

Salmon Lessons at River Bend

**By Sarah Brown
Of The New Era**
The skies over River Bend Park gave Holley students a break from recent downpours during the last day of the annual Salmon Watch program, hosted by the South Santiam Watershed Council on Friday, Nov. 7.

Though it was still a little chilly for the warm-blooded, white puffy clouds overhead parted some, revealing a sunny, light blue sky.

But the kids weren't looking up. Instead, they had their eyes on the ground, searching for bugs.

Angela Clegg, Sweet Home's planning and building manager, was also there, breaking in a new pair of waders. Standing a bit off shore in the Santiam River, she attempted to scoop up macroinvertebrates with a net.

This was something of a treat for Clegg, who was involved in the beginnings of Salmon Watch for this area while she worked for both the Forest Service and South Santiam Watershed Council. She hadn't participated in Salmon Watch since she began working for the city in 2018.

Until today. She also got to tell the students about one of her favorite bugs, which she terms "the architects."

Students gathered around a table where their captured macroinvertebrates were collected. Carly Rohn, an OSU student finishing up her degree in fish and wildlife this year, scooped a squirmy insect into a jar of water and



Photo by Sarah Brown
Holley students peer into a jar containing a caddisfly larvae, a river bug that builds casings for shelter before it turns into a flying bug.

brought it in closer to the kids' faces.

It was a caddisfly larvae, an "architect."

Clegg shared about the time she saw the caddisfly for the first time. It was in a fish tank, making a home out of precious stones. She later learned that caddisflies make casings around themselves with whatever they find in their

environment – sand, rocks, grass, etc.

At another location in the park, a separate group of kids were involved in a cat and mouse activity. It wasn't all just fun and games, though. They played games designed to help them learn.

Adult instructors posing as bears and fishermen stood along a path. The kids,

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City leaders talk issues on hunger in Sweet Home

**By Scott Swanson
Of The New Era**
Sweet Home's relief organizations are struggling, but the biggest needs aren't food resources or money.

It's volunteers.

That's the biggest takeaway from a meeting held Thursday morning, Nov. 6, to assess the food needs in Sweet Home over the winter months. The meeting, organized by Mayor Susan Coleman and her husband Pastor Matt Coleman, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Lagea Mull and school district Supt. Terry Martin, was held in the Sweet Home School District Board Chambers. It drew a crowd of some 40 people including representatives of multiple organizations that provide meals and food support for the needy, school district representatives, and various other

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Football Send-Off



Sweet Home Fire's ladder truck and police units escort the Sweet Home High School football team's bus out of town Friday morning, Nov. 7, as the Huskies set off for La Grande for their first playoff game since 2019. Sweet Home led late in the game, but couldn't hold off the host Tigers, who scored with about a minute left in the game to win 20-17.

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OBITUARIES

Pamela Ashland
Dec. 14, 1948 - Nov. 2, 2025
Pamela Anne Ashland, 76, of Sweet Home, passed away Nov. 2, 2025.

She was born Dec. 14, 1948, to Frances Anne (Koller) and Thomas Earl Steward in Portland.



A graduate of Marshall High School, Pam went on to earn her bachelor of science degree in mathematics from Portland State University. While in college, Pam worked as a counselor at Camp Namanu, where she formed bonds with a group of CITs she worked with, and they continued their friendship throughout the years.

She was the first woman hired “off the street” into management at the Pacific Northwest Bell telephone company, where she made lifelong friends.

In 1975, Pam married the love of her life, Gerald (Jerry) Ashland. They moved up to Mt. Hood and built a home in Rhododendron, which they shared for over 40 years before moving to Sweet Home in 2025.

Pam and Jerry welcomed their daughter, Sarah, in 1984. After Sarah’s birth, Pam left her job at Timberline Lodge to pursue her legacy of becoming

ing a lifetime community volunteer.

She read and created books with elementary students at Welches School, volunteered her time at the Hoodland Library, led Girl Scout troops, and worked with the League of Women Voters, among many other community activities.

Pam will be remembered for her tireless work to better the lives of countless others, her tenacity, and the supportive “mom” role she took on for so many kids. She was welcoming, patient, a lover of books and film, and a listening ear to anyone who needed it. Her servant’s heart, witty sense of humor, and keen ability to know just about everything truly set her apart. She was loved and will be missed by many.

Pam is survived by her husband, Jerry; daughter, Sarah McNellis and son-in-law, Sean McNellis.

Pam was preceded in death by her parents, Frances and Thomas; and her niece, Megan.

A celebration of life will be in the spring of 2026. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to the Sweet Home Public Library/ Friends of the Library or to the Lewy Body Dementia Association.

Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements.

Charlotte Bashaw
March 8, 1944 - Oct. 28, 2025
Charlotte “Charly” Ellen Bashaw, 81, of Sweet Home, passed away Oct. 28, 2025.

She was born March 8, 1944 to Esther Louise (Carle) and Charles Earl Anglin in Champaign, Ill.



Charly was a 20-year active member of Sweet Home Elks Lodge #1972, where she held several positions, from Exalted Ruler (2017-18) to secretary. She was serving as secretary of the Elkettes at the time of her death.

She loved the activities the Elks offered but enjoyed playing Texas Hold ‘Em the most. Charly was a loving wife, mother, sister, aunt, grandma and great-grandma; she peacefully passed with loved ones by her side.

She is survived by her husband, Al Bashaw of Sweet Home; children Toni Simpson of Prairie Farms, Wisc., Cathy

Trojan of Bertrum, Texas, Tony Bashaw, Tim (Darlene) Bashaw of Meridian, Idaho, and Todd (Kendra) Bashaw, also of Meridian; sisters Shirley Sandstrom of Steelville, Mo. and Carol Farley of Sweet Home; several nieces and nephews; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Charly was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Esther Anglin; and daughter Elizabeth Trojan Jackson.

A celebration of life will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, 2025, at the Sweet Home Elks Lodge.

Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements.

Vicki Grant
Jan. 7, 1943 - Nov. 2, 2025
Vicki Grant, 82, of Sweet Home passed away Nov. 2, 2025.

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

Reginald Pace
April 15, 1948 - Nov. 9, 2025
Reginald “Reggie” Craig Pace, 77, of Sweet Home, passed away Nov. 9, 2025.

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

John Webb
Feb. 9, 1970 - Nov. 2, 2025
John Jay Webb, 55, of Reedsport, formerly of Sweet Home, passed away Nov. 2, 2025.

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

Death Notices

Ronald Drury
March 28, 1961 - Nov. 1, 2025
Ronald Drury, 64, of Lebanon, passed away Nov. 1, 2025.

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

EVENTS

Wild and Scenic Film Fest in November

Wild & Scenic Film Festival 2025, presented by the Corvallis Environmental Center, will stream Nov. 13-19, featuring 10 films from around the world on topics ranging from conservation to outdoor sports.

Video on demand tickets are \$25, and a full schedule is available through the Corvallis Environmental Center’s website at www.corvallisenvironmentalcenter.org/wsff.

For those seeking the full festival experience, this year’s films will also be screened in-person at Whiteside Theatre in Corvallis at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov.

13, with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. and the program beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are available through the Corvallis Environmental Center’s website.

All proceeds from the festival will go to the Corvallis Environmental Center’s “Food for Families” program, growing fruits and vegetables at Starker Arts Garden for Education for community members, and scholarships for the center’s youth programs.

Community prayer and worship service

One Sweet Home will hold a community prayer and worship service from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, at River of Life church, 1658

Long St. Questions? Contact organizers at One Sweet Home on Facebook or email onesweet-home2017@gmail.com.

Holiday Bazaar at Elks Lodge

Sweet Home Elkettes will hold a Holiday Bazaar and Craft Fair from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at 440 Osage St.

For questions or vendor inquiries, contact Kimi Nash at (541) 401-9844 or by email at KimiDNash@gmail.com.

Bingo fundraiser for Christmas Store

The 11th Annual Sweet Home Kids Free Christmas Store will hold a Bingo fundraiser Saturday, Nov. 15,

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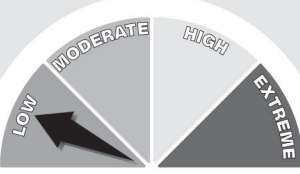
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November 7	7	60	41	0.12
November 8	8	49	38	0.00
November 9	9	58	35	0.00
November 10	10	58	48	0.00
November 11	11	57	46	0.00
November 12	12	62	49	0.20

PRECIPITATION	
Year to date:	23.30
November 13, 2024:	24.54

FORECAST			
DAY	WEATHER	HIGH	LOW
Thur	Rain	56	44
Fri	Showers	56	47
Sat	Showers	59	45
Sun	Rain	53	40
Mon	Showers	53	36
Tues	AM Showers	53	36
Wed	Showers	54	40

LAKE LEVELS	
Foster Reservoir:	614.3
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TODAYS FIRE DANGER IS
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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).

Nov. 9
7:46 a.m. - Caller reported vehicle stolen from 4400 block Main St. Described as black 2007 Chevrolet Suburban with license plate 968QFN.
8:45 a.m. - Caller reported drones flying in front of his windows in 1600 block 13th Ave. Officer responded, was unable to locate drones.
2:10 p.m. - Caller from Veterans Club, 580 Main St., reported female hit another female at location. Officer responded, female agreed to leave and was provided courtesy transport. Other female declined to pursue charges.
6:40 p.m. - Kyle Dawayne Roebuck, 30, arrested on LCCC warrant for FTA in mail theft cases, theft and trespass cases, and FTA in unlawful possession of meth case. Arrest followed report that male was knocking on caller's door in 3000 block Main St. Lodged

at Linn County Jail.
7:10 p.m. - Joseph Gene Salley, 53, arrested on LMC warrant for FTA in driving while suspended case. 18th Ave./railroad tracks. Cited and released.
Nov. 8
3:35 a.m. - Dustin Andrew Clarneau, 51, arrested at SHPD, 1950 Main St., on SHMC warrant for FTC in criminal misconduct case, LMC warrant for FTA in trespassing case. Cited and released.
8:42 a.m. - Caller reported concerns about traffic behavior in 1000 block North River Dr. Requested extra patrol.
9:37 a.m. - Katherine Marie Berghoffer, 44, arrested on AMC warrant for FTA in harassment case, 2000 block Main St. Berghoffer had asked bystander to call 911, stating she was having psychotic breakdown. She was cited and

released and provided with a bus pass.
1:55 p.m. - Male told to leave county campground, after causing disturbance during previous night was slow to leave, but by time deputy arrived, he had departed. 45900 block Hwy. 20.
4:06 p.m. - Medical emergency reported at 24th Ave./railroad tracks. Officer responded. Mental health issue, according to SHPD. Report taken.
4:26 p.m. - Caller reported female in 1500 block Tamarack St. having mental health crisis. Officer responded, 35-year-old female transported to Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital on police officer hold.
4:44 p.m. - Caller reported someone hit parked car in 1200 block Nandina St. Officer responded, investigation continuing.
5:31 p.m. - Hunter Gomez, 42, arrested by LCSO on SHMC warrant for FTA in theft case. Cited to appear Dec. 10.
Nov. 7
4:07 a.m. - Yining Wang, 51, of Eugene, cited for failing to obey traffic control device, 27600 block Hwy. 99, Halsey.
4:16 a.m. - Corrine Anne Miller, 37, of Brownsville, cited for speeding, 75/45, Bishop Way/Pearl St., Brownsville.
6:34 a.m. - SHPD responded to mental health situation in

4200 block Long St. Determined that subject was not police officer hold candidate, but will submit report to county Mental Health.
6:46 a.m. - Caller reported battery stolen from shuttle bus at Linn Transit, 880 18th Ave. Officer responded. Report taken for theft II. Value estimated at \$600.
6:51 a.m. - City code enforcement reported multiple water meters blocked blocked by briars, other debris in 5500 block Main St. Investigation ongoing.
7:01 a.m. - Caller reported ongoing issues with barking

dog in 1800 block Vine St. CSO responded. Investigation pending.
7:02 a.m. - Caller reported garbage and overgrown vegetation at location in 1400 block Westwood Lane. CSO responded. Investigation pending.
7:04 a.m. - Caller reported presence of goat in 900 block 14th Ave. CSO responded, investigation pending.
8:06 a.m. - CSO investigated downed fence in 1200 block 2nd Ave.
8:27 a.m. - Caller from Sweet Home High School 1641 Long

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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, Noe Hernandez-Reyes, Michael Trevor Hilton, Daniel Henry Johnson, 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, Kyle Dawayne Roebuck, James Ryan Routon, Joshua Alexander Williams

Errin Marie Montoya, 45, sentenced Nov. 5 to 240 hours jail and 18 mos. supervised probation after pleading no contest to unauthorized use of a vehicle. Charges dismissed: theft I and initiating a false report.

Charges against **Luis Gerardo Pacheco-Servin, 29**, of theft I, forgery I, criminal possession of a forged instrument I and FTA were dismissed without prejudice.



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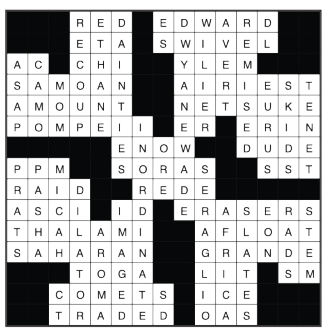
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FROM OUR FILES



Sweet Home High School's "America the Beautiful" float nabbed the Grand Sweepstakes award in the annual Albany Veterans Day Parade in 1975. It was the second consecutive year the high school float won the top award.

Nov. 16, 2025

Wayne Roberts, who is spearheading a drive to pave 7th Avenue from K Street to the south city limit, announced some

A Lane residents want their block paved at the same time, as well. He was assured of the city's intent to pay 50% of the cost to install a drainage system along the 10 blocks of 7th Avenue, while property owners there pay the rest. With drainage and paving, the 75 property owners would have to pay an average of \$281.75 each.

Two power outages last week were beyond the control of the power company. One occurred when a Sweet Home Sand and Gravel company crane went through power lines while dredging a pond at Cascadia Lumber. The second one occurred when energetic beavers felled trees across the line, affecting customers in the Upper Calapooia district.

Nov. 13, 1975

Officers of the East Linn Museum Society are worried they won't be able to meet the down payment on the building they agreed to purchase for the museum.

ELMS agreed to purchase the old Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints on Long Street this summer, handing over \$3,000 as

part of the down payment.

They still need another \$13,500. The building and land are being sold for \$44,500. A hearing was held at Hawthorne School over the Foster-Midway sewer plan and environmental assessment.

A state health officer testified the Foster-Midway area had a hepatitis rate about three times higher than Sweet Home and 10 times higher than the state average. It's believed a sewer interceptor would help prevent the spread of the disease.

Nov. 15, 2000

Voters passed three measures that will create a new fire district for the city.

The new district will replace the City of Sweet Home, Sweet Home Rural Fire Protection District, and Sweet Home Ambulance District in providing fire and ambulance services.

The new Sweet Home Fire and Ambulance District was formed by 2,824 votes in favor (49.63%) and 2,285 votes against (30.16%).

Sweet Home released dozens of colorful balloons in support of a national campaign to build a World War II memorial. Names of veterans and donors were written on the balloons, which were released at the same time from other municipalities across the nation.

Editorial: They called them volunteers...

**By Scott Swanson
Publisher**

Once upon a time, not so many years ago, individuals inhabited Sweet Home who were known as volunteers.

They found pleasure and fulfillment in donating time and energy to making their town a better place, setting aside their personal interests to help others, to work for the common good, to solve problems.

Then things started to change.

People began acquiring devices that greatly expanded their options for personal entertainment and arm's-length communication, ranging from giant flat screens on their walls that could stream any content they wanted to devices that allowed them nearly unfettered access to chase any whim they might have.

All of this made their personal lives busier.

Suddenly, it seemed more fulfilling to play realistic games and argue about stuff, to find was to assert their ideas over others, to spend time interacting and communicating with their screens rather than up close and personal.

Then came the Great Sickness and, immediately after, the Great Shutdown. People were now forced, or nearly so, to stay home - told that to appear in public put themselves and others at risk. Children were barred from school; they had to stare into screens at their kitchen tables. People stayed away from the office; they found a spot in their garage, their bedroom, their basement to try to be productive.

Meanwhile, there were less and less volunteers. The ones who remained were aging, their hair whiter, their wrinkles deeper than they had been before the onset of the screen addictions and the Great Sickness.

OK, enough of the fable.

Sweet Home has a problem. If you've read the report on page 1, you know by now that not only are food supplies at risk for local needy residents, thanks to the reduction and delay of SNAP benefits.

The government shutdown is already starting to hit some of our residents hard, and we have local skilled, intelligent, productive people who are federal employees who are not being paid as this is being written. (Note: There was talk of a House vote on Wednesday as we went to press, so we were still awaiting an outcome on that.)

The pros and cons of the SNAP and other aid programs managed by our government are not the point right now.

The issue is people around us. Likely, very few of us would be comfortable if our income source were rather abruptly halted for an unknown period

of time. All of us know what it is to pay bills, purchase needed food and other supplies, not to mention the insecurity of not knowing when one would be able to get back to work.

And all of this, of course, is happening as the holiday season rapidly approaches.

That's why we residents of Sweet Home need to take this seriously. The confab called by the mayor and other leaders last week was helpful in identifying just where some of the local organizations stand in their efforts to help the needy. In some cases, it's not a firm foundation - at all.

Twenty years ago, Sweet Home was known for volunteerism. The Fire Department was generally well-staffed at emergencies, with a healthy corps of volunteers. In those days The New Era ran a weekly highlight featuring a local volunteer who was active in the community. That was 52 a year and the feature ran for years, until it started getting harder to find individuals we hadn't profiled.

Yes, we have volunteers today, but many are aging and the number of organizations stating that they are getting by with a minimum of (often aged) volunteer staff was, frankly, frightening.

Meals on Wheels has cut one meal delivery day because it can't get drivers. Manna Meals may have to shut down

entirely because of a lack of help. Sweet Home Emergency Ministries isn't far behind. Typically, when I visit Sugar City Gleaners' thrift store, I notice that I tend to be the youngest person in the room. The same is true at East Linn Museum.

People old enough to be grandparents or great-grandparents are getting up in the morning and heading out to volunteer, because they are the only ones apparently willing to do it.

We've been hearing bits and pieces of this for years. Volunteerism used to be big in Sweet Home. What's changed?

Are people more self-centered now than they were a generation ago? Has home entertainment become so consuming that we can't think past our screens? Are we still experiencing after-effects of COVID? Has societal turmoil and distrust reached the point that people no longer care to or are actually afraid to open their doors, walk outside and get engaged in their community?

Am I missing something here, or are one or all of these legitimate explanations for what's happened?

I think the culture of Sweet Home continues to be such that it's possible to see a resurgence of concern for others that we once knew. But maybe it's time to get off our derrieres and get out there and get busy.

CORRECTIONS

Our story on Dr. Derrick Sorweide, who was grand marshal of this year's Linn County Veterans Parade, should have stated that COMP-Northwest medical school was founded in 2011. Also, Dr. Sorweide now teaches family medicine as an associate professor of family medicine and is director of Healthcare Simulation at the school. His wife, Dr. Leslie Stevens, is a graduate of the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (COMP) in Pomona, Calif., which is the sister school for COMP-Northwest.



Landowner of Year award from hunters

Photo courtesy of OHA Mid-Willamette Chapter John Bates, left, of the Mid-Willamette Chapter of the Oregon Hunters Association presents Milt Moran, president of Cascade Timber Consulting, with the organization's Landowner of the Year award, citing CTC's role as a "contributor and partner in our communities" that supports hunting, 4H and FFA and the Oregon Hunters Association. OHA also cited CTC's "policy of public access to their lands. This is especially important at a time of ever-decreasing access to private ground for hunting and recreational activities."

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HUNGER

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community leaders.

"We've just reached a crisis point where our neighbors are hungry," Martin said, noting that in Dallas, cutbacks by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which administers the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), also known as "food stamps," have reduced the local intake by 6,000 pounds a week.

"We're putting politics aside. What can we do for our community?"

"Sweet Home rallies when the chips are down and that's where we are right now."

According to Sweet Home School District statistics, 1,340 (37.8%) of Sweet Home city households receive food stamp benefits, while the number for the entire school district is 1,828 households (31.6%), which is nearly double the rate for the state of Oregon and 10% higher than Linn County as a whole.

Oregonians on SNAP total 757,000 people, which, Martin noted, is about 450,000 families, including 150,000 children.

He said the school district provides free breakfast and lunch for all students, and that about 60% take advantage of the food.

"If kids are hungry, they can't learn," he said, "and we're hearing all across that they are."

The state typically reimburses the district every three months for those meals, but has dropped reimbursements to monthly. He said the district plans to continue its meals program.

But with talk of SNAP benefits being cut 50%, and with inflation factored in, "you know that if someone's going to get half of what they used to get, it's a time of absolute crisis."

"We can do better," Martin said. "We can do better."

Organizations Report Status

Susan Coleman said that the goal of the meeting was to "hear the needs and then find solutions to those needs."

She polled representatives of various local organizations sitting around the table on what their needs are.

Joseph's Market/Reigning Glory - Pastor Lynn Cooper reported that the ministry, which distributes food on Tuesday afternoons at the corner of Oak Terrace and Holley Road, pays costs totalling about \$2,500 a month for insurance, electrical costs and building expenses.

She said her small congregation is "footing most of the bills" and food recipients contribute what they can,

"I love how the people come in and give what they can," Cooper said, adding that the donations total from \$20 to \$75 per week.

Sweet Home Emergency



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Lagea Mull, of the Chamber of Commerce, makes a point at the meeting.

Ministries - Cindy Rice and Julie Dedman reported that SHEMA fed 1,205 people last month, who visited to receive weekly food boxes containing enough food to last several days. Some also received "supplemental" boxes with additional food.

The monthly financial need for providing SHEMA's services is \$4,875, but the two said that SHEMA's biggest need is personnel.

"We need 28 volunteers every week," Dedman said.

Rice invited community members to stop by at SHEMA and check it out "for 10 to 15 minutes."

"Prepare to have your eyes wide open."

Manna Meals, which is a subsidiary of SHEMA, are served three nights a week at the Sweet Home United Methodist Church at 6th Avenue and Juniper Street. Linda Rowton, who directs the program, said the meals will probably need to cease by the end of the year if more volunteers don't materialize. She said that often there are only two volunteers preparing, serving and cleaning up after meals. The youngest of their volunteer corps, she said, is "60-something."

Hope Church Food Bank - Pastor Mark Opperman said his church serves 40 to 50 families per week on the first and third Mondays of the month.

He said the ministry operates on a "shoestring budget" of about \$400 a month, which is included in the church budget.

Sugar City Gleaners - Theresa Howard reported that insurance and fuel costs total about \$5,000 a year for her organization, which raises money through its

thrift store at 3031 Main St.

She said their building needs a new roof, but the biggest need is volunteer help.

"We need volunteers to help in the store," she said, adding that Sugar City has about 20 volunteers, "but they're burning out. We need some fresh blood."

Kids Food Pak - Toy Royer said her organization, which provides weekend food for needy students, relies primarily on fundraisers and donations. She said that Kids Food Pak gets a lot of its food from Linn-Benton Food Share, and that its focus is mostly on canned goods, pasta and non-perishables.

"Because we're serving kids, we don't use fresh stuff, that's free," she said. Costs have more than doubled, to "\$7,000, \$8,000 per year."

She said she has a "pretty good crew" who show up on Thursday mornings to prepare food packs.

"We could use a few more," she said.

Royer noted that donated food, such as canned items, tend to be "95% outdated," and suggested that donations should be "date-appropriate, and for me, kid-friendly."

Cooper, of Joseph's Market, said that expiration dates "don't mean a lot," and that they are "just suggestions" and the contents are often fine.

"Don't get rid of it, don't throw it away," she said. "There are organizations that will take it."

Fairshare Gleaners - Jeff Kershau reported that his organization serves 280 families per month, with typical weekly distribution going to 80 to 120 people. Fairshare gets donations from stores, which are unloaded weekly

from the organization's truck by volunteers, which are needed.

Meals on Wheels - A representative was not available from the weekly meals delivery service to seniors, but Susan Coleman and Jo Ann McQueary said that deliveries have been halted in Sweet Home because of a lack of drivers. Meals are also delivered on Tuesdays and Fridays.

McQueary said that Meals on Wheels has enough resources to provide three in-person delivered meals a week "but they need volunteers."

'Tangible' Response?

Mull, chamber director, asked the audience for "tangible" ways the community can respond to the needs expressed.

"We already have resources," she said. "We need to man the organizations we have. We don't need new ones."

Former Mayor Jim Gourley, representing the Rotary Club, said: "We're going after the same volunteers over and over. We've got to figure out a way to get other people in the community (to volunteer)."

Randy Claussen of the Sweet Home Elks Lodge said he would take information from Thursday's meeting on volunteer needs to the Elks.

He also said the Elks are planning a spaghetti feed at the lodge and are hoping to have the high school band, which the Elks have been financially supporting in efforts to restore the quality of the program, perform at the event as a fundraiser.

He noted that the Elks are finishing up a remodel of their facility, which should be completed by the time the fundraiser is held, so the public can see the results.

Also, he said, the Elks give out annual scholarships to

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PUBLIC SAFETY
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St., reported theft of bicycle during previous night. Report taken for theft II. Value \$700.

8:27 a.m. - Caller reported that someone was flying drone in 1600 block 13th Ave., hovering near his window. He agreed to call back when it was occurring. He called back at 5:29 p.m. Officer will be on alert.

9:52 a.m. - Caller from Sweet Home Library reported that female who had been excluded from location was back on property. CSO responded and requested that female be given opportunity to go to Family Assistance and Resource Center (FAC) homeless shelter in lieu of custody, but female refused FAC, stating she planned to live with parents. Officer agreed on condition that female be arrested if there are further violations.

10:00 a.m. - James Alan Wood, 40, arrested on LCCC warrant for FTA in possession of meth case, 1100 block 55th Ave. Caller had reported white Dodge Caravan parked in the middle of the street, possibly with a dog inside. Officer contacted Wood and vehicle was removed from roadway. Wood cited and released.

11:42 a.m. - Alan Courtney Eisele, 49, arrested for disorderly conduct II and for Cottage Grove police warrant for FTA in trespassing case. Callers reported male throwing his walker into traffic in area of Hwy. 20/Wiley Creek Dr. Cited and released.

2:14 p.m. - Joshua Kealohanui Ben Leslie Jr. arrested for criminal trespass II after caller from Sweet Home High

School reported male in wood shop area who had been previously trespassed from location. Cited and released.

5:52 p.m. - Caller from Sun Motel, 3026 Main St., reported male at location throwing things. Officer responded, contacted male, who was given courtesy transport from location.

6:34 p.m. - Caller reported ATV accident in 2000 block Main St. Incident actually took place on property between 1980 Main St. and 1900 block Tamarack, involving stolen side-by-side. Officer responded, contacted involved teens. Investigation continuing for burglary II, criminal mischief II, criminal trespass II and unlawful use of motor vehicle. Three 15-year-old females, one 15-year-old male, and one 17-year-old male referred to Linn County Juvenile Department for charges.

Nov. 6

2:58 a.m. - Caller reported trailer stolen from area of Hwy. 20/Moose Creek Lane. Report taken.

8:37 a.m. - Caller reported firearm stolen within past couple of months from 4300 block Main St. Report taken for theft 1. Missing firearm described as Baretta APX pistol valued at \$449.

11:01 a.m. - Caller from Sweet Home RV Center reported batteries stolen from RVs parked at 4691 Main St. Requested extra patrol. Caller was advised of options.

12:55 p.m. - Alan Courtney Eisele excluded from Sweet Home Library premises after caller reported intoxicated male trying to fight with another male, 1101 13th Ave.

1:35 p.m. - Callers reported male yelling and cursing in

1200 block Long St. Officer responded, contacted male, who was given stern warning that next time he interfered with traffic or trespassed, he would be arrested. He left the area.

3:11 p.m. - Caller reported phone that had been stolen was pinging at McDonald's. Officer responded, was unable to locate phone, then learned that theft actually occurred in Lebanon. Caller advised to contact LPD.

3:29 p.m. - Becky Marie Foster, 52, arrested on SHMC warrant for FTC in criminal misconduct case, LCSO warrant for FTC in criminal misconduct case (had not completed sentence), 1500 block Main St. Lodged at Linn County Jail.

5:25 p.m. - Caller reported that a white Jeep Cherokee backed into her vehicle, then left location in 2000 block Main St. Officer responded, report taken for hit and run.

5:31 p.m. - Crash reported at Main St./24th Ave. where involved parties were reported to be fighting. Report taken for crash involving injury to pedestrian. Operator was John Vincent Marano, 78, driving a 2008 Jeep Wrangler. Pedestrian Tommy Lee Matlock Jr., 35, transported by medics to Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital. Further details unavailable at press time.

6:39 p.m. - Caller reported vehicle stolen from 1800 block Cedar St. Officer responded, report taken for unauthorized use of motor vehicle. The 2006 Pontiac G6 four-door was later recovered by LCSO on a logging road outside Lebanon.

7:38 p.m. - Nathaniel Jordan Agee, 24, arrested at Linn County Jail on SHMC warrant

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students with community service requirements for recipients.

Bob Dalton, a longtime member of the city Health Committee, asked for ideas to stretch dollars for local organizations, suggesting options such as asking utility companies for grace periods, rent reductions or waivers for outreach programs, insurance rate reductions.

He also said the Health Fair, which he has organized since it began, "has a huge list of organizations" that might be able to provide resources or volunteers.

"For those who have volunteers, they could cross-share," Linda Rowton suggested..

Business, Others Step Up

TJ Hiner, of Big Bark LLC, which operates chipper crews and wildland firefighting operations, said that his seasonal employees take advantage of services offered by the organizations in the room.

He pledged \$5,000 to Sugar City Gleaners immediately, and his wife Jackie Hiner said later that Big Bark would

contribute another \$5,000 in December to the Gleaners.

TJ Hiner said he understands the need.

"This is a conversation I'm having every day with every one of my employees," he said, adding that he regularly has "kids eating out of my refrigerator" because they don't have food at home.

Megan Dazey of the Sweet Home Library said the library has started a food pantry "to fill the gap" and that 15 to 20 people had donated food in the few days the effort had been operating.

"Teens have been choosing food over candy, which should tell you something," Dazey said, adding that although they could be oversaturated with Halloween candy, making such choices "is rare for kids."

Participants discussed how some local organizations are limited by government regulations in what they can accept as food donations.

Efficiency Suggestions

Mull suggested that donors will "get more bang for your buck" by donating cash.

Linn Benton Food Share can acquire and distribute the equivalent of five meals for every dollar donated, ac-

cording to a handout circulated at the meeting.

Larry Horton, representing the Rotary Club, said he has service club members in high school and junior high who could provide volunteer hours.

Horton, retired as Sweet Home's former school superintendent and a key player in the organization of the community homeless shelter, suggested that efforts of various groups in the community could be consolidated for more impact and efficiency.

He also suggested establishing a position for a paid coordinator who could oversee the groups' efforts and who could likely increase the success rate for grant applications from Sweet Home.

"In my mind, we need a central leader to oversee all of these," he said.

He suggested that the city could assist with those efforts.

Coleman responded that she was "a little hesitant" to have the city get too involved in relief work.

"Helping neighbors is something we all do a much better job at than government," she said.

Huskies' Whitton medals at XC state for second year

Sweet Home's three state qualifiers all ran strong races Saturday at the 4A state championship meet, held at Lane Community College, Coach Dave Martin said.

"I'm really pleased because we competed and we placed right about where we looked like we should, coming in," Martin said of the races, held on a somewhat soggy trail around the Eugene campus. "Hardly anybody PR'd in the entire state meet field, but we competed very well. We're not exceptionally high or exceptionally low. We were right where we should be."

Sophomore Emma Whitton was Sweet Home's highest finisher, placing seventh in the girls race in 19:28.76.

"Emma had the best race of the day for us," Martin said. "She performed a little higher than she had been, on average."

Whitton said she ran with a "really bad" pain in her side for most of the race, noting that she finished a little behind the fourth-place result she had as a freshman.

"It was worse than a stitch," she said. "At the second pond on the second loop some people passed me. I think I would have gotten fourth if it hadn't been for this pain."

Martin credited her with running tough the entire time and for a big finish.

"That was the best finish I've seen her run in a race," he said. "She had a great last 250. Some of those girls, I know, are faster than her in the 1500 in track but she did not let them catch up."

Philomath's Cassidy Smart won the individual state title for the girls, accelerating away from La Grande senior Brooke Perry, last year's champion, to win in 18:33.75.

La Grande, which also won the boys title, was the top team for the girls with 51



Contestants in the girls varsity 4A state championship race run up a hill at Lane Community College. Visible behind the leaders, in Sweet Home green, are McKenzie Miller, right, and Emma Whitton. At right, Ryker Burr runs in the boys race.



Photos by Scott Swanson

points, placing three runners in the top 10. Klamath Union was second (65), Philomath was third (133) and Cottage Grove was fourth (139). Molalla, which edged Sweet Home's girls for the one wild-card spot, was fifth (144), and Stayton finished 11th in the field of 13 with 14 points.

Senior McKenzie Miller was 14th for Sweet Home in the field of 97 runners in her first state meet, running 19:55.22.

Clearly disappointed that she didn't crack the top 10, she said she tried to stay with Whitton because "I just knew I had to do something."

"McKenzie didn't feel like she had a good race, but she finished exactly where she was rated to place when she went in," Martin said. "I was really proud of her, for her first state meet. It's really tough in that environment. It

doesn't matter – district, the Northwest Classic – it's different being at state.

"I know she was disappointed and wanted to be in the top 10 because she wanted a medal, but I'll take 14th any time. Essentially, that's second team all-state. She is the seventh-highest placer ever in the history of Sweet Home."

Junior Ryker Burr, also in his first state meet, placed 34th in a field of 102 runners, in 17:30.00.

4A Boys race was won by junior Corbin Sage of Marist, running as an individual to finish in 15:56.56, the only runner to finish under 17 minutes.

La Grande, which placed its top two runners second and third behind Sage, won the team title with 61 points, followed by Molalla (75), Cottage Grove (123) and The

Dalles (124). Newport was sixth (183), Philomath seventh (189) and Stayton was 10th out of 13 teams with 230.

Philomath's Leo Pausch, who ran with Sage and Marshfield senior Jaxson Stovall for the first half of the race, was second (16:00.53) faded to eighth (16:41.26).

Burr said he had "a good, not a great race."

"I ran right where I was supposed to. I think I need to work on improving my mental toughness."

"I think today was a day where nobody was running well, nobody was running near their PRs. It's a hard course. There's a lot of hills, but if you get that mental toughness, you get that edge, you can really separate yourself on the most important days, like today."

He said his goal is to beat

the school record on that course, currently 15:36.

"It's going to take a lot to get there, but I've done a lot of training the past three years. I think it's going to compound on itself, and I'm really going to take a good shot at it. I'm confident I'll be able to get it."

Martin noted that Burr's finish makes him the 18th-fastest ever for Sweet Home, right behind Ramiro Santana Jr.

"Ryker ran a really strong race all the way," Martin said. "He was competitive, working, fighting the whole way. It was very solid race for his first trip to state."

"He's been to state track, been to state cross-country. He's definitely adding to his resume of experience and, for the second year in a row, he's made it through a cross-country season without in-

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Elks Helping Kids

Third-grade teacher Leah Klein gives a smile in exchange for a box of classroom supplies, only a handful of what was donated to Central Linn Elementary School by the Sweet Home Elks Lodge. This is the second year the Elks supported Central Linn School District.

Photo courtesy of Central Linn School District



Photo by Sarah Brown

Khalia Mork, left, a recent OSU grad, teaches Holley students how the fish eat the mosquitos, the bears eat the fish and the mosquitos eat the bears.

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grouped as hatchery salmon and wild salmon, were tasked with going along the path “downstream” and migrating back up without being caught by one of their predators.

Meanwhile, a third group of kids took a nature walk. They were instructed to make observations from their senses as they learned about riparian habitats.

Salmon Watch usually in-

cludes a salmon dissection station, but this year they were unable to secure fish due to no available storage space for them.

Salmon Watch originated through the World Salmon Council, but the SSWC adapted the curriculum to better meet the needs for Sweet Home children, said Alex Shoulders, SSWC Watershed Education Coordinator.

The program gives sixth graders a chance to spend a school day on the river where they can learn about salmon ecology, ecosystems, and its relation to humans.

The SSWC usually relies on volunteers to lead education stations every year, but they find it difficult to secure solid commitments, Shoulders said. This year, however, the watershed was able to obtain enough grant funding from the BottleDrop Fund to pay for Salmon Watch educators.

During lunch break, Clegg and Shoulders talked about funding and remarked about

their desire to build up the Youth Watershed Council for high schoolers.

It’s a program often targeted for students in environmental science, forestry and agriculture classes, giving them an opportunity to do real restoration projects that matter, they said.

“There’s just not funding for that,” Clegg said. “And those are the students we should be focusing on, keeping that interest going.”

Funding is more easily found for educational programs aimed at younger students, Shoulders said.

In fact, Shoulders was among one of the first high school students to participate in the Youth Watershed Council when Clegg got the program started.

“It’s unfortunate, because we have all these great programs for the sixth graders and middle school area, but then we have that gap, and that’s where we want to try to catch the high school watershed team,” Clegg said.

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School play offers story fit for all ages

By Satina Tolman
For The New Era

For nine weeks, the Sweet Home High School auditorium has been alive with laughter, imagination and the sound of pure creativity as students from both the high school and junior high have been hard at work rehearsing "The Brightest Thing," a family-friendly play bursting with adventure.

The show opens Thursday, Nov. 14, at the SHHS Auditorium, 1641 Long St., with additional performances Friday, Nov. 15, and Saturday, Nov. 16. All evening shows begin at 7 p.m., with a Saturday matinee at noon. The production runs about an hour and 15 minutes.

Admission is based on donation, with a minimum of \$1. Any proceeds from the show will be used to design and create dressing rooms for future productions of the growing drama department.

Written by Don Zolidis, one of the most produced playwrights in the country, "The Brightest Thing" tells the story of Emelia, a hyper-imaginative 6-year-old who embarks on a magical journey to save her mother from Ski Pirates. Along the way, she meets a whimsical cast of creatures — a self-proclaimed lazy Big Fairy, a balloonist entrepreneur, a happy manatee, a scrappy jackalope and a tearful Squonk who melts into a puddle whenever she cries.

The fantasy tale is rich with humor, heart and life lessons, blending the real and the imagined to explore topics such as courage, loss, self-worth and love.

Story That Resonated

Director Jennifer McIntyre, who also teaches English at Sweet Home High School, said she read more than 50 scripts this summer before finding the one that captured her heart. She even had Zolidis come and speak with the students about the script, which was very impactful.

"I fell in love with this story," McIntyre said. "I loved the way Zolidis portrays a child dealing with something as difficult as a parent's health crisis. A lot of our cast members have personal experiences that resonate with this story, and they've fallen in love with it in a way that has really brought the show alive."

McIntyre said this year's cast is larger than expected, as a result of a new collaboration with the junior high. "It has been wonderful to work with the younger students," she said. "Every rehearsal is a growing experience, for me and for them."

McIntyre takes a careful, intentional approach to her rehearsals. She described the emotionally charged final scene between Emelia and



Photos courtesy of Satina Tolman and Cassandra Foxx
Students, above, rehearse a scene from "The Brightest Thing" last week. At right, Director Jennifer McIntyre, left, works with students Fawna and Freya Foxx on the set.

her mother as one that took time and trust to develop. "We started by working just with the mom and Emelia, then gradually added in the supporting actors one by one," she said. "We've been refining that one end scene for the past week and a half to make it what it is today."

That methodical dedication paid off as the connection between the mother, played by senior Olivia Saveski, and Emelia, the child, played by sophomore Elena Briggs, is powerful and moving. The emotion on stage is so real that many of the actors shed real tears.

McIntyre also mentioned that she has loved seeing the students draw from other parts of their lives and bring them into the show.

As Saveski is a ballet dancer, McIntyre said, "I have loved seeing her bring the physicality of dance into her characterization of Manny the Manatee." Saveski plays the dual role of the mother and Manny the Manatee.

The students' dedication, McIntyre said, has surpassed every expectation. "I'm impressed by their questions, their analysis, and their enthusiasm," she said. "They've dug into what the story really means, and every single one of them has contributed something vital to telling it."

Building a Stronger Program

Helping to guide the process is Madelyn Siefarth, assistant director and Sweet Home Junior High teacher. A 2016 SHHS graduate, Siefarth acted and directed throughout high school and college before returning to Sweet Home to teach language arts and world history.

"Jen and I are both really passionate about building up the drama program in Sweet Home," she said. "I believe all students deserve a place to bring their talents. Sports aren't for everyone, and drama provides a creative outlet that's just as important."

Siefarth has been develop-



ing the junior high drama club since she began teaching five years ago. This year's collaboration marks another step forward for the district's growing theater community.

Students Take Center Stage

For the student actors, "The Brightest Thing" has been a transformative experience — both on and off stage.

Briggs, who plays the lead in the play, said the connections among the cast members have made the show special. "It's amazing to see how everyone brings part of themselves into their roles,"

she said.

Briggs said much of that connection comes from McIntyre's leadership.

"I absolutely love Ms. McIntyre! She is my favorite director I've ever had," Briggs said. "I love how kind she is and how forward she can be, but she gets things done, and she does it in a way that we all have a really good connection with her. She is a really awesome person. She's more than a director—she's like family. She's just really cool, and we couldn't do any of this without her."

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Huskies exit football playoffs after close loss to La Grande

It wasn't the result the Huskies wanted in their first football playoff game in five seasons, but it was a classic as host La Grande scored a late touchdown Friday night, Nov. 7, to escape with a 20-17 win.

Sweet Home weathered the long trip well, as the Huskies took it right to La Grande in the first quarter.

"They turned the ball over quite a bit for us, which definitely made it easier," Coach Ryan Adams said.

The Huskies scored on a 10-yard pass from quarterback Kyle Zajic to tight end Luke Rosa midway through the first quarter, to take a 7-0 lead.

Adams said that Beckham Hibbert, a 6-2, 235-pound defensive end and offensive lineman



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Bradyn McClure, right, strips the ball from the Tigers' Landon Hood during the Huskies' game at La Grande. See more photos with this story at sweethomenews.com.

who is one of La Grande's best players, missed the first two series, which gave the Huskies a chance to build some early momentum.

"They were really good, up front," he said, adding that Hibbert and tight end/defensive end Darek McIlmoil (6-3, 220) "did a phenomenal job just dictating the edges."

Sweet Home scored again with eight seconds left in the opening period when sophomore running back Sam Barringer scored on a 1-yard touchdown run to give the

Huskies a 14-0 lead with the extra point from Keeghan Gittins.

At that point Hibbert re-entered the game and the hosts began to generate some momentum.

"Once they started taking care of the ball, they were able to take it to us a little bit," Adams said.

With 7:38 on the clock in the second quarter, Sweet Home attempted to punt from its 27 yard line and the Tigers got a hand on it.

"That gave them the ball on

the 4-yard line," Adams said. The Huskies held the hosts off for two plays, but La Grande scored from the 2-yard line on third down to make it 14-7 with 6:08 left in the half.

The Tigers forced Sweet Home to punt on its next possession and marched down the field to the Huskies' 17, where Kaeson Walker deflected a Tiger pass, which, unfortunately for Sweet Home, landed in the hands of McIlmoil at the 10-yard line.

"There was nobody there," Adams said, and the tight end cruised into the end zone to tie the score.

The third quarter was scoreless, though the Huskies had chances late in the quarter. Barringer carried the ball into the end zone for Sweet Home, but officials called a hold in the end zone on Bode Nichols,

negating the apparent touchdown. Then, on the next play, Nichols caught a pass from Zajic in the corner of the end zone, but was ruled out of bounds when he came down.

The Huskies salvaged that drive with a 12-yard field goal from Gittins on fourth and six to take a 17-14 lead.

La Grande stormed back, and Sweet Home managed to get the stop and the ball back with four minutes to go.

But the Huskies struggled with penalties on the drive, getting called for a block in the back at one point, and had to punt with 2:54 left to play.

"We just needed to get a stop, but we were unable to," Adams said regarding La Grande's final touchdown. They ran it down our throats with a minute left."

Sweet Home went big at the end, but the Tigers picked Zajic off on a "Hail Mary-type" pass, he said.

Adams said the team approached the game "phenomenally."

"They knew it was borrowed time," he said, referring to the fact that Sweet Home was in the playoffs solely because Philomath, their previous opponent, had had to forfeit due to a rules violation. "I was proud of how the kids handled the long road trip and how they practiced."

He noted that the Tigers have developed a tradition of good football.

"They have a long history of success over the last 10 to 15 years," Adams said. "They are not new to the post-season. They know how to win. We

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Dillan Davis pulls in a pass under pressure.

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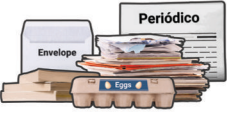
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Gabriel Meadors, right, blocks La Grande's Beckham Hibbert to give Kyle Zajic some running room.



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for FTC in theft case. Cited to appear Dec. 10.

10:00 p.m. - Chastin Marjaya Morton, 27, arrested on AMC warrant for FTA in theft case. Caller from Safeway, 1540 Main St., reported woman trying to leave store with bag full of items she had not paid for. Morton also trespassed from Safeway. Cited and released.

11:00 p.m. - Caller reported vehicle driving up and down road in 2200 block Ironwood St., flashing lights in people's windows. Officer responded. Operator turned out to be DoorDash driver looking for an address.

11:34 p.m. - Bambi Funk cited for speeding, 46/30, driving while suspended, and failure to install ignition interlock device, Long St./38th Ave.

Nov. 5

7:08 a.m. - Caller reported male kissed her previous night without her consent, 3000 block Main St. Officer responded, contacted male, who was advised to stay away from female.

7:31 a.m. - Caller from Sweet Home Barber Shop, 2200 Main St., reported male in bathroom at location who caller wanted to leave. Officer responded, trespassed male from location. He moved along.

11:14 a.m. - Irate Brownsville citizen followed deputies in area of 200 block

N. Main St., verbally harassed them. He was identified, but had committed no crimes.

11:38 a.m. - Billy Wayne Hatch, 48, arrested on SHMC warrant for FTC in criminal driving case. Cited to appear Dec. 10.

12:29 p.m. - Joshua Keolohanui Ben Leslie, 37, arrested for criminal trespass II at Sweet Home Library, 1101 13th Ave., after caller reported presence of male who had previously been trespassed. Cited and released.

4:06 p.m. - Caller reported individuals set up camp and cut fence in 3100 block Main St. Officer responded, report taken for criminal mischief I. Damage estimated at approximately \$1,000.

4:34 p.m. - Caller reported male drinking on property at Sweet Home Library, asked that he and anyone else with him be trespassed. Officer responded, did not witness any violations, but advised male of city ordinance.

4:57 p.m. - Crash reported in 2000 block Main St. Officers responded. Operators were Hunter Woodham, 18, of Sweet Home, driving a 2024 Nissan Frontier pickup, and Kamerson Baszler, 19, of Fall Creek, operating a 2012 Ford Fiesta sedan. According to SHPD, Baszler was traveling east on Main Street and Woodham was pulling out of the Dollar General parking lot, intending to turn left onto Main Street to travel west.

Woodham did not see Baszler and pulled out in front of her. The Fiesta suffered heavy front-end damage and the Frontier was heavily damaged on the driver's side. Baszler was transported by medics. Both vehicles were towed.

7:16 p.m. - Lynette Irene Johnson, 61, arrested at Linn County Jail on SHMC warrant for FTC in criminal driving case. Cited to appear Dec. 10.

See more and updated Public Safety reports at sweethomenews.com.

Samaritan announces town halls to discuss merger

Samaritan Health leaders are inviting the public to learn more at a series of upcoming town halls across the region to discuss the planned merger between Samaritan Health Services and MultiCare Health System.

Each session will be hosted by Marty Cahill, president and CEO of Samaritan Health Services, together with Samaritan hospital and system leadership. Attendees will hear detailed presentations about the planned MultiCare affiliation and have the opportunity to ask questions during an open Q&A session.

Because many community members have also expressed interest in learning more about Medicare and Medicare Advantage health

plans, licensed health insurance agents who specialize in Medicare will host informational tables at each in-person event to answer questions before and after the presentations.

Registration is required, and seating is limited at each in-person event. To register or learn more, visit samhealth.org/Affiliation.

Local sessions are as follows:

Wednesday, Nov. 12, 6 to 7 p.m. - Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital, conference rooms A/B/C/D, 525 N Santiam Hwy., Lebanon. (Use hospital's back entrance to access conference rooms.)

Tuesday, Nov. 18, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center, conference rooms A/B, 3600

runs through 2030, will increase from the current rate of \$2.98 per \$1,000 of assessed value to \$3.08 per \$1,000. The levy would generate an estimated \$184,595,812 over its four years, beginning July 1, 2026.

A total of 29,731 voters cast ballots, which is a turnout of 29.65%.

Voters approve Sheriff's Office levy hike in Nov. 4 election

A majority of Linn County voters approved the four-year law enforcement levy request by the Linn County Sheriff's Office in the Nov. 4 election.

As of Nov. 7, 52.54% of voters had approved the levy, with 47.46% opposing it.

The new levy, which

County commissioners approve locating accessory dwelling units on rural properties

Rural Linn County residents will soon be allowed to site Accessory Dwelling Units on their properties if they meet state and county requirements, Linn County Commissioners Roger Nyquist and Sherrie Sprenger agreed at their Nov. 4 meeting.

After a brief regular meeting, the commissioners reconvened a public hearing that began at their Oct. 28 meeting. At that time, the commissioners agreed to accept written public comments about the issue until 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3.

The Planning & Building Department received three written comments and the commissioners accepted them into the record.

One comment concerned why the county proposed a two-acre minimum instead of a one-acre minimum property size, another focused on why the ADU would need to be placed within 100 feet of the main home, and the third comment was that ADUs larger than 900 square feet should be allowed.

Planning Manager Alyssa Boles said the county is following the state's Oregon Revised Statutes on all three issues.

Commissioners Nyquist

and Sprenger approved the Code Text Amendments and the order will come back for signatures at a later meeting. The Code Text Amendments will take effect 21 days after signing.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Approved the transfer of \$75,000 within the General Fund from Materials and Services to Personal Services.

- Approved the purchase of a Falcon Asphalt Hot Box from SealMaster for \$82,076.18. The unit holds asphalt at proper temperature while crews are repairing potholes.

- Talked about Stahlbush Island Farms donating five truckloads of food to Linn-Benton Food Share last week in response to the shutdown of the federal government

and SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits.

Commissioner Nyquist said the donation will provide up to one million servings. Ryan McCambridge, director of Linn-Benton Food Share, also provided the commissioners with a written update about food distribution activity for the first nine months of the year and recent food donations.

- Were asked by Roxie Putman to contact Republic Services to see if a yard debris pick-up program can be developed for rural Albany area residents.

- Announced the Board of Commissioners would not meet Tuesday, Nov. 11, due to the Veterans Day holiday. All Linn County buildings, except the Sheriff's Office, were to be closed that day.



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

CITY OF ALBANY, a municipal corporation, Plaintiff, v. SCOTT KEVIN HEINZ, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MARY J. JENKINS, OLIVIA RENAE MAZONE, CSO FINANCIAL, INC., STATE OF OREGON, SHARLA RAE VALENCIA, and JOHN PATRICK FLICK, Defendants.

Case No. 25CV52256
COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE NOT SUBJECT TO MANDATORY ARBITRATION
AMOUNT OF CLAIM: \$570,710.50
FILING FEE: \$594

At all times material herein, Plaintiff the City of Albany ("Plaintiff") was and is a municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the state of Oregon.

At all times material herein, Defendant, Scott Kevin Heinz was the record owner or reputed owner of the real property and the improvements thereon commonly known as 2205 Front Avenue, NE Albany Linn County, Oregon 97321 ("Property"), more particularly described as follows:

Lot 22, Block 21, BURKHART PARK ADDITION, in the City of Albany, County of Linn and State of Oregon, together with that portion of vacated alley which inured by ordinance, Recorded in Book 193, Page 507, Linn County Records. Also known as 2205 Front Ave NE, Albany, Oregon 97321.

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

Plaintiff filed a municipal lien ("Lien") against the Property in the records of Linn County, Oregon, to secure payment of the abatement of a derelict structure in the sum of \$570,710.50. A copy of the lien is attached hereto as Exhibit "1".

The Lien is subject to foreclosure. Plaintiff declares that the entire balance of principal and interest is now due and payable. Currently, \$570,710.50 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 Plaintiff's 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.

More than 15 days prior to filing this Complaint, Plaintiff mailed a notice to Defendant stating that Plaintiff intended to commence suit to foreclose its lien unless the lien was paid within 15 days of the notice. A copy of the notice is attached hereto as Exhibit "2" and incorporated by reference herein.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays for a judgment of this court:

(A) Granting judgment to Plaintiff against Defendant in the amount of \$570,710.50.

(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

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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 Plaintiff's judgment, including costs and attorney fees and any surplus to be 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 junior interest claimants who do not contest this action;

(F) Ordering that Defendant and all persons claiming through Defendant are forever foreclosed of all interest in the property.

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

DATED this 5th day of November 2025.

M. Sean Kidd, OSB #091224
Attorney for Plaintiffs

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(11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 11/26)

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Case No. 25CV52256
SUMMONS

TO: Unknown Heirs of Mary J. Jenkins

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 November 5, 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!

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Dated: November 5, 2025

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Vehicles collide between Dollar General, McDonald's

Emergency personnel work at the scene of a crash in the 2000 block Main St. early in the evening of Wednesday, Nov. 5. Police and medics responded just before 5 p.m. to the scene. According to Sweet Home police, Kameron Baszler, 19, of Fall Creek, was driving a 2012 Ford Fiesta sedan eastbound on Main Street as Hunter Woodham, 18, of Sweet Home, driving a 2024 Nissan Frontier pickup, was pulling out of the Dollar General parking lot, intending to turn left onto Main Street to travel west. According to police, Woodham did not see Baszler and pulled out in front of her. The Fiesta suffered heavy front-end damage and the Frontier was heavily damaged on the driver's side. Baszler was transported by medics. Both vehicles were towed.

SCHOOL PLAY

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"At first you might think this is just a kids' play," Briggs added, "but the deeper you go, the more you realize how much it reflects real life. It's magical."

Senior Levi Ensley plays both Emelia's father and the balloonist in her imagination. A theater veteran, Ensley called the play "a tragic tale of a daughter who goes on a journey to save her mom in her own way."

Obie Christman, a junior and three-time cast member, plays the Big Fairy.

"You'll have a lot of laughs," he said, "but you'll also walk away appreciating what you have right now."

Senior Ivory Lambert, who plays Squonk – the mythical creature who cries herself into a puddle – said what she loves most is the cama-

raderie.

"The cast members and the play itself are really fun," she said. "Everybody is so nice."

Rounding out the cast are: Zed Christmas (Jackelope/Magic); Apollo Gazdag (Sam the Alligator/Magic); Gabe Wilson (Clive the Alligator/Magic); Loki Davis (Beetle-juice the Start/Magic); Shelby Henthorne (Sirius the Star/Magic); ensemble stars Rylee Carbon, Alyssa Langford, Talia Tagg and Bianca White; Ezekiel Center (Murder Hornet/Magic); geese Fawna Foxx, Mason Schneider and Joylynn Turner; Tristan Young (Snow Beard/Magic); Amelia Spinney (Polly the Parrot/Magic, and a goose); Cameron Ahern (Pirate #1); Talitha Watkins (Pirate #2) and ensemble pirates Cameron Ahern, Kenneth Barber, Apollo Goble, Sayuri Miller, Preston Wall and By-

ron White.

Student crew members include: Stage Manager Paige Reynolds; Aiden Goble and Adalee Cimadon (props); Gabriella Delong, Maddy Greenwalt, Tea Herrera and McKenzie Swanson (costumes); Delong, Serenity Herrera and Rose Muntz (hair and makeup); Owen Cimadon and Caden Foley (sound and lighting).

Story For All Ages

McIntyre recommends the show for ages 8 and up but said her own kindergartener has enjoyed rehearsals. "It's a family show," she said, "but it does touch on some heavy topics that are worth discussing with kids of any age."

Bring some tissues, because whether you're laughing or crying on this emotional roller coaster through Emelia's imagination and her real-life tragedy, you may need them.

Thankful Trot fun runs at Chapel

Celebrate community and enjoy reasons to give thanks at the Thankful Trot 1 Mile Fun Run and 5K Run/Walk on Saturday morning, Nov. 22, at Community Chapel, 42250 Ames Creek Road.

Strut your stuff or just enjoy being outdoors on a mixed-terrain course that will include grass, gravel, dirt and pavement in a beautiful, family-friendly setting.

Cost is \$5 per participant, with proceeds going to local nonprofit feeding programs.

Registration is at the door. Registration for the 1 Mile Kid Trot starts at 8:30 a.m., with the race starting at 9:15. An adult can run with a child with the purchase of a ticket.

5K registration begins at 9:30 a.m., with race start time at 10:15.

To volunteer or for more information, contact misshaley-onmission@gmail.com.

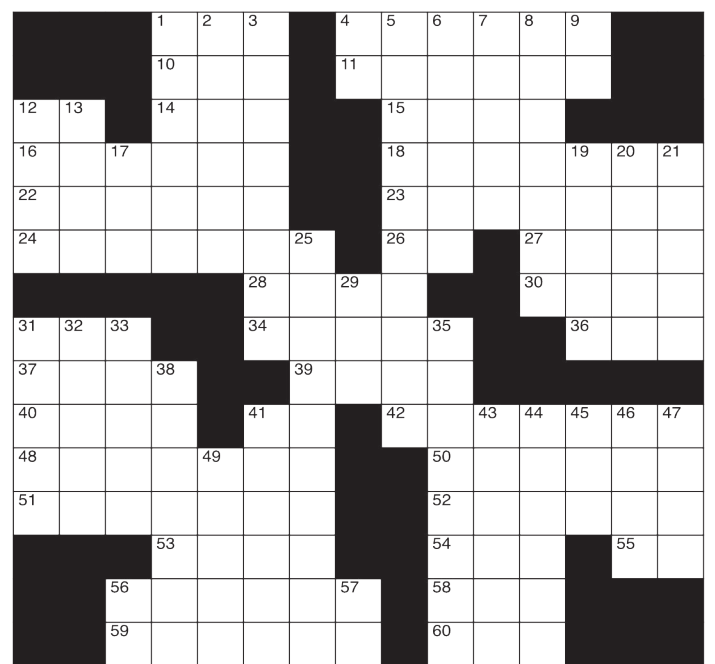
donation buckets during the holiday season in Sweet Home.

Individuals, businesses, churches, civic groups or school groups are invited to sponsor a Tuesday or Saturday, from Nov. 25 through Dec. 20, at the Sweet Home Bi-Mart (west-end exit) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Four-hour slots can be divided up as sponsors wish, but they must be staffed during that period.

Proceeds go to SHEM programs that provide backpacks and supplies to local children in the fall.

SHEM staff will deliver and pick up the bell and kettle stand for each stint. Ringers are free to wear holiday attire, sing carols and generally provide festive cheer. Sponsors are welcome to bring a modest sign to display their group or business name.

For more information or to reserve a date, contact Cindy Rice at (541) 409-2803 or Julie Dedman at (541) 409-9093.

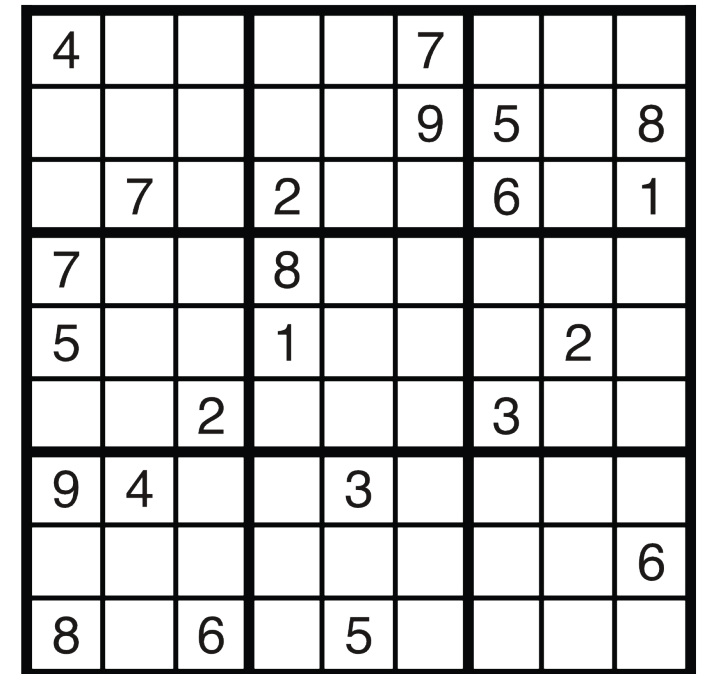


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1. Color
4. English prince
10. When you'll get there
11. Pivot
12. Actinium
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15. Primordial matter
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18. Most spacious
22. What you owe
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24. Ancient city
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27. CNN anchor Burnett
28. Enough (archaic)
30. Lebowsky's nickname "The ____"
31. Printing speed measurement
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40. Sacs where fungi develop
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42. Schoolhouse implements
48. Brain parts
50. Borne by or suspended in a liquid
51. Of the desert
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54. In a way, set aflame
55. Samarium
56. Heavenly bodies
58. Water in the solid state
59. Exchanged
60. Int'l organization

CLUES DOWN

1. Regain
2. A colorless odorless gas used as fuel
3. Delicacies
4. Spanish be
5. Miami Heat great
6. More slick
7. Turn away
8. Made a second thrust
9. Where injured ballplayers end up
12. As quickly as can be done
13. Military disguise
17. ____ and Dad
19. Mythological wind (Greek)
20. Slides without control
21. Principle or belief
25. Unusually large
29. Naturally occurring solid material
31. Backsides
32. Large orange-brown butterfly
33. Old Testament prophet
35. Women's apartments in a Muslim palace
38. One who waters down
41. Made a visual representation of
43. Continent
44. Flat pieces of rock
45. Very long period of time
46. Radioactivity units
47. Fields of study
49. Distinctive, pleasant smell
56. The Constitution State (abbr.)
57. South Dakota



Level: Intermediate

REAL ESTATE SOLD

Following are Lebanon, Sweet Home, and Brownsville area real estate transactions recorded with the county during late October and November 2025. These are not properties for sale, and some transactions may represent a change in ownership within a family or corporation. Properties are listed by address, property/residence size and purchase price:

- 1222 Laurel Ct., Sweet Home;** 1074 sq.ft., one story, three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 2004; 0.14 acres; \$305,000.
- 4309 Highway 20, Sweet Home;** additional details not listed; 3.58 acres; \$1,000,000.
- 27835 Meridian Heights Lp., Sweet Home;** 2376 sq.ft., one story, three bedroom, 2 1/2 bathroom, built in 2010; 0.68 acres; \$660,000.
- 448 Strawberry Lp., Sweet Home;** 1478 sq.ft., one story, 1

- 1/2 bathroom, built in 1984; 0.32 acres; \$339,000.
- 1011 Pleasant Valley Rd., Sweet Home;** additional details not listed; 36.21 acres; \$407,000.
- 500 Ironwood St., Sweet Home;** 1614 sq.ft., one story, five bedroom, one bathroom, built in 1963; 0.23 acres; \$375,000.
- 4580 Airport Ln., Sweet Home;** 1448 sq.ft., one story, three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 2005; 0.17 acres; \$325,000.
- 225 21st Ave., Sweet Home;** 1200 sq.ft., one story with attic, two bedroom, one bathroom, built in 1938; 0.43 acres; \$156,000.
- 4420 Knotty Pine Ct., Sweet Home;** additional details not listed; 0.18 acres; \$394,000.
- 940 Cedar St., Sweet Home;** 1256 sq.ft., one story, two bedroom, 1 1/2 bathroom, built in

- 1947; 0.16 acres; \$309,000.
- 1854 Ulex St., Sweet Home;** 1320 sq.ft., one story with attic, three bedroom, one bathroom, built in 1935; 0.23 acres; \$315,000.
- 4940 Mimosa Cir., Sweet Home;** 1526 sq.ft., one story, three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 2014; 0.16 acres; \$420,000.
- 1254 Linden Ct., Sweet Home;** 1102 sq.ft., one story, three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 2007; 0.14 acres; \$335,000.
- 953 Grape St., Sweet Home;** 892 sq.ft., one story, two bedroom, one bathroom, built in 1939; 0.21 acres; \$260,000.
- 4536 Live Oak St., Sweet Home;** additional details not listed; 0.06 acres; \$292,000.
- 28176 Ridgeway Rd., Sweet Home;** additional details not listed; 5.01 acres; \$220,000.
- 2111 Elm St., Sweet Home;** 952 sq.ft., one story with attic, one bedroom, one bathroom, built in 1941; 0.24 acres; \$274,900.
- 28020 Riggs Hill Rd., Foster;** 2038 sq.ft., one story with basement, two bedroom, 1 1/2 bathroom, built in 1960; 1.08 acres; \$435,000.
- 1208 Albatross Ct., Sweet Home;** 1564 sq.ft., two story, three bedroom, 2 1/2 bathroom, built in 2020; 0.12 acres; \$369,000.
- 1050 1st Ave., Sweet Home;** 1889 sq.ft., one story, four bedroom, 1 1/2 bathroom, built in 1954; 0.25 acres; \$340,000.
- 2417 Harding St., Sweet Home;** 1814 sq.ft., one story, three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 2009; 0.52 acres; \$525,000.
- 1252 Linden Ct., Sweet Home;** additional details not listed; 0.25 acres; \$525,000.
- 347 7th Ave., Sweet Home;** 1275 sq.ft., one story, three bedroom, one bathroom, built in 1950; 0.17 acres; \$331,700.
- 610 8th Ave., Sweet Home;** 1056 sq.ft., one story, three

- bedroom, one bathroom, built in 1968; 0.17 acres; \$335,500.
- 647 7th Ave., Sweet Home;** 1259 sq.ft., one story, three bedroom, 1 1/2 bathroom, built in 1945; 0.18 acres; \$255,000.
- 4003 Clark Mill Rd., Sweet Home;** additional details not listed; 1 acres; \$389,000.
- 28484 Santiam Hwy., Sweet Home;** 2029 sq.ft., one story with attic, four bedroom, two bathroom, built in 1940; 1.69 acres; \$540,350.
- 4440 Knotty Pine Ct., Sweet Home;** additional details not listed; 0.27 acres; \$378,945.
- 43176 North River Dr., Sweet Home;** 624 sq.ft., one story, one bedroom, one bathroom, built in 1946; 0.49 acres; \$200,000.
- 1043 Northside Rd., Sweet Home;** 1160 sq.ft., one story, one bedroom, two bathroom, built in 1939; 1.66 acres; \$455,000.
- 36062 Providence School Rd., Lebanon;** 1620 sq.ft., three bedroom, two bathroom, 2001; 42.5 acres; \$1,440,000.
- 109 Nandina St., Sweet Home;** 1356 sq.ft., one story, two bedroom, one bathroom, built in 1951; 0.17 acres; \$250,000.
- 2605 Promise Way, Lebanon;** additional details not listed; 0.3 acres; \$1,200,000.
- 182 Joy St., Lebanon;** 1318 sq.ft., one story, three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 2016; 0.15 acres; \$405,000.
- 2195 Janna Ct., Lebanon;** 1298 sq.ft., one story, three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 2004; 0.16 acres; \$385,000.
- 2847 10th St., Lebanon;** 1008 sq.ft., one story, three bedroom, one bathroom, built in 1979; 0.18 acres; \$172,000.
- 2381 Mountain River Dr., Lebanon;** 2925 sq.ft., two story, three bedroom, 2 1/2 bathroom, built in 2007; 0.13 acres; \$477,000.
- 34198 Lacombe Rd., Lebanon;** additional details

- not listed; 3.53 acres; \$845,750.
- 1227 Walker Rd., Lebanon;** 1330 sq.ft., one story, three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 1994; 0.2 acres; \$425,000.
- 365 Main St., Lebanon;** additional details not listed; 0.29 acres; \$410,000.
- 30651 Spring St., Lebanon;** 1300 sq.ft., one story, three bedroom, one bathroom, built in 1957; 0.6 acres; \$200,000.
- 1280 Ashwood Ct., Lebanon;** 1471 sq.ft., one story, three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 1994; 0.18 acres; \$444,000.
- 760 Elmore St., Lebanon;** 1276 sq.ft., one story, three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 1956; 0.23 acres; \$272,500.
- 34180 Lacombe Rd., Lebanon;** 2640 sq.ft., triple wide Mobile home three bedroom, 2 1/2 bathroom, built in 1997; 8.61 acres; \$280,000.
- 31501 Stoltz Hill Rd., Lebanon;** 1316 sq.ft., one story, two bedroom, two bathroom, built in 1950; 4.72 acres; \$655,500.
- 2759 12th St., Lebanon;** 1667 sq.ft., one story with attic, three bedroom, one bathroom, built in 1997; 0.14 acres; \$379,000.
- 1342 Filbert St., Lebanon;** 1394 sq.ft., one story with attic, three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 1940; 0.21 acres; \$350,000.
- 37289 James Pl., Lebanon;** 2142 sq.ft., one story, three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 1965; 0.51 acres; \$449,900.
- 41601 Beaver Ln., Lebanon;** additional details not listed; 2.51 acres; \$230,000.
- 40 Pine St., Lebanon;** 720 sq.ft., one story, two bedroom, one bathroom, built in 1942; 0.15 acres; \$289,000.
- 1257 Filbert St., Lebanon;** 1488 sq.ft., one story, three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 1950; 0.16 acres; \$370,000.

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FOOTBALL
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knew that.

“They put their fingerprint on the football game. They made it difficult to block, to make stops. They didn’t do anything different than we watched on film all year.”

The coach credited Gittins’ field goal, adding that the kicker “been practicing for two years for that opportunity” and was able to deliver.

“Our kids didn’t flinch,” he said. “We shot ourselves in the foot a couple of times, with that blocked punt and Kaeson’s deflection. But nine times out of 10 that deflection goes our way. This one didn’t.

“It was a really fun high school football game. We really battled back and forth, throwing haymakers right and left.

“La Grande was able to execute when they needed it

most.”

Sweet Home finished with 109 yards rushing, and Zajic was 10 of 21 for 105 yards passing, with a touchdown and two interceptions.

La Grande rolled to 308 yards on 48 carries, adding 52 yards in the air. The Tigers had 19 first downs but were only two for six on third-down conversions, whereas the Huskies finished with 12 first down, five for 13 on third-down attempts.

Other individual statistics were not available at press time.

“I’m really proud of our team,” Adams said. “It’s been a long, long time since we’ve been able to play a post-season game. None of our kids had ever experienced that and to bring back that taste of post-season is such a solid foundation for our program going forward.”

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Banner display commemorates local heroes

The City of Brownsville and Travis Moothart American Legion Post #184 are working on a project to honor veterans with banners along city streets.

The city hung the first banners to be displayed, just in time for Veterans Day.

One of the Brownsville City Council goals is to honor hometown heroes, so they partnered with the Legion for selection of service men and women to highlight, City Administrator Scott McDowell said.

"It was decided to work on posthumous members first," he said. "There will be ten banners in this initial phase."

The city will then begin bringing honor to living service members with their own banners, which will be on a rotation schedule for certain holidays, such as Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Veterans Day.

The first 10 veterans to be honored through the new banner program are Fred Anderson, Ray Baughman, Brad Boles, Steve Chambers, Marty Cross, Dick May, Mike McDaniel, Travis Moothart, Donny Nealon and Fred Wellhouser.



Photos provided by City of Brownsville

Huskies honored at volleyball awards

By Keeghan Gittins
For The New Era

Sweet Home volleyball closed out its 2025 season with a celebration at its annual awards banquet, held Tuesday, Nov. 4.

The event capped off a year that Head Coach Katie Dargis described as one of growth, resilience, and teamwork, both on and off the court.

"Overall, the season went great," Dargis said. "We ended up with a 10-12 record and 3-7 in league, with some fun wins that were close games. Those wins that end up going to four or five sets are so fun to watch because the girls continue to dig in and work hard to earn them."

The Huskies improved on their record from the previous year, 4-15, and also a 3-7 record in league.

Sweet Home faced a tough league, playing in the Oregon West Conference, with six of their losses coming against three league opponents that finished in the state's top 10.

"We may have lost to them, but we were able to take a couple of sets from some of them, like Stayton and Cascade," Dargis noted.

One of the team's biggest accomplishments came at the Cascade Tournament, where Sweet Home took first place in the silver bracket. Dargis also emphasized the team's season-



Volleyball award winners are, from left, Kalissa Ellis, Hannah Nicholson, Trinity Victor, Karissa Jewell and Aaliyah Brown.

long goal of building a culture of respect and encouragement. "As the season progressed, we continued to get better and better at that goal, eventually it didn't need to be discussed as often because it became a norm," Said Dargis.

The Huskies benefited from a roster filled with experienced varsity players.

"Having many returning varsity players meant they came in knowing the quicker pace of the game, the accuracy of opponents, and the mental toughness they would need," Dargis said.

Among those key players were Karissa Jewell, a standout back row leader known for her energy and defensive skills; Kaitlyn Kennedy, an all-around contributor who excelled across every stat category; and Aaliyah Brown, a consistent front row hitter who also became more comfortable in back-row play. Dargis also highlighted Hannah Nicholson, who earned her first varsity experience this year and proved valuable in multiple positions, as well as Amara Gonzales, Kalissa Ellis, and Lexi Rundell for their

strong play and team-first attitudes.

At the banquet, the team recognized several players with end-of-season honors, voted on by a mix of players and coaching staff:

- Trinity Victor – Teammate Award
- Karissa Jewell – Clutch Performance Award
- Hannah Nicholson – Coach's Award
- Kalissa Ellis – Sportsmanship Award
- Aaliyah Brown – Transformation Award

Third-year letter winners were: Karissa Jewell, Miley Smith and Trinity Victor.

Second-year letters went to Aaliyah Brown, Keira Johnson, Kaitlyn Kennedy and Aubrey Newberry.

Receiving their first letter were Kalissa Ellis, Amara Gonzales, Hannah Nicholson and Lexi Rundell.

"I'm proud, not only of the team's accomplishments, but also of their commitment to each other," Dargis said. "This group really learned to compete with heart... They grew together, supported each other, and made Sweet Home proud."





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