





Crash Course for SHFAD

Sweet Home Fire and Ambulance District staff and volunteers held a full-scale, hands-on extrication drill Thursday, Oct. 23, at the Old Mill property on the north end of 24th Avenue. According to Ryan Paul, recruitment officer for the district, the exercise, which involved vehicles in a pileup, allowed “up-and-coming” officers and volunteers “hands-on training” to work through real-life problems they can encounter at crashes. SHFAD is actively recruiting volunteer firefighters. To learn more, visit sweethomefireor.gov/volunteer. See more photos at sweethomenews.com,
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COLLINS, WHO LIVE
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Samaritan Health to join Tacoma-based provider

Samaritan Health Services announced last week that it will join forces with Tacoma-based MultiCare Health System.

In an announcement issued Wednesday morning, Oct. 22, Samaritan said it will sign a formal affiliation agreement with MultiCare that will pave the way for the two organizations to begin taking the next steps needed to bring the affiliation to completion, which is expected to occur in mid-2026, pending state and federal regulatory approval.

MultiCare, which traces its



Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital will be part of a merger with Tacoma-based MultiCare.

roots back to the founding of Tacoma's first hospital in 1882, operates more than 300 primary, urgent, pediatric and specialty care locations across Washington, Idaho and Oregon, as well as 13 hospitals, the vast majority of them in Washington state. Samaritan will be its first Oregon operation. It has more than 28,000 employees, which is more than five times the size of Samaritan.

"This affiliation represents

an important step in securing the future of nonprofit health care in our region," said Marty Cahill, president and chief executive officer of Samaritan. "Our commitment has always been to remain a community-based, mission-driven organization, and this partnership strengthens that promise for decades to come.

"Together, we will expand access, invest in the technology and services our communities need, and do so while

keeping care nonprofit and locally governed. We are excited and honored to become MultiCare's first health system in Oregon and to bring the benefits of MultiCare's expertise home to the communities we serve."

"Locally governed" in healthcare refers to a decentralized system in which decisions about services are made at the local level by commu-

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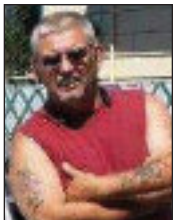




OBITUARIES

Donald Getz

May 18, 1959 - Oct. 17, 2025
Donald Eugene Getz, 66, of Sweet Home, passed away Oct. 17, 2025.



He was born May 18, 1959, to Reba May (Miller) and Warren E. Getz, Jr. in Cleveland, Ohio.

He grew up in California, moved to Albany in 1991 and moved to Sweet Home in 2020. Donald worked at Lionbridge for 15 years.

He loved his 1972 Nova and enjoyed going to car shows. He liked to camp, barbecue and spending time with his family.

Donald is survived by his wife Brenda Getz; daughter Brandi Davidson; son Jason Getz; two grandchildren; and siblings Bonnie, Bob, Dennis,

Penny, Jack, and Sandy.

He was preceded in death by siblings Eddie, Joe, Betty Jean. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements.

Gordon Olson

Nov. 22, 1937 - Sept. 7, 2025

Gordon Eugene Olson, 87, formerly of Sweet Home, died Sept. 7, 2025, at Timberwood Memory Court after nine years living with Alzheimer's Disease.

He was born Nov. 22, 1937, to Marvin and Mae (Bauer) Olson in Brockton, Mont.

Gordon grew up on his parent's farm near Culbertson, Mont. He was an enrolled member of the Sioux Tribe at Fort Peck from his mother's side, a heritage of which he was very proud.



He had many fond memories of his youth in Montana, training and racing horses with his father and four brothers near the Big Muddy. Later in life, he loved to regale his family with his childhood adventures, such as the time he had a pet hawk or the story of the infamous elk stew.

Gordon was a wonderful storyteller and had an excellent memory for the family's history, particularly of the exploits of his grandpa Fred Bauer and great-uncle John Bauer, who had been boxers.

Gordon later moved to Oregon and was a longtime resident of the Lebanon and Sweet Home area. He worked at the Foster Plywood Mill for many years and then worked delivering newspapers for the Democrat Herald. He played guitar, was an avid reader of the daily newspaper and enjoyed spoiling his orange tabby.

Gordon was first married to Marilyn and had three children, Valerie, James and Marty. He was later married to Betsy and had Trena, Angie, Ole (Timothy) and (Gordon) Shane, as well as his stepson Tracy.

His third marriage to Diana late in life brought one more child, Josephine. Gordon had 19 grandchildren and many more great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his brothers Donny and Freddy; children Valerie Kuntz, Marty Olson, Tracy Hayes, Trena Gallardo, Angie Winn, (Gordon) Shane Olson, and Josephine Olson.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Merrill and Victor; sons James and Timothy; and granddaughter Shaina.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, at the Sweet Home Elks Lodge. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements.

Chris Romeo

Aug. 3, 1952 - Oct. 24, 2025

Chris James Romeo, 73, of Sweet Home, passed away Oct. 24, 2025.

He was born Aug. 3, 1952, to Irene Luellen (Murphy) and George Romeo in North Bend.

His family moved to Lebanon when he was 5, he lived there until he graduated.

Chris remarried in 1983 to his beloved wife, Karen. They loved canoeing at Foster Lake, hiking, and vacations at the coast. He enjoyed watching all OSU sports and MLB, especially the Dodgers.



He joined a city "A League" softball team in Corvallis, which won a city title a few years later.

Chris worked at Videx in Corvallis for several years before taking a job at OSU Housing and Dining Services. After working there for 15 years, he retired and they settled in Sweet Home.

He is survived by his wife Karen; daughter Katrice and her mom Debbie; step-daughter Corinna Dwan; one granddaughter; brother Ron (Karen) Romeo; and sister Cathie (Mike) Anderson.

He was preceded in death by his parents; uncles Dave Hinderlie and Jim Murphy; and aunts Nita Hinderlie and Helen Murphy.

A private celebration of life gathering will be held for his family and closest friends. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements.

Donna Shortreed

March 8, 1926 - Oct. 22, 2025

Donna Alice Shortreed, 99, of Sweet Home, passed away Wednesday, October 22, 2025.

She was born March 8, 1926

to Hilda Alice (Geil) and Franklin Pierce Coulter in Pleasant Valley.

She has lived in Sweet Home all of her life. Donna worked as a cook at the Elks Lodge, Mollie's Bakery and Busy Bee Drive-In. She was a member of the Cornerstone Fellowship Church.



Donna enjoyed doing puzzles, reading, taking walks and planting her petunias. She loved spending time with her family at family gatherings and playing cards (pinochle) with her siblings. She liked to watch "Jeopardy" and "Wheel of Fortune."

She is survived by her children, Kim (Connie) Shortreed of Lebanon, and Tana Tracewell and Wendy (Phil) Pollock, of Sweet Home; siblings: Dottie Damkowitch, Bonnie Wittwer, Eula McAfee, Larry Coulter, Marian Stone and Gayle Barnes; sister-in-law Evonne Weaver; 13 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harlan Shortreed; daughter Marcy Godell; siblings Mina Hirschi, Norma Christensen, Jack Coulter, Molly Mosby and Wanda Miner; and sister-in-law Evelyn Robertson.

A graveside service will be noon Saturday, Nov. 29, at Gilliland Cemetery.

Donations can be made in memory of Donna to Samaritan Evergreen Hospice of Albany. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements.

Death Notices

Leslie Hunter

Feb. 27, 1955 - Sept. 29, 2025

Leslie "Les" Hunter, 70, of Sweet Home, passed away September 29, 2025.

A celebration of life will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, at the Sweet Home Elks Lodge.

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

Edward Swearingen

Sept. 28, 1945 - Sept. 28, 2025

Edward Marcus Swearingen, 80, of Albany, passed away Sept. 28, 2025.

A graveside service will be at 1 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 6, at Palestine Cemetery in Albany. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements. For updated information, visit www.sweethomefuneral.com.

Darlene Wilson

Feb. 5, 1935 - Oct. 24, 2025

Darlene Joyce Wilson, 90, of Sweet Home, passed away Oct. 24, 2025.

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October	21	60	36	0.00
October	22	63	39	0.00
October	23	65	42	0.00
October	24	61	46	0.00
October	25	56	44	0.06
October	26	52	38	0.74
October	27	52	38	0.00

PRECIPITATION

Year to date: **22.44**
October 30, 2024: **21.89**

FORECAST

DAY	WEATHER	HIGH	LOW
Thur	Cloudy	59	39
Fri	Cloudy	61	48
Sat	Rain	61	45
Sun	Mostly Cloudy	60	42
Mon	PM Showers	61	42
Tues	Showers	59	46
Wed	Showers	59	47

LAKE LEVELS

Foster Reservoir: **610.0**
Green Peter Res.: **873.4**



TODAY'S FIRE DANGER IS
LOW

The fire danger information provided is current at the time of publication. For the latest and most accurate updates, please visit: oregon.gov/odf

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).

- Oct. 26**

12:30 a.m. - Joshua Keolohanui Ben Leslie arrested for criminal trespass II, 1600 block Long St. Cited and released.

11:27 a.m. - Caller reported female backed into his vehicle at Towne Pump, 890 Main St. Officer responded, parties exchanged information. Damage estimated at under \$2,500.

2:54 a.m. - Caller reported female in roadway who tried to run in front of his car, Main St./22nd Ave. Officer responded, contacted female, who denied conduct described and declined courtesy transport.

3:35 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol due to speeding vehicles in residential area of 200 block 1st St., Halsey.

4:25 p.m. - Bradley Allen
- Bowman, 29, arrested on SHMC warrant for FTA in theft case, LMC warrant for FTA in criminal citation case, 700 block Long St. Cited and released.

4:53 p.m. - Robert Edward Hilliard, 55, arrested by Albany police on SHMC warrant for FTC in criminal driving case. Cited to appear Dec. 10.

5:34 p.m. - Caller reported burst pipe in area of 28th Ave./Juniper St. Officer responded, Public Works advised of situation.

6:04 p.m. - Caller from Sun Motel, 3026 Main St., reported that tenant stole towels, pillows and pillow cases. Officer responded, report taken for theft III. Value estimated at \$99.

6:20 p.m. - Ashley Ruthann McCarthy, 28, arrested on AMC warrant for FTA in con-

- tempt of court case, 2000 block Main St. She was trespassing from location.
- 7:28 p.m. - Caller reported that he was walking in 1600 block Elm St. and dog was outside its yard and tried to bite his leg. Officer responded, contacted owner, who was warned for dog as public nuisance.
- 7:50 p.m. - Caller reported vehicle stuck on median in 2400 block Main St. Officer responded. Vehicle was 2010 Mercury Milan operated by Kenda Stevens. Damage estimated at under \$2,500. Vehicle towed.
- 8:12 p.m. - Michael Joseph Cornish, 57, arrested on LCSO warrant for FTA in criminal citation case, supervisory authority warrant, LMC warrant for FTA in driving while suspended case. Pleasant Valley Boat Ramp. Lodged at Linn County Jail.
- 8:26 p.m. - Joseph Gene Sallee, 53, arrested on SHMC warrant for FTA in trespass case, 1500 block Main St. Cited and released.
- 8:58 p.m. - Dalton Tenbusch, 25, of Halsey, cited for speeding, 78/55, 25900 block Hwy. 99, Halsey.
- 9:10 p.m. - Caller from 2300 block Harding St. reported neighbors outside yelling at each other and that female asked for police because male wouldn't calm down. Officer responded, parties agreed to separate.
- 11:19 p.m. - Christian Michael Rogers, 30, arrested by Albany police on SHMC warrant for FTA in theft case. Cited to appear Nov. 12.
- Oct. 25**
- 12:27 a.m. - Kevin Austin Corrington, 27, arrested by Albany police on SHMC warrants in criminal driving case, FTA in theft case. Cited to appear Nov. 12.
- 3:01 a.m. - Male reported he was assaulted in 3000 block Main St. Officer responded, report taken for assault IV. Male given courtesy transport from location.
- 7:42 a.m. - Caller from Coffee Hut, 2450 Main St., reported male jumping in front of vehicles, trying to touch them as they drove by. Officer responded, trespassed male from location. Although he was not a police officer hold candidate, he was given courtesy ride to Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital.
- 9:47 a.m. - Jordan Eric Brendle, 36, arrested on SHMC warrant for FTC in criminal driving case, LMC warrant for probation violation in theft case, Oregon State Parole Board warrant, and for criminal driving, 800 block Main St. Lodged at Linn County Jail. Vehicle impounded.
- 10:03 a.m. - Shahala Lynn

- Stockwell, 22, arrested on LMC warrant for FTA in theft case, 890 Main St. Cited and released.
- 11:09 a.m. - Quentin Wyatt Quadros, 27, arrested, after he turned himself in at SHPD, 1950 Main St., on SHMC warrant for FTA in criminal driving case, AMC warrant for contempt of court. Cited and released.
- 1:06 p.m. - Domestic disturbance reported in 1000 block Pine St., Brownsville. Report taken.
- 2:00 p.m. - Downed tree reported in area of Oak Plane Dr./Potter Rd., Halsey. Road was cleared and tree will be taken care of later by county Road Department.
- 2:23 p.m. - Caller reported tents set up in 1700 block 9th Ave., near river. Officer responded, contacted male who was advised of complaint and advised of legal places to camp.
- 4:32 p.m. - Deputies responded to verbal argument between family members in 35100 block Northern Dr, Brownsville. Determined it was continuation of ongoing civil dispute.
- 5:58 p.m. - Susan Marie Ausbun-Miller, 51, arrested by Albany police on SHMC warrant for FTA in criminal mischief case. Cited to appear Dec. 10.

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CIRCUIT COURT

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

Tiffany Anne Burks, 45,

sentenced Oct. 24 to one year suspension of a driver's license, 36 mos. supervised probation, 102 days jail, and \$1,555 in fines and fees after pleading no contest to DUII (liquor) with a .11% BAC, felon in possession of a firearm and unlawful possession of methamphetamine. Charges of felon in possession of a restricted firearm and possession of hydrocodone were dismissed.

Laird Patrick McCabe, 45, charged Oct.23 with DV strangulation, DV menacing, DV unlawful use of a weapon, and resisting arrest.

Scott Alan Watts, 57, charged Oct. 24 with two counts of luring a minor and four counts of sexual abuse II.

John Merritt Wise, 61, charged Oct. 20 with DUII (liquor).

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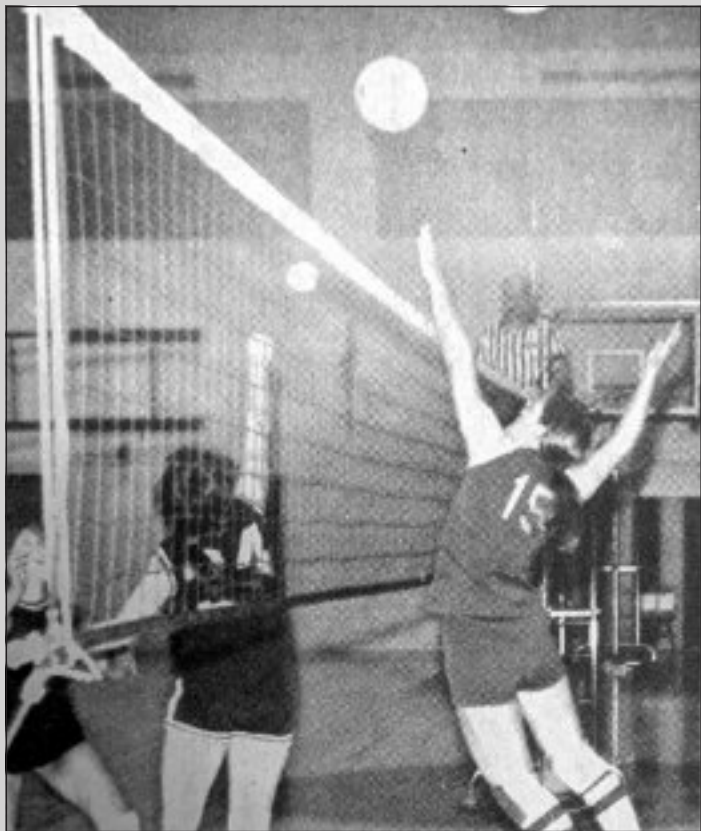
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SUDOKU KEY

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FROM OUR FILES



Trying hard, such as the girls above are doing, wasn't enough for the volleyball team, as they were downed 15-1 and 15-6 by league champion Estacada in 1975.

Nov. 2, 1950

Bud Hall, high school junior, received two stitches for a cut on his neck after a classroom experiment ended in an explosion. A chemistry teacher was conducting an experiment with hydrogen gas when a faulty glass beaker exploded and flying glass struck Hall. A week ago, another high school student was cut slightly on the head when a small test tube blew up during an experiment. The school has since eliminated all experiments that seem dangerous.

Oct. 30, 1975

A fund for ambulance equipment soared \$1,100 as proceeds from a Kiwanis Club public dance and a VFW auction sale were tallied. The dance held at the Elks Lodge hosted about 260 people to raise \$700 for the fund to purchase a two-way ambulance-hospital communications system. Meanwhile, the VFW raised \$400 from an auction. Only \$510 more is needed to reach the \$3,800 goal.

Nov. 1, 2000

The City Council will review a proposal to join with the school district in paying the maintenance and operation costs of a new pool. The school board agreed to a request to include an estimated \$2.8 million in a bond proposal for construction of a new pool on the condition that the city assists with the costs of operation and maintenance. Operation costs is about \$150,000 each to the city and school district, but pool usage will need to increase, so they're considering adding a slide or other idea to increase usage.

Kevin McLaughlin, director of Sweet Home's Boys and Girls Club, was named Executive of the Year during the organization's Pacific Regional Administrative Conference held in Hawaii. It was said McLaughlin was at the forefront of the effort to build the city's new Community Center, Senior Center and Boys and Girls Club. Judges decided his hard work and dedication to kids outshone the other nominees.



Wrong way on the tracks

Rescue workers check out a vehicle that crashed on the railroad tracks west of Sweet Home Wednesday, Oct. 22, near Sun Lane. According to OSP, Nicholas William M. Bober, 41, of Lebanon, was eastbound on Hwy. 20 when his Ford Expedition crossed the highway and drove off the westbound shoulder, rolled down the steep bank and came to rest on the train tracks. Bober was checked out by medics but was not transported, OSP said. However, he was cited on a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for a probation violation, according to OSP. The vehicle was towed.

Photo by Scott Swanson

OSP reports recent wildlife cases

Oregon State Police responded recently to a number of wildlife-related incidents in the area.

Kyle Michael Krake, 40, was cited at 11:28 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, after an OSP officer contacted him in the 40900 block of Skyline Drive about allegedly using a thermal device while hunting. According to the OSP, Krake admitted to thermal use and was cited for hunting/looting/scouting wildlife with a thermal imaging device. A rifle was seized.

OSP responded at 8:38 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, to a report of a crash near Milepost 43 on Highway 20, east of Sweet Home.

According to OSP, a Toyota Highlander operated by Dominic Alberghetti, 21, of Corvallis, hit a cougar, which was still on the scene and was dispatched by troopers. Albergehtti's vehicle was towed.

Two hunters were cited Oct. 13 after the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife alerted OSP that a hunter, who had submitted buck deer they had taken in eastern Oregon in for a chronic wasting disease checks, lacked deer tags.

An OSP game warden contacted two hunters and seized the deer. According to OSP, both Carson Daniel Emmert, 23, and Harry Edward Lohr IV, 24, both of Corvallis and described as "newer hunters," were not cited but were "educated on the appropriate process in Oregon."

In reviewing police log reports by Sweet Home police and Linn County Sheriff's Office, at least one collision between vehicles and deer, or incidents in which officers have been called to dispatch injured deer, have occurred daily during the past few weeks, starting in late September.

EVENTS

Livestock Association Fall Meeting Nov. 4

The Linn County Livestock Association will hold its fall meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, at Brownsville Baptist Church, 27910 Seven Mile Lane, Brownsville.

Doors open at 4:30 pm.

Dinner, featuring barbecued beef and lamb, will be at 6. Donations will be appreciated.

A wide range of topics will be on the agenda, including re-

ports from local predator control experts, Farm Service Agency updates, a report from Linn County Commissioner Sherrie Sprenger, a report on HB 3991, reports from the Linn County Sheriff's Office, and much more.

Membership in the association is \$20.

RSVPs are requested to Lyn-den Brown at (lyn-den12brown@gmail.com, Mike Cowdry at (541) 979-3703, or

Tom Nichols at (541) 990-2878.

Bingo fundraiser for Christmas Store

The 11th Annual Sweet Home Kids Free Christmas Store will hold a Bingo fundraiser Saturday, Nov. 15, at the RezRock church, 1621 53rd Ave., Foster.

Doors open at 5 p.m. Cost is \$20 for 4 Bingo cards. There will be concessions, door prizes, and every Bingo winner wins a gift card from a local business.

The Annual Sweet Home Kids Free Christmas Store is run through a nonprofit, The Presidents Club.

The store will be held Dec. 6 in the gym at Sweet Home Charter School, 28721 Liberty Rd., for Sweet Home kids ages 2 through 17, who can shop for free for the families they live with.

For more information, contact Nancy Patton at (541) 409-4276.

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Ken and Kathi Collins: A life in harmony

By Satina Tolman
For The New Era
For Ken and Kathi Collins, music has always been more than sound.

It is a language, a connection, and a lifelong passion that has carried them through joy, loss, and purpose. At 90 and 71, the couple moves through life in harmony, their days filled with melody, teaching, and service. Together, they have touched the lives of thousands – from classrooms to concert halls – showing that music isn’t just to be heard; it is to be lived.

‘Because It Was Fun’
For Kathi, music began early. Growing up in Southern California, she filled her neighborhood with song and laughter.

“I would stage silly shows on the lawn and do rock ‘n’ roll sing-alongs,” she said. “I babysat a lot, and we’d do little vignettes together. It came naturally to me.”

Her parents encouraged her creativity. “We sang at home because my parents sang, and my mom’s whole family sang – not too well, but with a lot of joy,” Kathi laughed. “We’re Irish, so we’re very vocal. That’s when I realized I could take care of children and do a little singing.” Kathi joined the Glee Club and continued performing throughout her youth. When she moved to Sweet Home in 1975 with her husband’s family, she brought that same musical energy to her new community. She gave birth to her oldest daughter in 1977, and twins – a boy and a girl – in 1981.

After the death of her husband, she spent eight years as a widowed single mother before meeting Ken.

Volunteer’s Heart
Even in hardship, Kathi stayed busy raising her children and serving her community. “I’ve always had this need to be moving, to be helping,” she said. “It’s how I

stay happy.” She poured that energy into Sweet Home, volunteering with programs like Sweet Home Drug Free, DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education), and REACH (Responsibly Educated Adolescents Can Help). She trained volunteers, helped organize fundraisers, and built relationships with the Sweet Home Police Department. Kathi also served on the Hawthorne Elementary PTC, worked on neighborhood watch initiatives, and helped coordinate events such as “Shop with a Cop,” the Teens’ New Year’s Eve SAFE Party, and the first Oregon Jam-boree. Most of her volunteer work centered on children or education – because that’s where her heart always was.

Life Tuned to Teaching
Ken Collins grew up in Oakland, Calif., where his father, a “very fine musician,” placed a trumpet in his hands when he was 5. “He told me, ‘You’re going to learn to play this,’” Ken



Photos courtesy of Collinses
Ken and Kathi Collins in 1994 as newlyweds.

recalled. “And I did.” Though music came naturally, Ken initially pursued other paths. After high school and a year of college, he joined the Navy Air Corps and became an air traffic controller. “I was good at it,” he said, “but the stress was too much.”

He returned to school, earning a bachelor’s degree in music and a lifetime California teaching credential from California State University, Hayward in 1965. From then on, music became both his career and his calling.

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Ken's curiosity extended beyond performance. Since the 1980s, he has studied brain research and its relationship to music, staying in touch with neuroscientists and educators. "Music builds the brain," he explained.

"It connects both hemispheres. It helps with math, coordination, and memory."

In one groundbreaking project, Ken used more than 25 piano keyboard synthesizers to teach every third-grader in his district to play piano.

"They learned fingering with both hands, treble and bass clef," he said. "That allowed them to use both sides of their brain together instead of like a typewriter or computer, where that connection isn't made. I even wrote the literature so each student had their own book."

His first classroom – a

Quonset hut in Bieber, Calif. – became a creative laboratory. He designed cartoon characters like "Mr. G" to teach the treble clef and turned the bass clef into a fishhook with the note F as bait. His students learned faster and had fun doing it.

Ken's bands went on to achieve statewide recognition. In 1985, his Colville, Wash., high school jazz band, a small Class A group, won the Sweepstakes Jazz Unlimited Competition, beating AA and AAA schools from Seattle and Portland.

One of his students earned a full scholarship to Berklee College of Music in Boston, one of the leading music schools in the nation. That same year, his band performed at the National School Board Directors' Convention in Anaheim, Calif., where U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig was in attendance.

Haig later sent a letter of

recognition to Ken's district, citing "the able leadership of Ken Collins."

Decades later, Ken still hears from former students who became music teachers themselves. "That was so exciting," he said. "One teacher told me, 'You started me with music in third grade at Oak Heights, and now this is my classroom.' It's thrilling to see that carry on."

Destined to Meet

Ken taught music in California, Nevada, Washington, and Oregon before arriving at Sweet Home School District in 1990. He taught at the junior high and high school levels, and served as district music coordinator.

When budget cuts in the mid-1990s left him as the district's only music teacher, he improvised, writing his own curriculum, collecting instruments, and flooding classrooms with recordings of Mozart, Haydn, and Bach.



Photo courtesy of Satina Tolman

Ken Collins arranges music in his living room.

"I wanted to reach them when they were young," Ken said. "That's where music really takes hold."

Around that time, Kathi began working for the district as a classroom assistant and substitute. She spent time at Foster Elementary, then at the junior high and high school – where she met Ken. They married in 1994.

When Ken asked what she wanted to do with her life, Kathi didn't hesitate: "I want to be an elementary teacher."

"Then do it," Ken told her.

Encouraged, Kathi started at Linn-Benton Community College, transferred to Oregon State University, and earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in teaching. She was hired by SHSD in 1999.

Friend and colleague Rose Peda recalled volunteering in Kathi's classroom: "I was amazed at her skill set. She was teaching a third-fourth split, and the room was table-to-table with kids. She managed everything seamlessly, guiding children and organizing volunteers – I was blown away."

Ken retired from full-time teaching in 2001, but "retirement" never quite applied to him. He continued to volunteer in Kathi's classroom, and together they staged "A Play in a Day" and other student performances, including "Peter and the Wolf," "Smile," "America the Beautiful" and "Christmas at the OK Corral."

Giving Back Fully

From 2003 to 2020, the Collinses volunteered with the Albany Salvation Army Corps. They completed FEMA training, attended disaster-preparedness meetings, and built local support networks.

Ken became the volunteer bandmaster, leading music for church services, park concerts, parades, and youth camps. He also played carols at the Heritage Mall and at Salvation Army kettles each Christmas season.

He volunteered to play the National Anthem on trumpet for Sweet Home High School football games and joined the AmVets Color Guard in 2005, performing "Taps" at veterans' funerals and Memorial Day ceremonies.

One of his proudest works

came in 2013, when he composed Veterans of Freedom, performed by the Honor Guard and sung by his friend, the late Herbert Gustafson.

"He had the most beautiful, rich bass voice," Ken said.

In 2015, while attending an international Salvation Army music convention in London, Ken discovered that many small bands lacked enough players to perform traditional arrangements.

"So I rewrote them," he said.

He condensed 75 hymns into four parts, making them playable by small groups around the world. He's since arranged music for ensembles from Europe to Sweet Home High School.

Meanwhile, Kathi continued serving her community through literacy and education. From 2017 to 2023, she helped form the Linn-Benton Community Literacy Partnership, writing grants, training tutors, and connecting adults with reading programs.

"She made it happen," said Peda. "During COVID, she even coordinated with Oregon State University to bring student teachers to tutor local kids. Without Kathi's persistence and her ability to motivate people, that program wouldn't have existed."

Planting for the Future

After retiring, Ken and Kathi became central figures in Sweet Home Oregon Coalition for Artistic and Scholastic Enrichment (SHOCASE). Ken serves as treasurer and Kathi as secretary. Together, they've supported community art, literacy, and music initiatives for children and adults alike.

One favorite project was the "instrument zoo" at the Sweet Home Harvest Festival, where high school musicians introduced younger children to their instruments. "It was a huge success," said Peda, who is SHOCASE president. "Ken and Kathi just know how to get kids excited about music."

They also helped organize the first Elementary Music Summer Camp in 2024, funded by a Linn County Cul-

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Photo courtesy of Ryker Burr
Sweet Home's Reece Parker goes after the ball as North Marion's Olivia Hunsaker defends.

Huskies continue drought after near-miss against Stayton

By Ryker Burr
For The New Era

Sweet Home Girls Soccer has finally gotten healthy; but it hasn't helped in the final weeks of the season as the Huskies have continued to struggle in tough conference play.

It has now been four weeks since the Huskies have scored a goal, five weeks since they've won a game, and two years since a league victory.

The Huskies were blown out by rival North Marion 7-0, ranked No. 9 this week, but then finally had an opportunity to create some momentum.

On Thursday, Oct. 23, Stayton was exasperated by its struggling offense at Husky Stadium, and the Green and Gold had a chance to capture their first league victory since 2023.

The game was scoreless until the final five minutes, but then the Eagles finally struck, scoring a goal then

celebrating loudly in relief.

Sweet Home failed to answer before the buzzer, and went home with its 11th straight loss.

"This week we played good, our whole team played amazing," said Head Coach Ramiro Santana. "The only thing we need is more speed in the front line."

Sweet Home has one last chance to finish their season on a high note on the road Tuesday, Oct. 28, at Cascade, which is currently 3-9-1 after a 2-2 draw at home against Newport. The Cougars are ranked 23rd in 4A (Sweet Home, 1-13 going into this week, is ranked last, 31st.)

"We'll go to Cascade High School and play just like we know how we can play: try to do our best," Santana said. "Getting a victory for these girls would be a great accomplishment for all the hard work they do in practice every single day. It would be great for all of us coaches too."

SAMARITAN

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nity-based boards and leadership, rather than by a large, distant corporate entity, which allows the system to be more responsive to the specific health needs and priorities of the community it serves.

The affiliation between Samaritan and MultiCare will also further strengthen health care across the region by enhancing quality, supporting affordability and advancing health equity, Samaritan said in a statement. As part of the agreement, MultiCare has committed to invest resources over the next 10 years to modernize Samaritan's facilities, grow primary and specialty care, and introduce new technologies and telehealth capabilities that improve access, patient experience and help lower the cost of care.

This investment also includes plans to expand Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center, adding inpatient capacity and ensuring the region's growing population has continued access to local hospital care. The affiliation will also bring MultiCare's leading behavioral health network — the largest in Washington — into Samaritan's service area, increasing access across the mid-Willamette Valley and central coast.

"MultiCare's mission is partnering for healing and a healthy future, and that mission drives us to seek out like-minded organizations to ensure Pacific Northwest communities have long-term access to local care," said MultiCare CEO Bill Robertson. "MultiCare and Samaritan are closely aligned in our mission, vision and values, making us ideal partners as we strengthen our networks across our service regions. It will be our privilege to be a part of the communities Samaritan serves and we look



Photo courtesy of Samaritan Health
Samaritan will merge with Tacoma-based MultiCare.

forward to working together to support and advance health care in Oregon.

"For now, nothing changes for patients, employees or health plan members. Samaritan will continue to use the MyChart patient portal and will continue with its current locations and services, according to the website.

Samaritan will continue to operate as it does today, providing care through the same trusted clinicians and facilities, while both organizations complete the remaining steps in the affiliation process, the

statement said.

Samaritan will remain locally governed and community based, maintaining its deep roots in the region while gaining access to new resources, expertise and operational strength through MultiCare. Once finalized, the affiliation will bring expanded services, modernized capabilities and greater long-term stability to the communities Samaritan serves, it said.

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Sweet Home cross-country boys make big strides in Corvallis

After 10 days of rest, Sweet Home's cross-country boys were ready to go at the Happy Hustle hosted by Corvallis at the Crystal Lake Sports Park Wednesday, Oct. 22.

Nine of the 11 runners for the Huskies posted personal bests, some of them rather large, and there were some big barriers broken across the board.

"I was pleased with all of our races throughout," said Coach Dave Martin. "I thought we competed very well, but I think our boys had a particularly good day."

"The three boys who didn't get PRs had the second-fastest times they've ever had in their lives. It was incredibly good running. They competed so well."

The boys varsity finished sixth out of 21 teams, with 192 points. Stayton was third with 130 and Philomath was seventh with 205, while Newport, which was missing two of its top runners, was 11th (331).

Ryker Burr finished 26th in the field of 158 runners for the Huskies (17:33.1), followed by Elijah Rodriguez, 29th in a 10-second PR of 17:35.6, Acen Webber in 36th an 11-second PR of 17:53.5, Evan Knight 44th in a big 1:11 PR of 18:03.5; and Louis Kistner 58th in a 52.0 second PR of 18:12.9.

The event allowed coaches to enter 10 runners in the varsity races, so Martin took that opportunity to try to sort out who should be Sweet Home's seventh runner at the district meet on Nov. 1 at Philomath.

Also finishing for Sweet Home were Conner Spencer in 19:30.7, Noah Strawn in a 50-second PR of 19:46.6, Wes Goff in a 21-second PR of 20:02.2, and Hudson Ogden in 20:38.4.



Photos by Scott Swanson
Louis Kistner, left, and Evan Knight run to big PR's in the boys varsity race at the Happy Hustle cross-country meet in Corvallis.

Philomath senior Leo Pausch won the individual title in 15:43.9, ahead of Santiam Christian's Diego Zambrano (15:54.3), while Santiam Christian freshman Tytus Janssen was fourth in 16:20.9. Stayton sophomore Brandon Wagar was seventh (16:35.8).

"This is the first time in my coaching, this second time (at Sweet Home), that I've had three boys in the 17s and two more in the low 18s," Martin said. "Our fifth guy was faster than anybody except Ryker has run for me. They're hungry, they've done the work."

"Louie Kistner and Evan Knight had phenomenal races."

"Noah had an exceptional race - he improved by 50 seconds. Obviously, he's the right guy for No. 7. He's hot right now."

For the varsity girls, Emma Whitton was sixth in the field of 115 runners in 19:25.6, behind Philomath's Cassidy Smart, who was first in 18:12.5, and Newport's Alexandra Curtis, fourth in 19:03.0.

Cassie Spencer was second for the Huskies, finishing 28th in 21:20.1, a half-second PR for the distance, followed by Noelle Helfrich, 80th in a 14-second PR of 23:33.6; Madison Cuillo, 91st in a 19-second PR of 24:10.8; Pyper Hall 95th in 24:25.1 and Marian Helfrich, 96th in 24:26.0.

The Huskies, who were missing McKenzie Miller, who was ill, were 11th out of 15 teams, scoring 259 points. Philomath was second with 83, behind winner Crescent Valley (62), with Stayton third (83) and Newport eighth (213).

The girls competed really well," Martin said. "We had only two PR's and they weren't big, but the other girls were not way far off. I was very pleased."

The junior varsity boys didn't field enough runners to score, but Bentley Uhly finished in a 35-second PR of 20:48.0, followed by Ryder Farris in a 53-second PR of 20:56.4 and Eli Adams in a 35-second PR of 22:27.4.

"Eli Adams improved his seasonal PR by about a minute and finally hit his lifetime PR, which he set last



Emma Whitton runs with the leaders during the first half of the Happy Hustle girls varsity race.

year at the district meet," Martin said. "I'm just super impressed."

For the girls, Annabelle Morris was 19th in 25:17.4, a seasonal best by 2½ minutes, in a field of 88 runners in her second race of the year, since she is doubling with soccer. McKenzie Ohlheiser was 38th (27:04.0), Delanie Pratt was 47th (27:39.6) and Lexi Lee was 53rd in a 2:46 personal best of 28:12.9.

"Lexi's just been working hard and so exciting to see her run time like she's been running in practice," Martin said. "Some of the other girls who were in the race, if they didn't PR, it wasn't like they were horrible."

Zoie Allison, Nevaeh Mize and Kali Vogel all ran the first two miles of the JV race, but were instructed by Martin to pull out at that point because they are recovering from injuries.

The Huskies are surging, but they have stiff competition awaiting at the district meet.

"We are competing well," Martin said, "but Philomath and Stayton are strong on both the boys and girls side. Our challenge is to get by one of those two teams or get the wildcard spot (for state) as the 13th alternative team."

"We'll take care of our own business first. We're going to do what we can do."

The district meet will be at Philomath High School Saturday, Nov. 1, on the same course as the Paul Mariman Invitational, which the Huskies ran on Oct. 11. JV boys will run at 10:30 a.m., followed by JV girls at 11:05, the varsity boys at 11:45 and the varsity girls at 12:20 p.m.

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Huskies rebound from losses with dominating win over CG

By Scott Swanson
Of The New Era

Sweet Home reasserted itself in its quest for its first playoff berth since #### on Friday, with a convincing 48-7 win over Cottage Grove.

On their Senior Night, Sweet Home's football players made sure they got back on track after two disappointing, close losses in their previous two contests.

"It's good to get that off our chest, get back to where we normally should be," said senior Bode Nichols following the win.

"We were fired up," said fellow senior Lynkin Royer. "We wanted to come into this game and win, especially with it being Senior Night, and we wanted to leave the reputation of going undefeated on our home field, which we haven't done for a while."

"That's really what we came in to do tonight."

The Huskies got down to business right away, forcing the Lions to punt on their fourth play of the game and then, three plays later, quarterback Riley Vaughan, filling in for an injured Kyle Zajic, launching a 49-yard scoring bomb to Dillan Davis to give the Huskies an early lead.

Vaughan finished four for nine with one interception and 127 yards of total passing, including that touchdown.

After another three-and-out for Cottage Grove late in the first quarter, Vaughan drove the team nearly 50 yards to the 14, where Trenton Templin weaved his way to another score with 11:47 on the clock in the second period.

Two plays into the Lions' next possession, Mason Tyler picked off quarterback Andrew Horner to set up an exchange of turnovers.

Sweet Home fumbled the



Photos by Scott Swanson
Sweet Home's Sam Barringer cartwheels into the end zone for a touchdown.

handoff on the next play and the visitors recovered, but two plays later the Huskies got the ball back when the Lions fumbled their own exchange and Brayden McClure recovered the ball, running it to the 25 yard line.

With 10:00 remaining in the half, Sam Barringer added to the Huskies' lead, running it in from the 12 to score on an acrobatic dive into the end zone. The kick failed, so Sweet Home had a 20-0 lead.

But they weren't done.

Three and a half minutes later, Barringer scored again, this time bulling in from the 1-yard line to make it 27-0. That play came after Dillan Davis hit Bode Nichol 48-yard pass on a flea-flicker play that took the Huskies to the 2.

Then, with 2:23 on the clock, Davis swept around right end and left the opposition in the dust for a 70-yard touchdown run and a 34-0 lead.

Cottage Grove then delivered its only touchdown of the night, Horner hitting Cade May from their 48 yard line to make it 34-7.

Dillon Hartsook recovered the Lions' onside kick, the

first of two he snagged on the night.

Then, with three seconds left in the half, McClure picked off a Horner pass at the Lions' 45 and ran it back for a touchdown and a 41-7 lead.

The Huskies scored again with their backup players and JV quarterback, sophomore Macen Rosa, directing the action, in the third quarter as Brenne Eldridge bulled his way in from the 2 for their final score to make it 48-7.

Late in the fourth quarter Bridger Royer recovered another Cottage Grove fumble, and the Huskies pushed to the visitors' 5 yard line before letting the clock run out.

Sweet Home dominated on both sides of the ball, holding the Lions to 70 yards rushing on 27 attempts, and three-of-11 passing for 87 yards.

The Huskies gained 226 yards on 31 carries.

"Our kids took care of business," Head Coach Ryan Adams said. "Our situation after the last two weeks allowed us to know exactly what we needed to do the last two weeks to allow our season to continue."



Dillan Davis defends Cottage Grove's Raphael LaCount on a pass attempt by the Lions.

"The kids were focused on that and so they knew that this was Step 1, and they didn't let last Friday night impact how they prepared and practiced."

He credited Vaughan with ably handling the offense.

"Riley stepped up," Adams said, noting that the two juniors have split reps in practice evenly all season. "We decided to go with Riley this week to allow Kyle to rest his shoulder as much as possible. We knew Riley could answer the call for us and he played great."

He credited the entire team's response to their situation.

Following a close 24-21 loss at Crescent Valley, after literally fumbling away a 24-7 loss at Junction City the week before, the win over Cottage Grove sets Sweet Home up for

a showdown with Philomath for at least a tie for second place as Junction City and Marist will face off for the league title this Friday.

The Huskies are currently in a three-way tie at 2-2 in Special District 3 after Philomath lost 49-0 at Marist last week, and Crescent Valley, which lost 26-0 at Junction City.

"We're both gonna be in the same situation," Adams said of Philomath. "The winner continues and the loser goes home."

"They get it up at their place, grass field - all the excuses we can grab, but that's what's been awesome about this team: They don't make excuses."

"We'll practice hard, practice on grass all week, and then we'll get after it next Friday."

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Wrong way on the tracks

Rescue workers check out a vehicle that crashed on the railroad tracks west of Sweet Home Wednesday, Oct. 22, near Sun Lane. According to OSP, Nicholas William M. Bober, 41, of Lebanon, was eastbound on Hwy. 20 when his Ford Expedition crossed the highway and drove off the westbound shoulder, rolled down the steep bank and came to rest on the train tracks. Bober was checked out by medics but was not transported, OSP said. However, he was cited on a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for a probation violation, according to OSP. The vehicle was towed.

Photo by Scott Swanson

City Hall Gallery exhibitor blends realism, impressionism, fashion

By Satina Tolman
For The New Era

When Sweet Home artist Carolyn Owen creates, time seems to disappear.

"The world just fades away," she said. "When I'm in the process and things are flowing onto the canvas or paper, time stops; it's like it doesn't exist. I feel like I'm doing what I was born to do, like my soul is singing and I'm connecting with who I truly am."

That deep sense of joy and purpose is reflected in every one of Owen's works, which will be on display in the SHOCASE Art Exhibit at Sweet Home City Hall, from Oct. 23 through Nov. 27. Visitors can view her artwork free of charge during regular business hours, Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

An artist reception will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 5, from 4 to 5 p.m., where guests can meet Owen, ask her questions, and enjoy light refreshments provided by SHOCASE.

From Childhood Sketches to a Lifelong Calling

Owen's love for art began in childhood, long before she had formal training or a studio to work in.

"My mom used to write poetry and type it out on paper," Owen recalled with a laugh. "I would steal her papers and draw and doodle all over them. I don't remember a time when I didn't love art."

That early fascination grew into something more serious in high school. "I took an art class and just fell in love even more," she said. "I thought, this is what I love. This is what I want to do."

Her passion led her to major in fine arts in college, where her work was selected for the commencement program design in 1994, a proud moment that marked the be-

ginning of her professional journey.

Inspired by Family and Fashion

Born in Las Vegas, Owen moved to Oregon as a young adult and met her husband, Greg. The two have been married for 31 years, have raised five children and now enjoy three grandchildren. They've called Sweet Home home for 24 years.

Though she's the only professional artist in her immediate family, creativity runs deep in her lineage. Her grandmother, Irene Elizabeth Holdren, was an oil painter and teacher whose artistry and flair for style left a lasting impression on her granddaughter.

"My grandmother did a lot of oil paintings, mostly landscapes, and she was also very fashionable," Owen said. "She loved the elegance of old Hollywood styles from the 1920s through the 1960s. She would take me to high-end fashion stores just to look at the gowns. I take after her quite a bit."

Those childhood experiences shaped Owen's signature style: a blend of realism, impressionism, and vintage-inspired fashion illustration.

Blending Realism and Impressionism

Owen's artwork is classified as multi-media, using markers, colored pencils, oil pastels, watercolor, and acrylics; often layered together to create rich depth and texture.

"I like to create my art as close to real life as possible," she said. "But I also love impressionism. It's soft and blurry, and your eye gets to create the image through suggestions, colors, and shapes."

Her ocean, botanicas, and nature themes often lean toward impressionism, while her fashion pieces and por-



Photo by Satina Tolman

Carolyn Owen stands with samples of her art, which is on display at the City Hall Gallery.

traits reveal her precise sense of realism.

Some of her portraits are so detailed they're often mistaken for photographs. "I love, love, love doing portraits," she said, smiling.

Journey of Growth and Perseverance

After earning her art degree, Owen took time away from the studio to serve a church mission, get married, and raise her family. But art was never far from her mind.

When her children were young, she began freelancing, creating commissioned artwork, website designs, and illustrations for businesses, including designing stamps for the Jayhawk Rubber Stamp Company, based in Idaho.

In 2015, she returned to school online at the Art Institute of Pittsburgh, earning

additional training in graphic design. That education opened new doors, leading her to work on website art, packaging, product graphics, logos, and digital art.

Still, her heart always brings her back to fine art, to that meditative process where everything else fades away.

"I'm a perfectionist," Owen admitted. "If something doesn't turn out how I want, I'll throw it away, even if it's almost done. But when things are going right, I'm just filled with happiness and excitement. It's like pure peace."

Bringing Art Into the Classroom

Owen's creativity extends far beyond her personal studio. For the past 12 years, she has worked at Foster Elementary School, where she began as a kindergarten assistant and now serves as a special education assistant.

"Children and art have always been my favorite things," she said. "They make me happy."

She often incorporates her artistic talent into her classroom activities, creating bulletin boards, door displays, welcome signs, and even drawing custom writing prompts for students.

"I'll sketch a quick little picture off the top of my head and have them write a few sentences about what's happening in the scene," she said. "It's really fun for them and for me."

Lessons for Aspiring Artists

Over the years, Owen has learned that persistence is the true key to artistic success, not natural-born talent.

"If you're interested in art, even just a little bit, go for it," she said. "No one is truly born with talent. If you saw my childhood drawings, they'd look just like any other five-year-old's."

She credits a college professor with giving her the advice that stuck: Being a good artist is 99% hard work and 1% talent.

"Like learning an instrument, it takes practice and dedication," she said. "When I took a break to raise my kids, I had to literally go back to the drawing board. I had to keep studying, keep working, keep developing my talent. I've failed many times, but don't give up. Stick with it."

As an artist who has seen technology evolve, Owen admits she's uneasy about the rise of artificial intelligence in the art world.

"I worry that AI will discourage the next generation from developing their own creative skills," she said. "There's nothing like the feeling you get from creating something yourself with your own hands."

Celebration of Women and Creation

While fashion and beauty are recurring themes in Owen's work, her art carries a deeper message — one rooted in gratitude, reverence, and faith.

"My hope is that viewers of my art feel a deeper appreciation and reverence for nature and especially for women," she said. "After creating the heavens and the earth, God saved His greatest creation for last, the human female. She is to be praised and admired in the most respectful way."

That message, part spiritual reflection and part artistic philosophy, is what Owen hopes visitors will take with them when they see her exhibit at Sweet Home City Hall.

"I just love creating," she said. "I feel like I'm exercising the gift that God gave me."

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dents from grades two through six learned rhythm, melody, and musical collaboration – skills missing from many elementary wouldn't have happened," said Peda. "They organized, taught, inspired – everything. Their passion is contagious."

Sweet Home High School band teacher Lori Tutor agreed. "Watching Ken work with kids is amazing," she said. "He leans in, they lean in, and everyone's just soaking it up. And Kathi – she's always there supporting, even buying pencils for every band student from sixth grade to seniors. They're both so giving."

Tutor said that when she started teaching in 2023, her principal told her to call Ken Collins. "Ken was thrilled to be involved again. He really helped my trumpet section get further than they'd been before. He's an incredible mentor, and Kathi's just as passionate."

Tutor recalled a child from the 2024 summer camp running up to her later, eager to join the middle school band. "That's what Ken and Kathi do," she said. "They spark that love of music that lasts."

Life Lessons in Motion

Ken still practices piano scales every day to "keep the neurons firing."

Kathi laughs, saying he



Photos courtesy of Collinses

With fellow SHARE members after one of the organization's Gala concerts: from left, Ken and Kathi Collins, Olivia Saveskie, Shirley Austin, Rose Peda, Sean Morgan and Diane Gerson.

"lives from the neck up," always thinking, creating, and analyzing. She, meanwhile, stays physically active.

"Being physical makes me happy," she said. "I have to move – and I love music. So, I move to the music."

Life, she says, feels like a dance – one full of rhythm, motion, and gratitude.

Together, Ken and Kathi spend time with their six children, 12 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren – with another on the way.

"I always have this image of sifting," Kathi said. "We need to sift through our lives and find what truly makes us happy. Then find happy people who like the same things and encourage each other."

Ken added: "Now, I try to think about the essence of

things. Keep figuring things out."

From a 5-year-old with a trumpet in Oakland to a lifetime of teaching, mentorship, and community service, Ken's story – and theirs – is one of harmony and legacy.

Peda described them, quoting poet Ralph Waldo Emerson: "To leave the world a bit better... to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded."

She smiled and added, "That's what Ken and Kathi have done for this community. We are so fortunate to have them."

Editor's note: See an extended version of this story and many more photos at sweethomenews.com.



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Wily politics, wild cattle and... wolves? played into Oregon's birth

In association with the East Linn Museum, we have been looking at a 1917-18 Oregon Blue Book.

These books, still published, are collections of facts about the state, listing town populations, current post offices, and population numbers – in 1900 Sweet Home had 202 residents, for example.

We were looking for possible information about World War I which ended at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day in the eleventh month of 1918.

But the book was likely compiled before the war's end, so not much was said. All men between 18 and 45 had to register for the draft, for instance.

Oregon men were serving in France with the Expeditionary Forces and others sailed on the Pacific and Atlantic with the Navy.

A real dividend was a brief history of the state featured at the front of the book.

Decades ago, many of us likely studied Oregon history in the eighth grade, which gave us a greater awareness of it when we were later vicariously reminded about it.

This Blue Book recalled the election of a provisional government at Champoege back in 1843.

By then, the Oregon Country had been under the joint control of Great Britain and the United States for over 20 years, while the Canadian boundary between the two nations was undecided.

The press of American settlers traveling over the Oregon Trail to the Willamette Valley would help decide the issue. Already, emigrants had sent two petitions to the Congress of the United States which were just tabled, likely in part because the settlers were few, maybe around 250 – too few people wanting too much.

But the 1843 Champoege meeting held a new urgency. The richest man in the area had died without a will and without known heirs and

something had to be decided regarding his debts and creditors.

Who was this man? Ewing Young, the leader of a cattle company which had brought 650-700 head of cattle to Oregon from California.

Why was this essential? As we know, the American colony sat in the shadow of the Canadian Hudson's Bay Company, which controlled fur trade in the Willamette Valley and Oregon country in general. Many emigrants arrived on the east bank of the Willamette River with worn-out stock, if any, after journeying down the Oregon Trail where oxen had been depended on to pull many of the wagons.

Hudson's Bay, under Dr. John McLoughlin, would rent a cow to a settler but not sell him one. Were milk cows included in this? And so, the settlers decided to bring their own cattle in from California.

Ewing Young was one of those intrepid adventurous types who fared well on the American frontier. He'd been a trader on the Santa Fe Trail going down to New Mexico, and he knew much of the southwest from having turned to trapping. He arrived in Oregon by way of California and knew the route by which cattle could be driven up from that Spanish-controlled area.

He rewarded himself by setting up a ranch on the west side of the Willamette River along Chehalem Creek, where his cattle ran wild after his death. (In the eighth grade we envisioned wolves snapping at their heels.)

When he decided to build a still using a vat left behind from Nathaniel Wythe's failed fish processing business, Young came afoul of both McLoughlin and the Methodist missionaries.

Alcohol, they pointed out, acted badly on the trappers and Indians who drank too much. And the missionaries had already organized a Tem-

perance Society.

Young cheerfully destroyed the beginnings of his distillery and did not accept payment for his losses. Did he join the Temperance Society before dying without a will? There's no word on it. It is simply more important that he died.

The tale the old Blue Book of the Champoege meeting of 1841 leaves out the wolves and any other predators. It is an original secondhand version compiled by J. Quinn Thornton for the Oregon Historical Society over 20 years after the event.

However, he contacted all the participants of that meeting that he could find, and a list of the ones who voted for the provisional government and their birthplaces is included at the end of the story.

Just "Canada" is listed as the birthplace for the ones voting no. So, 102 men met at Champoege to pass a provisional government.

On one side stood a group of French Canadians, former trappers for the Hudson's Bay Company. Dr. McLoughlin had encouraged the retired trappers to move into the area with their half-breed wives and children to become farmers.

The French Canadians numbered 52. Schooled by Hudson's Bay, they were expected to vote no, partly because the British or Canada might gain permanent control of the area. But if the Americans won, they might lose their property rights.

On the other side was a diverse group of men, 50 strong, which included Methodist missionaries, two Scots (one born at sea), five Englishmen, and one Irishman, plus American settlers and mountain men, almost all of whom were from northern states which would help shape the conservative nature of the provisional government. Bickering ensued.

A trial vote saw the French Canadians voting yes on the

proposition by mistake. They were supposed to vote no.

A motion was made for the men to divide and be counted. Finally, Joe Meek, a well-known mountain man and adventurer, stepped up.

"Who is for the divide?" he thundered in a voice loud enough to challenge a grizzly bear. "Follow me." And he formed a group of men.

Fifty French Canadians held to the Hudson's Bay Company instructions, voting no.

Fifty-two diverse settlers, plus two French Canadians, voted yes. And so, Oregon got its provisional government with the aid of Etienne Lucier and Francois V. Matthieu.

Following the vote, the election of officers immediately selected Joe Meek as sheriff and Ewing Young's estate would be decided.

Five years later, boundaries between the United States and Canada were settled, but it would take two or three more years before Congress would create a territorial government.

Remember those wolves haunting Ewing Young's property and threatening wandering cattle? We weren't delusional about them.

Checking with the general Oregon history book written by Charles H. Carey, LLD, we found the Champoege meeting was really the second of two wolf meetings.

History is a foreign country, so it's said, and old history books are only guides.

Yet, we must see J. Quinn Thornton's tale of the Champoege meeting as part of Oregon's legendary past, along with the great migrations entering the territory with hundreds of settlers in the year immediately following the meeting.

Once the boundaries were secured and accepted, many retirees from the Hudson's Bay Company, like Dr. John McLoughlin and those who had voted no on the provi-

sional government proposition, became naturalized citizens of the United States.

As we know, McLoughlin, when head of the Hudson's Bay Company in Oregon had shown enough sympathy for the American settlers by giving aid to them that he later was called "The Father of Oregon."

In a few years, settlers would populate the fertile Willamette Valley, replacing its original inhabitants who had little immunity to diseases introduced by trappers, traders, and arriving emigrants.

A constant flow of people fleeing conflicts in Europe helped replenish the resulting growing population spreading toward Oregon from the East Coast and even the Midwest.

Nearly free land, ideals of equality and democracy helped fuel the flow.

A look at Linn County's census records in the 1917-18 Blue Book lets us follow the continuous growth. In 1890 the county had a population of 16,265. By 1910, 22,662.

Census dates for the State of Oregon go back to 1860, when 52,465 people were recorded. Stepping ahead to 1910, it had grown to 672,765 and Oregon would be considered a rural state with slower population growth than the urban ones.

And yet, the number of those who decided the fate of the Oregon Country's provisional government consisted of 102 men and it's estimated that around 250 settlers were living in the shadow of the Hudson's Bay Company on the east side of the Willamette River and its confluence with the Columbia where wolves and wildcats also lurked.

We can say J. Quinn Thornton's version of the Champoege story is of an acorn that grew into a still-standing oak.

TRANSPORTATION

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

JKS HOLDINGS, LLC, Plaintiff, v. UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LAURIE SUSAN WIEBRECHT, Defendants.

Case No. 25CV52253

SUMMONS TO: Unknown Heirs of Laurie Susan Wiebrecht

You are hereby required to appear and defend the complaint filed against you in the above entitled action within 30 days of the date of first publication which is October 8, 2025, along with the required filing fee, and in case of your failure to do so, for want thereof, plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT: READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY!

You must "appear" in this case or the other side will win automatically. To "appear" you must file with the court a legal paper called a "motion" or "answer." Forms may be available through the court above or online at www.courts.oregon.gov/gorms. This 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 Plaintiff's attorney or, if the Plaintiff does not have an attorney, proof of service upon the Plaintiff. Service rules are in the Oregon Rules of Civil Procedure (ORCP) Rule 9.

If you have questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help finding a lawyer, you may call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at (503) 684-3763 or toll free in Oregon at (800) 452-7636.

Dated: September 24, 2025
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINN

JKS HOLDINGS LLC, an Oregon limited liability company, Plaintiff, v. UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LAURIE SUSAN WIEBRECHT. Defendants.

Case No. 25CV52253

COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE

NOT SUBJECT TO MANDATORY ARBITRATION

AMOUNT OF CLAIM: \$580,500.00

FILING FEE: \$594

At all times material herein, Plaintiff, JKS HOLDINGS, LLC (Plaintiff) was and is a limited liability company duly organized and existing under the laws of the state of Oregon.

Laurie Susan Wiebrecht was and is the record owner of the real property and the improvements thereon commonly known as 3108 28th Avenue, SE, Albany, Linn County, Oregon 97322 ("Property"), more particularly described on the attached Exhibit 1.

Ms. Wiebrecht passed away on November 29, 2024. A true copy of the obituary of Laurie Susan Wiebrecht is hereto attached as Exhibit 2.

Upon information and belief Plaintiff alleges that no party named herein is engaged in active military duty or naval service of the United States as defined in the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act ("SCRA") as amended. To the best of Plaintiff's ability, Plaintiff has conducted a search of the named

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Defendants. Upon information and belief Plaintiff alleges that no party named herein is a minor or otherwise incompetent.

The City of Albany, Oregon filed a municipal lien ("Lien") against the Property in the records of Linn County, Oregon, to secure payment of the abatement of derelict structure in the sum of \$580,500.00. copy of the lien is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.

Subsequent to Ms. Wiebrecht's death, Plaintiff purchased the interest of the City of Albany. A copy of the Assignment of Lien from the City to Plaintiffs attached hereto as Exhibit 4.

The Lien (and Assignment thereof) is subject to foreclosure. Plaintiff declares that the entire balance of principal and interest is now due and payable.

Currently, \$580,500.00 is immediately due and payable and is secured by the Lien on the Property.

Defendants may claim some interest in the property. Any such claim is junior to Plaintiffs Lien. No other proceedings are pending for the collection of the debt or the foreclosure of the Lien. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment of this court:

(a) Granting judgment to Plaintiff against Defendants in the amount of \$580,500.00;

(b) Declaring that the Lien be foreclosed as a valid lien against the Property described above, and declaring that the Lien is senior to any interest of named Defendants in the Property;

(c) Foreclosing Plaintiff's Lien and ordering the sale of the Property by the sheriff of Linn County in the manner prescribed by law;

(d) Applying the proceeds received from the sale first toward the costs of sale, then toward satisfaction of Plaintiffs judgment, including costs and attorney fees and any surplus to the party or parties who may establish their right thereto;

(e) Declaring that Plaintiff will not be entitled to monetary damages, attorney fees, costs, or disbursements against any defendant who does not contest this action;

(f) Declaring Plaintiff is permitted to become a bidder and purchaser of the Property at the sheriff's sale. If the Plaintiff is the purchaser at the sale and the property is not vacated upon sale, the Plaintiff reserves the right to petition the court for a writ of assistance after the sale based upon the judgment entry and sale upon separate motion of the purchaser after sale.

(g) Ordering that Defendants and all persons claiming through Defendants are forever foreclosed of all interest in the property;

(h) Granting such other and further relief as the court deems equitable.

(10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29)___

**CITY OF HALSEY
PUBLIC NOTICE - Vacation of West A & B Streets**

The following matter shall be reviewed by the Halsey City Council at a public meeting on November 18th, 2025, 7:00 p.m. at Halsey City Hall, 100 Halsey St., 97348. The purpose of this notice is to obtain public comments pertaining to the vacation of West A & B Street (between 6th and 7th). Oregon law requires that testimony and evidence must be directed toward the decision criteria. Interested parties may

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appear in person or give written comments to City Hall prior to 4:00 pm on Monday, November 17th, 2025.

APPLICANT'S NAME: Central Valley Assembly of God

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION: Street vacation of West A & B Street, between 6th and 7th streets.

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Approximate location, lot south of 657 American Dr, Halsey, Oregon

PRESENT PLAN DESIGNATION: Residential

PRESENT ZONING: Residential

SUMMARY OF REQUEST: To access all potential lots for future development, the property owner has requested the City vacate west A & B Streets right of way from West 6th to West 7th Streets, Halsey, Oregon.

Briana Parra, City Administrator

(10/29, 11/5)___

Notice of Public Hearing

The Halsey-Shedd Fire Protection District Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing before the Local Contract Review Board at their next regularly scheduled board meeting. The intent of this hearing is to review the findings and receive public comment.

In the Matter of Exemption Request of Halsey-Shedd Fire Protection District Station 52

Seismic Rehabilitation

FINDINGS OF FACT

ORS 279C.335(1) requires, with certain exceptions, that all Public Improvement contracts be based on competitive bids and, under ORS 279C.375, awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

ORS 279C.335(2) permits the Local Contract Review Board, as the Halsey-Shedd Fire Protection District contract review authority, to grant, under certain conditions, specific exemptions from the requirement for competitive bidding upon the approval of specified findings.

OAR 137-049-0620, division 249 allows the Local Contract Review Board to exempt a Public Improvement contract from the requirements to be competitively bid, provided written findings supporting the use of non-competitive bid process show compliance with OAR 137-049-0600 to 137 049-0690 and applicable statutes.

The written findings report is available for review at the Fire District prior to the public hearing. Please contact Travis Hewitt at (541) 369- 2419 for a copy of the findings.

The hearing for review of these findings will be held at 7:00 p.m. on November 11th, 2025 at the Halsey-Shedd Fire Protection District located at 740 West 2nd Street, Halsey, OR 97348 as published in the public notice section in the New Era on October 29th, 2025 and Daily Journal of Commerce on October 27th, 2025.

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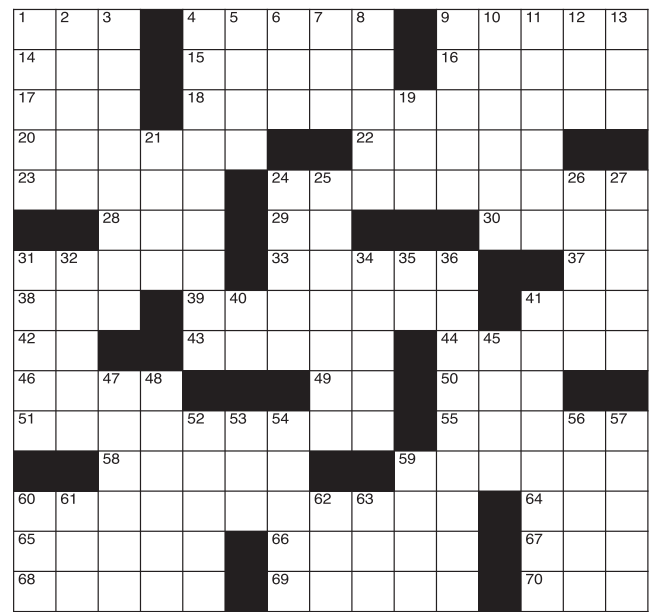
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9. Hairstyles

14. Makes a good meal

15. Nats' CFer Adam

16. El __, painter

17. Midway between south and southeast

18. Baseball's "The Big Hurt"

20. A serialized set of programs

22. A woody climbing plant

23. Japanese metropolis

24. Whirlpool

28. Toddler

29. Integrated circuit

30. WWII British fighter Blackburn __

31. Ancient Briton tribe

33. Injurious weeds (Bib.)

37. Nonredundant

38. Turf
39. Canned fish

41. Team's best pitcher

42. Touchdown

43. Woody perennial plants

44. Rattling breaths

46. Smaller quantity

49. Of I

50. When you'll get there

51. Adventures

55. Type of chip

58. Having wings

59. Mutilated

60. Considered

64. Wrath

65 A citizen of Iran

66. American state

67. Explosive

68. One who challenges

69. __ senilis

70. Affirmative

CLUES DOWN

1. Move rapidly in music

2. Brief are one type

3. Repeated

4. Quitter

5. Paddles

6. Broadway actress Hagen

7. Politician Paul

8. Joint

9. Ottoman military men

10. Covers for illegal operations

11. Comment

12. Office of Consumer Affairs

13. Distress signal

19. ' __ death do us part

21. S. Korean boy band

24. Bishop's hat

25. Learning environment

26. Measurement

27. Equines

31. Hard plant fiber

32. Protocols
34. Stands up

35. Linear unit

36. Songs

40. One of the six noble gases

41. Cheerful readiness

45. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire

47. Having only magnitude

48. Containing salt

52. Chadic language

53. Fed

54. Beef or chicken intestine

56. Hill in Australia and London

57. "Waiting for Lefty" playwright

59. A list of available dishes

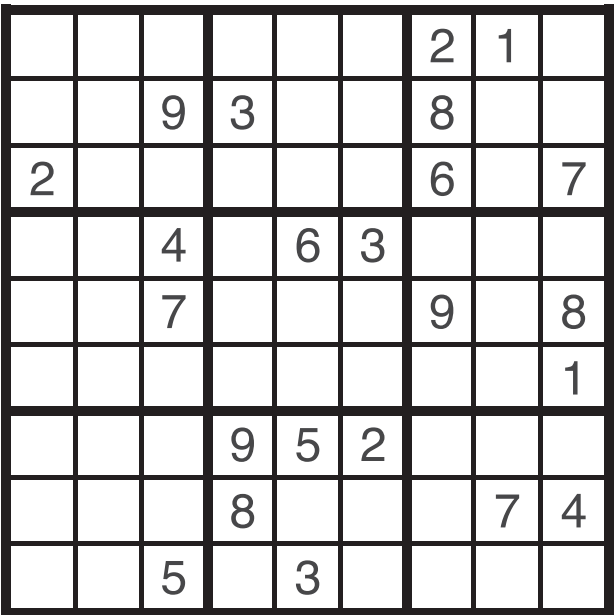
60. Have already done

61. Geological time

62. Swiss river

63. Twitch

SUDOKU



Level: Intermediate

Huskies spikers battle on road against Stayton and Cascade to close season

By Keeghan Gittins
For The New Era

Sweet Home's volleyball team wrapped up its 2025 season on the road with two tough matchups against Top-10-ranked opponents Stayton and Cascade.

The Huskies showed grit in both contests, forcing the league leaders to work for every point.

Despite being ranked 15th in the state, the Huskies sit fourth in the Oregon West Conference, and a postseason berth, "...doesn't seem to be going in our favor, unfortunately..." said Head Coach Katie Dargis.

Sweet Home finished the season 10-12 overall and 3-7 in league play after a year of growth and determination that Dargis described as a "...building block for more successful years ahead."

Stayton 3, Sweet Home 1

The Huskies opened their final week on the road at No. 10 Stayton, where they competed well against one of the league's best, taking the first set before ultimately falling 23-25, 25-15, 25-16, 25-12.

"We did compete better against Stayton this time

than we did the first, we even took a set from them," Dargis said. "I'm happy with how the girls competed, especially at Stayton. We struggled to get our block up in time on their quick and lower sets, but still a lot of positives came from that game."

Sweet Home's defense was a bright spot. Karissa Jewell and Miley Smith led the team with 17 and 15 digs, respectively, followed by Kaitlyn Kennedy (14), Trinity Victor (11), and Aubrey Newberry (10). "Even though our block didn't do so great, we dug up a lot of balls to keep rallies going," Dargis said.

Serving was another area of success as Jewell went a perfect 10-for-10 from the line. Offensively, Kennedy recorded 14 kills, Newberry added eight, and Victor tallied 27 assists to pace the Husky attack.

Cascade 3, Sweet Home 1

Sweet Home closed out its season Thursday, Oct. 24, at No. 2 Cascade, battling hard and taking one set from the Cougars to finish 25-20, 19-25, 25-10, 25-16.

"They competed really well against Cascade," Dargis said.

"I was happy that we made them have to work to get their points. We played better than the first time, and our block came out a bit stronger tonight too."

The Huskies were sharp at the service line. Kennedy led with six aces, while Jewell went 15-for-15, Tori Victor 9-for-9 with one ace, and Trinity Victor 8-for-8 with one ace. Jewell also anchored the serve receive game, earning praise from Dargis for her consistency and accuracy.

Kennedy paced the offense again with nine kills, while Trinity Victor handed out 46 assists and Jewell notched 12 digs.

"One thing that hurt us overall was overpasses when we passed those digs too high, Cascade took advantage," Dargis said. "But I'm just happy they put up a good fight, treated each other well, and finished off our season strong."

Sweet Home's four seniors Aubrey Newberry, Keira Johnson, Miley Smith, and Trinity Victor helped lead the Huskies to a competitive and much-improved season.

PUBLIC SAFETY

From page 3

7:27 p.m. - Deputies contacted camper in Pioneer Park after hours, 100 block Pioneer Park Rd., Brownsville.

8:46 p.m. - Aelisha Adrian Devine, 32, arrested by Albany police on SHMC warrant for FTA in disorderly conduct case. Cited to appear Nov. 12.

11:15 p.m. - Deputies conducted investigation involving misuse of firearm, 33100 block Hwy. 228, Halsey. Report taken.

Oct. 24

4:49 a.m. - Dustin Kyle Westling, 39, arrested by Marion County Sheriff's Office on SHMC warrant for FTC in criminal driving case. Cited to appear Nov. 12.

6:34 a.m. - Caller reported male entered Hilltop Market, 4824 Main St., with his male anatomy on display, asking cashier to marry him. Officer responded, report taken for public indecency.

12:18 p.m. - Jordan Scott

Carter, 35, arrested on SHMC warrant for FTA in theft and unauthorized entry into motor vehicle cases, Main St./41st Ave. Cited and released.

1:38 p.m. - Jamie Daniel Carpenter, 49, arrested on SHMC warrants for FTC in criminal driving cases, 4300 block Nandina St. Cited and released.

1:40 p.m. - Deputy located apparently abandoned camp on BLM property in 51100 block Quartzville Rd.

1:47 p.m. - James Colbert, 55, of Lebanon, cited for AMC warrant, also warned for overstaying BLM 14-day camping regulation, 51100 block Quartzville Rd. Report taken.

1:47 p.m. - Caller reported reckless driver near Brownsville. Deputy located suspect, but by the time that occurred, 400 block N. Main St., Brownsville, due to time that had elapsed, there was not probable cause to arrest driver.

2:23 p.m. - Larry Dean Bergstrom arrested on SHMC

warrant for FTC in theft case, 3100 block Main St. Cited and released.

3:43 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious male trying to open car doors at Sweet Home Library, 1101 13th Ave. Officer responded, contacted Joshua Kealohanui Ben Leslie, who was excluded from city property for 30 days, cited for four SHMC warrants for trespassing. Cited and released.

4:18 p.m. - Allen Dale Ensley arrested, after he turned himself in at SHPD, 1950 Main St., on SHMC warrant for FTA in criminal misconduct cases, on Oregon State Parole Board warrant. Lodged at Linn County Jail.

4:37 p.m. - Tyler Cain, 26, of Sweet Home, arrested by LCSO on SHMC warrant for FTA in strangulation case, and LMC warrant, 46400 block Quartzville Rd. Cited and released. Report taken.

5:30 p.m. - Connor Ray McMullen arrested, after he turned himself in at SHPD, 1950 Main St., on SHMC warrant for FTC in DUII case. Cited and released.

7:29 p.m. - Brandon Ryan Freeman arrested on SHMC warrant for FTC in carrying concealed weapon case, FTA in trespassing case, and on Linn County probation violation warrant, Safeway, 1540 Main St. Lodged at Linn County Jail.

See more of this week's public safety listings, as well as updates, at sweethome-news.com.

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DRIVE UP PHARMACY

Community Harvest Festival in Brownsville



CONNECT Linn County (CLC) held an expanded version of its annual Trunk or Treat Harvest Festival at Pioneer Park on Saturday, Oct. 25. At left, Steve Buckley and Jamie Harila, of Brownsville, offer candy from the trunk of their SUV. Above, Families await their chance to be presented in the costume contest. Below, Young adults wait to find out which one of their costumes would be selected as a winner. See more photos and details at sweethomenews.com. Photos by Sarah Brown



Sweet Home cheer team members include, in front, from left, Hannah Sieminski, Ember Ogden, Evie Hostetter and Aylah Magallanes. In the second row, from left, are Caira Erspamer, Madalyn Murray, Addison Lynn, Emmalin Rosa, Katriona Harris, Velvet Smith and Madi Hearick. In the rear, from left, are Ashlynn Beebe, Elizabeth Hankins, Taylee Rosa, Joseph Jazmin, Natalie Conn, Grace Gardner and Lylah Allison. Not pictured are Emma Lehr and Ava Padua.

Huskies go 1-2 in individual cheer

Hannah Sieminski and Katriona Harris of Sweet Home placed first and second, respectively, in the 4A Division individual competition at the Oregon Cheer Coaches Association All-State Competition on Oct. 18 at South Albany High School. Sieminski, a sophomore, and Harris, a senior, both qualified for the All-State and will receive academic scholarships. In the 4A stunt group division competition, Sweet Home Group 1 placed first and Group 2 was third, with

Newport finishing second. Sweet Home also won the 4A/3A/2A/1A group stunt title in 2024. In the 4A/3A/2A/1A coed group stunt division competition, Sweet Home Group 1 finished third, behind two Gladstone teams. Lebanon senior Addy Pickles was the 5A individual champion for the fourth straight year. Sweet Home will host its annual Cheer Classic competition on Jan. 17.

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