

Christmas on Parade in Sweet Home



Photo by Scott Swanson

Santa waves to the crowd as his float rolls down Main Street during Sweet Home's lighted Christmas Parade Saturday night, Dec. 13. The parade drew some 50 floats and other entrants, who marched along Main and Long streets between 22nd and 10th avenues. See more photos on page 8 and online at sweethomenews.com.

MOMS Club provides playdates, connection

By Sarah Brown
Of The New Era

They say new mothers always talk about poop.

Well it's certainly one of the things this group of mothers talk about, but being a mom introduces a whole new level of what one might find exciting.

Who's going to be excited to learn someone's child will now eat cold cheese? Most likely a member of the MOMS Club.

"We talk about all the crazy things, but I think what's great is you feel open to talk about anything that's going on and you have somebody else that completely understands," said Larisa Neilson, a mother of three and founder of the Mid Valley MOMS Club.

While their children found entertainment with each other and various toys on the floor, the mothers – most of them bearing a baby in hand – were tasked with stuffing toiletries into small bags. These would be gifts for women who'd just given birth.

It was a project of personal understanding, "Just a little something to give them kind of a boost," said Jessica Fischer, mother of two and president of the club.

Last year, the club members helped with a toy drive at The River Center as part of a service project, but this year they wanted to do something specifically for mothers.

It's what MOMS Club is all about – moms providing moms the support they need.

As someone who moves a lot due to her



Photo by Sarah Brown

MOMS Club members pack care kits as a service project for new moms.

husband's job, Fischer, of Halsey, discovered the MOMS Club was an "easy enough" commitment and a good place to meet people.

"Bouncing around new places, you don't have a whole lot of friends," she said.

"I knew no one here when we first moved."

That was the same situation Neilson found herself in when she moved to Lebanon from Denver two years ago.

See Mom's Club, Page 7

Hometown
Newspaper of
**JAMES
GARRETT**



**JESUS' BIRTHDAY
EVENT DRAWS KIDS
OF ALL AGES
PAGE 9**



**BAKERS DELIVER
REAL GINGERBREAD
SHOWING OFF SKILLS
PAGE 15**



**LOCAL POSTMASTER
ANSWERS KIDS'
LETTERS TO SANTA
PAGE 2**

Serving Sweet Home
since 1929

Find us online at
SWEETHOMENEWS.COM





Shawn and Firiell Severns went on a cruise to celebrate their 36th wedding anniversary. They traveled on Royal Caribbean from L.A. to Ensenada, Mexico.

SPONSORED BY LOCALLY OWNED:



MEMORY MAKING ADVENTURES
CRAFTING MEMORIES, ONE ADVENTURE AT A TIME

BOOK YOUR NEXT CRUISE VACATION WITH US!

MICHAEL & BEN MATTHEISEN:
michael@memorymakingadventures.com
memorymakingadventures.com

TAKING A TRIP?
Make sure we go with you! Pack along a copy of The New Era, get a picture of yourself with the newspaper in front of a landmark, and send us a photo with appropriate explanatory information to miriam@sweethomenews.com or drop it by our office at 1313 Main St. Sweet Home.

Travel photos selected for print will receive a complimentary gift package courtesy of Memory Making Adventures. Gift packages are limited to one per person per year. Photos are selected at the editor's discretion. The New Era on the Road photos must be taken at a place of significance, preferably located outside a three-hour radius of Linn County, and our editorial approval.

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: L. (Lebanon), SH. (Sweet Home), B. (Brownsville) and H. (Halsey) following addresses; CSO (community services officer); LCSO (Linn County Sheriff's Office); SHPD (Sweet Home Police Department); OSP (Oregon State Police); CTC (Cascade Timber Consulting); 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).

Dec. 14
1:18 a.m. - Connor Provstgaar, 38, of Lebanon, arrested on outstanding warrant, Main/Walker roads, L. Report taken.
7:08 a.m. - Caller reported dog barking and howling excessively, 38600 block Golden Valley Rd., L. Dog owner contacted regarding matter.
9:10 a.m. - Crash reported in area of Main Rd./Rock Hill Dr, L. Lebanon resident Dustin Lambert, 34, reported to have fled scene. Report taken.
11:24 a.m. - Caller reported that they had been in a physical altercation with another male concerning a dog in the area of 9th Ave./Dogwood St., SH. Report taken for Assault IV.
12:40 p.m. - Nathan Larkins, 38, of Albany, arrested on outstanding warrants, failure to report as sex offender, possession of controlled substance-meth and resisting arrest, 32800 block Berlin Rd., L. Report taken.
12:41 p.m. - William McRae, 59, of Lebanon, arrested on outstanding warrant, Berlin/Brewster roads, L. Cited and released. Report taken.
1:45 p.m. - Caller reported theft in 3200 block Main St. AC-

See Public Safety, Page 6



REP.JAMICATE@OREGONLEGISLATURE.GOV 503-986-1411

JAMI CATE
STATE REP

Hey Sweet Home!

I'm here to serve you!

Never hesitate to reach out to my office for help with government agencies, concerns over legislation, or to get clarity on things happening in Salem!

Get my emails!
Visit my Legislative page to register for my in-depth and informative emails.



Subscribe at OREGONLEGISLATURE.GOV/CATE



OBITUARIES

Wayne Crocker
Aug. 22, 1943 - Dec. 13, 2025
Wayne "Joe" Crocker, 82, of Sweet Home passed away Dec. 13, 2025.
Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements.

Dan Nowlin
Sept. 9, 1933 - Dec. 14, 2025
Dan Howard Nowlin, 92, of Sweet Home passed away Dec. 14, 2025.
Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements.

Carl Payne
Feb. 28, 1943 - Dec. 6, 2025
Carl Howard Payne, 82, of Canby, passed away Dec. 6, 2025.
A private burial was held at Gilliland Cemetery. A memorial is planned for Dec. 29 at Canby Alliance Church.
Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements.

Robert Sayers
March 25, 1974 - Dec. 15, 2025
Robert Dean Sayers, 51, of Sweet Home, passed away Dec. 15, 2025.
Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements. For updated information on all of these, visit www.sweethomefuneral.com.



Photos by Sarah Brown
Halsey Postmaster Tina Brown shows how she signs her envelopes that include special North Pole postmarks.

Halsey postmaster answers Santa letters

By Sarah Brown Of The New Era
As the wintry holiday season ushers in another magical moment in the small town of Halsey with colorful lights, hot apple cider and, for many, presents under a Christmas tree, some of the town's little kids will also be receiving a letter from Santa Claus.
Tina Brown, Halsey-Shedd's new postmaster, started a tradition in Lebanon 11 years ago of writing letters on behalf of Santa to children who sent him a letter, and now she's bringing that gift to Halsey.
"I just thought it would be fun to do," she said. "I found so much joy in doing it for the kids that it just kind of kept growing and getting better and more exciting."
Letters from Halsey that are addressed to Santa Claus without a stamp on them are handed to Brown for her special service. Brown is not allowed to open any letters that have stamps on them.
Brown loves Christmas, a time of year that makes her feel "amazing." She said it's the joy of all the colors and decorations and "magic" that go into the season.
"Everything about it just makes me feel awesome," she said.
Brown has also taken on the role of Mrs. Claus for Lebanon's holiday parade after kids once mistook her for the jolly man's wife while she was wearing a Santa dress.
The letter writing just makes the season that much better for her.
"All the joy I get hearing from the parents of how much the kids love this, I really can't explain how awesome it is," she said. "I just super enjoy it."
Brown estimated she was getting between 50 to 100 letters a year when she fulfilled the role in Lebanon for the past 10 years.
She responds to each child's letter using colorful pens on decorative paper and envelopes, and sends little gifts such as snap bracelets, rings, pencils or spinning tops.
"I'm just really about the

See Letters, Page 7



MEMORY MAKING
ADVENTURES
CRAFTING MEMORIES, ONE ADVENTURE AT A TIME

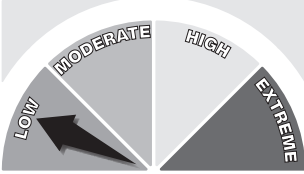


Call Michael:
541-797-5445

WE SUPPORT THE NEW ERA!

TEMPERATURES				
DATE		HIGH	LOW	PRECIP
December 9		0	0	0.00
December 10		0	0	0.00
December 11		0	0	0.00
December 12		0	0	0.00
December 13		0	0	0.00
December 14		0	0	0.00
December 15		0	0	0.00
PRECIPITATION				
Year to date:		25.09		
December 25, 2024:		32.06		

FORECAST			
DAY	WEATHER	HIGH	LOW
Thur	???	0	0
Fri	???	0	0
Sat	???	0	0
Sun	???	0	0
Mon	???	0	0
Tues	???	0	0
Wed	???	0	0
LAKE LEVELS			
Foster Reservoir:		000.0	
Green Peter Res.:		000.0	



TODAYS 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

MUNICIPAL COURT

Nov. 12

Zackery A. Chaney, 23, pleaded no contest speeding 37/20 school zone, driving while suspended or revoked, and driving uninsured – fine \$1,115.

Paul W. Donaldson, 61, guilty by default for driving uninsured and driving while suspended or revoked – fine \$3,030, suspend license.

Tony W. Fitzwater, 58, guilty by default for driving uninsured and failure to renew vehicle registration – fine \$1,280, suspend license.

Brian L. Lindsay, 37, failure to perform duties of a driver when property is damaged – fine \$1,701, 60 mos. probation, 15 days work crew, three mos. license suspension. Dismissed: driving while suspended.

Colette E. McCool, 47, pleaded no contest to speeding 30/20 school zone – fine \$225.

Raul P. Moak-Ramirez, 54, pleaded no contest to placing offensive substance in water, on highway or property – fine \$1,151, 24 mos. probation.

Quentin W. Quadros, 27, pleaded guilty to two counts of criminal driving while suspended – fine \$1,467, 60 mos. probation, 15 days work crew. Dismissed: driving uninsured.

Eric R. Shipp, 51, guilty by default for nuisances affecting public health, open storage and declaration of public nuisance – fine \$115,500.

Ervin L. Smith, 72, found

guilty for menacing and two counts of harassment – fine \$3,833, 30 days jail, 60 mos. probation, no contact orders. Not guilty: assault IV, obstructing governmental or judicial administration.

Draven L. True, 25, pleaded no contest to speed racing on highway and a charge that was reduced to driving while suspended or revoked – fine \$915.

Dec. 10

A juvenile pleaded no contest to operating a vehicle while using a mobile electronic device – fine \$215.

Belinda L. Anson, 52, pleaded guilty to DUII – fine \$2,654, one year suspension of license, 10 days work crew, 60 mos. Probation, drug and alcohol evaluation and treatment, victim impact panel.

William J. Belfield, 61, guilty by default for driving uninsured – fine \$1,250, suspend license.

Jordan E. Brendle, 36, pleaded guilty to two counts of criminal driving while suspended or revoked, and giving false information to a peace officer – fine \$2,033, 20 days work crew, 36 mos. probation.

William E. Brinton, 61, pleaded no contest to driving while suspended or revoked – fine \$475.

Tyler M. Cain, 26, pleaded guilty to assault IV – fine \$166, 20 days work crew, 60 mos. probation. Dismissed: strangulation.

Shyanne N. Church, 28, pleaded guilty to harassment – fine \$501, 10 days work crew, 60 mos. probation, no contact orders. Dismissed: assault IV.

Luis G. Colon-Gandrud, 21, pleaded no contest to following too closely, failure to display license plates, and unlawful or unsignaled turn – fine \$530.

Lauraina A. Dearden, 37, pleaded no contest to driving while suspended or revoked, and driving uninsured – fine \$740.

Bambi J. Funk, 44, pleaded no contest to speeding 46/30, driving while suspended or revoked, and failure to install IID – fine \$1,030.

Jamie C. Glass, 26, pleaded no contest to theft III and resisting arrest – fine \$1,400, 36 mos. probation, no contact orders.

Teri A. Jefferson, 60, pleaded no contest to failure to stop for bus safety lights – fine \$390. Dismissed: driving uninsured.

Eric W. Kauth, 36, pleaded guilty to criminal trespass II, reduced to a violation – fine \$250.

Faron W. Kennedy, 61, guilty by default for driving while suspended or revoked – fine \$2,015, suspend license.

Justyn A. Maranon-Byrd, 22, pleaded no contest to failure to obey traffic control device – fine \$215. Dismissed: driving uninsured.

Anthony D. McGovern, 46, diversion for a theft III charge completed, charge dismissed.

Tamara L. McNeeley, 62, diversion for a theft II charge completed, charge dismissed.

Lucas M. Melbye, 28, guilty by default for an animal and birds - rooster ordinance – fine \$500.

Tanner D. Melson, 29, pleaded no contest to failure to obey traffic control device – fine \$265.

Christopher Pierce, 38, guilty by default for driving uninsured, driving while suspended – fine \$3,030, suspend

license.

Cynthia M. Pointer, 40, guilty by default for open storage, declaration of public nuisance, limited parking – fine \$1,500.

Timothy W. Roebuck, 43, pleaded no contest to driving while suspended or revoked, and driving uninsured – fine \$705.

Christian M. Rogers, 29, pleaded guilty to two counts of theft III, theft II – fine \$5,133, 14 days work crew, 60 mos. probation, no contact orders. Dismissed: two counts of criminal trespass II.

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, 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, Thomas Junior McCarthey, Bryce William McGowan, Eric Wayne McKnight, Carrie Lynne Miller, Thomas Elbridge Miller, James Keith Mortensen, Nicholas Alan Nelson, Daniel



DIAL-A-BUS

CURB TO CURB IN SWEET HOME
MON-FRI 7 AM - 4 PM
CALL TO SCHEDULE
OFFICE HOURS 8-4



SWEET HOME SHOPPER

MON-SAT 9 AM - 4 PM
SHOP LOCAL- 4 TRIPS A DAY
THROUGH TOWN

LEBANON:

WALMART
LBCC
PARK & OAK

ALBANY:

LBCC MAIN CAMPUS
TRAIN STATION
HERITAGE MALL
DOWNTOWN
SAT ONLY: KOHL'S & WINCO

STUDENTS RIDE FREE WITH STUDENT ID | ALL OTHERS \$1 PER TRIP
ELECTRONIC TICKETS - DOWNLOAD THE TOKEN TRANSIT APP: TOKENTRANSIT.COM
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE OR ON THE BUS.
ONLY CASH ACCEPTED BY DRIVERS (EXACT AMOUNT, NO CHANGE AVAILABLE)

541-367-4775 | LINNSHUTTLE.COM |  FIND US ON FACEBOOK

LINN SHUTTLE

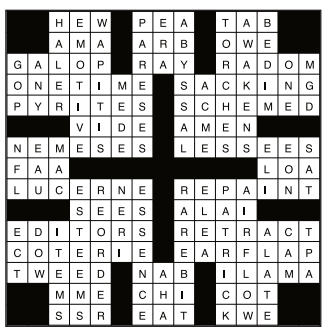
MON-FRI 6 AM - 10 PM - 10 ROUTES PER DAY
SAT 7 AM - 7:30 PM - 6 ROUTES PER DAY
CALL FOR APPROVED FLAG STOPS

SWEET HOME:

FOSTER
SH CITY HALL
HOY'S HARDWARE
13TH & KALMIA
SHEA POINT



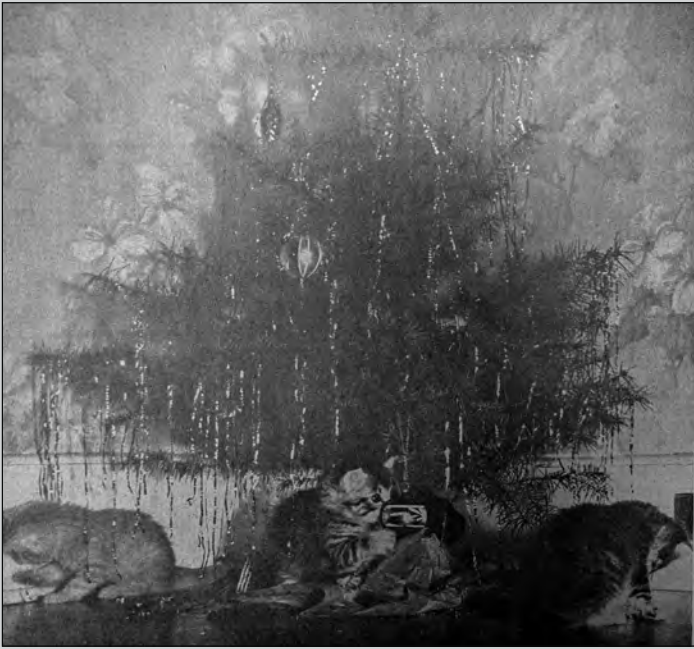
Crossword KEY
Puzzle on page 13



SUDOKU KEY
Puzzle on page 13

1	7	5	9	3	2	4	6	8
6	9	2	4	1	8	7	5	3
3	4	8	6	7	5	1	2	9
7	2	9	8	5	6	3	4	1
5	8	6	1	4	3	9	7	2
4	1	3	7	2	9	6	8	5
2	5	1	3	6	7	8	9	4
8	6	4	2	9	1	5	3	7
9	3	7	5	8	4	2	1	6

FROM OUR FILES



'Twas the night before Christmas in 1950 and the kittens were at play.

Dec. 21, 1950

Late trains are the principal cause of overdue Christmas mail delivery, but mail carriers will deliver gifts on Christmas Day. The local post office is faced with an economy wave, ordered by congress through the postmaster general. A recent train strike complicated difficulties for post offices with fewer part-time employees than usual. Sweet Home has four foot carriers (one full day, one part day, and two substitutes) handling the holiday mail. So far they processed 96,424 letters between Dec. 12-19.

A log from Yellowstone mountain caught attention as it was halted near the Midway scales while the truck driver from Ripple Creek Logging Company waited for a special hauling permit and made repairs to his truck. The 34-foot Douglas fir's diameter was an average 95" and weighed more than 50 tons. It contained an estimated 13,380 board feet.

Four Holley residents are going to foot the bill to install four street lights because they "want to see what's going on." It will be worth the cost, they said, because people will be able to see driveways, turns and the bridge, but the lights also might slow traffic down. The lights will illuminate the area at the foot of a descending curve and west of the bridge.

Dec. 18, 1975

The Enchanted Teen Castle at 1256 Main St. lost a lot of its enchantment, but may be in for a spiritual uplifting. Debt, theft and vandalism threaten the center's continued existence, but Rev. Richard Stevens of the Nazarene Church will now manage the pool hall and soda fountain because some teens asked for help to stop the closure.

A furnace room fire at the junior high caused about \$2,000 in damage. The fan to the furnace was turned off, causing coils to overheat. The fire started in the wood ceiling of the room. The fire was discovered by the milkman at about 6 a.m.

Dec. 20, 2000

The Linn County Commissioners signed a proclamation opposing the hostile takeover bid of Willamette Industries by Weyerhaeuser Co., stating "We should all be concerned about any further concentration of corporate economic power with the accompanying reduction in market competitions."

An evening windstorm blasted through Sweet Home, leaving piles of debris strewn throughout the area. Trees and a temporary fence were blown down. The wind caused temporary power fluctuations and power outages in scattered locations.

Oregon: No Place to Die

By Steve Duin
Oregon Journalism Project

Imagine this:
You recently retired in the state you love. You've raised a family, paid off a mortgage. Supported nonprofits and the local restaurants in your community. Against all odds, you've even put some money away for the grandkids.

You've prospered through a good life, most of it in Oregon, but your accountant has just lowered the boom:

You can't afford to die here. When taxpayers breathe their last in 38 other states, including true-blue California and blood-red Idaho, those state governments have no interest in claiming a share of the savings, retirement accounts, and family homes they leave behind.

Of the dozen states that do, none is so greedy as Oregon.

Connecticut has an estate tax, but - mirroring the federal government - it exempts the first \$15 million of an individual estate or the first \$30 million for a married couple.

Oregon's exemption is \$1 million, the lowest in the land.

If your savings and home equity total, say, \$1.5 million at death, Oregon will claim 10% of the amount that exceeds its exemption, or \$50,000. If you're the rare Oregonian with investments of \$10 million at death, the state will pinch 16% of the amount that is not transferred to a surviving spouse. That pencils out to \$1.4 million.

State economists predict Oregon will collect \$422.8 million in estate taxes in fiscal year 2025. While that figure pales beside the \$13 billion due in personal income taxes, our state government can't curb its addiction to seizing a share of your nest egg.

Oregon's \$1 million exemption was set in stone in 2002. It has never been indexed for inflation. (If the amount had simply increased with inflation, it would be \$1.83 million today. Meanwhile, home values, the greatest sources of most families' wealth, have more than doubled since 2002.) That means more estates are paying the tax - the number more than doubled from 2012 to 2022, state figures show, and today's total is expected to nearly triple by 2050.

Appeals to the Legislature to mitigate the damage routinely go down in flames, or vanish in committee. At the same time, Republican state Rep. Kevin Mannix of Salem and John von Schlegell, co-founder of Endeavour Capital, have separately filed 2026 ballot initiatives to abolish estate taxes. (Editor's note: Von Schlegell is a member of the board of directors of OJP.)

The Democratic majority in the Legislature is unconcerned that Oregonians in their golden years are advised to

leave the state to avoid the tax, and no one is tracking the number who do. In a society where high-speed internet and home delivery of virtually everything have made it easier to live just about anywhere, Oregon is betting that people will, in effect, pay extra to die here. That's a risky bet when other states - including all that abut Oregon - offer a dramatically cheaper final chapter.

The argument for the status quo is eloquently delivered by Daniel Hauser, deputy director of the Oregon Center for Public Policy, a leftist think tank.

Noting that Oregon expects to collect more than \$1.1 billion in estate taxes during the 2027-29 biennium, Hauser says, "If you asked me to find a way to raise \$1 billion that would have the smallest impact on low-income and working families, I think the estate tax is where we should start."

"We want the richest, wealthiest tax-paying families to be the ones supporting the services Oregonians depend on, not the lowest-income, working families."

Quite reasonable, that. I hear voters cheering in the wings. Rather than balance the books with a sales tax - which hits low-income families the hardest - Oregon taxes the rich.

While Oregonians are dang proud of billionaires Phil Knight and Tim Boyle, they don't lose much sleep over their tax issues.

But the increasingly insidious problem with Oregon's estate tax is not what it does to the wealthy, but what it does for families who still buy most of their Nike and Columbia Sportswear gear at the outlet stores.

Richard Solomon, a Portland accountant and former member of the Oregon Investment Council, shares Hauser's concern for preserving essential state services.

But Solomon adds: "The primary argument for maintaining the estate tax rests on the idea that it only impacts the wealthy, who warrant little sympathy."

"That assumption is flawed. The tax isn't exclusively paid by the rich. It impacts people like police, teachers, and skilled laborers."

What amount of "wealth" does it take for an Oregonian to eventually feel the sting of our estate tax?

For many, a mortgage-free home and a 401(k).

"Paying off your mortgage and saving for retirement is often enough to have Oregon estate tax liability," says Steven Bell, senior vice president at Ferguson Wellman Capital Management.

When the Common Sense Institute crunched the numbers on Oregon's estate tax last spring, the nonpartisan research group reported that 1,668 Oregonians with prop-

erty and savings valued at \$2.5 million or less were levied another \$75 million in estate taxes. That's an average hit of more than \$45,000 for each of them.

Is it any wonder, then, that families are calculating the cost of retiring to Boise or Eureka, rather than hunkering down in Bend or Enterprise, in order to dodge Oregon's estate taxes?

Financial advisers and estate planners routinely hear such anguished questions.

"Clients will ask what it would take to change their domicile, and how much would that save in taxes?" Bell says. "I've seen it pencil out once or twice where the answer when considering income and estate tax estimates is:

"It will pay for the new house."

Ponder that for a moment. The new house.

"In financial and tax planning," Bell reminds us, "there's an incentive to structure your affairs so that your tax burden is the lowest it could be. If you run through that analysis for a lot of Oregonians, one of the best tax-planning choices is to move out of state."

Estate planning, like the rest of the end game, is complicated. Few people cavalierly trade a lifelong commitment to a tight circle of friends and their community for a new patio and a well-deserved tax break. If you want to do the grandkids proud, fishing the Deschutes or following those new salmon up the old Klamath, it's a lot tougher to do from those new digs in Eureka.

But it's painfully instructive that Oregon puts its native sons and daughters in that bind, while neighboring California and Idaho do not. (Washington? The state has a \$3 million exemption - a calculation which will be tied to the consumer price index beginning in 2026.)

Of course, without data on how many people are leaving Oregon to avoid the estate tax, it's hard to quantify the damage.

But three of the financial advisers I spoke with said they had clients who have left Oregon, realizing their economic self-interest and the state's long ago diverged.

That's precisely why critics say Oregon's estate tax has become so self-defeating.

When Oregonians migrate to one of the 38 states without an estate tax, Bell notes, "they rarely move in the last six months of their lives. They are spending years in that other jurisdiction, and that is income tax that is also not coming to the Oregon Department of Revenue."

"There's also the intangible losses," Solomon adds. "Residents moving out of state include those who served on

See Death Tax, Page 6

The New Era

A LOCALLY OWNED NEWSPAPER

SWEETHOMENEWS.COM

OFFICE: 1313 Main St., Sweet Home, Oregon

PHONE: 541-367-2135 FAX: 541-367-2137

WHO WE ARE:

Miriam Swanson, Publisher - miriam@sweethomenews.com

Scott Swanson, Publisher - scott@sweethomenews.com

Jessica Sands, Office Manager - jessica@sweethomenews.com

Sarah Brown, Staff Writer - sarah@sweethomenews.com

Mack Knebel, Advertising Rep - mack@sweethomenews.com

SUBSCRIPTIONS: Monthly: \$6.99 Annual: \$79.99

NEWS QUESTIONS / TIPS - news@sweethomenews.com

Council member expresses concerns about proposed absence restriction

**By Sarah Brown
Of The New Era**

City Councilor Angelita Sanchez expressed concerns about a proposed change that would disqualify a councilor from running for office again if they have 10 or more unexcused absences.

Staff will return to council at a later time with information on how that change may relate on legal terms.

She also said she'd prefer ordinance changes be read in their entirety for the first reading because "it's really critical to know what the ordinance change is." The council agreed.

After Councilor Ken Bronson expressed concerns about a rule that reads a councilor absent from the city for 30 days can be removed from office, it was suggested more clarification should be documented in the charter.

"If you can miss 10 meetings and still be on council, but be outside of the city – attending (a meeting) by phone or video, and still not be in

the city – and be disqualified for that, that's ridiculous; that needs to be removed."

He also said he does not support the change giving public comment five minutes of talk time instead of the current three minutes.

Sanchez commented on Bronson's stance regarding the public comment time period.

"I feel as though it's more important to the constituency to feel validated and heard in the people's business at City Council meetings than it is for our comfort."

Councilor Chelsea Augsburger also voiced her support for five minutes.

Councilor Josh Thorstad pointed out that the rule of 10 days of absence from city business clarifies it is referring to "unexcused" absences.

"Most of the time somebody has work or is sick, but I think accountability is key," he said. "If somebody is being very (minimally) compensated for being on council but

they also took an oath to be here and if they're not going to be here on a regular basis, I think 10 meetings a year is pretty sufficient. That's actual half of what our meetings are. They're missing half of the meetings. I don't think that's fair."

Following the work session, the council continued on to its regular meeting, where City Manager Jason Ogden provided updates on City Council goals:

- Deputy City Manager Cecily Pretty is working on the historic redesignation of Weddle Bridge, and staff continue to work toward the bridge's restoration.

- There are negotiations in progress with a potential buyer for the Santiam Feed Store.

- The downtown corridor's vacant registry has been revived.

- The city's new website has been launched, and new text and email subscriptions are active. Also, a monthly newsletter is also now active.

- The city received a grant

to upgrade the city's public firewalls, and is also working on other cyber security measures.

- The city is receiving bids for renovating the east wing of City Hall.

- Staff are identifying grant opportunities to upgrade technology at the library.

- A program for a pavement preservation program has been established and the city has received its first applicants.

- ODOT has identified enough funding to complete the full scope of a five-year multi-use path and sidewalk project at Mountain View Road.

- An appraisal of the former City Hall has been completed and the city is preparing to put out a request for proposals for demolition of the building.

Ogden also reported updates on some of his own goals as city manager:

- He would like to update the city and police department challenge coins they give out.

- Staff are working on reducing a large amount of physical files at City Hall by digitizing and archiving them.

- Income from the Flex Building rent and EV charging station are being redirected into the Commercial Exterior Improvement Program (CEIP) fund.

- Staff are negotiating a mural concept for the old Santiam Feed Store.

- The city is currently "stuck" on finding funding for Downtown Plaza engineering.

In other business:

- The council heard an update on the 2023 fiscal year audit with a clean opinion.

- Ogden told the council that Public Works Director Greg Springman has announced his retirement, but the city is working on potentially offering him a part-time contract during transition.

Boys first at Blanchet invitational swim meet

**By Satina Tolman
For The New Era**

Sweet Home made waves at the 2025 Blanchet December Invite, held Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Salvation Army Kroc Community Center in Salem.

The girls earned third place behind Valley Catholic and McNary, while the boys captured first place by a decisive 10-point margin.

Despite a limited roster, the girls' team delivered determined performances.

Sophomore Chloe Sautel dominated the girls' events, winning the 200-yard individual medley by 29.5 seconds. She also claimed victory in the 500-yard freestyle, out-touching teammate junior Ella Haggas by an astounding 71.4 seconds. Haggas earned second place and swam 29.2 seconds faster than Blanchet's third-place finisher.

Junior Lexi Rundell earned third place in both the girls' 100-yard and 200-yard freestyle, while Haggas took fourth in the 200-yard freestyle.

Sautel and Haggas teamed with Rundell and senior Kylie Melkvik in the 400-yard freestyle relay, edging out their competition by six seconds in a thrilling race to claim first place. The same relay team also earned a third place in the 200-yard freestyle relay, coming behind second place by only 1.33 seconds.

The boys' first-place victory was driven by standout individual swims and strong team performances in the relays.

Junior Austyn Hogan led the charge with wins in the

200-yard freestyle by 6.3 seconds and the 500-yard freestyle by 49.2 seconds.

Remarkably, Hogan and Sautel finished the 500-yard freestyle just 0.78 seconds apart, hinting at an exciting—and friendly—rivalry between Sweet Home's top boy and girl distance swimmers this season.

Senior Andrew Tolman added a victory in the 100-yard backstroke by exactly five seconds and earned third place in the 100-yard butterfly. Junior Henry Jones made a statement in the boys' 100-yard freestyle, touching the wall 2.7 seconds ahead of the competition. Junior Grayson Savri took second in the 100-yard breaststroke and third in the 200-yard individual medley.

Tolman, Jones, Hogan, and Savri then teamed up to win the 200-yard freestyle relay by 6.3 seconds. The same quartet earned second place in the 200-yard medley relay, falling to McNary by just 1.3 seconds.

Hogan, one of the team's student captains, praised his teammates' efforts.

"I think we did really well,"

Hogan said.

"It was only our second meet, and we were down a couple of swimmers, but it was a great meet."

He added that Jones' performance stood out.

"I think he surprised himself at how well he did. He really stepped it up this meet, and if he keeps doing that, he will have a great season."

Head Coach A. Jay Bronson expressed pride in the team's growth and resilience, especially when facing larger programs.

"The kids swam really well," Bronson said. "It's nice to have a bigger-style meet this early in the season, and they rose to the challenge."

The boys' roster remains at 10 swimmers after losing one athlete and gaining sophomore Malakai Walls. With one boy and one girl out for the meet, Sweet Home competed with just nine boys and six girls.

Bronson noted the challenge of competing against larger schools such as McNary, a 6A program with more than 40 swimmers. "Numbers are always going to be our biggest challenge,"

he said.

"That's just something we can't overcome sometimes. Still, we had great time drops from a variety of swimmers."

Walls made his competitive debut at the meet.

"This was Malakai's first meet and only his sixth day in the water," Bronson said. "He's already showing incredible improvement."

Bronson also highlighted strong performances from underclassmen and newcomers.

"Marshall, Malakai, and Ethan really stood out," he said. "Their improvement is off the charts."

He added that underclassmen Sadie, Persephone, and Westin made valuable contributions. "Having club experience really gives them a leg up early in the season. I'm proud of all the swimmers and where we are right now."

Up next, the Huskies will host Philomath and Marist Friday at 4 p.m.

On Dec. 26 they will hold the Green and Gold Alumni Meet, starting at 2 p.m.

EVENTS

School bands concert Thursday

Sweet Home's school bands will perform their winter concert at 6:30 Thursday, Dec. 18, in the high school auditorium, 1641 Long St.

Performers will include the sixth-grade, junior high and high school bands, including the jazz band.

There is no charge, but donations are accepted.

Christmas Singalong Friday in Foster

A Christmas Singalong will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, at RezRock church, 1621 53rd Ave.

Join in a fun night of singing favorite carols, and indulging in cookies, hot chocolate and some hot coffee. There is no charge.

"The Innkeepers" on Stage this weekend "The Innkeepers," a drama based on the story of the Nativity from a fresh perspective, will be staged four times on Dec. 20-21 at Sweet Home High School Auditorium, 1641 Long St.

The musical play is written by local resident and author Satina Tolman and features

See Events, Page 16



ECONOMY DRUGS

621 Main Street, Suite A
Located inside Thriftway
541-367-6777

DRIVE UP PHARMACY



East Linn ROOFING

541-367-2293

Facebook icon, Instagram icon

CCB# 110950

CHURCH DIRECTORY

For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them
-Matthew 18:20



CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP
a foursquare church

**SERVICES:
10 AM SUNDAY**

1234 Long St., Sweet Home
541-367-6161
shcornerstonefellowship.org



hope.church
sweet home

**GATHERING TIME
10:45 A.M.**

890 Mountain View Rd.
541-967-HOPE (4673)
www.hope.church/sweethome

**Mt. Calvary
Missionary Baptist Church**

Sunday Service 11am
Come join us!

Bible Study
10 am Sundays.

1042 Pleasant Valley Rd.
541-818-0022



New Life In Christ Fellowship
(formerly Sweet Home Mennonite)

1266 44th Ave. PO Box 515
541-367-2848 • shnlic.org

10:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Children's Church



St. Helen Catholic Church
600 6th Ave, Sweet Home

www.sweethomecatholicchurch.com

Holy Mass
Sat. at 5:30 pm & Sun. at 9:00 am
Tues 5:30 pm & Wed-Fri 8:30 am

Confessions
Before Masses or 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sat.
4:00 - 5:00 pm

For Sacramental information call
541-367-2530
Father Scott Baier



Sweet Home Evangelical Church

Join us Sunday 10:30 am

FOLLOW US AT:
FACEBOOK.COM/SWEETHOMECC

1347 Long Street • 541-367-4357



The COMMUNITY CHAPEL

— at Ames Creek —

SUNDAYS at 10am
www.chapel.cc

42250 AMES CREEK RD
SWEET HOME OR



Sweet Home United Methodist Church

Open Hearts,
Open Minds,
Open Doors

A Reconciling Congregation

11:00 am Worship
Free Meal - Tue, Wed & Fri - 5:00 pm

6th & Ironwood
541-367-3073



Elm Street Baptist Church

Sunday Services:
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
5:00 pm Prayer Meeting

1150 Elm St. Sweet Home
541-367-5883

DEATH TAX

From page 4

boards and contributed to schools, churches and other charities. Those contributions are now lost."

Hauser recognizes the problem. "Sure, some people may move out of Oregon, or choose not to move in, because of the estate tax," he says. "But is it three people or three thousand? I think it's very easy to blow that out of proportion."

For Oregon lawmakers, it's easy to ignore the problem altogether. I reached out last week to Gov. Tina Kotek and Secretary of State Tobias Read. When some very successful Oregonians are leaving the state to avoid paying its estate tax, I asked, do they still believe that tax is good public policy? "Oregon's economy isn't working for most people right

now," Read said. "Fixing one policy isn't going to change everything, but the estate tax should be part of a much larger discussion about how we can jump-start the economy, spur investments in Oregon, and ultimately put more money in all Oregonians' pockets."

Kotek, who just announced she will run for reelection, did not return our calls.

Solomon argues this: "I'm not advocating getting rid of the Oregon estate tax. But doing so might actually increase state revenue. The income tax collected from wealthy residents who choose to stay could potentially exceed the revenue lost from eliminating the estate tax."

If the public employee unions who call most of the shots in Salem reach the same conclusion, the Legislature may finally boost the estate tax

exemption to make Oregon more competitive with other states.

In the meantime, a great many Oregonians who managed to pay off a mortgage and squirrel a little money away will continue to ask themselves if they best serve their children and grandchildren by calling the moving van and putting a little distance between themselves and their heirs.

Oregon isn't going to like what they decide.

- Steve Duin is a longtime Oregonian columnist and the author of six books. He wrote this piece for the Oregon Journalism Project, a new independent and nonprofit investigative journalism newsroom that focuses on rural issues around the state. You can reach steve at stephen.b.duin@gmail.com.

PUBLIC SAFETY

From page 2

cording to SHPD, approximately 10 lights were stolen from log trucks parked at that location. Officer responded, report taken for theft II. Investigation continuing.

2:12 p.m. - Alexander Abshire, 31, of Lebanon, arrested on outstanding warrants, 2300 block May Lane, L. Lodged at Linn County Jail. Report taken.

2:40 p.m. - Caller reported purse stolen out of vehicle in 300 block 11th Ave. Officer responded, report taken for unauthorized entry into motor vehicle, theft II. Loss valued at \$120.

3:44 p.m. - Caller reported theft of utility trailer, 29000 block Berlin Rd., SH. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

5:24 p.m. - Caller reported vehicle broken down in 52300 block Hwy. 20, Cascadia, while

family was getting Christmas tree. Deputy responded, located family, called tow truck and stayed with daily until truck arrived.

8:58 p.m. - Nicholas Brady, 38, of Lebanon, cited for driving uninsured, careless driving, 200 block W. Airport Rd., L.

10:05 p.m. - Overdose reported in 40900 block Hwy. 228, SH. Male recovered after several doses of Narcan.

11:07 p.m. - Paul Donaldson, 61, of Sweet Home, cited for driving while suspended, driving uninsured, 1700 block Foster Dam Rd., SH.

11:43 p.m. - Carl Barrett, 43, of Lebanon, cited for driving while suspended, 32900 block Berlin Rd.

Dec. 13
12:48 a.m. - SHPD responded to female who reportedly took more than 20 pills and was cutting herself, 2000 block Ames

Creek Dr., SH. Female transported to Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital by medics.

7:08 a.m. - Deputies investigated report of horse on private property in 29100 block Lone Pine Rd., Washburn Heights area, B. This has been recurring incident over several years, according to LCSD. Deputies unable to locate horse owner. Report taken.

8:02 a.m. - Crash reported in area of Main St./44th Ave., SH. Officer responded. Non-injury, damages under \$2,500, air bags did not deploy, parties exchanged info.

9:52 a.m. - Citizen visited SHPD, 1950 Main St., to report someone impersonating police officer. According to SHPD, the owner of the Dam Bar received a call from a female identifying herself as a sergeant with the

See Public Safety, Page 11

SUPPORT LOCAL JOURNALISM IN EAST LINN COUNTY!

As we come to the end of this remarkable year, we want to pause and say a heartfelt THANK YOU for being a valued reader of The New Era.

Gracious and generous support from the community has helped us recover from a bleak situation over the past year and we're eager to continue serving you with hyper-local news to help you stay on top of what's happening in our community. Without you,

The New Era / Lebanon Local would likely no longer be in existence today. If you'd like to contribute to our mission of serving east Linn County as one of the only truly independent, locally owned newspapers remaining in Oregon, please consider a tax-deductible gift that will directly fund our writers' coverage of local issues and events.



DONATIONS ARE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE

When using our link or QR code. Donations are specifically used for funding reporters, and freelance writers.



YOU MAY ALSO DONATE BY CREDIT CARD

By calling 541-367-2135 or by mailing a check:
The New Era 1313 Main Street, Sweet Home, OR 97386 (NOT tax-deductible)

Every donation—large or small—makes a meaningful difference.

AND THERE ARE OTHER WAYS TO HELP TOO:

- Give a gift subscription to a friend or family member
- Choose to advertise your business or event
- Sponsor a page in the newspaper each week
- Thank an advertiser for advertising in The New Era!

SCAN ME



BIT.LY/TNE1929

Thank you for standing with us, believing in community journalism, and helping keep local news alive. We are truly grateful for you.

Scott & Miriam Swanson, and The New Era Team

MOMS CLUB

From page 1

"I'd just had my first son; he was nine months old," she said. "I quit my job, was gonna be a stay-at-home mom, came here and was like, 'I have to have some type of community.'"

Neilson looked for mom groups she could connect with, but all she learned was that a MOMS Club in Lebanon had disbanded. Eight months later, with baby number two on the way, Neilson put a call out on social media to form a new chapter.

She didn't know what to expect, but five mothers showed up to the first meeting and more have since joined, she said. So far, their members come from Albany, Halsey, Lebanon and Scio.

The Mid Valley MOMS Club is still only a toddler itself at one and a half years, but what the women say they've found therein is a community.

"I think, personally, the biggest benefit has just been to find other moms in a similar situation," said Maya Milhon, vice president and mother of two in Lebanon. "I think a lot of us are newer to the area, and as adults it's hard to find your community...It's like, where do you even start?"

The group meets four times a month: once in Lebanon at a park or library, once in Albany at a park or library, once at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Albany (which provides a free meeting space for the club), and once for moms-only night.

The gatherings provide mothers a chance to connect with other mothers, to talk about their days and their wins, and to provide support for each other.

"I think that's been the biggest benefit for me, is just giving me a place that I know I can start, and moms that get it - they know the chaos, the craziness," Milhon said.

It also helps burn some of the day that may otherwise seem endless when a toddler demands constant attention.

"It's much more easy for me to get through my day because I always break my day into their two wake windows," Neilson said. "I have to fill up the morning and I have to fill up the afternoon-evening."

For Neilson the entire morning is already accounted for on meet-up days.

While Neilson admits being a stay-at-home mom is a blessing, it can also be very isolating - and that's the very foundation of why Mary James started the national club in 1985.

In this day of social media, Neilson still sees mothers seeking that familiar connection as they reach out with posts looking for mom groups or asking for ideas of things to do with kids, or maybe just looking for someone to join them for a walk in the park.

"My vision is just that they would see we are here," Neilson said. "You can come and have that support, have the

things to do, have the set-up park date so you're not a mom sitting there on the bench by yourself saying 'I really wanna go talk to that mom, but I don't want to be awkward.'"

Fischer agrees.

"It's nice having something where it's like, even if you don't feel like socializing, it's so good for you to just get out into public and talk to other moms, talk to adults," Fischer said.

The Mid Valley MOMS Club is part of an international nonprofit group where members pay \$20 a year. It is not religiously affiliated.

This year, the moms raised money to fund a service project geared specifically for mothers. They packed their 80 little care packages and donated them to Lebanon Community Hospital and Mid-Valley Birthing Center.

"A lot of people donate baby things to hospitals, which is super sweet," Neilson said. "After you have your baby and getting a hand-crocheted blanket or a hat is lovely, but I'm not sure any of us have ever experienced something for the mom. So we wanted to do something



Photo by Sarah Brown

Maternal Care Coordinator Gaby Esquivel, left, shows a sample of care kits donated by MOMS Club members Maya Milhon, center, and Larisa Neilson, right, with their children.

that was a little gift for mom." with a special invitation letting going back out into the world
It was a chance for the group the mom know "We are here again, come find us and make
to let new mothers "feel seen," for you, so when you feel like some friends."

LETTERS

From page 2

spirit and how it makes me feel to make these kids feel so special," she said.

Over the years, Brown had seen letters from the same kids, and even pets. A "dog" might tell Santa they've been really good and haven't bitten any letter carriers this year, or that they don't want any sweaters but they love cookies.

Some of the kids apologize to Santa for being a "jerk," while other letters are "tear jerkers," Brown said. Those are the ones who say they don't want any presents, or they ask for help for their

neighbor, or say their parents aren't together anymore.

In her letters back to the kids, she shares stories about things that are happening at the North Pole: snowball fights, the sleigh getting washed, Rudolph turning 150 years old, Frosty the Snowman helping in the kitchen, elves keeping busy, or "Mrs. Claus' cookies make my belly feel warm."

And when signing off, she writes, "Remember to be good and spread kindness," because kindness is important.

Letters for Santa can be dropped off at the Halsey and Shedd post offices by Dec. 22.



A couple of Tina's Santa mailboxes sit on her coffee table while she responds to children's letters.



CCB# 208491

WALKER

HEATING & AC, INC.

Residential & Commercial

\$145 SYSTEM TUNE UP

\$95 DIAGNOSTIC

DID YOU KNOW WE...

- Run Gas Line
- Sell & Install Water Heaters
- Offer Financing
- System Maintenance
- Install Gas Stoves
- Commercial HVAC
- Duct and Dryer Vent Cleaning
- Free Estimates on New Equipment
- New Construction & Remodels
- Are Trane & Mitsubishi Dealers



TRANE

It's Hard To Stop A Trane.

541-367-8706

2222 MAIN ST. SWEET HOME

The ICEBOX

Performer Of The Week



This week's ICEBOX Performer Of The Week goes to Guy Smith, our HR Director. While we don't typically give this award to any member of our Operating Board, Guy has gone above and beyond lately. From jumping in to help install new shop equipment to taking on the management responsibilities of our maintenance shop, he's been everywhere he's needed — and then some.

He steps in, Whenever there's a project he can help with, Guy doesn't hesitate. He steps in, lifts the weight off the team, and sees the job through to the finish line. Guy is the perfect definition of our Core Values.

Guy, thanks for showing what true leadership looks like. We appreciate everything you do for RSH and our crew!

RADIATOR

RSH

Supply House



Members of the Sweet Home High School band march down Main Street, the first parade appearance by a marching band from the school in decades. Below, characters representing Dad Bod’s Detailing get the attention of crowd members – and dogs.



Above, shepherds ride New Life in Christ Fellowship church’s float in the parade. Below, the Grinch waves from another parade entry. See many more photos at sweethomenews.com.

Photos by Scott Swanson



FOOD =and= Fun

BITES AROUND THE BLOCK: DISCOVER LOCAL YUM!

WE INVITE YOU TO EMBARK ON A CULINARY ADVENTURE.

REDISCOVER YOUR TOWN ONE PLATE AT A TIME.

DINE WITH PRIDE, KNOWING THAT WITH EVERY BITE, YOU'RE CELEBRATING OUR LOCAL HERITAGE, TRADITIONS, AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT.

BACON & SWISS DOUBLE BURGER with Garlic Aioli

Then You Got a Burger Worth Talking About.

NEW! DILL PICKLE RANCH Cheese Curds

Prices and participation may vary. Limited time only. Tax extra. 2017 A&W Restaurants, Inc.
1010 MAIN STREET • 541-367-4893

FREE POOL ALL DAY EVERY DAY!

CHEWY'S PUB & GRUB

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK 11A.M. - 2:30A.M.

1200 12TH AVE, SWEET HOME • 541-367-5119

FREE Medium Fries and Medium Soft Drink

with purchase of a premium sandwich valued at \$3 or more

Valid only at McDonald's in Sweet Home, Lebanon Salem, Keizer, and Stayton locations. Prices may vary. Not Valid with any other offers, discounts or coupons. Cash value 1/20 or 1 cent. Limit one coupon per person per visit. Coupons may not be transferred, auctioned, sold, or duplicated in any way or transmitted via electronic media. Valid when products served. May not be valid for custom orders. Coupons must be presented at time of purchase. Void where prohibited.
@ 2023 McDonalds

EXPIRES 12/31/2025

Remembering Jesus' Birthday



Abril Holmes, left, helps Sawyer Smith and Caleb Tenbusch suit up as wise men at the Jesus Birthday Party celebration hosted by the Evangelical Church Saturday, Dec. 13. Below left, Jesse Hey helps his son Aaron, 3, with with a sticker project. Hey is pastor of the church. Above, girls make ornaments while, below, Sandra Wilson , right, helps her great-grandson Guy Stutzman decorate a cookie. The inaughural event included all manner of activities for kids of all ages. See more photos at sweethomenews.com.



Feet Don't Fail Me Now

Foot Care, LLC.

MEDICAL FOOT CARE SERVICES

Walk-in Wednesday 12-5pm

CLINIC LOCATION

834 Goldfish Farm Rd. Albany, OR

GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE

Deena Hickey, RN, CFCS

Registered Nurse & Certified Foot Care Specialist

541.286.0671

541.367.5629

6191 Hwy 20 E.
Foster, OR 97345

fosterlakervresort.com

Please call to schedule your vacation or long term stay.

Foster Lake RV Resort is located in the foothills of the Cascade mountain range. We offer nightly, weekly & monthly RV reservations.

There is onsite laundry, seasonal pool, off street parking. Within close proximity to Sweet Home and Lebanon, Oregon. Beautiful Foster Lake is directly across the highway and offers fabulous views. We are within 1 hr travel time to Salem, Eugene, or Corvallis. Super location!

Western University of Health Sciences

Thank you, Lebanon and surrounding communities, for embracing WesternU student doctors since 2011.

COMP-Northwest, which is becoming Heatherington College of Osteopathic Medicine, and the College of Health Sciences-Northwest are committed to preparing Oregon's compassionate health care professionals and extending service and care into the community.

LEARN MORE Oregon.WesternU.edu



Kids Free Christmas Store


The 11th Annual Sweet Home Kids Free Christmas Store was held Saturday, Dec. 6, at Sweet Home Charter School. According to organizer Nancy Patton, 221 kids participated in the event, which allowed youngsters to shop for free for the family they live with. More than 1200 new gifts were given out, Patton said, and more than 40 volunteers wrapped presents, helped kids shop or participated in the crafts activities as they awaited their turns to shop, above left. Above right, personal shopper April Patton helps Garrett Pecnick select gifts for his family. Below left, children and their families await their turns to enter the school and participate. See more photos at sweethomenews.com.

Photos courtesy of Nancy Patton

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE, SHOP WHERE YOU LIVE.

AUTO REPAIR



SHAWN ANDERSON, OWNER
LOCATED IN SWEET HOME
541-367-2992

EQUIPMENT




CASCADE
OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT
"Powerful Equipment, Local Service"
HOURS: M-F 8AM-5PM
SAT 8AM-NOON
**1215 W AIRWAY ROAD
LEBANON OR 97355**
CASCADEPOWERLEBANON.COM
541-451-5213

INSURANCE



FARMERS
INSURANCE
Aaron Hegge, AGENT
3037 Main St., Sweet Home
Ahegge@farmersagent.com
AUTO • HOME • LIFE • COMMERCIAL
(541) 367-5121

INSURANCE



KEESECKER
INSURANCE
Joel Keesecker
1195 MAIN STREET
541-367-2141

LOANS



JOLENE MULLENIX
Loan Consultant
NMLS#853502
(541) 570-2322
www.loanDepot.com/jmullenix
Equal Housing Opportunity | 56 E. Airport Rd.,
Lebanon, OR 97355. loanDepot.com, LLC NMLS ID
174457. Licensed by the OR Division of Finance and
Corporate Securities, Mortgage Lending ML-4972.
(091923 120284-1723)

PLUMBING
CCB #238181



OWNER - MITCH CARTER
Office Hrs: Mon-Thu 8am - 4pm
New Construction • Remodels
Repairs • Service • Water Heaters
(541) 367-5655

REAL ESTATE



OREGON
Real Estate
PROFESSIONALS
LLC
2345 S. Santiam Hwy., Lebanon
oregonrealestateprofessionals.com
(541) 258-6100

RV SALES & SUPPLIES



SWEET HOME
RV CENTER LLC
RV Sales, Service, Repair, Parts,
Appliances, Awnings, Propane, Solar and Batteries!
RV Waste Dump Open 24/7 Stop in Today!
**MOBILE RV REPAIR SVC
AVAILABLE NOW**
Established in 1974
Open 7 days a week
4691 HWY 20
sweethomervcenter.com
(541) 367-4293

THRIFT STORE



NEW & USED MERCHANDISE
3031 SOUTH MAIN
OPEN: TUES. - SAT 10AM - 4PM
SUGARCITYGLEANERS@GMAIL.COM
NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
541-367-3190

TIRE / AUTO REPAIR



4420 Hwy 20
Family Owned
541-367-4579 (Alignment)
pointstire.com/sweethome
TIRES - WHEELS - SUSPENSION
ALIGNMENT - BRAKES - OIL CHANGE
(541) 367-2462

Girls split on court to bring 3-2 record into this week

Sweet Home's girls should be turning some heads by now as they finished their first two weeks of the basketball preseason with a 3-2 record after a loss at Cottage Grove, then bouncing back with a win over South Umpqua last week.

The Huskies fell 52-20 at Cottage Grove on Tuesday,

Dec. 9, in a game where, "people weren't ready to come out and play basketball," Coach Erika Evans said.

"That happens every once in a while," she said, adding that the team had some sickness.

Brooke Elder led the Huskies with 12 points, in-

cluding going 4 for 6 from the three-point zone.

"There was still good stuff that came out of it," Evans said.

At home Wednesday, Dec. 10, against South Umpqua, things were different in a 50-24 win..

Sweet Home started a little slow, Evans said, but in

the second half the Huskies picked up the pace and pulled away, which, she said, was a learning experience for her players.

"This season, so far, we've played every type of game and a lot of them are games in which we haven't gotten those experiences before, of dominating teams and coming back from deficits and being in overtime situations.

"This time they came out slow and still finished strong. They came out handily on top in that game."

Addie had 11 assists and four steals, and Aubrey had a double double. She had 13 points and 212 rebounds. Those are my two tops. And then Aaliyah was our leading scorer with 14 points, along with nine rebounds and four steals.

"We have people heading all kinds of stat categories, even on days we're not like performing our best or feeling our best. So it was a productive week," Evans said.

The Huskies host Estacada Tuesday, Dec. 16, followed by a road game on Thursday, Dec. 18, at Molalla before taking a break for Christmas.

They will be back in action Sunday, Dec. 28, at the Astoria Tournament, which runs through Dec. 30.

Husky boys win two straight as they head into 'tough' hoops week

Sweet Home's boys finished their second week of pre-season play Wednesday, Dec. 10, with a 3-2 record after wins over Cottage Grove and South Umpqua.

The Huskies took it to the Lions Tuesday, Dec. 9, on the road.

"Cottage Grove is a good program," Coach Drew Emmert said, noting that the Lions have gotten off to a slow start this season, losing to Newport and Scio before falling 66-32 to the Huskies.

"We knew they would be a tough team, but we played really well."

Sweet Home led by "10 or so" at halftime, but pulled away later in the game to hand the hosts their biggest loss of the young season. Cascade beat Cottage Grove 61-48 Friday.

"We got a lot of turnovers and that helped us," Emmert said.

At home the next night against South Umpqua, the Huskies pulled out a 56-43 win.

The Lancers dropped down to the 3A level a few years ago and came into the game 2-1, and Emmert said the Huskies expected them

to be a "solid team."

But when Sweet Home hit the gas pedal early, South Umpqua was left behind.

"We got on them and were up 22-3 at one point before they started chipping away," Emmert said, noting that his team never trailed but "ran out of gas" a little at the end.

The Huskies face Estacada (3-3 coming into the game at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday) at home, then host Molalla, which was 5-0 coming into this week, on Thursday, Dec. 18. Game time is 7 p.m.

"Both of these will be tough teams," Emmert said.

PUBLIC SAFETY

From page 6

police department. When the bar owner questioned her, the caller hung up. When a SHPD officer called the number, the female denied that it was she that had called. The officer cautioned the person on the consequences of calling and identifying themselves as a police officer. No further action was taken.

10:26 a.m. - Deputy investigated report of hit and run crash, 27800 block Fern Ridge Rd., SH. Report taken.

10:45 a.m. - LCSO responded to hit and run in 31800 block Berlin Rd., L. Non-injury, property owner did not want to pursue charges for hit and run. Driver was located, info exchanged. Report taken.

11:00 a.m. - Eric Antom Strom arrested on Clackamas County Circuit Court warrant for FTC in punitive contempt case. Arrest followed report of disturbance between two males in 1200 block 47th Ave., SH, which turned out to be verbal only. Strom lodged at Linn County Jail.

11:32 a.m. - Citizen visited SHPD, 1950 Main St., to report they were scammed. Officer responded, info noted.

1:14 p.m. - Jasmine Magdelano, 44, of Lebanon, arrested on active warrant after report of illegal camping in 32800 block Berlin Rd., L. Lodged at Linn County Jail. Report taken.

2:33 p.m. - Darrin Hill, 50, of Lebanon, cited on active warrant, 300 block Russell St., L.

Report taken.

3:14 p.m. - Caller reported rape in 27600 block Liberty Rd., SH. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

9:10 p.m. - Leslie Renee Maynard, 53, arrested on SHMC warrant for FTC in harassment case, 1200 block 13th Ave., SH. Cited and released.

10:10 p.m. - Sean Howser, 28, of Lebanon, cited for speeding, 75/55, in "extremely dense fog" in area of Hwy. 20/Cascade Dr., L.

10:15 pm. - Jamie Daniel Carpenter, 49, arrested after he turned himself in at SHPD, 1950 Main St, on SHMC warrant for FTC in criminal driving case. Cited and released.

Dec. 12

7:55 p.m. - Caller reported person who had been sleeping in Clover Park, 1st Ave./Hwy. 20, SH, for several days. Officer responded, contacted male, who is moving along. He was advised of proper sleeping location.

10:19 a.m. - Johnnie Catlin, 41, of Lebanon, arrested on

multiple warrants, transported to Linn County Jail, Snow Peak Dr./Meridian Rd., L. Report taken.

10:35 a.m. - Daryn Hill, 33, of Lebanon, cited and released on LMC warrant, Park/Rose streets, L. Report taken.

10:38 a.m. - Brandi Simmons, 29, of Sweet Home, cited for failure to obey traffic control device, failure to renew vehicle registration, 200 block W. Airport Rd., L.

12:23 p.m. - Justin Jones, of Lebanon, cited and released on LMC warrant, 12700 block River Dr., L. Report taken.

12:34 p.m. - Fawn Burleson, 41, of Lebanon, arrested on outstanding warrants in escape case, possession of meth case, and trespass case. 32800 block Brewster Rd., L. Also arrested on SHMC warrant for FTA in fraudulent use of credit card case. Lodged at Linn County Jail. Report taken.

3:33 p.m. - Caller reported male who allegedly "drives as fast as he can" down driveway

See Public Safety, Page 14

Got a plan?

Bob thoughtfully preplanned his funeral. Now he can get on with his life.




SWEET HOME FUNERAL CHAPEL

Call us for personal assistance with the funeral, memorial or cremation arrangements of your choice

541-367-2891 | SWEETHOMEFUNERAL.COM



SUNSHINE INDUSTRIES

OUR PROGRAM PROVIDES JOB TRAINING, JOB OPPORTUNITIES, AND COMMUNITY ACCESS TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

WE OFFER GROUNDS KEEPING AND JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL NEEDS AS WELL AS FACILITY RENTALS.

1333 CLARK MILL RD. • 541-367-2765

WE SUPPORT THE NEW ERA!

Electrical Systems Services

Dan and Cindy Rice

Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENT. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Sweet Home Planning Commission will hold a public hearing(s) to consider the following request(s). REQUEST: The applicant is requesting a conditional use permit to construct a fuel station containing two (2) gasoline pumps, and one underground fuel storage tank in the south parking lot of the Hilltop Market, north of Highway 20. The applicant is applying for Conditional Use per SHMC 17.20.040 (I). Other uses compatible with the purpose and intent of the zone, and whose off-site impacts would not significantly exceed those of the other conditionally permitted uses listed in this section. Tax Lot 1900 contains approximately 23,522 square feet (0.54 Acres) and is located in the Commercial Highway (C-2) zone. APPLICANT AND PROPERTY OWNER: Grishma Inc. FILE NUMBER: CU25-02. PROPERTY LOCATION: 4824 Hwy 20, located in Sweet Home, Oregon 97386; Identified on the Linn County Assessor's Map as 27CB, Tax Lot 1900. REVIEW AND DECISION CRITERIA: Sweet Home Municipal Code Section(s) 17.20.040 (I), 17.104, 17.126. HEARING DATE & TIME: January 15, 2026, at 6:30 PM. HEARING LOCATION: City Hall, Council Chambers at 3225 Main Street, Sweet Home, Oregon 97386. STAFF CONTACT: Ray Grundy, Planning & Building Permit Tech Phone: (541) 367-8113; Email: rgrundy@sweethomeor.gov You may submit comments or recommendations prior to, or at the public hearing. Written comments submitted by January 5, 2026, at 5:00 PM will be included in the staff report that is provided to the Planning Commission. Written comments that are submitted after that time, but prior to the hearing, will be presented to the Planning Commission at their public hearing. Comments may be emailed to rgrundy@sweethomeor.gov, or mailed or submitted to the Community and Economic Development Department office at City Hall, 3225 Main Street, Sweet Home, Oregon 97386. Please include the file number(s) in the subject line of your comment. The failure of an issue to be raised in a hearing, in person or by letter, or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the decision maker an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals based on that issue. A copy of the application, all documents and evidence relied upon by the applicant and applicable criteria are available for inspection at no cost and a copy will be provided at reasonable cost. A copy of the staff report will be available for inspection at no cost at least seven days prior to the hearing and a copy will be provided at reasonable cost. Please contact the Community and Economic Development Department at 3225 Main Street, Sweet Home, Oregon 97386; Phone: (541) 367-8113. Those interested in commenting on this application should submit testimony in writing to the Community and Economic Development Department Office located in City Hall prior to the hearing or attending the meeting and give testimony verbally. Those who wish to testify will be given the opportunity to do so by the Chair of the Commission at the Planning Commission meeting. Such testimony should address the cri-

Public Notices

teria in the Sweet Home Municipal Code which are applicable to the request. Notice of the decision on this application will be mailed to the applicant, property owner, those who provided written comments on the proposal, and those who requested a copy of the decision. The location of the meeting is accessible to those with disabilities. If you have a disability that requires accommodation, please notify the Community and Economic Development Department Office in advance of the meeting by calling (541) 367-8113. (12/17)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENT. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Sweet Home Planning Commission will hold a public hearing(s) to consider the following request(s).REQUEST: The applicant is requesting a conditional use permit to construct an ADU (Accessory Dwelling Unit) approximately 800 square feet in size on the property identified below. The parcel currently contains approximately half of a 1,651 square foot preexisting, nonconforming residence that was constructed on the property line that separates the identified parcel (Tax Lot 5601), and the neighboring parcel (Tax Lot 5600). Once construction of the ADU is completed, the preexisting residence will be demolished, leaving the parcel without a primary residential use. Per SHMC Chapter 17.10.040(I) a conditional use is required for a secondary use of a lot without primary use. Tax lot 5601 contains approximately 11,960 square feet and is located in the Residential Low-Density (R1) Zone. Application CU25-03 is being filed concurrently but is not reliant on the approval of Application CU25-04. APPLICANT AND PROPERTY OWNER: Erin Miller. FILE NUMBER:CU25-03. PROPERTY LOCATION: 605 6th Avenue, located in Sweet Home, Oregon 97386; Identified on the Linn County Assessor's Map as 31CA, Tax Lot 5601. REVIEW AND DECISION CRITERIA: Sweet Home Municipal Code Section(s) 17.10.040(I), 17.104, 17.108, 17.126. HEARING DATE & TIME: February 19, 2026, at 6:30 PM. HEARING LOCATION: City Hall, Council Chambers at 3225 Main Street, Sweet Home, Oregon 97386. STAFF CONTACT: Ray Grundy, Planning & Building Permit Tech Phone: (541) 367-8113; Email:rgrundy@sweethomeor.gov. You may submit comments or recommendations prior to, or at the public hearing. Written comments submitted by February 15, 2025, at 5:00 PM will be included in the staff report that is provided to the Planning Commission. Written comments that are submitted after that time, but prior to the hearing, will be presented to the Planning Commission at their public hearing. Comments may be emailed to rgrundy@sweethomeor.gov, or mailed or submitted to the Community and Economic Development Department office at City Hall, 3225 Main Street, Sweet Home, Oregon 97386. Please include the file number(s) in the subject line of your comment. The failure of an issue to be raised in a hearing, in person or by letter, or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the decision maker an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals based on that issue. A copy of the application, all documents and evidence relied upon

Public Notices

by the applicant and applicable criteria are available for inspection at no cost and a copy will be provided at reasonable cost. A copy of the staff report will be available for inspection at no cost at least seven days prior to the hearing and a copy will be provided at reasonable cost. Please contact the Community and Economic Development Department at 3225 Main Street, Sweet Home, Oregon 97386; Phone: (541) 367-8113. Persons interested in commenting on this application should submit testimony in writing to the Community and Economic Development Department Office located in City Hall prior to the hearing or attend the meeting and give testimony verbally. Persons who wish to testify will be given the opportunity to do so by the Chair of the Commission at the Planning Commission meeting. Such testimony should address the criteria in the Sweet Home Municipal Code which are applicable to the request. Notice of the decision on this application will be mailed to the applicant, property owner, those who provided written comments on the proposal, and those who requested a copy of the decision. The location of the meeting is accessible to persons with disabilities. If you have a disability that requires accommodation, please notify the Community and Economic Development Department Office in advance of the meeting by calling (541) 367-8113. (12/17)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENT. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Sweet Home Planning Commission will hold a public hearing(s) to consider the following request(s). REQUEST: The applicant is requesting a conditional use permit to construct an ADU (Accessory Dwelling Unit) approximately 800 square feet in size on the property identified below. The parcel currently contains approximately half of a 1,651 square foot preexisting, nonconforming residence that was constructed on the property line that separates the identified parcel (Tax Lot 5600), and the neighboring parcel (Tax Lot 5601). Once construction of the ADU is completed, the preexisting residence will be demolished, leaving the parcel without a primary residential use. Per SHMC Chapter 17.10.040(I) a conditional use is required for a secondary use of a lot without primary use. Tax lot 5601 contains approximately 11,903 square feet and is located in the Residential Low-Density (R1) Zone. Application CU25-04 is being filed concurrently but is not reliant on the approval of Application CU25-03.APPLICANT AND PROPERTY OWNER: Erin Miller. FILE NUMBER:CU25-04. PROPERTY LOCATION: located in Sweet Home, Oregon 97386; Identified on the Linn County Assessor's Map as 31CA, Tax Lot 5600. REVIEW AND DECISION CRITERIA: Sweet Home Municipal Code Section(s) 17.10.040(I), 17.104, 17.108, 17.126. HEARING DATE & TIME: January 15, 2026, at 6:30 PM. HEARING LOCATION: City Hall, Council Chambers at 3225 Main Street, Sweet Home, Oregon 97386. STAFF CONTACT: Ray Grundy, Planning & Building Permit Tech Phone: (541) 367-8113; Email: rgrundy@sweethomeor.gov. You may submit comments or recommendations prior to, or at the public hearing. Written comments submitted by January 5,

Public Notices

2025, at 5:00 PM will be included in the staff report that is provided to the Planning Commission. Written comments that are submitted after that time, but prior to the hearing, will be presented to the Planning Commission at their public hearing. Comments may be emailed to rgrundy@sweethomeor.gov or mailed or submitted to the Community and Economic Development Department office at City Hall, 3225 Main Street, Sweet Home, Oregon 97386. Please include the file number(s) in the subject line of your comment. The failure of an issue to be raised in a hearing, in person or by letter, or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the decision maker an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals based on that issue. A copy of the application, all documents and evidence relied upon by the applicant and applicable criteria are available for inspection at no cost and a copy will be provided at reasonable cost. A copy of the staff report will be available for inspection at no cost at least seven days prior to the hearing and a copy will be provided at reasonable cost. Please contact the Community and Economic Development Department at 3225 Main Street, Sweet Home, Oregon 97386; Phone: (541) 367-8113. Persons interested in commenting on this application should submit testimony in writing to the Community and Economic Development Department Office located in City Hall prior to the hearing or attend the meeting and give testimony verbally. Persons who wish to testify will be given the opportunity to do so by the Chair of the Commission at the Planning Commission meeting. Such testimony should address the criteria in the Sweet Home Municipal Code which are applicable to the request. Notice of the decision on this application will be mailed to the applicant, property owner, those who provided written comments on the proposal, and those who requested a copy of the decision. The location of the meeting is accessible to persons with disabilities. If you have a disability that requires accommodation, please notify the Community and Economic Development Department Office in advance of the meeting by calling (541) 367-8113. (12/17)

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

Notice of intent to dispose of property under ORS 98.245
The Sweet Home Police Department has in its physical possession the unclaimed personal property described below. If you have any ownership interest in any of the unclaimed property, you must file a claim with the Sweet Home Police Department within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice or you will lose interest in that property. You may file a claim that presents proof satisfactory that you are the lawful owner or security interest holder of the property. The unclaimed property may be donated to a non-profit organization or another government agency; retained for use by the City of Sweet Home; destroyed; or sold at public auction through govdeals.com, ebay.com or Facebook at any time after the 30-day period expires, Dec. 17, 2025-Jan. 16, 2026 (PP 25-09): Lighters, cigarettes, knives, bicycles, backpacks with miscella-

Public Notices

neous items, cash, carts with miscellaneous items, clothing, dinner plates, bottles, photo album, keys, gym bag, purses with miscellaneous items, wallets, phones, phone battery, wheelchairs, notebook, lawnmower, golf clubs, bike trailer, reading glasses, wallet for Jessica Younce, debit card for Brody Ford, credit card for Kristian Winney, wallet and ID for Timothy Middleton, a sap, mail for Justin Seibert, credit card for Beverly Crabtree, two wrenches, tarp, coolers with miscellaneous items, glove, pocketknives, wallet and ID for Jacob Salvador, ID for Chavana Bowser, VR goggles and controllers, medication, shoes, stroller with miscellaneous items, gas can, wagon, tents, tarp filled with items, welder, miscellaneous personal items. (12/17)

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

The Trust Deed to be foreclosed pursuant to Oregon law is referred to as follows (the "Trust Deed"):
Grantors: Scott Heinz
Trustee: First American Title of Oregon
Beneficiary: Oregon Community Credit Union
Date: March 28, 2023
Recording Date: March 28, 2023
Recording Reference: 2023-03213 County of Recording: Linn County The Successor Trustee is Patrick L. Stevens and the mailing address of the Successor Trustee is: Patrick L. Stevens, Successor Trustee, Hutchinson Cox, PO Box 10886, Eugene, OR 97440.
The Trust Deed covers the following described real property in the County of Linn and State of Oregon, ("the Property"):
THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF Linn, STATE OF OR, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
Beginning at a 1 inch rod, being the intersection of the North line of the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 1, Township 14 South, Range 1 West, of the Willamette Meridian, in Linn County, Oregon, and the Southeasterly right-of-way line of State Hwy. 228, said point being South 89°21' West 1304 feet from the Northeast corner of the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of said Section 1; thence Southwesterly, along the Southeasterly right-of-way line of said State Hwy. 228, 100 feet to the Northwest corner of Parcel 1, PARTITION PLAT NO. 1995-90, Linn County, Oregon; thence North 89°20'53" East (North 89°21' East by prior record) 436 feet to a 5/8 inch rod; thence North 34°19'00" East 107.37 feet (100 feet by prior record) to a 5/8 inch rod; being on the North line of the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of said Section 1; thence South 89°20'20" West (South 89°21' West by prior record) 449.88 feet to the Point of Beginning. Commonly known as: 40972 Highway 228, Sweet Home, OR 97386.
Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and a notice of default has been recorded pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes 86.735(3); the default for which the foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sums:
The monthly installment payments beginning December 25, 2024 and continuing through the installment due June 12, 2025; plus interest and late charges; real property taxes,

Public Notices

plus interest and penalties; and other liens and penalties. Total default as of June 12, 2025 is \$2,763.34.

By reason of said default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the trust deed immediately due and payable, those sums being the following to wit: \$49,999.64 principal balance, plus unpaid interest through and including June 12, 2025 in the amount of \$3,235.85, together with the sum of \$131.59 which represents late charges, together with interest on the principal sum of \$49,999.64 with interest at the rate of 10.50% per annum from June 13, 2025 until paid, together with insurance paid by the Beneficiary on the property, late charges and penalties, trustee fees, attorney fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the Beneficiary pursuant to the trust deed. The date, time and place of the sale is:

Date: Wednesday, February 18, 2026
Time: 11:00 o'clock a.m.
Place: Front Entrance, Linn County Courthouse, 300 SW 4th Ave., Albany, OR 97321

RIGHT TO CURE

The right exists under ORS 86.753 to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by doing all of the following at any time that is not later than five days before the date last set for the sale:

(1) Paying to the Beneficiary the entire amount then due (other than such portion as would not then be due, had no default occurred);

(2) Curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the Trust Deed; and

(3) Paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the Obligation and Trust Deed, together with Trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.753.

We are a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information we obtain will be used to collect the debt.

Cashier's checks for the foreclosure sale must be payable to Oregon Community Credit Union.

Dated: November 21, 2025
/s/ Patrick L. Stevens
Patrick L. Stevens, Successor Trustee
Hutchinson Cox
Attorneys at Law
PO Box 10886
Eugene, OR 97440
Phone: (541) 686-9160
Fax: (541) 343-8693
(12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 12/24)_____

NOTICE OF AUCTION

The Lebanon Police department has in its physical possession the unclaimed personal property described below. If you have any ownership interest in any of this unclaimed property, you must file a claim with the Lebanon Police Department at 40 N. 2nd St., Lebanon, OR 97355, 541-258-4321. This claim must be filed within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. If you fail to do so you will lose your interest in that property and it will become the property of the Lebanon Police Department to dispose of according to law.

Cobra Walkie Talkies, Scooter, Microwave, Assorted Cell Phones, Suitcase, Skateboard, Assorted Knives, Paper Notebook with Notes, Electric Chainsaw, Assorted Purses with Contents, Canvas Bag with Contents, Toolbox with Tools, Assorted Wallets with Contents,

Public Notices

Metal "Slow" Signs, Skilsaw, Assorted U.S. Currency, Assorted Bicycles, Assorted Power Tools, Silver Bracelet, Razor Electric Scooter, Assorted Axes, Bolt Cutters, Usb Pocket Charger/Light, Assorted Tv's, Assorted Clothing, Elliptigo Bike, Rear Taillights for Bmw F32, Assorted Hand Tools, Acer Laptop, Sand and Fog Candles, Chain Necklace, Assorted Jewelry Rings, Water Bottle, Duffle Bag with Contents, Auto Charging Cable Adaptor, Briggs and Stratton Pressure Washer, Black Journal, Assorted Sunglasses, Glock 22, White Step Ladder, Radio Flower Scooter, Hand Crank Radio, Assorted Backpacks with Contents, Winplus Portable Carstarter, Kel-Tec Pmr-30, .22 Cal, Fanny Pack Contents, Sports Trading Cards, Ruger P94, .40 Cal, Assorted Slingshots, Exacto Knife in Wood Case, H&R .22 Cal Revolver, Assorted Keys/Keyrings, Assorted Lawn Mowers, Box of Protein Drinks, Firepoint Flashlight, Resmed Cpap Machine, Two Taurus Model Gc3, 9mm, Assorted Gas Cans, Garmin Gps, Radio, Motorcycle Saddlebags, Sentry Safe Lockbox, Edillas Wristwatch, Handicap Walker, Silver Eagle Coin, Pocket Watch, Used Fire Extinguishers, Ruger 9mm with Holster, Stereo Speaker, 12 Volt Battery, Assorted Pepper Sprays, Ninebot Electric Scooter, Work Sharp Knife Sharpener, Partial Denture, Stihl Chainsaw, S&W 9mm Magazine, Longboard, Machete, West Bend Coffee Makers X2, Diabetic Kit, Checkbook, Razor Full Face Bike Helmet, Trailer Hitch, Assorted Car Titles, Assorted Odl, Sentry Survivor Safe, Wow Thriller Boat Tube, Twintier Rebar Tying Tool.

For a list with more detailed descriptions of the property please refer to the City of Lebanon webpage: www.lebanonoregon.gov/unclaimedproperty. (12/17)_____

NOTICE OF ONLINE AUCTION

A SQUARED STORAGE 1294 44th Ave. Sweet Home, OR 97386 Online bidding at: www.storageauctions.com, auction ends 01/02/26 at 11:00 a.m. Jessie Friend, Unit 102 - Adam Lytle, Unit 203 - Stephanie Mitchell, Unit 529. (12/17 - 12/24)_____

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that KIMBERLY M. AITKEN has been appointed Personal Representative of the ESTATE OF MARLAND GENE KOKER, Deceased, by the Circuit Court for the State of Oregon for Linn County under Case No. 25PB10166. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the said Personal Representative at Stayton Law, 582 E Washington St, PO Box 248, Stayton, OR 97383, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published December 17, 2025.

Personal Representative:

Public Notices

Kimberly M. Aitken
125 Columbus St NE
Albany, OR 97321
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Jennifer L. Tiger,
OSB#990890
Stayton Law
582 E Washington St
PO Box 248
Stayton, Oregon 97383
(12/17)_____

Fall Cleanup

Fall Cleanup: Moss treatment, gutter cleaning, yard cleanups, trimming, pruning, blackberry removal. Jesse's Yards 503-871-7869 (10/23 - 2/9)_____

For Sale

The Archery Hut Christmas Sale! Come in and check out our new Matthews Arc 2026 Bows! Open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Archery Hut 190 Crowfoot Rd., Lebanon 541-259-2697 (12/10-12/17)_____

Statewide Notices

SERVICES: DIVORCE \$130. Complete preparation. Includes children, custody, support, property and bills division. No court appearances. Divorced in 1-5 weeks possible. 503-772-5295. www.paralegalalternatives.com legalalt@msn.com.

SERVICES: Donate your car, truck, boat, RV and more to support our veterans! Schedule a FAST, FREE vehicle pickup and receive a top tax deduction! Call Veteran Car Donations at 1-866-695-9265 today!

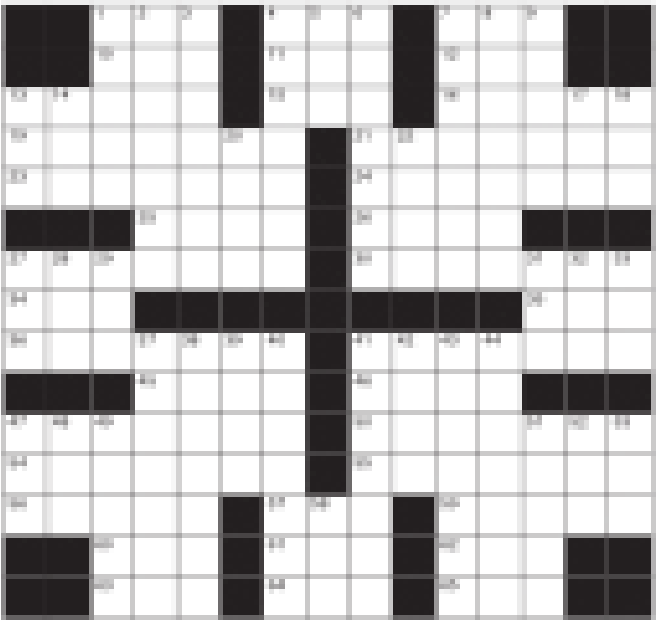
SERVICES: Get a break on your taxes! Donate your car, truck, or SUV to assist the blind and visually impaired. Arrange a swift, no-cost vehicle pickup and secure a generous tax credit for 2025. Call Heritage for the Blind Today at 1-844-533-9173 today!

SERVICES: We Buy Houses for Cash AS IS! No repairs. No fuss. Any condition. Easy three step process: Call, get cash offer and get paid. Get your fair cash offer today by calling Liz Buys Houses: 1-866-249-8679.

SERVICES: We buy 8,000 cars a week. Sell your old, busted or junk car with no hoops, haggles or headaches. Sell your car to Peddle. Easy three step process. Instant offer. Free pickup. Fast payment. Call 1-855-980-4382.

SERVICES: Jacuzzi Bath Remodel can install a new, custom bath or shower in as little as one day. For a limited time, waiving ALL installation costs! Additional terms apply. Subject to change and vary by dealer. (Offer ends 12/31/25.) Call 1-855-341-5268.

CROSSWORD



- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Clap or rail
 - 6. Green veggie
 - 7. Bee hill
 - 10. Doctors' group
 - 11. One who buys and sells securities (abbr.)
 - 12. He is dead
 - 13. Lively ballroom dance
 - 15. Singer Charles
 - 16. Polish city
 - 19. Former
 - 21. Dismising from employment
 - 23. Mincute
 - 24. Poetical
 - 25. Cornish
 - 26. After a prayer
 - 27. Agents of one's downfall
 - 30. Leaseholders
 - 34. Superior flying
 - 35. Meadowy pool
 - 36. Atrial's
 - 41. Apply another coat to
 - 43. Politician
 - 46. In ___ spot
 - 47. One who preys
 - 50. Bazaar
 - 54. Small group with shared interests
 - 55. Part of warming hoodgear
 - 56. Woolen cloth
 - 57. Song
 - 59. Central American fruit tree
 - 60. Woman (French)
 - 61. The 2nd letter of the Greek alphabet
 - 62. Type of food
 - 63. Soviet Socialist Republic
 - 64. Coaster
 - 65. Japanese freight company (abbr.)

- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Civil's mandatory suit
 - 2. Able to move across feeling
 - 3. Elk
 - 4. Muscular resistance
 - 5. Geological time
 - 6. Depths of the ocean
 - 7. Flare to the ground
 - 8. Reverses recipient of
 - 9. Come to shade
 - 13. US political party
 - 14. Refers to some of a thing
 - 17. Single
 - 18. Type of beer
 - 20. Ancient Roman people
 - 22. Grower's chain
 - 27. Gracious larger
 - 28. English river
 - 29. ___ and cheese
 - 31. Poynter's younger brother
 - 32. Long time
 - 33. High schoolers' test
 - 37. Rapids
 - 38. Organism above
 - 39. Filippo ___ Saint
 - 40. Innate nature of something
 - 41. Chronic dish
 - 42. Ancient Greek City
 - 43. Pattern saint of Ireland
 - 44. Produced by moving aircraft or vehicle
 - 47. Meats treatment
 - 48. ___ James
 - 49. Things
 - 51. Haring wings
 - 52. Pastors' Q&A stories
 - 53. Blind-pathy access
 - 58. Satisfaction

SUDOKU

							6	8
	9	2	4					3
3				7			2	
							4	1
		6			3			2
	1			2	9			
	5						9	
8						5		7
		7	5		4			

Level: Advanced

PUBLIC SAFETY

From page 11

past caller's residence whenever she is outside with her baby, 4200 block Main St., SH. Officer contacted caller, info noted and landlord is going to address issue.

8:26 p.m. - Alexis True, 24, of Sweet Home, cited for speeding, 80/55, Hwy. 20/Dew Rd., SH.

9:50 p.m. - Meriah Lynn Crabtree, 32, arrested on Marion County Circuit Court warrant for FTA in harassment and trespass cases, Washington County Circuit Court warrant for FTA in unauthorized use of motor vehicle case at Mr. Lucky's Deli, 1207 Long St., SH. According to SHPD, caller from Mr. Lucky's reported that female came into location, refused to show ID and started pounding on door and yelling when asked to leave. Crabtree lodged at Linn County Jail.

Dec. 11

2:21 a.m. - Deputy contacted

couple with suspicious vehicle in area of Washburn Heights Dr./Sperry Rd. B. Non-criminal.

7:33 a.m. - Samuel Hansen, 40, of Beaverton, arrested after deputy spotted him at Cottonwoods store, 500 S. Main St. According to LCSO, Hansen had allegedly stolen a Hyundai sedan in Lebanon. Hansen was with Hyundai when deputy located him. According to LCSO, he admitted taking the car but said he intended to return it because he knew the owner was tracking it because the owner's cellphone was inside the vehicle. 500 S. Main St., L. Report taken.

8:44 a.m. - Christopher Lance Turner, 30, arrested at Lincoln County Jail on SHMC warrant for FTA in unlawful dissemination of intimate image case. Cited to appear Jan. 14

9:05 a.m. - Alicia Kathleen Martinez, 41, arrested after she turned herself in at SHPD, 1950 Main St., SH, on SHMC

warrant for FTA in DUI case. Cited and released.

9:06 a.m. - Caller reported fraudulent use of credit card in 41100 block Hwy. 228, SH. Multiple purchases had been made at various hardware stores, not by caller. Total of transactions about \$1,602. Report taken.

10:22 a.m. - Austyn Mitchell Clark, 31, arrested by Albany police on SHMC warrant for FTC in criminal driving case. Cited to appear Jan. 14.

12:28 p.m. - Christina Jean Abram, 57, arrested after she turned herself in at SHPD, 1950 Main St., SH, on SHMC warrant for FTC in theft case, FTC in Linn County theft case, and Corvallis Municipal Court warrants for FTA in multiple illegal camping and probation violation cases. Cited and released.

1:06 p.m. - Caller expressed concerns about behavior of fox in area of Sodaville Cutoff Dr./Spring St., Sodaville. Deputy caught the animal and re-

leased it to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for testing.

1:24 p.m. - Ronald Kelley Nelson, 44, arrested on Columbia County Circuit Court warrant for FTA in possession of meth case, LCJC warrant for FTA in probation violation case and LMC warrant for FTA in driving while suspended case. 4200 block Main St., SH. Lodged at Linn County Jail.

2:57 p.m. - Caller complained about large equipment trucks operating without proper equipment, causing hazardous conditions in 35600 block Courtney Creek Dr., B.

3:12 p.m. - Denise Rene Armstrong, 59, arrested after she turned herself in at SHPD, 1950 Main St., SH, on SHMC warrant for FTA in hit and run case. Cited and released.

4:15 p.m. - Adrienne Barnes, 42, of Sweet Home, arrested for assault on public safety officer, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct II after deputies responded with Sweet Home Fire

personnel to report of unconscious female in 27800 block Hwy. 20, Foster. After regaining consciousness, she refused medical care. A short time later, she allegedly entered active traffic lanes, creating a hazard. When deputies and assisting officers attempted to detain her for safety, she resisted, allegedly biting one officer and kicking another. Report taken.

6:14 p.m. - Caller reported 90-ton dump truck being operated on county road in area of Courtney Creek Dr./Timber Rd., B.

6:31 p.m. - Wayne Cooper, 44, of Foster, arrested for Assault IV-domestic violence, 47500 block Cascadia Dr., Cascadia. Report taken.

See more and updated Public Safety Reports at sweethomenews.com

OREGON'S LEADING REAL ESTATE TEAM

SERVING LEBANON SINCE 1992



GILLOTT

HOME TEAM

KW MID-WILLAMETTE
KELLERWILLIAMS REALTY



541-451-2211

WWW.TEAMGILLOTT.COM

420 NW 2ND ST., CORVALLIS
266 EAST GRANT ST., LEBANON

EACH OFFICE INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED LICENSED OREGON BROKERS
UNLICENSED ADMIN ERIN HILL, KYLIE MALLOY, JESSICA WOODY, RACHAEL ROBERTS



REAL ESTATE SOLD

Following are Lebanon, Sweet Home, and Brownsville area real estate transactions recorded with the county during late November and December 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:

1131 2nd Ave., Sweet Home; 1272 sq.ft., three bedroom, one bathroom, built in 1950; 0.13 acres; \$315,300.

3303 Long St., Sweet Home; 1420 sq.ft., four bedroom, one bathroom, built in 1890; 0.51 acres; \$290,000.

1922 18th Ave., Sweet Home; additional details not listed; 0.24 acres; \$639,900.

6321 Lakepointe Way., Sweet Home; 1982 sq.ft.,

three bedroom, 2 1/2 bathroom, built in 2017; 0.25 acres; \$500,000.

4646 Mahogany Ln., Sweet Home; 1232 sq.ft., three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 2000; 0.2 acres; \$310,000.

1720 Cedar St., Sweet Home; additional details not listed; 0.14 acres; \$47,500.

1049 29th Ave., Sweet Home; 1410 sq.ft., three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 2001; 0.21 acres; \$430,000.

4613 Airport Ln., Sweet Home; 648 sq.ft., one bedroom, one bathroom, built in 1948; 0.17 acres; \$255,000.

1201 1st Ave., Sweet Home; 984 sq.ft., three bedroom, one bathroom, built in 1940; 0.21 acres; \$325,000.

1905 Willow St., Sweet Home; 851 sq.ft., two bedroom, one bathroom, built in 1940; 0.1 acres; \$150,000.

39459 Crawfordville Dr., Sweet Home; additional details not listed; 3.29 acres; \$585,000.

1225 49th Ave., Sweet Home; 1484 sq.ft., three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 2024; 0.19 acres; \$395,000.

1637 56th Ave., Sweet Home; 1032 sq.ft., three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 1974; 0.55 acres; \$215,000.

27973 Fern Ridge Rd., Sweet Home; 2182 sq.ft., two bedroom, 1 1/2 bathroom, built in 1955; 6.6 acres; \$400,000.

1214 40th Ave., Sweet Home; 1200 sq.ft., three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 2003; 0.13 acres.

28255 Ridgeway Rd., Sweet Home; 1596 sq.ft., three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 1992; 2 acres; \$495,000.

4430 Knotty Pine Ct., Sweet Home; 1376 sq.ft., three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 2025; 0.26 acres; \$380,000.

1220 47th Ave., Sweet

Home; 1211 sq.ft., three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 2009; 0.12 acres; \$320,000.

43410 Ames Creek Rd., Sweet Home; 1152 sq.ft., additional details not listed; built in 1973; 9.09 acres; \$50,000.

43424 Ames Creek Rd., Sweet Home; 1636 sq.ft., two bedroom, one bathroom, built in 1948; 9.09 acres; \$50,000.

4143 Osage St., Sweet Home; 924 sq.ft., two bedroom, two bathroom, built in 1991; 0.13 acres; \$265,000.

1239 46th Ct., Sweet Home; 1263 sq.ft., three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 2007; 0.12 acres; \$319,000.

315 Shannon Pl., Lebanon; 1702 sq.ft., three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 2015; 0.15 acres; \$400,000.

150 Jadon Dr., Lebanon; 1953 sq.ft., four bedroom, two bathroom, built in 2016; 0.15 acres; \$460,000.

38711 Mountain Crest Ct., Lebanon; 2261 sq.ft., four bedroom, three bathroom, built in 1997; 2.7 acres; \$780,000.

42121 Moran Ln., Lebanon; 1190 sq.ft., three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 1971; 5.01 acres; \$637,500.

3333 Santiam Hwy., Lebanon; additional details not listed; 0.61 acres; \$650,000.

938 Cleveland St., Lebanon; 1474 sq.ft., two bedroom, one bathroom, built in 1940; 0.21 acres; \$280,000.

32732 Sand Ridge Rd., Lebanon; 1054 sq.ft., two bedroom, one bathroom, built in 1940; 48.91 acres; \$350,000.

300 Waters Edge Ct., Lebanon; 1537 sq.ft., three bedroom, 2 1/2 bathroom, built in 2000; 0.15 acres; \$410,000.



OREGON

Real Estate

PROFESSIONALS

LLC

2345 S. Santiam Hwy
Lebanon, OR 97355

(541) 258-6100

OregonRealEstateProfessionals.com

Husky boys win two straight heading into ‘tough’ week

Sweet Home’s boys wrestlers finished second out of 38 teams, including some of the best in the Northwest, last weekend at the Rose City Championships at Westview High School in Portland.

The Huskies finished second out of 38 teams, behind Tahoma (Wash.), which finished with 377.5 points, ahead of the Huskies’ 330.5. Camas (Wash.) was third (282.5), ahead of Thurston (278) and Newberg (264).

Sweet Home had two individual champions. Freshman Cody Sieminski was first at 113, pinning Hezekiah Worthington of Newberg in the final (3:47), while junior Jesse Landtroop was first at 126, winning a major 12-4 decision over Haziel Soto of Capital (Wash.).

“I was pleased with our results,” Coach Steve Thorpe said. “We’ve been beat by the top team in Alaska (Soldotna, at the Perry Burlison Tournament) and one of the top teams in Washington.

“We didn’t have our full lineup, but we got big performances.”

Senior Tytus Hardee was second at 132 for the Huskies, losing by a fall to Tahoma’s Owen Marshall in the final.

Senior Dillan Davis placed second at 144, losing by a fall to Alex Othon (Tahoma) in what Thorpe described as a “travesty” of rules applications after the wrestlers tumbled off their mat during the match.

“He never got on track in that match. Tytus didn’t like his outcome and neither did Dillan.”

Macen Rosa was fourth at 150, losing by a tech fall (6:57, 16-0) to Bradley Holland of Sumner, Wash., in the third-place match, a “fantastic” finish for the freshman, Thorpe said.

Senior Luke Rosa placed fourth at 190, losing by a fall in 1:42 in the consolation final to Griffin Copple of Cascade.

Junior Riley Vaughan, who has been “dominant” this year, according to Thorpe, was fifth at 120 and junior Keegan Jefferson was sixth at 113 after forfeiting the fifth-place match.

Sophomore Elijah Cruz placed sixth at 215, losing the fifth-place match 18-6 to Abhijeet Saroya of Kentwood, Wash).

Girls making strides

Sweet Home’s girls wrestled in the War of the Roses tournament, also held last weekend at Westview, concurrently with the boys tournament.

The girls finished 15th out of 36 teams behind junior Alizeah Weikel, who placed fourth at 120, forfeiting the third-place match to Caitlyn Kendall of Newberg because Weikel had exceeded her match limit for the tournament, Thorpe said.

Lyla Ventura placed sixth at 115, losing the fifth-place match by a late fall (4:59) to Yoselin Nunez of Dallas.

In the JV tournament, freshman Lexi Lee was fourth at 110, Hailey Ayala was first and Alexis Bernardi was third at 155

“That tournament had over 40 women’s teams and these brackets were not little brackets,” Thorpe said. “They got matches. Our kids wrestled anywhere from five to nine matches,” he added, referring to both the boys and girls tournaments. “When you get that many matches in two days, it’s huge.”

The girls also competed Dec. 10 in Lebanon at the the Lady Warriors Invitational, placing fourth out of 14 teams, most of them from the Willamette Valley.

Wrestling with a depleted lineup, the Huskies finished behind Dallas (601.5 points), West Albany (469.5) and South Salem (409.5) with 352 points. The next closest 4A school was Stayton, 10th with 104 points.

Alizeah Weikel was Sweet Home’s top finisher, taking the 120-pound bracket with a quick pin (0:43) of Olivia Young of South Salem in the final.

Averi Temple was second at 100 pounds, losing by a fall in the final to Daisy Paniagua (North Salem) (2:35)

Bella Rico was second at 130, losing by a fall at 5:29 in the match to Naudia Edmis-ton of West Albany.

“Bella has been wrestling tough as nails,” Thorpe said. “All those girls have been wrestling hard.”

Kassidy Zajic placed third at 110, winning the consolation final by a fall over Azura Stuart of Waldport in 37 seconds.

Hailey Borromeo was third at 135, winning the consolation final by a fall over Teagan Goforth of Crescent Valley in 3:12.

Raelyn Andrews finished fifth at 130 and Madi Looney was fifth at 155.

Sydney Dominy placed sixth at 145.

The Huskies host their first home meet of the season at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, hosting Cascade in the Sweet Home Duals. They will wrestle Saturday at the Thurston Duals on Saturday.

Gingerbread Competition Winners

The seventh annual Gingerbread Competition drew 25 entries this year. The contest was organized and hosted by the Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by Julegård: The Christmas Farm and the chamber. Winners were judged in Child (5-8), Youth (9-12), Teen (13-17), Adult (18-plus) and Group/Family. People’s Choice judging was planned, but some complications in parade preparation prevented it from happening. To see all the entries, visit sweethomenews.com.



First Place:
Caryn Dewey



Adult Second Place:
Tamara Renek



Adult Third Place:
Kayla Sadirus



Teen First Place:
Renae Renek



Teen Second Place:
Jodi Jorgensen



Teen Third Place:
Elaina Hartness



Youth First Place:
Rylee Reed



Youth Second Place:
Rita Renek



Youth Third Place:
Kyla Alexander



Child First Place:
Name Not Available



Child Second Place:
Abel Pinedo



Child Third Place:
Stanley Jorgensen



Group First Place:
Johnson Family



Group Second Place:
Alexander Family



Group Third Place:
Family Tree Relief Nursery



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING GUIDE



EVENTS

From page 5

music composed by local artists. Show times are 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 20 and 21. The Sunday afternoon show will include ASL interpretation. Admission is free but donations are accepted. The event is sponsored by SHOCASE.

Fundraiser dinner at Sweet Home VFW

Sons of AmVets will host a fundraiser dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, at the VFW, at 580 Main St. The community is welcome. Cost is \$20 per person for a menu that includes a choice of smoked brisket or pulled pork, with baked potato and cowboy beans. Proceeds will go toward the maintenance of the Veterans Club and assistance programs for local veterans and the community. For carry-out orders, call (541) 972-8556.

Holiday lights Raffle drawing

Decorate your home – or nominate a festive favorite – to be included on a Holiday Lights Map produced by the Chamber of Commerce.

Each home entered is automatically added to a raffle for a gift card from local Realtor Karla Hogan. A raffle drawing will be held Dec. 20. No judging, just community cheer! Register on the Chamber of Commerce website at www.sweethomechamber.com/events/eventcalendar. **Saturday Market returns Dec. 20** Third Saturday Markets are returning this year, starting Saturday, Dec. 20, at the Church of the Nazarene, 415 Holley Road.

SWEET HOME COFFEE MUGS

SHOW HOMETOWN PRIDE



ONLY \$10 EACH

STOP BY FOR YOURS TODAY!

THE NEW ERA
NEWSPAPER CO.
SWEET HOME, OR EST. 1929

1313 MAIN ST. SWEET HOME | 541.367.2135

GIFT CARDS DELIVER HAPPINESS



ORDER ONLINE AT DOMINOS.COM OR ON THE APP
(541) 818-0288 | 2128 MAIN ST. SWEET HOME

GIVE A GIFT GET A GIFT

GIVE A NEW ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION AS A GIFT AND GET 3 MONTHS FREE!
ONLY \$79.99 FOR A FULL YEAR

GIFT GIVER INFO

1

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

2

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

3

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

4

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

☐ CASH ☐ CREDIT/DEBIT (PLEASE CALL) ☐ CHECK (CHECK # _____)

CALL US: 541-367-2135 OR MAIL TO THE NEW ERA
1313 MAIN ST. SWEET HOME OR 97386

The 3rd Annual Christmas Production of



The Innkeepers

presented by  An original stage production written and preformed by local talent. "The Innkeepers" has become a beloved Christmas tradition in our community. Come and celebrate the true Reason for the Season with people of all faiths!

Sweet Home High School Auditorium
1641 Long Street, Sweet Home

Saturday, December 20th
3:00 - 4:30 PM & 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Sunday, December 21st
3:00 - 4:30 PM & 7:00 - 8:30 PM
ASL Interpretation will be provided at the 3:00 pm performance.

Performances are FREE
Thanks to our generous sponsors

Thank you To our SPONSORS

