walks into
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- 36. Wet nurse

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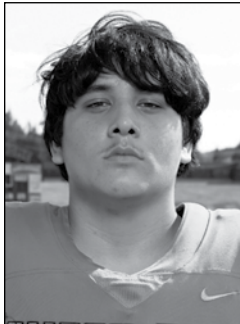
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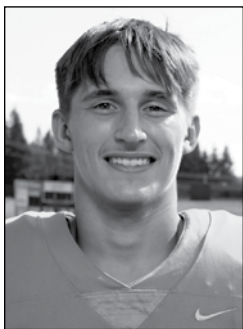


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SCHOOL BOARD

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ams, who was then vice chair, and Massey-Speck, who was board secretary, scheduled a special meeting to consider ousting Supt. Terry Martin.

The announcement of the meeting came literally four days after new board members Rachel Maynard, Dustin Nichol and re-elected members Adams and Amanda Carter had been sworn in. On July 21, the day the meeting was scheduled, it was cancelled on, Neuschwander later told The New Era, the advice of attorneys.

The announcement of that meeting prompted accusations of illegal “serial” meetings between board members, which resulted in complaints filed with the district, which were forwarded to the Oregon Government Ethics Commission, which eventually declined to act on them.

The board’s August and September regular meetings focused heavily on those complaints and resulted in the ouster of Neuschwander as chair and Massey-Speck as secretary.

Adams was elected chair in the August meeting and longtime Board Member Dale Keene was elected vice-chair, while Member Jenna Northern was elected secretary, both at the Sept. 8 meeting.

Massey-Speck, in her complaints filed with the Superintendent’s Office, alleged that Adams had not been forthcoming with his role in agreeing to the July 21 special meeting. She also alleged that Adams had mismanaged the August and September meetings, which resulted in her losing her board secretary position, and also asserted that she was wrongly implicated in the serial meetings prior to July 21.

The board emerged Monday evening, following its closed session discussion of Massey-Speck’s complaints, and voted 4-2 against Massey-Speck’s motion to censure Adams for mishandling the situation, Massey-Speck and Maynard supporting the motion. Voting no were Adams, Carter – who was participating remotely, Keene and Nichol. Northern was absent.

The board then unanimously, including Massey-Speck and Maynard, voted to take no action on the complaints.

The board’s next meeting will be its regular monthly one at 6 p.m. on Oct. 13, following a Strategic Planning Meeting at 3 p.m., all in the district boardroom.

Huskies finish first week of league volleyball 1-1

By Keeghan Gittins
For The New Era

Sweet Home's volleyball players launched their league season against, arguably, their toughest opponent, No. 2 Philomath.

The Warriors used their extreme height advantage to dominate the contest, 25-19, 25-11, 25-14. The Huskies then bounced back just two days later, Sept. 25 against Newport, with an extra-set thriller ultimately winning, three sets to two.

Philomath 3, Sweet Home 0

On the road at Philomath Tuesday, Sept. 23, Sweet Home fell in straight sets to a tall and physical Warriors team.

Despite the loss to the Warriors, Head Coach Katie Dargis said she saw important progress in the team, not just in play, but in chemistry.

"These taller, tougher teams challenge us physically, so we're focusing on strategy, serving tough, finding open spots, and getting opponents out of system. Even in a loss, we walked away proud of how we treated each other on the court. That's a win in itself," Dargis said.

The Huskies struggled to find rhythm at Philomath, getting down early and not being able to rally their way out of the deficits. Sweet Home really struggled with

inconsistency at the net. "We had a lot of missed opportunities, we struggled to swing aggressively and just had too many errors overall," she said.

Aaliyah Brown, normally an outside hitter, moved to the middle due to an injury and made the most of her time on the floor. She finished with four kills on nine swings with just one error.

"She stepped in with a great attitude and made the most of her chances," said Coach Dargis.

Keira Johnson had a perfect serving night, going 10-for-10 from the line, providing one of the few bright spots in an otherwise inconsistent serving performance.

Sweet Home aimed to regroup quickly with a home matchup against Newport.

Sweet Home 3, Newport 2

The Huskies earned a hard-fought victory over Newport Thursday, Sept. 25.

Winning the first set, 25-19 Sweet Home then lost the next two by the same margin, both 25-21. But the Huskies rallied, 25-23 in the fourth set and breaking the tie in the fifth and final set, 15-11.

"We've talked a lot about how we can't get comfortable after winning a set," Dargis said. "We have to stay a little uncomfortable, stay locked in and fight for every single point. The girls did a

good job responding under pressure. We're trying to focus on anticipating what's next instead of reacting to what already happened."

Junior Aubrey Newberry led the way offensively, recording 12 kills on 32 swings with just four errors. Sweet Home found success targeting Newport's right-back zone, and Newberry took full advantage.

"We kept feeding Aubrey because it was working. She was finding ways to get through or over their block," said Coach Dargis.

Hannah Nicholson also stepped up in a big way, finishing with seven kills on 21 swings and just five errors, while also playing a key role on defense.

"Hannah's really getting comfortable out there. She's had to take on more responsibility lately and it's great to see her shine," said Coach Dargis. "She was aggressive when swinging, smart with her tips, and picked up a lot of defensive balls in the front row."

Kaitlyn Kennedy added seven kills and 16 digs. Johnson led the team with 20 digs, while Trinity Victor posted 20 assists and added 10 digs of her own.

Sweet Home also found success at the net, with Newberry, Nicholson, Johnson, and Natalie Smith each collecting blocks throughout

the match. Dargis noted that not a lot of blocks are counted on the box score but are crucial in slowing down the ball to set up offense.

"A lot of those digs we get are because the blockers slow the ball down first. That doesn't show up on the stat sheet, but it makes a huge difference," said Coach Dargis.

The Huskies will look to tighten things up at the service line after missing 18 serves against Newport.

Dargis looks to cut that in half come next week.

"We're serving aggressively, and I'll live with some mistakes, but we have to clean that up," she said.

Serve receive continues to be an area of focus in practice.

"We're working hard on it, we're creating those opportunities in practice to better prepare us for games."

"These matches are making us better, we're learning how to stay in matches mentally and keep pushing forward. That's what will carry us through the rest of the season," Dargis said.

This week, Sweet Home travels to North Marion (0-2, 2-7 as of Monday) on Sept. 30, and then hosts Stayton (0-2, 3-7) on Thursday, Oct. 2.

Longbow

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Job Corps students repaired the bases of the main picnic shelter and some benches by jacking the structure up and replacing wood that had deteriorated over the years, she said.

In 2022 volunteers replaced the cedar roofs on three of the six sleeping shelters, but "unfortunately, our shipment of cedar only stretch to cover three," Kennedy said.

She said that volunteers from HistoriCorps who put the roofs on in 2022 left instructions and the current volunteers, from Cascade Volunteers, followed the instructions to put shingles on two more shelters.

"They're all experienced roofers and went through the appropriate safety trainings, and they've been honestly going much more quickly and efficiently than I was hoping for," Kennedy said as she and a reporter walked through the campground. "So it's been really awesome to see it this week."

She said that the district will need to purchase enough shakes to finish the final shelter "or we're thinking of doing a volunteer event to teach folks how to make shakes right right themselves. So it's something we're exploring, but haven't really made any solid plans for."

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Grant helps fund Halsey-Shedd seasonal fire help

Tyler Boatman and Sam Hubbard are both currently serving in seasonal positions for the Halsey-Shedd Rural Fire Protection District.

This position is partially funded by a grant through the Special Districts Association of Oregon. Their role is designed to support Community Wildfire Protection Program (CWPP), wildfire preparedness, and community safety.

Boatman and Hubbard have contributed to the program by assisting with projects such as fuels reduction, defensible space improvements, and urban interface work. These efforts play a vital part in protecting communities and natural resources from the increasing threat of wildfires across the state.

Through this position, both seasonal firefighters have gained valuable

knowledge and exposure to the foundations of wildfire prevention and preparedness. Working on community projects and alongside experienced firefighters has helped them build a stronger understanding of fire behavior, safety practices, and the importance of proactive mitigation strategies.

These experiences have allowed them to continue developing their skills while contributing to meaningful projects that support both local communities and the surrounding environment.

Boatman is a resident volunteer with the Corvallis Fire Department and Hubbard was a resident volunteer at the Shedd Station for Halsey-Shedd RFPD. These new skills will empower both of them as they continue their service to their fire districts.

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Boys get soccer win at JC before meeting juggernaut Philomath

Sweet Home's boys soccer team picked up its second win in a row last week with a 1-0 victory on the road at Junction City Tuesday, Sept. 23.

Back home on Thursday, Sept. 25, the Huskies got a gut check, facing No. 3-ranked Philomath, which brought size, speed and experience that made life difficult for the Huskies, who lost 8-1, though most of those scores came in the first half and at the end of the game.

"Two road wins in a row is a great accomplishment for our kids," Coach Eric Stutzer said. "The Junction City game was tight right down to the final minutes and proves we can compete when we play within our demographic. We still struggled with touch and time of possession, but we were able to eliminate the boot ball and miscues that plagued us during our previous match."

An offensive push gave sophomore Felix Lopez a chance to put the ball in the back of the net early in the second half, and then Sweet Home buckled down to hold the lead.

"Our defensive core played their hearts out and walked off with a clean sheet," Stutzer said, crediting sophomore goalie Ben Ramsey with "some excel-

lent play," making "some "This was largely due to some excellent play from our goal keeper Ben Ramsey, who, the coach said, "made some great saves late in the second half with the sun in his eyes.. His athleticism continues to impress."

Against Philomath on Thursday, Sweet Home gave up an early goal, followed by an own goal, which gave the visitors an early lead.

"We really struggled to pressure the ball early in the game, which led to a number of strong attempts on goal," Stutzer said.

Keeghan Gittins was able to score a goal late in the first half to bring the score to 5-1 at half time.

"We came out in the second half and played extremely well until about 15 min left in the game when we lost our center back due to injury," Stutzer said. "Our lack of depth produced an imbalance that cost us some goals late during that last 10 minutes.

He said the Huskies improved in their pace of play and time on the ball, as well as pass strings and creating offensive opportunities.

"We just need to work on miscues and increase our intensity when contesting balls in the midfield, especially early in games," Stutzer said. "The kids gave 100% against a more expe-



Photo by Scott Swanson

Sweet Home's Xander Blom, left, Ben Perry and Levi Ayala, right, battle for the ball with Philomath's Dreyton Nuno. See more photos from the game at sweethpomenews.com.

rienced and athletic team, while demonstrating some marked improvement in what have been consistent areas of deficit.

"If we can carry that im-

provement into the next few weeks, we may be able to rattle a team and sneak in a win."

This week Sweet Home was to face ninth-ranked

Newport on the road Tuesday, Sept 30, before hosting 10-ranked North Marion on Thursday at 6 p.m.

The Huskies host Stayton on Oct. 7.

Girls soccer falls just short against JC, then gets mercy-ruled by Philomath

By Ryker Burr
For The New Era

After posting their first victory in two years the week before, Sweet Home's girls soccer team lost a close one at home against Junction City, handing the Tigers their first win on the year, 1-0. Sweet Home's next game didn't go their way either, as the Huskies were mercy-ruled 0-9 by league leader Philomath before halftime.

Head Coach Ramiro Santana emphasized where he wants his team to improve: "The only way to bounce back is to practice. We have to have more energy and communication between us players. Overall, we need to fight and want the ball more and shoot more goals if we want to score."

However Santana, who has headed the program since 2007, remains confident.

"We can bounce back," he said. "This team doesn't give up. We'll continue to believe we can bounce back."

Injuries have certainly

hampered the Huskies, as team captains Lyndie Birkett and Anabelle Morris are still banged up. Birkett is the team's goalkeeper, and Morris leads the team in goals. Sophomore Reece Parker remains injured as well.

"I hope we get everyone back soon," said Santana.

While Sweet Home was 1-5 coming into this week, plenty of improvement has been shown.

It's important to remember Santana's words before the season: "Once this team gets to know who they are, they'll be very strong...We're set up to have success for a long time."

They appear to be improving every week.

Sweet Home is looking to capture its second win of the season at 6:30 pm, Tuesday, Oct. 2, hosting Newport (0-1, 3-2 coming into this week). Then two days later at 4 p.m., the Green and Gold will travel to North Marion/St. Paul, which started this week 1-0, 1-5.



Photo courtesy of Ryker Burr

Sweet Home's Khloe Sautel holds off Junction City's Maia Apodaca during their game last week.

Road win at North Bend has Huskies 4-0 with Marist next

By Scott Swanson
Of The New Era

It's been a long time since Sweet Home has been 4-0 and ranked in the OSAA top 10, but a

34-13 victory on the road gave the Huskies a chance to prove they are for real.

Of course, there's another big test looming Friday: Marist.

But first things first.

In North Bend, Sweet Home's players showed they were there to do business, surviving a double pass from the hosts in the opening play of the game, then getting busy right away on their first possession.

The Huskies launched a six-play drive that included three pass completions, the final one a screen pass from quarterback Kyle Zajic to Dillan Davis that Davis took 52 yards to the end zone for the Huskies' first score. Keeghan Gittins' extra point kick made it 7-0.

North Bend responded by steamrolling down the field with a 30-yard, four-play drive on the ground to the 22, where quarterback Conner Johnson hit Joshua Sullivan with a scoring pass to even the score. The Bulldogs then delivered an onside kick, which Sweet Home recovered at its 45.

"I was just really proud of how our guys approached the game, how they approached the week, and then how they took care of business for four quarters," Head Coach Ryan Adams said. "We knew that North Bend was gonna be the best team that we'd played all year, which was true come Friday night.

And so we just talked all week about challenging ourselves to to prepare, practice and play at a different level than than we had all year."

The Huskies then embarked on a seven-play drive that ended with Sam Barringer weaving his way into the end zone on a sweep for Sweet Home's second score of the quarter. A two-point attempt went awry when Barringer was unable to corral a high screen pass, which fell incomplete, leaving the Huskies with a 13-7 lead.

Zajic, on defense this time, stopped a long drive by the hosts when he intercepted a pass midway through the second quarter, giving the Huskies the ball on their 35 yard line.

Sweet Home closed out the second quarter by marching 57 yards to the North Bend 8, where Barringer ran it in for their third touchdown of the game. Gittins' extra point was good and Sweet Home entered the locker room with a 20-7 lead.

In the third quarter the Huskies scored their final two touchdowns, the first when Davis scampered 42 yards and Gittins connected to put them up 27-7, and the final coming after an interception by Davis, who returned the ball to Sweet Home's 35. Five plays later, Zajic ran it in on a quarterback keeper from the 3 yard line.

Sweet Home turned the ball over on downs late in the game as they burned out the clock and North Bend took over on the Huskies' 27, scoring five plays later as Drakkar Funk plunged

in from the 3 yard line with about a minute left in the game.

Zajic finished with 125 yards passing on seven of 13 passes, with no interceptions.

Johnson was 10 of 18 for 100 yards, with two picks.

The Huskies finished with 229 yards on the ground on 33 rushes.

They held the Bulldogs to 189 yards on 42 carries.

Adams credited the lines – both offensive and defensive – with controlling the game.

"Our offensive line played phenomenal, especially in that second half," he said. "You could really tell that our offense was going to do what our offense wanted to do because of our offensive line play.

"I'm super proud of those guys, Lynkin Royer, Gabe Meadors, the two seniors on that offensive line just really leading that group extremely well.

"Eli Cruz stepped in for us as a starting center for the first time in his life, I'm pretty sure, for the full game. And I don't think we had one bad snap. I think it was a phenomenal job by that young man."

Also, he said, the Huskies benefited from "a ton of playmakers."

"Dylan Davis had a great game. Kyle threw the ball, played the quarterback spot really well for us. Bodie (Nichols) made quite a few big plays. Sam Barringer, Kaeson Walker as well."

He noted that the defensive secondary – "Bradyn McClure, Riley Vaughn and Bridger Royer, those guys

were solid with their jobs, doing their job every single play."

He said the team is maturing and learning how to win.

I was really proud of our guys and how they handled that long road trip, their mindset in the locker room before the game, how they approached the entire warm up session and everything like that. And so just really proud of those guys for taking the initiative and the ownership to do that. And then, you know, you saw the results of that.

"I thought it was a really, really good step in the right direction for us."

He said coaching consistency, athletic talent and learning how to be a winning program are all pieces that are contributing to Sweet Home's growth.

"These kids in our program right now, they don't know the history slash tradition of Husky football," Adams said. "They have no idea about the kind of kids who were playing right before those years before COVID, when we were winning league titles and we were having consistent winning seasons, making the playoffs. They just don't have any experience with that.

"And so we have lost our tradition of winning. And the last two or three years, we've just been really focused on bringing that back."

Up next is Marist at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, which is the Huskies' Homecoming game and the league opener for both teams.

Marist comes in with its first win of the season, a 35-7 victory over Seaside in the

Spartans' first home game after losses to Churchill (34-7), Tillamook (35-21) and Henley, the latter a rematch of the state championship game last season, which Marist won.

Adams warned that the Spartans' record is deceptive.

"Make no mistake about it: Until somebody proves otherwise, this league runs through Marist," he said. "They're the defending state champions. Their record says one story, but watching that film and knowing who their opponents are tells a completely different story. Churchill, in my mind, is one of the best five, eight teams in the state. Henley, I believe, is a top two team in the state.

"That quarterback from Henley, I think, is one of the best quarterbacks in the entire state, and they were on the road for that Henley game and that Tillamook game – they were on a long road trip there too. And I think Tillamook is a top-five top five team as well.

"And so, I know they've got a couple losses, but how we're approaching it is we're telling the kids that this is a good football team, and it's still Marist."

His players are looking forward to hosting a good team, Adams said.

"We have a complete team this year in a lot of ways that we haven't before. We are really athletic. We have a lot of speed on the field, and our kids are just really excited to take on this challenge and kind of see where they match up with some of these best teams in the state."

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Husky XC teams winners in small field at home meet

After a string of big meets in some faraway places, Sweet Home's cross-country teams got to host a meet of their own at Community Chapel Saturday, Sept. 27, with a much smaller field.

Against La Pine and Culver the Huskies defended their home turf well, Coach Dave Martin said.

Both the boys and girls won the team titles over La Pine, as Culver didn't have enough runners to field full teams at the varsity level.

The girls finished with 17 points, as only one Bobcat finished in the top six. Emma Whitton was first in 20:22.53, followed closely by McKenzie Miller (20:33.38).

Cassie Spencer was third in 22:43.28, Noelle Helfrich was fifth in a personal-best 25:02.16, and Marian Helfrich was sixth in 26:22.47, just two seconds off her 5K PR on a course that included two creek crossings and two steep hill climbs.

"This is the third week in a row that Noelle has gotten faster, Martin noted.

"I was really pleased with our top runners, for sure," he said. "Both our boys and girls, had four or five people in the top seven in both rac-

es. I thought, based on the times coming in from other schools, that they might be a little more competitive."

For the boys, Ryker Burr was first in 18:11.33, with Acen Webber third (18:45.50), Elijah Rodriguez fourth (18:54.38), Louis Kistner seventh (20:32.99) and Evan Knight eighth (20:40.31).

Martin said he thought Webber ran the best he has all year on the Chapel course.

Rounding out the girls varsity finishers were Pyper Hall, who was seventh in 26:24.26, and Madison Ciullo, eighth in 27:00.49,

For the boys, Conner Spencer was ninth in 21:23.75 and Hudson Ogden finished 11th in 21:41.76.

Wes Goff led the junior varsity boys race wire to wire, finishing first in 21:38.03, followed by Ryder Farris in third (22:19.18), Bentley Uhlry fourth in a personal-best 22:20.51, Noah Strawn fifth (22:20.53) and Sam Strawn seventh (26:55.44).

"The best race of the day was Wes Goff," Martin said. "He ran less than 10 seconds slower than his PR. He was

in the lead in that race and pushed himself."

In the girls JV race, Delanie Pratt finished in 31:10.23, followed by McKenzie Ohl-heiser (31:15.34) and Lexi Lee (33:45.27).

"Overall, I was really pleased with how the kids competed," Martin said. "The efforts in Eugene (Northwest Classic, the week before) were there, but they didn't get the reward of times. This time their effort was rewarded with times.

"I think now we're ready to roll.

"I think the kids enjoyed the fact that it wasn't a big meet," he added. "It wasn't high-pressure. That's what we wanted. We've worked hard, gone to some big meets, and it was time to do something lighter and we did."

The middle school competitions had more runners, with LaCreole, North Albany and Memorial participating, swelling the girls field to 30 runners and the boys to 36.

North Albany scored a perfect 15 points, as Sweet Home finished with 48, led by Wiley Farris who was eighth in 13:49.00.

Walker Farris was 15th (14:23.15), Langston Lane 17th in his first-ever cross-country race (14:40.24), Brady Goff 19th in 15:19.06 and Zander Davis 31st in 21:52.33.

For the girls, Emma Davis was 13th in 16:12.93 and sixth-grader Violet Steinborn chopped 3:06 off her personal best to run 17:13.85.

Up next for Sweet Home is



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Sweet Home runners Pyper Hall, foreground, Maddie Ciullo and Marian Helfrich cross Ames Creek during the Huskies' home meet Saturday at Community Chapel. See more photos at sweethomenews.com.

another big meet: the Harrier Classic at Bryant Park in Albany.

The event is different than others in that it pairs underclassmen and upper-classmen in separate races, rather than junior varsity competitions, while top runners compete in girls and boys varsity events.

Middle-schoolers run 3200 meters.

The field will include schools ranging from 1A to 6A, including some of the state's top teams.

Races start at 9 a.m. with middle school competition. The varsity girls will be the last competitors, running at 2:10 p.m.



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