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Sideways with Smoke, Speed

Drifters slide their tricked-out vehicles around corners on opening day at The Mill Drift Track Saturday, May 9. The drifting exposition drew a crowd of onlookers to the old Weyerhaeuser Mill site, where the blacktop slab has been converted into a course for the drivers, who intentionally oversteer to skillfully slide sideways on corners, with a lot of flash and dash. See more on page 24.

Photo by
Scott Swanson



Lebanon schools face staff, other cuts

Lebanon Community School District announced reductions in staff, athletics programs and operations following an announcement that its budget for next year will be reduced by \$2 million.

In a message sent out to district parents last week, Supt. Jennifer Meckley said those working on the budget focused on preserving student learning time, maintaining academic support and minimizing direct impacts to instruction.

"These decisions have not been easy, and we recognize the impact they may have across our schools and community," she said in the letter. "Throughout this process, my top priority has been to make reductions as far away from the classroom as possible."

The district announced reductions across several areas,

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Local woman a lifesaver at 87

By Scott Swanson
Of The New Era

Wilma Whitmore might be a little hard of hearing at age 87, but she hasn't lost much else – particularly her experience as a longtime emergency nurse at Lebanon Community Hospital.

Whitmore, her family says, saved the life of her 2-year-old great-great-granddaughter Novalee, who was choking late on the night of Friday, April 24.

"I tell you, for 87 years old, she's still saving lives," said Whitmore's daughter-in-law, Cathy Walker-Whitmore, who was present when the incident occurred.

Whitmore said her granddaughter, Kim Walker, had been staying in her guesthouse on Whitmore's property next to Ames Creek on Mountain View Road. Novalee was spending the night with Kim, her grandmother, that night.

Cathy said she and Whitmore were asleep when Kim banged on the door at midnight, holding Novalee.

"She just came in, screaming a blood-curdling scream that there was something wrong with Novalee," Cathy said. "I could hardly under-



Wilma Whitmore, left, stands with her daughter-in-law Cathy Walker-Whitmore, and granddaughter Kim Walker, holding Novalee, 2, who was saved by Whitmore, her great-great-grandmother, from choking.

– Photo by Scott Swanson

stand – I was still asleep."

Whitmore had been dozing in her chair and Kim immediately took the toddler to her.

"I didn't see breathing, nothing," Cathy said. "Just a blank stare."

"They brought her in and threw her into my arms," Whitmore said. "I'd been reading a book and I was just about ready to go to bed."

"Wilma was a nurse at the ER for years, so, I don't know,

it was just the normal thing to do to give (Novalee) to her," Cathy said.

She said Whitmore "right away" started performing CPR while Cathy called 911.

"I was trying to get the 911, and my mouth was so dry because I'd been asleep," she recalled. "I could hardly talk. And the dogs were barking, and (Kim) was wailing, and it

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HOMETOWN
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This Week's Top Stories



Warriors sign for college athletics

Eight athletes celebrated their move on to college sports at a signing ceremony at Lebanon High School.

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Leonburgers show off in Lebanon

Dog enthusiasts from across the nation converged on Lebanon for the Leonberger Club of America's annual National Specialty Dog Show.

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Obituaries

Sugar Adee

Dec. 6, 1957 - April 6, 2026

Sugar Candy Adee, 68, of Lebanon, passed away peacefully on April 6, 2026, in Corvallis, surrounded by her family.

She was born Dec. 6, 1957, in Washington to Jewel and Alvin Fifield.

Sugar cherished time with her family above all else. She found joy in baking, hosting family dinners, and bringing loved ones together. Music was also a special part of her life, with a particular love for Elvis.

During her early years, she lived in Washington and spent summers in Oregon, harvesting vegetables with her family.

At the age of 11, she made Oregon her permanent home, where she built a life centered on family, love, and togetherness.

Candy is survived by her devoted husband of 43 years, Jim Adee; her daughters, Jennifer Casto, Amanda Cockrell, Melissa Origer, Samantha Schunk and Creole Adams; daughter-in-law Shylene Prater; brothers Harry and Jimmy Fifield; sister Geneva Mallang; as well as Keith and Carissa Logan.

She also leaves behind 21 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren who will carry on her memory.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Clarissa Fifield; her brothers, Alvin "Buddy" Fifield and Charles Fifield; and her son, James "Jimbo" Prater.

A celebration of Candy's life will be held at 3 p.m. on June 13 at First Christian Church, 170 E Grant St., Lebanon.

Diane Ader

April 7, 1949 - Feb. 17, 2026

Diane Jane Ader, 76, passed away Feb. 17, 2026, leaving behind a lifetime of memories and friendships.

She was born April 7, 1949 at Langmack Hospital in Sweet Home to Robert Lucas and Jane (Winzer) Lucas. Diane spent most of her life in Sweet Home, where she built lasting friendships and became well known for her warm spirit and generous heart.

She worked at T&M Pizza for a number of years before going to work at Embossing Arts, then the Lebanon Safeway deli.

She was a bit of a rule-breaker at times, but that was part of her charm. She lived life with personality, honesty, and a spark that made her unforgettable. She will be remembered most for her kind and giving nature, always willing to lend a hand or share a smile.

Diane had a personality that could light up a room and make anyone smile. Her laughter, strength, and loving heart will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

She leaves behind her sister, Bonny Cochran; two children, Derek Ader and Shelley (Ader) Mason; two grandchildren; and one great-grandson, who will miss her deeply and carry her memory with them always.

Diane's memory will live on in the hearts of her family, friends, and everyone whose lives she touched.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 23, at the Sweet Home Elks Lodge. Some food/snacks and beverages will be provided for those attending.

Dick Dimick

Oct. 2, 1931 - Dec. 9, 2025

Dicky "Dick" Dale Dimick, 94, of Foster, died Dec. 9, 2025, in Portland.

He was born Oct. 2, 1931, in Scotts Mills to Wiley and Mae Dimick, he was preceded in death by his parents, nine siblings, and a great-grandson.

A U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War, he served from January of 1952 to December of 1953 as a corporal and track vehicle mechanic with HQB, 2nd Infantry Division Artillery. He received two Bronze Service Stars, the United Nations Service Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

He loved baseball and, as a Sweet Home High School senior, was offered the chance to play with a minor league team in Eugene but chose to work instead.

He later worked in logging, mechanics and construction in Florence and Sweet Home.

Survivors include daughter Shelly (Greg) Saunders; son Robert (Elizabeth) Dimick; six grandchildren; eight

great-grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter expected in June 2026.

A graveside service with Army Military Honors will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 30, at Gilliland Cemetery in Sweet Home.

Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements.

Death Notices

Bradley Vernon Bell, 64, of Brownsville, passed away May 3, 2026.

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

Victoria "Vicky" (Bliss) Freeman, 75, of Lebanon, passed away April 17, 2026.

A celebration of life and barbecue will be at 3 p.m. on June 26 at the Sweet Home

Evangelical Church activity gym, 1347 Long St.

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

Karron Elizabeth Harries, 83, of Albany, passed away in Sweet Home on May 10, 2026. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements. For updated information, visit www.sweethomefuneral.com.

Karen Gail Ramirez, 69, of Sweet Home passed away Saturday, May 2, 2026.

A celebration of life will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 30, at the Sweet Home Elks.

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

Events

The New Era publishes announcements of upcoming events at no charge, as space permits. Free and nonprofit events are prioritized, but free services or events offered by for-profit businesses will also be included as space permits. To submit an event, email information (description, location, date, time and any other necessary details, as well as contact information for questions) to news@sweethomenews.com at least two weeks prior to the event. Questions? Call (541) 367-2135 or send a message to the above email.

HIGH SCHOOL THEATER TO PRESENT 'TUCK EVERLASTING'

Lebanon High School's theatre department will present its spring musical, "Tuck Everlasting," for a public audience at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, May 14-16, and at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 16, with ASL interpretation, in the auditorium, 1700 S 5th St.

The story follows an 11-year-old Winnie Foster who engages in adventures with the immortal Tuck family, and explores the choice between living forever and living out a natural life.

Cost is \$15/adult, \$5/student or child, and children under age 5 are free.

FLOWER DESIGN CLASSES AT LEBANON SENIOR CENTER

The Lebanon Garden Club will host flower design classes on Thursdays, May 14 and 21, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Lebanon Senior Center, 80 Tangent St.

The free classes are held in preparation for the annual Strawberry Festival Standard Flower Show, to encourage the community to participate. However, participation is not required.

You must register, due to limited space. Register by email or phone at LebanonGCOR@

gmail.com or 541-981-9560; submit name (first and last), email and phone number. A donation of \$5-10 is appreciated, to cover the cost of supplies.

May 14 - Design with stones, water and wood

May 21 - Teacup and miniature design. This hands-on course requires you bring a teacup or teacup-sized container to take home your own design.

S.A.F.E. FUNDRAISER IN SH, HOSTED BY DAD BOD

A car wash fundraiser for SAFE will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at Dad Bod Detailing, 610 Main St., Sweet Home. All proceeds will benefit S.A.F.E., Sweet Home High School's post-graduation alcohol-free celebration for graduating seniors.

For more information, call (971) 287-0395.

AMERICAN MAN AWARD NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

The 10th annual Honoring the American Man Recognition and Dinner will be held June 13.

The annual event in Sweet Home honors men for who they are - husbands, fathers, pastors, co-workers, bosses, brothers, veterans, etc.

Applications to nominate a man in your life are available by emailing pattonprod2@aol.com or at the VFW and American Legion headquarters in Sweet Home.

Deadline for nominations is May 16. This is not a contest. All men are honored and recognized for who they are.

For more information, text or call Nancy Patton at (541) 409-4276.

STRAWBERRY FEST HISTORY PRESENTATION AT LIBRARY

Local historian Victoria Dobrkovsky will tell the story of the Lebanon Strawberry Festival, beginning with its

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THE NEW ERA

on the road...



The New Era went to Notre Dame Cathedral of Paris while on a trip to France with Jan Hufford and friends. Here, from left, are Annie Mattox, Aubrey Lynch, Cindy Dunaven Engstrom and Hufford. They also visited London and Germany, where they danced with the Wolfshager hexenbrut dancers.

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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 herein is sourced from law enforcement and fire agencies. Details, which may not always be available in time for our weekly publication, are updated on our website as information becomes available. – Addresses noted generally denote the location of the incident or arrest, occasionally indicating the origin of the call.

– 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. A Roman numeral indicates the degree of a charge: theft I (first-degree theft).

– Following are abbreviations that may appear in our log reports:

AMC (Albany Municipal Court), **DU** (Driving uninsured/without insurance), **DUII** (Driving while intoxicated), **DWS** (driving while suspended), **FTA** (failure to appear), **FTC** (failure to comply), **FTOTCD** (Failure to obey traffic control device), **LCJ** (Linn County Jail), **LCSO** (Linn County Sheriff's Office), **LCCC** (Linn County Circuit Court), **LCJC** (Linn County Justice Court), **LMC** (Lebanon Municipal Court), **MIP** (Minor in possession), **PV** (Probation Violation), **SHMC** (Sweet Home Municipal Court), **SHPD** (Sweet Home Police Department), **SLCH** (Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital)

MAY 10

SWEET HOME POLICE

10:56 a.m. - Georgia Elizabeth Tyler, 38, cited for DWS after report of female passed out in Honda in front of Hilltop Market, 4824 Main. Cited and released.

LEBANON POLICE

1:50 p.m. - Theft of stop sign and pole, S 10th/Sherman Sts.
5:20 p.m. - Caller concerned for her welfare; a barefoot subject outside doing karate moves and looking at the sky, 1800 block S Main St. Subject told officer he was just enjoying the sun.
8:10 p.m. - Two juveniles throwing water balloons at passing cars. One driver got out, kids ran, driver took their pot that was holding the water balloons. Kids returned to start throwing water jugs. Kids counseled by officer.

10:26 p.m. - Tracy Christine Macomber, 60, cited for FTOTCD and fail to carry proof of insurance. Keoni Martin Murray, 67, cited on LMC warrant for PV; Marion County

Circuit Court warrant for theft II, unlawful possession of meth; AMC warrant for FTA - theft II; and LCCC warrants for fail to perform duties of driver, DUII, possession of a restricted weapon, and possession of meth and fentanyl.

LCSO/OSP SWEET HOME S. COUNTY

1:42 p.m. - Deputy responded to report of unwanted contact and "concerning behavior" by individual who was repeatedly attempting to visit local family and contact family member at her workplace. Deputy explained process for stalking order and issued trespass warning to individual. 600 block W. C, Halsey.

LCSO/OSP LEBANON

4:08 a.m. - Jared Schmedeka, 32, of Sweet Home, cited for DU, 2100 block S. Santiam Hwy.

7:52 a.m. - Caller reported offensive graffiti spray painted on road in 32000 block Hidden Valley. Report taken.

5:58 p.m. - Deputy responded to open 911 line at volleyball court in 30700 block 7th, Waterloo. No one was in need of assistance "other than better defense, as the score was 8-1 when heard by dispatch," per Sheriff's log.

6:56 p.m. - Raymond Mullenix, 58, of Lebanon, arrested for burglary II, criminal mischief II and conspiracy to commit unauthorized entry into motor vehicle, 31500 block Berlin. Report taken.

9:07 p.m. - Bryce Hines, 28, of Albany, arrested for assault IV, cited for careless driving and FTOTCD following report of two-vehicle crash, Denny School/Oak. Further details not immediately available. Report taken.

MAY 9

SWEET HOME POLICE

2:27 a.m. - Caller reported four people climbing on building at Sweet Home High School, 1641 Long. According to SHPD, officers located three as they jumped from the roof: Skye John Acoya, 24, Stanley Casey Blank, 23, and Daniel Michale Gibbs, 21, who were all arrested for criminal trespass II. According to SHPD, the caller reported seeing the suspects climb onto a shipping container and then to the roof of a building on the east side of the school property, near the woodshop building.

2:57 a.m. - Caller reported his dog stolen from 7-Eleven parking lot, 2405 Main. Officer responded, report taken. The

dog was later located and returned to its owner.

3:29 p.m. - Paul Lester Herzberger, 38, arrested on LMC warrant for PV, Benton County Circuit Court warrant for FTA in DWS case, AMC warrant for FTA in DWS case. 18th/railroad tracks. Cited and released.

4:10 p.m. - Caller reported vehicle vandalized in area of 18th/Tamarack. Officer responded, report taken for unlawful entry into motor vehicle, criminal mischief II.

6:45 p.m. - Caller from area of 16th/Fir reported male camping in truck for four days. Officer responded, vehicle posted for removal on May 12.

LEBANON POLICE

10:20 a.m. - Dianne Elizabeth Wilson, 65, cited on LMC warrant for contempt - no DL.

2:33 p.m. - Subject in turn lane at S Santiam Hwy. and Airport Road vomiting from car. Isaac Jonathan James, 28, cited for DWS, LMC warrant for PV - DWS, and AMC warrant for FTC - contempt.

7:28 p.m. - Jason James Marquez, 31, cited on LMC warrant for PV.

8:15 p.m. - Hali Ann Harris, 36, taken into custody on LMC warrant for PV - fleeing to avoid, and LCCC warrants for FTAs - escape II, FTAs.

8:37 p.m. - Rylee Jean Watts, 21, cited on LMC warrant for PV, LCCC warrant for FTA - unauthorized use of a vehicle, AMC warrant for FTA - fail to perform duties of driver, and Benton County Circuit Court warrant for UUV, unlawful possession of meth.

8:48 p.m. - Cipriano Parra Rodriguez, 38, cited for DWS and LMC warrant for PV.

9:44 p.m. - Benjamin Philip Hyatt, 47, cited on LMC warrant for FTA, and LCCC warrants for violating a restraining order, disorderly conduct II, FTA.

LCSO/OSP SWEET HOME S. COUNTY

12:37 a.m. - Non-injury crash reported in 48600 block Quartzville. No property damage. Report taken.

7:30 a.m. - David Parrish, 40, of Sweet Home, cited for DWS, DU. Vehicle towed. Hwy. 20/Clark Mill. Report taken.

8:46 a.m. - Pipe reported stolen from Lewis Creek Park, 44400 block North River. Investigation ongoing. Report taken for burglary.

12:37 p.m. - Caller reported door-to-door salesman who had gone past "No Trespassing"

signs. 27900 block Pleasant Valley. Deputy unable to locate salesman.

3:49 p.m. - OSP, LCSO responded to crash in area of Hwy. 228/Brush Creek. Further details unavailable.

5:48 p.m. - Deputy assisted Brownsville resident in finding lost chicken's home, 100 block S. Main. Chicken returned home safely.

6:25 p.m. - Deputy disposed of trash after responding to report of littering in 26700 block Cedar Creek.

11:53 p.m. - Deputies responded to crash detection alert in 49900 block Hwy. 20, found intact phone laying in the road. Report taken.

LCSO/OSP LEBANON

7:31 a.m. - Deputy explained eviction process to owner in 100 block Russell, where squatters have accrued vast quantities of garbage on front lawn and multiple people are staying on the property.

10:16 a.m. - Deputy responded to report of threats in 34300 block Bond. Caller went to retrieve family heirloom that had been gifted to the ex of a family member. New spouse of ex was "not nice" and told caller to leave property. Civil issue. No crimes.

7:17 p.m. - Kelly Blodgett, 47, of Lebanon, cited for FTOTCD. 30800 block Santiam Hwy.

MAY 8

SWEET HOME POLICE

2:23 a.m. - Caller reported possibly intoxicated driver in vehicle from which passengers were throwing cheese at people, southbound 12th from Long. Officer contacted driver, who was warned for speed but no other driving concerns were observed. Occupants counseled for throwing cheese.

6:44 a.m. - Theft of sod reported from 4400 block Ninebark Loop. Officer responded, report taken. Value approximately \$225. Victim declined to pursue charges.

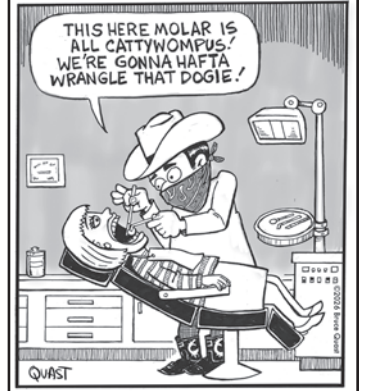
9:32 a.m. - Raul Pena Ramirez, 55, arrested after he turned himself in at SHPD, 1950 Main, on SHMC warrant for FTC in placing offensive substance in water case. Cited to appear May 27.

11:04 a.m. - Clifford Lawrence Stoner, 53, arrested on LCCC warrant for FTC in theft case, 16th/Upper Sankey Park. Lodged at LCJ.

11:12 a.m. - Caller reported fraud, 1300 block Hawthorne. Officer responded, report taken for theft I.

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Comfortably Dumb by Bruce Quast



Virgil Bedloe, cowboy dentist

TEMPERATURES

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
5/5	65	52	0.00
5/6	71	49	0.00
5/7	71	50	0.00
5/8	69	45	0.00
5/9	74	37	0.00
5/10	71	46	0.00
5/11	67	43	0.00

RAIN IN INCHES

Year to date: **10.30**
5/14/25: **18.60**

FORECAST

DATE	WEATHER	HIGH/LOW
5/14	Cloudy	71/47
5/15	Cloudy	63/43
5/16	Showers	63/41
5/17	Cloudy	67/41
5/18	Cloudy	73/46
5/19	Cloudy	74/46
5/20	Cloudy	74/46

LAKE LEVELS

Foster **614.9**
Green Peter **983.5**

CROSSWORD KEY

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SUDOKU KEY

Puzzle on page 21

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Municipal Court

George M. Allen, 20, guilty by default for failure to register vehicle, DU - fines \$1,280, license suspended.

Danielle R. Anderson, 32, pleaded guilty to theft III - fine \$846, 30 days jail - suspended, 10 days work crew, 60 days probation.

Wesley D. Brady, 37, pleaded guilty to theft II - fine \$735.40, 15 days work crew, 36 mos. probation, no contact orders.

Jessica R. Deffenbaugh, 41, pleaded no contest to DWS, DU

- fines \$740.

Linda E. Kennedy, 34, pleaded no contest to initiating a false report (reduced to a violation) - fine \$526.

Austin I. Meeks, 32, pleaded guilty to theft III x2 - fine \$863.34, 30 days jail - suspended, 20 days work crew, 24 mos. probation, drug & alcohol evaluation and treatment, no contact orders. Dismissed: theft III x2.

Brittney J. Minyard, 39, pleaded no contest cell phone

use while driving - fine \$265.

Susan R. Moore, 57, pleaded no contest to theft II - fine \$401, 10 days work crew, 24 mos. probation, no contact orders.

Sean E. Robinson, 42, pleaded guilty to assault IV - fine \$2,217, 180 days jail - suspended, 15 days work crew, 60 mos. probation, no contact orders. Dismissed: criminal trespass I.

Daniel W. Sappington, 30, pleaded no contest to DWS,

speeding 33/20 school zone - fines \$1,235.

Beverly J. Sherwin, 68, guilty by default for FTOTCD - fine \$1,015, license suspended.

Harold M. Turner, 51, guilty by default for operating a vehicle without driving privileges and DU - fines \$2,030, license suspended.

Jonathan P. Vancleave, 61, pleaded no contest to failure to report as a sex offender - fine \$366, 10 days work crew, 24 mos. probation.

From our Files



Home town news was the topic of conversation for former New Era Editor Donn Bonham, left, and Joe Stone when a photographer snapped this photo of the two Sweet Home residents in Korea in 1951.

MAY 17, 1951

First aid treatment for fracture and wound victims of an atomic explosion, their examination and transportation will be discussed by a Red Cross instructor as part of a two-part series dealing with atomic injuries. Any person holding a first aid card, no matter how old, may attend.

East Linn residents were given special urging to participate in a blood drive in hopes of helping supply the Army and Navy hospitals in Korea with much-needed O-type blood. Northwest blood center stocks have dwindled due to accelerated battlefield demand for this type of blood. Any such collected blood this weekend will be flown to Korea to replenish dangerously low stock.

MAY 13, 1976

In a bizarre crime, several women described as "a gypsy

family" robbed Thriftway of \$2,800 when they detained store personnel by asking them for help looking for items in the store. Meanwhile, one of the women went into the office and stole the cash, which was sitting on the desk. The women then all left in cars driven by men.

The first annual Moonlight Sale and Recreational Vehicle Show will make Sweet Home "come alive." Sponsored by local merchants and the Chamber of Commerce, the two-day event will highlight sales, displays and a contest for van and four wheel drive vehicles.

MAY 16, 2001

Sweet Home dedicated its new \$1.9 million, 9,975 square foot police department this week. The day was sunny and beautiful, unlike the stormy night five years ago that sent roaring waters from Ames Creek gushing into the now

former department located in the basement of City Hall. This dedication ceremony was a tribute to the tenacity of city staff and the support of the community at large.

Sweet Home School District's proposed budget anticipates a revenue loss of \$1 million, which will require cuts in staffing levels. The revenue loss is based on declining enrollment. The budget includes reduction of programs and services by \$850,000, a \$100,000 increase in cash carryover, and \$50,000 in other adjustments.

A Country Welcome held its grand opening after eight years of operating its business selling custom-made rubber stamps online. Their website, with more than 1,500 pages, reached customers across the world. Now the owners are able to open the gift shop they originally wanted, located at 1205 Long St.

Letters to the Editor

Grant opportunity may not be there later

Editor:

As you may be aware, in the last five years our school district has been systematically updating our schools.

In the process, they have been fiscally responsible and have done an amazing job keeping the existing taxes at the existing rate through using our in-district resources and securing grants.

Our schools are currently safer and in great shape. Even our high school has experienced some great updates.

However, because the campus is so large, the updates have been accomplished in phases.

Currently, the classroom areas that facilitate our CTE programs, math, science, and LRC programs have infrastructure that is 50 to 80 years old. To address this, the district has secured a huge grant for just over \$12 million.

However, if we don't match the money we will lose the grant. That's a lot of money for our kids.

Frankly, we can't afford to lose that kind of money for

our kids.

To make our high school safer and address the construction and infrastructure issues the building project needs to be larger than a \$12 million grant match.

So the ask is large. The cost will only get larger and more expensive with time and the possible loss of the \$12 million grant.

It's important for our community to know that passing the bond will not increase our taxes. It will be paid by extending the current bond out to cover the costs. That means we still pay for it; just over time without a tax increase.

This is a win; the grant is a lot of money and a huge opportunity that we might not ever see again.

If you haven't voted yet, please-please consider the future of our community, our schools, and our children.

We have an opportunity and we need to take it.

We need to vote "yes" for this measure.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jim and Lisa Gourley
Sweet Home

District 11 'fortunate' for choice of Sanchez

Editor:

There are candidates who run for office, and then there are people who have lived the values they want to bring to the Capitol. Angelita Sanchez is the latter - and District 11 would be fortunate to send her to Salem.

Angelita isn't a politician who discovered conservatism when it became convenient. She's a lifelong Republican, rooted right here in our community, shaped by the same concerns and values that drive most of us: hard work, personal responsibility, faith in our neighbors, and a deep belief that government should serve people - not the other way around.

What strikes you immediately about Angelita is how approachable she is. She's not campaigning from a distance. She's knocking on doors, sitting at kitchen tables, listening at community meetings. She understands that the issues facing District 11 aren't abstractions - they're the grocery bills, the water bills, the property tax statements that land in our mailboxes and remind us how stretched we already are.

That's why her commitment on taxes and fees matters so much. Angelita has

been clear and unwavering: no new taxes, no new fees on the people of this district. At a time when working families and small business owners are already doing more with less, that pledge is not just good politics - it's good sense.

Salem has a long habit of solving its problems by reaching into our pockets. Angelita would be a voice saying "enough is enough."

She also brings something increasingly rare to this race: she actually knows the issues.

Her engagement with District 11's challenges - including standing up for property owners and local accountability in matters that have directly affected our community - reflects someone who has done her homework and understands the stakes.

This isn't a resume-building exercise for Angelita. This is home.

Oregon needs legislators who remember where they came from and who they're working for. Angelita Sanchez is that candidate. She's one of us - a woman of faith, a member of this community, someone who believes the people of District 11 deserve a representative who fights for them, not for the next political stepping stone.

On primary day, I'll be proud to cast my vote for An-

gelita Sanchez. I hope you'll join me.

Chelly Bouferrache
Sweet Home

Sanchez brings leadership to race

Editor:

I'm a longtime Linn County resident and voter. Through the years I've seen people run for office who lacked the experience and connection to the community that's needed.

Angelita Sanchez is one who has volunteered as an organizer, gleaner, city councilor, and voice for the people. She's worked for Sen. (Cedric) Hayden at the Capitol and gets things done.

Angelita is open-minded and always careful with the taxpayer's money. She is one of the first to show up when others are in need.

I received a flyer from her opponent that made ridiculous accusations about her. I hope others weren't fooled by it.

Angelita was a petition leader in the referendum that allowed a public vote on the gas tax and DMV increases. Please vote no on M-120 and vote for Angelita Sanchez for state representative in HD-11.


Linda Morelli
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FARMERS MARKETS OPEN LOCALLY

Farmers Markets opened last week in both Lebanon and Sweet Home. The Sweet Home Farmers Market, above, is held every Tuesday until Oct. 6 in the parking lot next to the library, 1141 12th Ave., from 2 to 6 p.m. The Lebanon Farmers Market is held every Thursday from until Oct. 8 at Ralston Park, 971 Park St., from 2 to 6 p.m. Also now open are Saturday markets in both Lebanon, right, and Sweet Home. For more information on those, visit our websites.

Photos by Sarah Brown



Sweet Home Community Foundation announces 2026 grant recipients

The Sweet Home Community Foundation has announced its 2026 Community Grant recipients.

SHCF annually awards community grants to local projects and organizations that provide lasting improvements to the Sweet Home community.

According to President Bob Burford, \$28,000 was awarded in this round.

Grants were awarded in the following categories: Children and Families, Education, Livability and Arts & Culture

2026 SHCF Community Grant recipients are:

- Hawthorne School PTC – funds to purchase ADA accessible playground equipment.
- The Sweet Home Pregnancy Care Center – funds to purchase car seats for newborn babies and pre-natal vitamins.
- Sweet Home Emergency Ministries (SHEM) – funds to purchase a new commercial refrigerator.
- The MIKE Healthcare Program – funds to provide mentored health education, healthcare career exploration and a youth leadership summit in conjunction with the SHSD. MIKE is a Portland nonprofit whose mission is to educate and mentor unserved students to pursue healthy and productive lifestyles.

- Sweet Home Youth Baseball – funds for local baseball field improvements.

- Meals on Wheels – funds for the Sweet Home area meal program.

- Sweet Home Chamber of Commerce – funds to purchase additional tables and chairs for community groups and events.

- Lake Town Academy – funding for a student greenhouse for academic studies.

This year's Community Grants were funded by local individuals through the Sweet Home Community Foundation Endowment and the Tim and Jo Ann McQueary - Leave a Local Legacy Endowment.

The grants are only possible through the generosity of local businesses and individuals who annually support SHCF.

Any individual, family or estate, can establish a named endowment under the SHCF's tax deductible, "Leave a Local Legacy" program. These endowments can annually gift funds to local projects under the family fund name. This program assures that a family or loved one will be permanently remembered by the community.

Those wishing more can contact SHCF at info@giveshcf.org or call (541) 730-3670.

Commissioners OK application for local transportation grant funds

By Alex Paul

Linn County Communications

At their May 5 meeting, Linn County Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Sherrie Sprenger and Will Tucker approved applying for \$1,266,932 in grants from the Oregon Department of Transportation to support transportation programs in Lebanon, Sweet Home and Albany.

The requests were presented by Reagan Maudlin, Linn County Special/Rural Transportation Coordinator.

In a written report, Maudlin said the individual grant requests have previously been approved by the Linn County Transportation Advisory Committee.

If approved, the funds would be distributed during the 2027-2029 biennium.

Grants would assist the following programs:

- 5310 Surface Transportation Block Grant: Albany Call-A-Ride, \$45,000; Chamberlin House, \$12,000; Lebanon LINX, \$74,616; Lebanon LINX, \$312,651; Oregon Mennonite Residential Services, \$9,691; Senior Citizens of Sweet Home,

\$217,272; Sweet Home Dial-A-Bus, \$44,865; Sunshine Industries: \$45,995. Total: \$762,090.

- 5310 Rural Grant: Senior Citizens of Sweet Home Inc.: \$180,685.

- 5310 Small Urban Grant: City of Albany, \$324,157, for the Call-A-Ride senior and disabled transportation program.

In other business the commissioners:

- Approved the purchase of 15 night vision goggles and other ancillary equipment for the Linn County Sheriff's Office, totaling \$207,255.

- Announced that the 2026-2027 Linn County budget and the 4-H and Extension Service District budget are scheduled for adoption at the June 23 board meeting.

- Were updated about the Friends of Gap Road activities by Troy Jones of Harrisburg. The group opposes development of a large-scale solar panel project called the Muddy Creek Energy Park south of Brownsville and east of Harrisburg. Jones asked the commissioners to consider supporting a code revision to no longer allow

conditional use permitting of solar projects on all properties zoned Exclusive Farm Use in the county. He said Marion County has banned the siting of commercial battery energy storage projects in rural areas.

- Announced that a tour of the courthouse, which was built in 1939, will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, as part of National Historic Preservation Month.

- Awarded the Whispering Falls Campground pavement project to Jesse Rodriguez Construction of Silverton with a bid of \$166,053. This project will be funded by the U.S. Forest Service through the Good Neighbor Authority Agreement. This campground, in Idanha, is managed and maintained by the Linn County Parks and Recreation Department.

- Approved a contract with Douglas Burton of Re/Max Integrity Real Estate to list certain properties which Linn County has received in lieu of back taxes. A new Oregon law specifies that real estate agents or brokers are required for the sale of properties that are zoned residential and were the prima-

ry residence of the former owner at the time the taxes were assessed. Tax-foreclosed properties being auctioned must also be listed in a multiple listing service (MLS) for at least 30 days pri-

or to the auction.

- Approved the purchase of a generator and two transfer switches for installation at the Willamette Health Center Campus in Albany. The total cost is \$72,630.

Upcoming City Meetings

These are regularly-scheduled meetings. Sometimes the dates or times are changed due to schedule conflicts among members, work session additions, holidays, etc. Last minute changes do occur at times. Please check the governing board's website for updated information and agendas.

Lebanon School Board: Thur., May 14, 6 p.m., at Lebanon Library, 55 Academy St.

Lebanon Aquatic District: Mon., May 18, 6 p.m., at Lebanon Pool, 1800 S 5th St.

Sweet Home Fire Board: Tue., May 19, 6:30 p.m., at 1099 Long St.

Brownsville Fire Board: Tue., May 19, 6:30 p.m., at 600 E Blakely.

Sweet Home Park & Tree Committee: Wed., May 20, 8:30 a.m. at City Hall, 3225 Main St.

Lebanon Parks, Trees & Trails: Wed., May 20, 2 p.m. at Lebanon Library, 55 Academy St.

Lebanon Planning Commission: Wed., May 20, 6 p.m. at Lebanon Library, 55 Academy

Sweet Home Planning Commission: Thur., May 21, 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 3225 Main St.

Sodaville City Council: Thur., May 21, 7 p.m. at City Hall, 30723 Sodaville Road.

Sweet Home City Council: Tue., May 26, 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 3225 Main St.

Brownsville City Council: Tue., May 26, 7 p.m., at City Hall, 255 N Main St.

Corps announces public info sessions on Willamette reservoirs

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers water managers will hold two virtual information sessions on Tuesday, May 19, to discuss severe drought conditions and the summer forecast for the Willamette Valley's 13 reservoirs.

According to the Natural Resources Conservation Service, 2026 has been the sixth-driest in terms of water year precipitation to date since 1980 in the Willamette Valley. Low rainfall and snowpack have created widespread drought conditions across the region, impacting the efforts to refill the reservoirs and keep them full.

Overall, the Willamette Valley system of dams and reservoirs were 68% full as of May 11.

Foster was at 7% and Green Peter was 64% full.

Year-to-date precipitation is 85% of normal, with snow-water equivalent (the amount of water in snow) 4% of normal, the Corps reported.

"It's always a delicate dance to balance all the congressional purposes of these dams and reservoirs," said Salina Hart, chief of reservoir regulation and water quality with USACE's Portland District. "Because of these historic lows, it's even more challenging to

achieve a balance between purposes like recreation, hydropower, irrigation, wildlife habitat, and downstream river flows for water quality and fish survival."

Despite the low water levels, officials note that without the 13 dams capturing and storing the limited rain and snowmelt received so far, the entire Willamette River Basin would currently be in a much worse condition.

"We know how deeply the communities of the Willamette Valley value this river system and rely on these reservoirs, so we are doing everything we can to carefully manage every drop of

water we have," Hart said. "Our priority is to support the people, the local economy, and the environment by balancing these critical, competing needs through the difficult months ahead."

The public information session will include the forecast for summer reservoir levels and time for questions from the public.

The first session will be from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, followed by a second from 6 to 7 p.m. The meetings can be accessed on the Corps' web page at www.nwp.usace.army.mil/Locations/Willamette-Valley.

The meeting ID is 993 838

686 442 and the passcode is f775Qk9o.

Participants can also dial in by phone at 1-601-262-2433. The conference ID is 124 893 446#.

Reservoir Conditions

USACE's "teacup diagrams" provide real-time water elevations for USACE-managed reservoirs. The Portland District encourages the public to check the "teacup diagrams" before heading out to recreate to determine boat ramp availability at <https://www.nwd-wc.usace.army.mil/nwp/teacup/willamette>.

A Deeper Look at the First Years of the Lebanon Boys & Girls Club

By Sarah Brown
Of The New Era

In last week's story about the anniversary celebration for Lebanon's Boys & Girls Club, Ken Toomb should have been identified as one of the original four who gathered together and came up with the idea, not Jim McDaniel.

In addition to making this correction, The New Era wants to shed more light on the first years of the club's origins.

The story goes that in 1975 four men - Wayne Rieskamp, Ken Toomb, Tom Davis and Willie Walsh - were enjoying a simple cup of coffee at a restaurant together when a shared concern arose: the need for a safe, positive place where kids in the community could gather together, and grow in hope and belonging, with an equal chance for success.

That same year, a Board of Directors was formed for what was originally going

to be called the Lebanon Boys Club, but not long later became the Lebanon Boys and Girls Club. The board consisted of Rodger Greenfield, Vern "Bud" Pulliam, George S. Clark and Joseph L. Durst.

Greenfield, who worked for the Lebanon Police Department, said 80% of the city's misdemeanors were committed by youth under 18 years of age. He blamed a lack of organized activities as part of the reason, and believed a youth center would alleviate some of the mischief.

In the earlier formation of the club, the board planned to turn Century Park's picnic shelter into a meeting place. They envisioned starting off with football teams, pool tables, woodshop and craft classes, and "other structured offerings," all under the guidance of a full-time director. The club, one organizer said in a news story at the time, "will not be a haven for students skipping

school."

Some citizens were concerned about the incoming program, citing fears of the park being overrun and the club becoming a "babysitting outfit," and one council member said it would duplicate programs already offered by the city's Community Services program.

However, newspaper articles at the time noted that the director of Community Services, Jim McDaniel, was also on the original board of the Lebanon Boys and Girls Club. Supporters of the club noted it would offer different programs not offered by Community Services.

Greenfield emphasized in support of the club that it would be a long-range program that helps prepare kids for the future, and would provide kids a choice of something to do because, "by golly, they deserve it."

The first major program to get off the ground by the new Lebanon Boys and

Girls Club was tackle football. In partnership with the Elks, Kiwanis and Lions clubs, three teams of 25 to 30 kids were formed under the direction of Interim Club Director Charlie Greene. They would compete against teams in Scio, Jefferson and Central Linn.

The club's first official director, Grant Calin, was hired in December 1975. The first "capital" fund drive for \$10,000 began in March 1976 to enclose and enlarge the park's picnic shelter, completed in 1977, to function as a clubhouse. Membership was at about 150, but Calin estimated membership would stabilize around 500 in the first year.

Board President George Clark saw the club as an outlet for kids who needed to vent their emotions in a constructive way and become involved without cost.

Still, operational costs were going to be needed. Members paid \$2 per year,

and fundraising to support operational costs and further construction also began in 1976. "Youth boosters" could sponsor a child for \$1 per month. Fundraising efforts continued in 1978, the same year the club rolled out the Rent-A-Kid program - residents needing garden work could hire a kid from the club, which gave kids an opportunity to earn some cash.

Another capital campaign kicked off in 1989 to construct a 20,000-square-foot building at the vacant lot across from Century Park, the clubhouse's current facility. They asked for \$300,000 cash and \$250,000 of in-kind services. Ground-breaking took place in 1990.

Today, the Boys & Girls Club of the Greater Santiam continues providing youth recreational athletics, as well as after-school programs, workforce training, Kids Club, a preschool and a nutrition program.

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Leonberger owners visit Lebanon for national dog show

By Sarah Brown
Of The New Era

A handful of people in the space at Lebanon's Boulder Falls Event Center sustained a prolonged silence while the point of attention, a large dog, acted on commands from its handler.

Or, at least, partly obeyed the commands.

The center of the room, a large section bordered out by fencing, contained the show space. Ira Van Order, of Pennsylvania, ran her 5-year-old Leonberger stud, Austin Powers, through the obedience trials.

After a few successful runs, Van Order then commanded her dog to perform a long jump over some flat boards. Instead, Austin Powers ran across the boards and laid on his back for a belly rub.

"He's very goofy," Van Order said. "With these Leonbergers, they are not typically your obedience dog, so sometimes they're miserable in there because you're making them do stuff."

Her goal, she said, is for her dog to be happy.

"If his tail wasn't wagging, I would not do the sport at all."

Van Order and Austin Powers were taking part in the obedience trials of a week-long dog show last week. More specifically, it was the Leonberger Club of America's 39th annual LCA International Specialty dog show.

She noted that only a handful of the 80-plus dog contestants from across the nation took part in the obedience part of the show, and attributed it to the fact that this particular dog isn't bred for obedience.



Austin Powers, a Leonberger breed, gets distracted while his owner, Ira Von Order, waits for him to return to the heel position. See more photos at [sweethomenews.com / lebanonlocalnews.com](http://sweethomenews.com/lebanonlocalnews.com).

— Photos by Sarah Brown



A dog and its owner take part in an obedience trial under scrutiny from a judge.

"They're not like a border collie or another working breed that is highly focused," said Jim Carretta, of California, president of the Northern California Leonberger Club. "That's not their primary function. They can do it, but it's not ideal for them."

LCA Board Member Don James, of Washington, said the breed is more "Newfy-like," being "laid back" and basically created as a companion dog. They are, however, quite suitable as farm working dogs.

James said the best comparison of the breed would be a Newfoundland, but ultimately it is a cross-breed of the St.

Bernard, Newfoundland and a Pyrenean.

The dog was first created in Germany during the mid-1800s by Heinrich Essig, who, it is believed, intended to make the dog resemble the town of Leonberg's lion on its coat of arms. The breed almost disappeared during World War I and again later during World War II, but the few remaining dogs during that time were located and bred to keep the generations going.

Contestants at the dog show participated in draft tests, conformation (the "beauty pageant" of a dog show), a parade, and obedience and rally trials.

The dog handlers also participated in conformation assessments, networking events, blood tests for dogs, and clinics and classes.

This is the first time the club held its show in Lebanon, but it isn't the first time Boulder Falls Event Center has been the site of a dog show.

According to General Manager Chris Breshears, this week's show is the sixth one the hotel has hosted since its opening. In 2022, the Lebanon Local/New Era covered an event hosted by the Spino Club of America when they held their "Nuts Over Spinone" National Specialty Dog Show.

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was just so much chaos. And the 911 gal was trying to understand what I was saying.

"I ended up going outside because she couldn't hear me."

Meanwhile, Whitmore was working on the child who, Kim said, had had a "high fever."

"I was holding her when it happened," Kim said.

Novalee had a seizure, she said, and then stopped breathing. She said she left the guesthouse and ran to the front door - barefoot across the gravel, her mother noted.

"When I came in, she had already stopped breathing by then," Kim said.

Cathy said her mother-in-law took over, slapping Novalee on the back, and breathing into her mouth and nose.

"The thing about when they have seizures, is to get them on their side so they are not going to aspirate," Whitmore interjected, adding that

she was attempting to perform mouth-to-mouth when she realized the child had vomited and that was what was impeding her airway.

"I flipped her over and I was pounding on her back - more than just tapping," Whitmore said, with a slight chuckle. "I turned her back over and - still nothing. It had just occluded her airway. There was no breathing. There was no response in her eyes."

She said she repeated the maneuver three times and finally began to detect "real shallow" breaths, and Novalee began to respond.

"She worked and worked on her for a while, and brought her back," Cathy said.

"I said, 'Do you want Mimi (Kim)?' and I got a tiny 'yes,'" Whitmore recalled.

Right about then, Cathy said, police and medics arrived and took over.

"It didn't take long, but it seemed like forever," Whitmore noted.

She said she felt "shook" when it was over.

"When the ambulance and everything was here, she sat down in the kitchen chair here, and just pretty much collapsed, and was crying," Cathy said. "I was rubbing her back, and I just told her, 'Thank you for saving her.'"

Although she worked in emergency medicine for decades, she said she'd only had to resuscitate one other young child - her youngest son Jerry, who had pneumonia when he was 6 weeks old, and choked on mucus at 3 o'clock in the morning after returning home from the hospital.

"My husband was at work and I tried mouth-to-mouth and mouth-to-nose and nothing was working," she recalled. "I got a DeLee mucus trap (a suction device used to clear newborns' airwaves). I put that down and he started breathing."

"God is good," she added. "Now why would you bring home a trap like that anyhow?"

Jerry is now a nurse him-

self at Riverbend hospital in Springfield, she noted, along with her daughter Julie Whitmore Parks, who was an ICU nurse before retiring from Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital. Her other sons are John, a longtime police officer in Delaware, and Jeff, who lives with Whitmore and works at a local mill.

Nursing is in their blood, it appears.

Whitmore's mother, Grace Williams, was a nurse at Langmack Hospital in Sweet Home for many years in the late 1940s and 1950s, she said.

"She gave all the anesthetics here. Dr. Langmack flew her down in his airplane to California for training on how to use the machine."

When Langmack Hospital closed in the early 1960s, Williams moved to the obstetrics ward at the Lebanon hospital, where "I worked days and she worked nights, we got 'em coming and going," Whitmore laughed.

She had graduated from

Sweet Home Union High School in 1957, then trained in nursing at Providence Hospital in Portland before moving to Lebanon Community Hospital, where she worked from 1962 to 1997.

"We held hands and got coffee and prayed with people, if they wanted it," she recalled, adding, "It's different now. It is completely, totally different. I think they've lost a lot."

Cathy said the experience highlighted two things for them: the value of older citizens and the need for people to have CPR training.

"So many people, when they get old, they're like, 'What am I, my purpose?'"

"The elderly, they feel like they're just kind of useless, you know? And they feel like they're not important anymore, but I tell you, for 87 years old, she's still saving lives."

"She's still important, and so many people in this town just love her," she said of her mother-in-law.

Eight Warriors sign letters of intent to compete at college level

By Scott Swanson
Of The New Era

Eight Lebanon High School athletes who have signed letters of intent to compete at the collegiate level were honored at a reception held Thursday, May 7, in the school's Main Gym.

They are track sprinter Bodhi Brown, softball pitcher Tatum Cole, football quarterback Brison Edwards, football wide receiver Logan Large, cheer and tumbling specialist Addy Pickles, soccer player Landon Savri, cheer and tumbling specialist Bailey Sim, and basketball player Peyton Vorderstrasse.

Several signed actual letters of intent, and coaches and Athletic Director Kraig Hoene introduced each athlete.

Athletic Secretary Jenny Pickles said including all the signees in one celebration event was a first for the school.

Bodhi Brown

Brown has signed to compete for Oregon Institute of Technology, where he plans to study biology-health sciences and pre-optometry as he works toward a future in the medical field.

"I chose Oregon Tech because it had a blend of athletics and academics for me, he said. "I just wanted that small-college kind of vibe, and I really like how that looks.

Brown has developed into one of the state's top sprinters and long jumpers, though he has not competed much in the latter due to an injury.

During his time at Lebanon, Brown was twice named track and field's Most Improved Athlete and was a state qualifier last season, helping to lead the 400-meter and 1600-meter relay teams to breaking school records. He has cleared a 40½ inch vertical jump.

Brown has also excelled in the classroom, making the Honor Roll all four years, and will serve as a Class of 2026 valedictorian for Lebanon High School.

He said one of his biggest challenges as a track athlete has been staying on target with nutrition "because I'm really picky. I don't like eating a lot. That was probably the hardest part for me. But it made the biggest differ-



Lebanon athletes who have signed letters of intent to compete at the college level are, from left, Bodhi Brown, Landon Savri, Brison Edwards, Logan Large, Peyton Vorderstrasse, Tatum Cole, Bailey Sim and Addy Pickles. See more photos from the event at lebanonlocalnews.com.

ence."

Brown credited his parents - his dad got him started in track as an elementary school student - for "blessing me with life, genetics and determination," and for influencing him.

"I doubt if I would have ever done a sport without them," he said.

He also thanked coaches Kyle Saulmon and Troy Walker for providing him opportunity and "investing in me, as well as his teammates and friends.

Brown also attributes his success to off-season training, "doing a lot of heavy lifting."

"During the summer, I was probably training two or three times a week on the track, and then two or three times a week while in the gym."

Tatum Cole

Cole has signed to pitch for Odessa College softball program, a junior college in Odessa Texas.

She has been on Lebanon's varsity softball roster for all four years and played a key role in the Warriors' two appearances in the state championship finals, in 2023 and 2024.

Cole was named the state MVP as a sophomore, which,

she said, is her favorite memory from her high school career.

Cole said she got interested in Odessa after getting injured in the fall of 2024 - "we couldn't figure out what it was," undergoing surgery and falling off the radar of the Division I schools that had been interested.

She said she had help from a recruiting coach, who suggested Odessa to her, telling her that the Wranglers were "a really good juco team" that sends players to the D-1 schools.

Odessa competes in the NJCAA Division I.

"I talked to them and they really liked all my videos," Cole said. "They reached out and said, 'We really like you and we're willing to take a chance on you.'" She said Odessa offered her a full-ride scholarship after she took an official visit.

"I really loved it," she said. "It felt like a second home."

She plans to pursue a career as a sports physical therapist.

She said Odessa coaches Doug Eastman and Alexis Hamilton have given her a lot of support, which helped her make the decision.

In four years as a pitcher for Lebanon, Cole has been named First Team All-State, First Team All-League, Second Team All-League as both a pitcher and infielder.

She's been on the Honor Roll throughout high school and is a member of this year's Strawberry Festival Court.

"I would like to thank my parents for always being there and believing in me," Cole said. "It means more than you know. You guys believed in me when no one else did. If I didn't have you guys, I don't know where I would be today. Your support

and encouragement have shaped me into the player and person I am today."

Brison Edwards

Edwards has signed a letter of intent to play football for Western Oregon.

He played four years for the Warriors, although he attends East Linn Christian, which does not have a football program. At ELCA he was named to the All-League First Team in basketball, leading the Eagles this year to fourth place in the 2A state championships.

Football Head Coach Troy Walker told the crowd at the event that in 29 years of coaching at the high school level, he's never seen a quarterback with a higher football IQ than Edwards.

"He's literally another coach on the field," Walker said. "He knows what every single person is doing on the field at all times, whether it's alignment, a skill guy, he will know exactly what they're supposed to do on every single play. You will not find a more competitive person, anywhere, in any sport, at any given time.

"He's tough, physical, and has an outstanding will to be great. I truly believe that he was the best dual-threat quarterback in the state of Oregon last year."

In three years quarterbacking the Warriors' varsity, Edwards scored 79 total touchdowns, which, Walker observed, "there's a reason why you would be 5A Player of the Year."

He finished with 56 touchdown passes and 4,669 passing yards, and 23 touchdowns and 1,354 yards rushing.

Walker noted that Edwards also caught a pass on a trick play against Dallas that put Lebanon in position to win

that game, 30-29.

"Western Oregon's getting a competitor," Walker said.

Edwards has maintained a 4.00 GPA during his final two years at East Linn and was Lebanon's football team captain and received this year's team MVP.

He was an All-League Honorable Mention quarterback as a sophomore and second-team All-League as a junior before being named 5A Offensive Player of the Year, League Player of the Year, First Team All-State Quarterback, First Team All-League Quarterback, Second Team All-League Defensive Back and Honorable Mention Punter as a senior.

Walker noted that Edwards, who's listed at 6-0, 180 pounds, was invited to play in both the Shrine and the Les Schwab bowl games, and will participate in the latter.

Edwards said the decision to play at Western Oregon came down to the school's program and its proximity to Lebanon.

"I think I had eight offers, I believe - quite a few of them local, and a couple further away," he said.

"I think having that opportunity, being close with my family still, but also I'm getting the college experience and having that development with such a talented program - I think it was an easy choice in terms of what I want to do."

He said the Wolves' success - they were 8-3 last year, 7-2 in the very competitive NCAA Division II Lone Star Conference, was one plus.

"With the coaches in the program and the success in the past, I think it was kind of a no-brainer for me, especially with it being 45 minutes away from my hometown," he said.

He plans to pursue a degree in business.

He thanked his dad, high school coaches and the seniors he played with for four years.

Edwards said his favorite memory from his high school career is praying over his team before every game in front of everyone, "displaying the faith within our program and giving glory to God always."

Logan Large

Large, who has been a three-sport athlete at Lebanon throughout his career, will play football for Linfield College.

He said he considered "multiple schools, but when I went to Linfield, I really felt at home academically and athletically. I thought it was my best opportunity for life."

Walker called Large "the most complete wide receiver I've ever coached in my high school career."

He said Large could catch



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anything – long, short, mid-range passes, and “the 50-50 ball, which, with Logan, we call the ‘70-30 ball,’ meaning he’s got a 70% chance of getting that. If you watch any games, then you understand what we’re talking about.”

Large captained the Warriors in both his junior and senior seasons, being named First Team All-State Wide Receiver, Second Team All-State Defensive Back, and First Team All-League Returner. His favorite high school memory, he said, was helping to lead the Warriors to the league title last season.

On the basketball court, he also served as a captain while earning MVP honors, the team Defensive Award, and Honorable Mention All-League recognition.

In track and field, Large also was a team captain last year and was the field events MVP after placing fifth at state in the triple jump and was a member of the 4x400 relay team, along with Brown, Rowan Jones and Cade Weber, that finished in 3:28.86 to break the school record by three seconds.

Large has been awarded a \$29,000 scholarship from Linfield, where he will play wide receiver and also compete for the Wildcats in track and field.

He plans to pursue studies in mathematics, psychology or business.

Large said his dad “has always pushed me” and helped him develop as an athlete.

He thanked coaches throughout his athletic career, his family, friends and teammates who’ve supported him in life.

Walker said a Linfield coach told him that he’d “never seen a guy more complete at the high school level than what you have here.”

“That’s a compliment to Coach Kyle (Saulmon) for teaching him the reins, that’s Bryce Edwards giving him an opportunity to do that, but it’s innate with Logan,” Walker said. “He’s a plug-and-play kid, an artist working on the field. His athleticism is off the charts, all of this football IQ, he’s tough, physical, relentless and competitive.”

In three years with the Warriors, Large finished with 109 catches, 1,959 yards, and 27 touchdowns, plus 190 more yards and one more TD rushing, plus eight more scores on kickoff and punt returns.

Large said he had interest from “five or six other schools” and it came down to two or three in the end.

“It was a really tough decision to decide between the two or three schools, but eventually I ended on Linfield and I think it was the best choice I could have made.

“I really felt at home and it was my best opportunity for



Football Coach Troy Walker speaks about his players, Logan Large and Brison Edwards, before Edwards, seated, signs his letter of intent. – Photos by Scott

football and track.”

Addy Pickles

Pickles has signed to cheer and compete in tumbling at Boise State.

Pickles has been a star athlete in both cheer and track over her four years at Lebanon, leading the Warriors to a state cheer title this year, following another state championship during her freshman season, with a second and a third in between.

Meanwhile, she was the first four-time All State Cheer Individual Champion in state history, winning four straight 5A Division titles against 50 to 70 other athletes.

In track, she has been one of the top performers in sprints and jumps for the Warriors, qualifying for state all three years thus far.

Pickles said she chose Boise “because I really like Idaho – I like the area, and I was looking to continue my cheer career.”

She said she can participate in cheer and compete in tumbling with the Broncos as she pursues nursing.

“I didn’t want something that was going to take away from my schooling because schooling is really important to me,” she said.

She plans to focus on a career in pediatric nursing, with the goal of making a meaningful impact in the lives of children and their families.

While at Lebanon, Pickles has been a sophomore, junior and senior senator, as well as one of the student school board members. She will serve as a class salutatorian at graduation.

Boise, she added, will give her “that Division I experience without having to take all my time and put it into cheer. And they still have a very competitive program, so that was fine.”

She plans to compete with

the co-ed stunt team in the winter, as well as participating in sideline cheer during football season.

“But it’s not, like, three hours a day, every day of the year,” she noted. “We practice three days a week, which is about what I’ve been doing here.”

She added: It’s gonna be a different level of cheerleading and stuff, because it’s college,

She thanked her parents and sisters for their support, as well as track coaches Troy Walker and Kyle Saulmon “for giving me a new sport to love and teaching me how to improve each meet,” along with her cheer teammates.

She said the championships she won with her senior year team is one of her favorite high school memories.

Landon Savri

Savri will continue his soccer career at Truckee Meadows Community College in Reno, Nev., playing as a midfielder for the 2026-27 season.

He has played the last two years for Lebanon, after transferring from Sweet Home in 2024.

He was a team captain last season and earned the Warrior Award in recognition of his commitment, also being named to All-League Honorable Mention honors.

Savri intends to major in kinesiology, with a goal of becoming a physical therapist.

He said he has always wanted to play for a Division I college, but realized that his best option might be to go the junior college route first. His goal is to play two years at Truckee Meadows, then move on to a D-1 program.

“Unless you’re an insane player, you know, you don’t usually start and play those first two years at four-year schools,” he said. “So by the time I get there, I will know

college ball. I can compete physically. So I think that was an advantage for me.”

Coach Tyler Grove, who took the role this past season, said he knew within five minutes of meeting Savri “that we have a captain here.”

“He proved that throughout the season,” Grove said, noting that although Savri’s season was cut short by injury, he continued to be a team leader.

Savri said he had interest from a variety of schools, including Lane Community College, but narrowed his final choices down to a school in Oklahoma and Truckee Meadows, which, he noted, is located about 7½ hours from east Linn County.

“They were just a little too far,” he said of Oklahoma.

“It was somewhere that offered me the opportunity to grow enough to

become the player I need to be,” he said of Truckee. “It doesn’t guarantee anything, but it lays out the steps to reach my goals as an athlete and in my career.

“I also love the coach, environment, area, and how close to home it is,

especially, and overall, the college is somewhere I see myself for two years.”

He said he expects Reno to be a “big change” from “a small town” but it’ll be really fun to kind of experience that.”

He said he intends to learn to ski.

“I want to thank God, my parents, friends and all three of my brothers for helping me get to this point.”

Bailey Sim

Sim has signed to cheer at San Jose State University, where she also will compete in tumbling.

Sim has been a member of the Warriors’ cheer squad throughout her high school career.

She was a member of both state championships Lebanon won during the past four years, along with second- and third-place finishers. She was a two-time All-State team member and competed with the Warriors at national competitions in Dallas, Texas, and Anaheim, Calif.

Sim also has been involved in FFA, excelling in national competitions and winning two district Milk Quality championships.

Sim said she was looking for an out-of-state school that had a competition cheer program, which the Spartans offer.

“They were the one,” she said. “I wanted something not super far away from home. So nine hours is not too bad. I went in the winter and met with their team and met their coaches, and I instantly fell in love with the program, the coaches, everything about it.”

She plans to study education and plans not only to participate in sideline cheer as a base and a flyer, but also make the competition team and compete nationally.

Peyton Vorderstrasse

Vorderstrasse has signed to play basketball at Bushnell University in Eugene.

A four-year varsity player for Lebanon, she has served as team captain and has won numerous awards and honors during her high school career, including team MVP and second team All-League honors as a junior.

As a senior, she was named first team All-League and honorable mention All-State.

Vorderstrasse has also played tennis in high school, as well as competing in track and field.

She said she chose Bushnell, formerly Northwest Christian College until it was renamed in 2020, because “the coaches were always very inclusive.”

“They came to so many of my games. It’s a very close-knit community there too, which is what I’m wanting. And I think that, all that just correlating with each other, just made me really excited about going to Bushnell.”

She will play shooting guard for the Beacons.

Vorderstrasse has done well in the classroom, consistently making the Honor Roll during her high school years.

She plans to major in graphic design and digital media at Bushnell.

She expressed thanks for the support she has received from her family and coaches for “helping me get to where I am today.”

Vorderstrasse said she heard from other smaller schools, but “I wasn’t really feeling like that was where I’m meant to be. And then I went to Bushnell and I got to know the people and I’m gonna get to know the people and I think it was just a great thing.

“I’m super excited.”

Benefit auction, dinner raise funds for Lake Town



The area's newest private school, Lake Town Academy, held its fourth annual dinner and silent auction on Friday, May 8, at 3037 Fairview Road. Above, attendees pass through a buffet spread as the dinner for the event commences. At right, shoppers check out the merchandise during the auction. The faith-based school serving preschool through eighth grade students was founded by Ashley Knight and Molly Haselip in 2023 as an alternative option for children and parents. Knight said the younger classes, K-2, have been growing a little bit each year.

Photos by Sarah Brown

Town halls scheduled for Samaritan-MultiCare plan

Looking ahead to a potential affiliation between Samaritan Health Services and MultiCare Health Systems, Samaritan President and CEO Marty Cahill will host a series of community town halls to share updates and hear directly from community members.

The town halls on May 19, 20 and 22 will be designed to be open, candid conversations. Each will include a brief overview followed by time for questions, discussion and community input.

Cahill will be joined by Samaritan leadership to discuss how the proposed affiliation could support patients and communities across the region, including opportunities to expand services, invest in infrastructure, improve access to care and

support long-term sustainability.

Community members are encouraged to attend, ask questions and share their perspectives. When answers are not yet clear, leaders will follow up as more information is known.

All are welcome. Registration is requested at samhealth.org/Affiliation.

• Tuesday, May 19, 5:30-6:30 p.m. - Boulder Falls Event Center, Lebanon

• Wednesday, May 20, 5:30-6:30 p.m. - Center for Health Education, Newport

• Friday, May 22, 12-1 p.m. - Virtual online, (link will be provided upon registration)

For more information about the planned affiliation with MultiCare Health System, visit samhealth.org/Affiliation.



Extra wide "multi-use" sidewalks are completed along Weirich Drive at Cheadle Lake Park. Photo by Sarah Brown

Cheadle Park improvements take shape

By Sarah Brown
Of The New Era

Improvements at Cheadle Lake Park are beginning to take shape as the City of Lebanon rolls out Phase II of its construction project.

Already apparent is a new, widened multi-use sidewalk bordering the park along Weirich Drive and curbs bordering the parking lot.

According to City Manager

Ron Whitlatch, Phase I, which was completed in 2024, consisted mainly of installing water lines down Weirich Drive.

Phase II includes paving of the parking lot, installation of a restroom and utilities, and construction of an ADA path throughout the park and a road to the back of the park where a future stage is planned.

Whitlatch said the city

hopes to have underground utilities installed and some, if not all, of the parking lot paved in time for this year's Strawberry Festival. Later this summer, they will finish installing the paths, restroom and lighting.

The improvements at Cheadle Lake Park are funded through grants and system development fees collected by the city.

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SCHOOL CUTS

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including:

- 4.25 licensed staff positions – two at Lebanon High School, one at Riverview Elementary and 1.25 at Hamilton Creek.
 - 14 educational support positions across schools and departments.
 - Elimination of two district office administrative positions.
 - \$50,000 reduction in nutrition services (no impact to student meals).
 - \$50,000 reduction in capital projects.
 - \$95,000 reduction in bus replacement funding.
 - \$350,000 one-time reduction from the textbook replacement fund.
 - \$100,000 overall reduction to the athletics budget between Seven Oak Middle School and LHS.
 - 10 assistant coaching positions between LHS and Seven Oak.
 - The middle school football program will be discontinued.
 - And participation fees will increase from \$100 to \$150 at LHS and from \$50 to \$75 for middle school sports.
- “I understand that each of these reductions represents a real impact to our staff, students and families,” Meckley said. “While these decisions are difficult, they are necessary to ensure the long-term financial stability of our district.”
- The budget proposal for 2026-2027 will be presented to the Budget Committee at 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 14, at the Lebanon Public Library, 55 Academy St.



Jennifer Meckley

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Warriors beat Woodburn in baseball, lose 3-2 to West Albany

By Mike Warner
For The New Era

The Lebanon baseball team won a home-and-home series with Woodburn last week, then lost a close one to visiting West Albany, 3-2, Friday, May 8.

At home on Monday, May 4, the Warriors brought the lumber, recording 15 hits and nine bases on balls, producing 20 runs.

Brayden Fountain had a spectacular game, hitting a grand slam and totaling five RBIs for the game.

Trey Enright and Trenton Lewis recorded three hits, each with two doubles. Trenton Lewis threw a one-hitter with nine strikeouts.

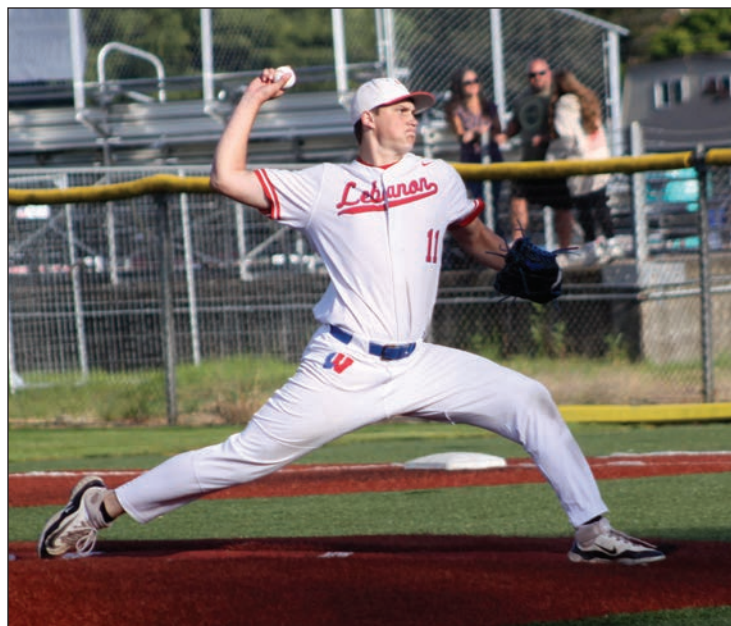
The Wednesday game, at Woodburn, was much the same.

Lebanon's bats were nearly as active, as the Warriors totaled nine hits and 10 runs. Lebanon scored seven runs in the first four innings to take a commanding 7-2 lead.

Trey Enright, Wyatt Jenkins and Jaidyn Von Ruden each recorded two hits. Enright and Jenkins each had two RBI. Preston Bryan took over as relief pitcher in the third inning, holding the Bulldogs to just one hit and recording six strikeouts.

The Friday game with West Albany was a nail-biter.

Lebanon scored a run in



Trenton Lewis delivers a pitch, en route to 15 strikeouts against West Albany. At right, a Bulldogs runner just makes it to third as Lebanon's Jaidyn Von Ruden looks for the next play. See more photos at lebanonlocalnews.com. —Photos by Scott Swanson

the bottom of the first, and West Albany tied things up in the third, then scored two more in the fourth, thanks partially to a missed catch in the outfield. The Warriors had the tying run on third base in the bottom of the seventh but were unable to plate the run.

The Warriors finished with seven hits and two runs, while the Bulldogs had just five hits but were able to plate three runs.

Lewis had a dominating

game on the mound, striking out 15 of 21 batters. Coupled with the nine strikeouts on Monday, that gave Lewis 24 K's for the week.

This week, the Warriors have three games, traveling to West Albany Monday, hosting Silverton on Wednesday, May 13, then traveling to the play the Foxes on the road Friday.

Lebanon came into this week 6-7 in Mid-Willamette Conference play, 8-14 overall, and tied with Crescent



Valley for sixth in the league. Silverton, one notch up in the rankings, was 7-6, with Dallas in fourth (9-5). Central and West Albany were tied for second at 11-2, behind Corvallis (12-1). The top four teams automatically qualify for the 16-team playoffs.

Lebanon softball delivers big win over Corvallis

Lebanon's softball team won its second league game of the season, downing Corvallis 18-3 on the road Friday, May 8, after losing 13-1 at home to Central on Monday.

The Warriors came into this week 2-7 in league play, 5-14 overall, in seventh place in the MWC standings.

Central was a difficult game for the hosts, as the Panthers scored eight runs in the first three innings, all but locking the door on Lebanon's post-season possibilities. The six runs they scored in the fifth inning did the deed.

The Warriors scored one in

the first and two in the fourth to make things interesting.

The Warriors managed five hits; two each by Hailey Myers and Scarlett French. Central recorded 10 hits.

Against the Spartans, the Warrior bats exploded for 11 hits and 18 runs, while holding the Spartans to just three and three.

Hailey Myers recorded four hits and two RBIs, and Tatum Cole had three hits, including a home run, a double and a single, which totaled five RBIs.

Anastazia Marshall recorded a double and three RBIs. Bristol Hockema pitched a complete-game three-hitter.

This week, the Warriors host West Albany on Monday, visit Crescent Valley on Wednesday, and host Silverton on Friday. West (8-3) came into this week second in the MWC behind unbeaten Dallas, with Silverton third (7-3).



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Huskies go 2-1 in softball to maintain league ranking

By Keeghan Gittins
For The New Era

The Sweet Home Huskies softball team fell to Cascade 12-2 on Monday, May 4, before bouncing back with a 3-1 win over Newport and an 8-3 victory against North Marion in last week's Oregon West Conference play.

Against Cascade, Sweet Home struggled defensively, committing seven errors, compared to the Cougars' two. The Huskies were only able to collect four hits in the loss.

"The first time we played Cascade we did a better job of holding them defensively and once they got their momentum, we couldn't cut their offense off fast enough," said Coach Emily Marchbanks.

Aaliyah Brown took over in the circle for the final inning, but Cascade was still able to score five runs.

"I think there is some of both - Cascade has an excellent pitcher and she threw a great game against us, but we were also not being able to connect with the ball well," Marchbanks said.

Sweet Home rebounded against Newport, collecting nine hits in a 3-1 win over the Cubs. Katriona Harris and the Huskies defense held Newport scoreless for six of

the seven innings. Defense played a major role throughout the matchup, as neither team recorded an extra-base hit.

"We just couldn't string our hits together against Newport," said Marchbanks.

Addy Vannice and Miley Smith each stole two bases during the game.

The Huskies followed with another win, against North Marion, defeating the other Huskies 8-3 after breaking the game open in the bottom of the second inning with five straight runs.

"We strung good at-bats together and got the momentum during that inning," Marchbanks said.

Katriona Harris had a strong performance at the plate with two doubles, while Miley Smith added a triple. Smith and Vannice also each recorded a stolen base.

Harris pitched complete games against both Newport and North Marion.

"Peanut has been working really hard on her hitting and I am glad it has been coming around for her," said Marchbanks.

This week Sweet Home faced No. 11 Stayton on the road Monday May 11, before coming home to face Phi-



Anabelle Morris gets an out on North Marion's Elsa Fuentes during their game last week. Below, Aubrey Newberry makes a catch for another out. See more photos at sweethomenews.com.

- Keeghan Gittins photos



lomath and then traveling again to Cascade Thursday, May 14. This will start Sweet Home's final round of league. The Huskies came into this week sitting in third place in league, 5-5 in league play and 11-10 overall, good for a No. 16 state ranking.

Baseball team goes 2-1 against Newport

Sweet Home's baseball team opened its series last week against Newport strong, winning the first two games 11-5 and 8-5 before dropping the final matchup 4-1.

In the opening game on the road Monday, May 4, the Huskies used aggressive baserunning and timely hitting to pull away from the Cubs. Kyle Zajic led the offense with four singles, while Luke Rosa finished close behind with three hits and three RBIs. Four different Huskies

also stole a base during the win.

Zajic started on the mound for Sweet Home, throwing 105 pitches through six innings. He allowed six hits and five runs while striking out four batters. Lindsey came in to relieve Zajic in the final inning and did not allow a hit. The Huskies' defense sealed the victory with a double play to end the game.

Sweet Home followed with another offensive performance in the second game, winning 8-5. Rosa again drove in three runs to lead the Huskies, while Zajic and Tregon Francis each added a double.

Eddie Taylor got the start on the mound and pitched the first three innings, recording five strikeouts while allowing seven hits and four runs. Lindsey once again closed the game for Sweet

Home, shutting down the Cubs over the final four innings. He allowed just two hits and one run while striking out four batters and not issuing a walk.

Lindsey and several of the younger Huskies pitchers have struggled with free bases this season, but he was able to find his rhythm in the series-clinching win.

In the final game of the series, Sweet Home was unable to complete the sweep, falling 4-1. The Huskies struck out a season-high 11 times in the loss.

Coach Evan Teter could not be reached for comment.

Sweet Home is facing North Marion this week in its second-to-last regular-season series. Sweet Home came into this week in fourth place in league with a 4-5 league record, two games back from Cascade but tied with Newport.

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Wagner 10th as Huskies place fourth as team in district golf

By Scott Swanson
Of The New Era

Sweet Home's girls placed fourth out of seven teams in the Special District 3 Regional Golf Championship Monday and Tuesday, May 4-5, at Mallard Creek Golf Course.

The Huskies shot a team score of 432-441-873 over two days to finish behind state qualifiers Salem Academy (318-326-644) and Santiam Christian (419-389-808) and third-place Taft (423-399-822). Philomath finished fifth (453-430-883), Amity was sixth (471-464-935) and Newport rounded out the team scoring seventh with 514-461-173.

Sweet Home, which is a young team, got off to a good start Monday, four of the five players posting personal bests in the first 18 holes, Coach Haley May said.

"We were sitting in second for part of the day, but by the end of the day we were sitting in fourth, by 15 or 16 strokes, I think," she said.

Senior Isabella Wagner led the Huskies with 99-99-198, finishing 10th as an individual. If Wagner had been able to place in the top five, she would have qualified for state as an individual.

"Bella did a great job,"



Tori Victor watches her ball roll toward the hole after putting on the ninth green. See more photos at sweethomenews.com.

May said. "She stayed consistent. She had the same score both the first day and the second day."

Junior Tori Victor was 18th overall with 113-102-215 after getting off to a rough start on day 1, but recovering on the second round. She was followed by sophomore Taelyn Coleman (26th, 109-119-228) and sophomore Lynmikka Damag (29th, 111-121-232) with senior Eleanor Larsen finishing 114-121-235.

Salem Academy's Chloe Johnston was the individual medalist, shooting a two-under 70 on Monday, then following that up with

a 76 on Tuesday. The Crusaders swept four of the top five spots, as Ellie Gladow was second (76-80-156, 12-over), and Alexandria Willcoxon and Sloan James tying for fourth with 171 each.

Santiam Christian senior Akira White was third with 82-82-164.

May said she wasn't sure what to expect from her team going into the season, as about half the Huskies were first-timers.

"I just wanted to see some development and have fun," she said. "And then we were really in the mix for going to state and I had no idea that that was getting ready to



Isabella Wabner tees off during the District 3 Regional Golf Championship at Mallard Creek. - Photos by Scott Swanson

happen. It was a surprising way to end the season."

And, she added, it gives Sweet Home momentum for next year.

"It makes next year a lot more competitive and now I have a vision for next year. I'm excited to see what we can do."



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12:39 p.m. - Jeffrey Duane Alan Richter arrested at SHPD, 1950 Main, on LMC warrant in criminal mischief case. Cited to appear June 9.

2:10 p.m. - William Lee Phillips, 43, arrested by Lebanon police on SHMC warrants for FTA in four theft cases. Cited to appear May 27.

5:00 p.m. - Crash reported in area of 10th/Elm. Officer responded, contacted male involved in motorcycle accident. Male declined transport by medics. He and parents were counseled about riding unregistered vehicle on roadway.

6:22 p.m. - Chase Lee Davis, 34, arrested by Albany police on SHMC warrant for failure to report as sexual offender. Cited to appear May 27.

8:31 p.m. - OSP reported vehicle westbound from Milepost 41 on Hwy. 20, unable to maintain lane and with passenger tire on rim and smoking. Vehicle later reported to have crashed and blocking traffic. Officer responded, aided OSP on scene. Further details not immediately available.

8:42 p.m. - SHPD conducted death investigation in 900 block Mountain View. Report taken.

9:24 p.m. - Crash reported in A&W parking lot, 1010 Main. Officer responded. Drivers were Jamee Rannae Millard, 44, in 2023 Chevrolet Corvette, and Nancy Lee Waters, 43,

in 2007 Honda CRV. Damage estimated under \$2,500, drivers exchanged information.

11:05 p.m. - Leslie Renee Maynard, 53, arrested on SHMC warrant for FTC in harassment case, 1300 block Main. Cited and released.

11:20 p.m. - Regina Marie Frier, 55, arrested by Albany police on SHMC warrant for FTA in placing offensive substance in water/highway/property case. Cited to appear May 27.

LEBANON POLICE

12:42 a.m. - Female said she was thrown out of car and ran over, near Boulder Falls Inn. Driver said she was giving the female a ride and the female was yelling at her and jumped out.

2:28 a.m. - Caller asked for welfare check on subject nodding off in parked car. Subject was tired from work and resting, offered peanut butter cup to officer (declined).

1:44 p.m. - Jodie Patricia Burch, 42, cited for DWS. George Joseph Nelson, 51, cited on LCJC warrant for PV - criminal trespass II.

1:59 p.m. - Homeless person talking to self and punching the air. William Lee Phillips, 43, cited on LCCC warrant for FTA - criminal mischief I, and SHMC warrants for FTAs - theft III x 4.

2:29 p.m. - Complaint about neighbor's chicken coop, 20 feet from complainant's bedroom window, smells bad. Officer found coop was clean but there was an odor. Owner said there was a rotting carcass

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Crawfordsville tour features changes to 'Pigeon Shoot' property

By Larry Mauter
LCSWA

Linn County old-timers might know Phil Callaway's 38-acre forest property along Crawfordsville Drive as the "Pigeon Shoot."

Not so today.

Callaway's parcel just north of the Calapooia River still has flocks of band-tailed pigeons that visit a sodium-rich mineral springs there between April and late September.

Hunting was stopped in 2016 when Callaway and his wife Karyn purchased the property and built a home.

He has now rebranded the property as "Camas Springs."

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has told Callaway his spring hosts the largest pigeon population in the south Willamette Valley. Future land improvements call for planting elderberry and cascara — among the favorite foods for the Oregon native game birds.

"It was just bare land. We built a home and moved in in 2018," said Callaway, a retired software engineer. "It was a dream come true to get this place."

A Linn County Small Woodlands Association (LCSWA) tour of the property on a sunny May 1 showcased the beauty the Callaways found.

Mature stands of Willamette Valley Ponderosa pine — likely about 80 years old — and tall incense cedar grace



Phil Callaway has a mix of mature pine and incense cedar along with six acres of wet prairie. — LCSWA photos

the upland slopes. Fields of camas and buttercups flourish in a six-acre "wet prairie" area that is mowed annually.

The changed landscape was shaped with help from federal Natural Resources Conservation Service cost-sharing money and professional assistance, Callaway explained to the 45 people on tour.

Advanced Land Management of Sweet Home used a masticator to chew up the brush and invasive blackberries that dominated forest areas.

Llew Whipps, with the non-profit Institute for Applied Ecology, based in Corvallis, assisted Callaway with the land transformation. She was on hand May 1 to help explain the reclamation process.

Callaway moved to Ore-

gon after earning a degree in wood science and technology from Colorado State University.

His philosophy about the property is that he is "temporary caretaker" of the land.

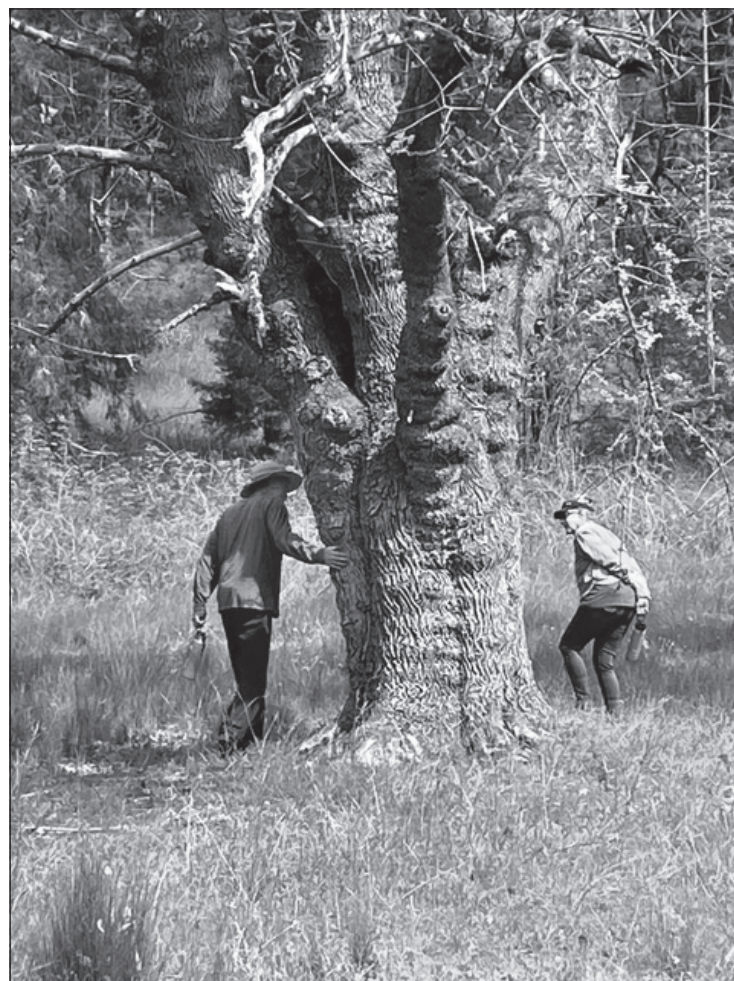
"I want leave it a little better than when I found it," he said.

He is striving for both "horizontal and vertical diversity" among the trees.

Challenges and uncertainties remain. The ice storm of January 2024 took a heavy toll on deciduous trees.

"Messy is good. So I guess I'm good," Callaway said.

Also, a developer on a neighboring property is building a subdivision. Callaway is concerned the construction may alter water flows on his land.



Tour-goers Greg and Karen Harty examine an ash tree that is likely the result of several trees that grew together.

He harvests firewood and burns about six cords a year, but has no plans for logging. While the Willamette Valley has seen an upsurge in Valley pine plantings since the 1990s, the closest mills for

pine are south in Roseberg, he noted.

The day was part of a year-long list of activities hosted by the LCSWA. For information on future events, visit www.linncountyswa.com.

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there to allow chickens to eat maggots.

4:19 p.m. - Stephen Wayne Johnson, 68, taken into custody on LMC warrant for FTA - DWS x3, LCCC warrant for DUII, failure to perform duties of driver, and LJC warrant for theft of services.

7:47 p.m. - Van parked on E Street has sign on back stating "free candy."

9:08 p.m. - Johnny Ray Mowdy, 62, cited on LCCC warrant for FTA - sex abuse III.

LCSO/OSP SWEET HOME/S. COUNTY

8:59 a.m. - Deputy investigated pickup with camper suspected of illegally camping at McKercher Park. Vehicle was tagged. It moved along later in day.

9:54 a.m. - Deputy checked location where illegal wood cutting has taken place on CTC land in 48100 block Cascadia Dr. No new activity observed.

11:35 a.m. - ODF worker reported gate pin and lock damaged at BR3r90 gate off West Brush Creek. Damage estimated at \$250. Report taken.

2:14 p.m. - Juvenile feeling suicidal was taken to Linn County Mental Health for counseling, 800 block Kirk, Brownsville. Report taken.

3:45 p.m. - Family warned for camping on Quartzville near South Santiam 200 gate.

LCSO/OSP LEBANON

4:26 p.m. - Jasmine Hanson, 28, of Sweet Home, cited for DWS, DU. Santiam Hwy./Weirich Cutoff.

9:46 p.m. - Brenda Jundwirth, 76, of Lebanon, arrested for DUII, reckless driving, Brewster/Lacomb. Lodged at LCJ. Report taken.

MAY 7

SWEET HOME POLICE

2:32 a.m. - Caller reported someone sleeping near entrance of FAC Shelter, 1450 24th. Officer responded, contacted male, who was provided courtesy transport to SHPD temporary shelter.

2:51 a.m. - Anna Rochelle House arrested on Benton County warrant for FTA in attempt to commit Class C felony case, LCCC warrants for FTA in disorderly conduct and offensive littering case, AMC warrant for FTA in theft case, LCSO warrant in theft case and LNC warrant for PV. Lodged at LCJ.

10:01 a.m. - Caller from Houck Everts and Co., 1327 Long, reported damage to building. Officer contacted caller, was shown video of females that caller would like trespassed.

12:05 p.m. - Eric Abril Encinas, 47, arrested by LCSO on SHMC warrant for FTA in fraudulent use of credit card case. Cited to appear May 27.

5:12 p.m. - Brenna Rae Candler, 45, arrested on SHMC warrant for FTA in theft case, LMC warrant for FTA in theft case.

Old Mill property/Green River. Cited and released.

7:42 p.m. - Michael James Runyan, 52, arrested by Josephine County Sheriff's Office on SHMC warrant for FTA in DUll case. Cited to appear May 27.

5:45 p.m. - Caller reported male camping in front of house in 1600 block Fir. Second caller reported male yelling at him and threatening him. Officer responded, male was advised to move vehicle by next day or risk being towed, and was trespassed from caller's residence.

6:50 p.m. - Caller from Husky Field, 1012 22nd, reported juvenile assaulted by another juvenile. Officer responded, report taken for assault IV. Juvenile evaluated and cleared by medics.

6:56 p.m. - Citizen visited SHPD to report that an agitated driver had yelled at and swung a tire iron at him in area of 13th/Kalmia. Officer contacted citizen, report taken for disorderly conduct II.

11:46 p.m. - Caller reported vehicle nearly rear-ended caller's vehicle, was speeding in eastbound 2000 block Main. Officer responded, contacted both drivers who both admitted to road rage behavior. Both were counseled and left area.

LEBANON POLICE

9:28 a.m. - Heather Renae Fagan, 35, cited on LMC warrant for FTA - theft II, and AMC warrant for FTC - contempt

of court.

11:06 a.m. - Phillip Gene Williams, 52, arrested on OSPB warrant for PV.

3:45 p.m. - Evan Peters, 21, cited on LCJC warrant for DWS. 3:56 p.m. - Theft of speaker, 000 block E Airport Rd. Loss: \$100.

4:40 p.m. - Gary Lammert, 67, cited for FTOTCD.

LCSO/OSP SWEET HOME S. COUNTY

12:08 p.m. - Driver, whose name was omitted from LCSO report, cited for driving uninsured. This entry will be updated when we receive the information.

3:14 p.m. - Aaron Clemmer, 46, of Brownsville, cited on AMC warrant, 200 block N. Main St. Report taken.

8:07 p.m. - Crash reported in 28500 block Peoria, Halsey. Single-vehicle rollover. Driver transported to Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center with injuries. Report taken.

LCSO/OSP LEBANON

10:15 a.m. - LCSO received a tip that an out-of-state juvenile was in Linn County and was involved in relationship with an adult. Deputies located juvenile, who was turned over to DHS Child Welfare. Investigation ongoing. Report taken. 700 block E. Isabella. Report taken.

12:01 p.m. - Eric Encinas, 47, of Lebanon, arrested on two outstanding warrants. Berlin/Brewster. Cited and released.

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Sports Roundup: Track teams ready for districts

Sweet Home's boys finished third Saturday, May 9, at the Stayton Invitational track and field meet, besting eight other 4A teams.

The Huskies scored 65.75 points, ahead of Philomath (61.75) and Cascade (39.08) and behind team winner Scappoose (101) and Central (76.58) in a field of 22 teams.

On the girls side, the Huskies finished 15th with 12.1 points, out of a field of 20 teams. The girls were missing some key scorers and did not compete in a number of events in which, if they had had a full team, they would have scored.

Dillan Davis was the sole winner for the boys, setting a personal best of 22.75 in the 200. He also placed second in the 400, in a season's best 51.09.

The boys finished with 10 personal bests on the day.

Other scorers for the boys were Landon Murry, third in the 200 behind Davis (23.32) and fifth in the 100 (11.33), both PRs.

Murry, Sam Barringer, Davis and Brayden Driver were third in the 4x100 in the 44.01, and Driver, Murry and Davis, along with Ryker Burr, were third in the 4x400 (3:32.28).

Driver was sixth in the 400 (52.27, a PR) and Kaeson Walker finished seventh in the 110 hurdles in a personal best of 16.79. Nick Larson was fourth in the 300 hurdles, in 43.84.

In the field, Gavin Tyler was second in the shot with a PR throw of 51-7, and followed that up with eighth in the javelin, 147-4, also a PR.

Barringer was fourth in the triple jump (40-2½) and sixth in the high jump (5-8). Walker also scored in the triple, finishing eighth with a leap of 37-8.

For the girls, Loralai Mark was the top finisher, fifth in the long jump with a leap of 15-7.

Finishing sixth were Selah Wright in the javelin (103-3) and McKenzie Miller in the 1500 (5:01.72).

Amara Gonzales finished seventh in the high jump (4-6) and Delanie Pratt was seventh in the pole vault (7-6).

Junior Mailey Brewer had a good day in the discus, setting a PR of 95-10 to finish

eighth.

The Huskies got their final tune-up of the regular season Tuesday, May 12, hosting Cascade. The Oregon West Conference JV championships will be Thursday, May 14, at Philomath, followed by the OWC Championships May 22-23 at Stayton.

Lebanon Track at Garden City Invite (Silverton)

The Warriors boys were sixth and the girls eighth at the Garden City Invitational Friday, May 8, hosted by Silverton.

Silverton's boys won the competition with 149 points and the Foxes were second on the girls side with 114.33, behind McMinnville.

The Warriors finished with 57 points on the boys side and 36.5 on the girls.

Cade Weber and Logan Large were Lebanon's only individual winners, Large taking first in the triple jump (43-6) and Weber the 400 in a personal-best 49.12. Large was also fourth in the long jump (20-9).

Weber, Bodhi Brown, Rowan Jones and Large combined for first in the 4x400 relay in 3:20.43, and Large, Brown and Weber, with Jack Whitacre, ran 43.38 to finish fourth.

Lebanon's girls were led by Ruby Vandebos, second in the triple jump (33-4½); Heather Savedra, third in the javelin (108-11); Jane Brandt, fourth in the long jump (16-0½) and Molly Basting fourth in the pole vault in a personal-best 8-6.

The Warriors' only scorer on the track was Jocilynn Durgeloh, seventh in the 1500 (5:23.95).

In the field, Harmony Villafana-Garcia was fifth in the javelin (103-7, a PR), Brandt was sixth in the triple with a PR of 32-2, and Vandebos was seventh in the long jump (15-8½).

Evangelina Graves rounded out the scoring for Lebanon with seventh in the discus (85-1).

Lebanon's varsity gets its final tune-up Tuesday, May 12, with Crescent Valley at West Albany, ahead of the MWC JV Championships Friday, May 15, hosted by Silverton.

The MVC championships will be May 20-22 at Corval-

lis.

East Linn Track at Blanchet Invitational

East Linn's track and field athletes got a good look at what the district and state competitions are probably going to look like at the Jim Mucken Memorial Invitational at Blanchet Friday, May 8.

The tied with Delphian for second on the girls side (104 points) and the boys were fifth in a field of eight, with 77.

Blanchet's boys (173) and girls (147) won both competitions.

Josh Rehart and Ryder Howard were the only winners for the boys, Howard taking first in the high jump with a personal best of 6-5 and the triple, with 40-7¾. Rehart won the 400 in 51.96.

For the girls, winners were Lexy Kauffman in the 400 (59.80), Maci Modderman in a personal-best 107-11, a PR, in the discus; and Svetlana Manner in the pole vault (8-0).

Cowan was second in the 100 hurdles (16.08), the 300 hurdles (50.31, a PR), and the long jump (15-4½); while Modderman took second in the shot (32-3).

Tessa Savage was third in the high jump (4-8).

Kaylyn Kauffman, Avery Runyon, Cowan and Lexy Kauffman combined for fourth in the 4x100 (53.23).

Other scorers for the girls were Anna Henry, fourth in the pole vault (7-6, a PR), followed by Erin Davey in sixth (6-0), and Runyon was fourth in the triple jump (29-6).

Madison Kauffman was sixth in the 100 hurdles (18.83), Morgan Lalonde was sixth in the 3000 (12.44.46) with Bella Albert in eighth (18.83).

Hadassa Albert was eighth in the 800 in a personal-best 2:52.28; Manner placed eighth in the discus (72-1); and Allie Presley was eighth in the javelin (90-11).

For the boys, Howard was second in the long jump (19-11) and Hank Davidson was second in the pole vault (11-6).

Rehart was fourth in the 200 (23.84) and anchored the 4x100 relay team of Beckham Kramer, Gabe Talleur and Davidson to fourth in 45.71.

Other scorers for the boys were Jonah Magness, fifth in the 800 (2:13.51); Gabe Talleur, fifth in the shot (38-9), ahead of Bain Pool, seventh in 35-7½, a personal best), and Owen Nofziger eighth in 34-0½.

Davidson was fourth in the discus (113-1), and Karter Nofziger was eighth in the javelin (121-10, a PR).

Up next for the Eagles is the Jeannine James Invitational at Gervais Friday, May

15, their final tune-up before the District 2 championships May 21-22.

East Linn softball rebounds against Culver

ELCA's softball team remained in third place in the Division 2 standings coming into this week, despite going 1-2 against Culver last week.

East Linn came into this week with a 12-5 league record, sitting two games behind Monroe (14-3), with Regis leading the league at 18-0.

The Eagles were to face the Rams at home Tuesday, May 12, with two season-ending games at Regis Thursday, May 14.

The Eagles play a non-league game at Crow Wednesday.

On the road at Culver on May 5, ELCA got runs from Alivia Kropf and Ally Hatch, thanks to a double from Hatch, but the hosts erupted for seven runs in the bottom of the inning for a 7-2 lead, and never looked back, ripping East Linn starter Macy Rehnberg for 21 hits over four innings to build a 17-3 lead.

Trailing 17-3 after Madison Adams stole home to score in the top of the fourth, the Eagles added three runs in the top of the fifth to close the gap to 17-7, but it was too little too late.

East Linn finished with seven hits off Culver sophomore pitcher Evan Silbernagel, who was in the circle for both of the first two games of the series. Hatch and Adams both had two hits, but the hosts' bats produced 23.

At Columbus Park Friday, the home diamond didn't help ELCA initially as the Bulldogs again opened up on Rehnberg, leading 9-1 after three innings en route to a 14-4 win.

Josi Davidson went 2-2 for the Eagles and Liv Kropf delivered a double, but Culver finished with 19 hits, three of them doubles.

Things changed for East Linn in the nightcap, though.

Culver started Gabi Terrazas in the circle instead of Silbernagel, and the Eagles jumped on her for 15 runs, taking advantage of nine walks and three hit batters, and adding four hits. Culver put Silbernagel back in late in the inning, but the game was over after three innings. Kropf pitched for ELCA, giving up three hits and two runs in the 17-2 win.

East Linn baseball goes 1-2 with Culver

The Eagles had a tough week in their series with Culver, winning a tight game on the road, then losing the next two.

East Linn got off to an early start against the Bulldogs

on Tuesday, May 5, leading the hosts 7-1 going into the bottom of the third, thanks to a succession of walks combined with some aggressive activity at the plate.

But Culver's bats came alive in the bottom of the fifth and the Bulldogs tied the score, 7-7, then kept things going to lead 12-7 going into the seventh frame.

East Linn tied things up, 12-12, with a combination of free bases and some timely singles from Isaac Taylor and Asher Taylor, and surged ahead in the eighth, taking a 14-12 lead on a double by Noah Medellin that scored Marshall Darwood.

It wasn't over. The Bulldogs tied things up again in the bottom of the inning, 14-14, and the game went into the ninth inning.

The Eagles took the lead again, 15-14, when Casey May scored on a wild pitch and May then retired three Culver batters for the win.

Asher Taylor led the team at the plate, going 3-5 and scoring four runs, while Blake Burns also had three hits in six at-bats, including a triple. Taylor and Medellin both had doubles.

In the first game of a doubleheader at home Friday, East Linn again surged to an early 4-0 lead after two innings, but Culver came back to lead 9-4 going into the bottom of the sixth.

In the bottom of the seventh the Eagles roared back, Nolan Hooper singling to get things started, and Burns following that up with a double to score Medellin, who had walked. Then May cracked his second double of the game to cut Culver's lead to 9-7, but that proved to be all she wrote for East Linn.

Isaiah Blount led the Eagles at the plate, going 3-4, and May and Burns both contributed two hits each, Burns scoring three runs.

In the nightcap, Culver kept the pedal to the metal, leading 12-1 going into the bottom of the fifth, when East Linn got some traction and scored three runs on a double to left field by Asher Taylor. Burns scored one more run for the Eagles, but the visitors added one more as well, in the top of the seventh, for a 13-5 win.

Those losses dropped East Linn into sixth place in Special District 3 at 6-12, two games behind Culver (8-10), coming into this week with a series against fourth-place Santiam (9-9) on the schedule.

District 3 has two more weeks of regular-season play.

Warrior girls finish with tennis win

Lebanon's girls won their final regular-season tennis

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Seven Oak Theatre Club brings 'Annie' to stage



The Seven Oak Theatre Club presented "Annie Jr." last weekend. Above, Orphan Annie, played by Eiryss Brandt, center, meets Daddy Warbucks, played by Conner Groshong, right. At left is Warbucks' assistant, Grace Farrell, played by Elsa Hayward. At right, Annie sings "Tomorrow" after meeting a stray dog she named Sandy (played by Sephira Wynn). The play was directed by Emily Latimer and Janette Ross, and choreographed by Six Easton. Special thanks went to Kevin Christensen for his vocal coaching and Anne Johnson for helping the club "find (their) enthusiasm and pizzazz." See more at lebanonlocalnews.com.

Photos by Sarah Brown

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match on the road 5-3 over South Albany, winning three singles matches.

Alison Frey led the Warriors, winning the No. 1 singles match 7-6, 6-1. Hailey Destowet battled to a 6-2, 6-7, 6-1 win at No. 2 singles and Gwyn Wheeler won the No. 3 match 6-1, 6-3.

In the No. 3 doubles match, Jane Gonzalez and Sophia Vo put up a fight before falling 6-0, 4-6, 6-4.

The girls will play this week in the Mid-Willamette Conference district tournament, which begins Wednesday, May 13, at Timberhill tennis club in Corvallis.

Frey, who ended the regular season with one loss, is seeded fourth out of eight seeds.

The other Warriors will start Tuesday, May 12, with play-in matches at Crescent Valley, with bracket play beginning Wednesday.

Lebanon boys tie South Albany in tennis

Lebanon's boys tennis team swept the doubles competition, but lost all three of its singles matches in a 4-4 tie with South Albany Tuesday, May 5.

Landyn Whitney and Silas Fitchett got off to a slow start against Redhawks freshmen Adam and Ashton Funk, but came back to win the No. 1 doubles match 1-6, 6-1, 6-1. Hunter Jacobsen and Ryan Robinson won in No. 2 dou-

bles 6-0, 6-1, and Benjamin Klinger and Joshua Allydice won the No. 3 match 6-0, 6-1.

Micah Zderad put up a fight in the No. 1 singles match against South Albany's Cristian Herrera, but lost 6-2, 6-4.

The boys will play this week in the Mid-Willamette Conference district tournament beginning Wednesday, May 13, at Timberhill tennis club in Corvallis. They will play in the morning on May 13, with winners moving on. Semifinals and finals are on Friday.

PUBLIC SAFETY From page 15

Report taken.
1:43 p.m. - Caller reported fraud, 37000 block KGAL. Information documented. Report taken.
2:13 p.m. - Holly Smith, 44, of Lebanon, cited on warrant, 2500 block S. Main Rd. Report taken.

MAY 6

SWEET HOME POLICE

7:15 a.m. - Katherine Marie Berghoffer, 45, arrested by Corvallis police on SHMC warrant for FTA in theft case. Cited to appear May 27.
8:39 a.m. - Caller reported

female going through garbage cans, 3200 block Long. Officer responded, female was told to put everything back and not to repeat that behavior. She left area.

9:04 a.m. - Nickolas Ryan Shoulders, 36, arrested by LCSO on SHMC warrant for FTC in theft case. Cited to appear May 27.

10:19 a.m. - Jhenna Marie Lynn Lance, 31, arrested by LCSO on SHMC warrants for FTA in two trespassing cases. Cited to appear May 27.

10:45 a.m. - Caller from 1700 block Dogwood reported 16-year-old refusing to go to

school. Officer responded, juvenile was advised of his options, decided to go to school.

11:52 a.m. - Steven Kenneth Stitt, 41, arrested by Albany police on SHMC warrant for FTA in contempt of court case. Cited to appear May 27.

1:33 p.m. - Raymond Lyle Tressel, 30, arrested on SHMC warrant for FTA in vehicle burglary case, SHPD, 1950 Main. Cited and released.

3:23 p.m.- Caller reported female dancing and hiding in grass in 1100 block 29th.

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Following are Lebanon, Sweet Home, and Brownsville, Halsey area real estate transactions recorded with the county during late March and April 2026. 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:

1637 56th Ave., Sweet Home; 1032 sq.ft., three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 1974 ; 0.55 acres; \$399,900.

1049 North River Dr., Sweet Home; 1734 sq.ft., four bedroom, two bathroom, built in 1952 ; 1.24 acres; \$500,000.

30935 Old Santiam Hwy., Lebanon; 2239 sq.ft., two bedroom, two bathroom, built in 1930 ; 0.8 acres; \$325,000.

1360 2nd Ave., Sweet Home; 1188 sq.ft., three bedroom, 1 1/2 bathroom, built in 1930 ; 0.23 acres; \$321,000.

405 Cormorant Ave., Halsey; 1304 sq.ft., three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 2005 ; 0.14 acres; \$397,000.

31867 Lawrence St., Lebanon; 1276 sq.ft., three bedroom, 1 1/2 bathroom, built in 1962 ; 0.46 acres; \$485,000.

2963 7th Pl., Lebanon; 1296 sq.ft., three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 1993 ; 0.2 acres; \$387,000.

945 Oak St., Lebanon; 1636 sq.ft., three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 1979 ; 0.21 acres; \$295,000.

240 North Ave., Brownsville; 2263 sq.ft., four bedroom, two bathroom, built in 2021 ; 0.25 acres; \$465,000.

151 Cleveland St., Lebanon; 2600 sq.ft., six bedroom, two bathroom, built in 1930 ; 0.22 acres; \$530,000.

45265 Sunnyside Dr., Foster; 2079 sq.ft., additional details not listed; three bathroom, built in 1965 ; 40.81 acres; \$675,000.

2600 Promise Way., Lebanon; 1555 sq.ft., three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 2025 ; 0.12 acres; \$405,000.

544 Walker Rd., Lebanon;

1760 sq.ft., six bedroom, 4 1/2 bathroom, built in 2021 ; 0.18 acres; \$415,000.

36 Jadon Dr., Lebanon; 1602 sq.ft., three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 2007 ; 0.16 acres; \$285,000.

31962 Moss St., Lebanon; 1196 sq.ft., three bedroom, 1 1/2 bathroom, built in 1963 ; 0.34 acres; \$300,000.

1774 Grape Ct., Sweet Home; 1282 sq.ft., three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 2014 ; 0.21 acres; \$365,000.

2241 Nandina St., Sweet Home; 1076 sq.ft., three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 1940 ; 0.11 acres; \$281,000.

115 2nd St., Halsey; 1704 sq.ft., three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 2018 ; 0.37 acres; \$450,000.

27914 Walkerwood Ln., Sweet Home; 1340 sq.ft., three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 1979 ; 20.07 acres; \$661,250.

38350 Perkins Dr., Lebanon; 1248 sq.ft., three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 1985 ; 1.05 acres; \$200,000.

269 2nd St., Lebanon; 896 sq.ft., two bedroom, one bathroom, built in 1910 ; 0.27 acres; \$300,000.

2295 Cedar St., Sweet Home; 1148 sq.ft., two bedroom, one bathroom, built in 1948 ; 0.17 acres; \$309,000.

720 Airway Rd., Lebanon; 1008 sq.ft., three bedroom, one bathroom, built in 1975 ; 0.2 acres; \$370,000.

812 Northpoint Lp., Brownsville; 1866 sq.ft., three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 2010 ; 0.19 acres; \$540,000.

232 Carolina St., Lebanon; 1337 sq.ft., three bedroom, one bathroom, built in 1940 ; 0.16 acres; \$333,300.

910 Oak Terr., Sweet Home; 1676 sq.ft., four bedroom, two bathroom, built in 1937 ; 0.57 acres; \$370,000.

3631 Green River Rd., Sweet Home; 1394 sq.ft., three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 2025 ; 0.13 acres; \$310,000.

2361 Kokanee Way., Lebanon; 2389 sq.ft., three bedroom, three bathroom, built in 2006 ; 0.15 acres; \$475,000.

1535 Maple Pl., Lebanon; 1012 sq.ft., three bedroom, one bathroom, built in 1977 ; 0.29 acres; \$350,000.

804 River Ave., Brownsville; 2442 sq.ft., four bedroom, two bathroom, built in 2021 ; 0.11 acres; \$450,000.

335 Berry St., Lebanon; 1076 sq.ft., three bedroom, one bathroom, built in 1952 ; 0.13 acres; \$340,000.

735 7th Ave., Sweet Home; 800 sq.ft., two bedroom, one bathroom, built in 1946 ; 0.18 acres; \$275,000.

1235 4th Ave., Sweet Home; 608 sq.ft., two bedroom, one bathroom, built in 1930 ; 0.26 acres; \$102,500.

357 Rose St., Lebanon; 2113 sq.ft., three bedroom, one bathroom, built in 1939 ; 0.19 acres; \$250,000.

122 Weldwood Dr., Lebanon; 1186 sq.ft., two bedroom, two bathroom, built in 2005 ; 0 acres; \$240,000.

47664 Santiam Hwy., Foster; 924 sq.ft., two bedroom, two bathroom, built in 1997 ; 2.49 acres; \$200,000.

42 Weldwood Dr., Lebanon; 1186 sq.ft., two bedroom, two bathroom, built in 2005 ; 0 acres; \$220,000.

28484 Santiam Hwy., Sweet Home; 2029 sq.ft., four bedroom, two bathroom, built in 1940 ; 1.69 acres; \$540,000.

1965 Franklin St., Lebanon; 1200 sq.ft., additional details not listed; one bathroom, built in 1974 ; 1.83 acres; \$250,000.

27467 Fern Ridge Rd., Sweet Home; 2569 sq.ft., three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 1979 ; 10 acres; \$675,000.

39844 Mcdowell Creek Dr., Lebanon; 4548 sq.ft., four bedroom, three bathroom, built in 2004 ; 4.12 acres; \$899,000.

782 Pebble St., Brownsville; 1831 sq.ft., four bedroom, two bathroom, built in 2024 ; 0.11 acres; \$414,000.

1492 Strawberry Ridge Dr., Sweet Home; 1999 sq.ft., four bedroom, two bathroom, built in 2025 ; 0.27 acres; \$470,000.

395 Berry St., Lebanon; 1752 sq.ft., four bedroom, two bathroom, built in 1953 ; 0.2

acres; \$385,000.

502 Wheeler St., Lebanon; 1565 sq.ft., two bedroom, two bathroom, built in 1983 ; 0 acres; \$500,000.

1336 Tamarack St., Sweet Home; 2276 sq.ft., additional details not listed; one bathroom, built in 1979 ; 0.44 acres; \$410,000.

80 Weldwood Dr., Lebanon; 1207 sq.ft., two bedroom, two bathroom, built in 2005 ; 0 acres; \$241,500.

1025 2nd Ave., Sweet Home; 1403 sq.ft., three bedroom, one bathroom, built in 1951 ; 0.22 acres; \$300,000.

40352 Holley Heights Lp., Sweet Home; 2290 sq.ft., four bedroom, two bathroom, built in 1952 ; 0.45 acres; \$305,000.

1183 4th Ave., Sweet Home; 981 sq.ft., two bedroom, one bathroom, built in 1935 ; 0.14 acres; \$150,000.

43230 Ames Creek Rd., Sweet Home; 1610 sq.ft., three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 2016 ; 5 acres; \$600,000.

238 Jadon Dr., Lebanon; 1816 sq.ft., three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 2005 ; 0.22 acres; \$444,900.

417 Waters Edge Ct., Lebanon; 1164 sq.ft., three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 2002 ; 0.23 acres; \$360,000.

995 River St., Lebanon; 1473 sq.ft., three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 1942 ; 0.34 acres; \$493,000.

256 Jadon Dr., Lebanon; 1550 sq.ft., three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 2005 ; 0.14 acres; \$425,000.

391 1st St., Halsey; 1922 sq.ft., three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 1930 ; 0.23 acres; \$320,700.

913 6th Ave., Sweet Home; 919 sq.ft., two bedroom, one bathroom, built in 1946 ; 0.11 acres; \$307,000.

733 Walker Rd., Lebanon; 1425 sq.ft., four bedroom, two bathroom, built in 2006 ; 0.15 acres; \$360,500.

1520 7th St., Lebanon; 1285 sq.ft., three bedroom, 1 1/2 bathroom, built in 1958 ; 0.26 acres; \$245,000.

30328 Butte Creek Rd.,

Lebanon; 2752 sq.ft., three bedroom, 1 1/2 bathroom, built in 1972 ; 5 acres; \$517,100.

795 Holly Ln., Lebanon; 2022 sq.ft., four bedroom, two bathroom, built in 1961 ; 0.63 acres; \$500,000.

25606 Rice Rd., Sweet Home; 2320 sq.ft., three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 2006 ; 2.5 acres; \$590,000.

1038 3rd Ave., Sweet Home; 1756 sq.ft., two bedroom, two bathroom, built in 1951 ; 0.18 acres; \$352,600.

1910 18th Ave., Sweet Home; 1216 sq.ft., three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 2007 ; 0.17 acres; \$310,000.

612 Walnut St., Lebanon; 1156 sq.ft., three bedroom, one bathroom, built in 1900 ; 0.2 acres; \$320,000.

205 Pine St., Lebanon; 2361 sq.ft., six bedroom, two bathroom, built in 1920 ; 0.18 acres; \$375,000.

1023 10th St., Lebanon; 1100 sq.ft., three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 2000 ; 0.12 acres; \$335,000.

995 Vine St., Lebanon; 1260 sq.ft., three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 1978 ; 0.2 acres; \$387,000.

39388 River Dr., Lebanon; 1144 sq.ft., two bedroom, one bathroom, built in 1940 ; 0.5 acres; \$195,000.

33605 Seefeld Dr., Halsey; 1494 sq.ft., three bedroom, 1 1/2 bathroom, built in 1928 ; 137.43 acres; \$1,195,820.

3086 Juniper St., Sweet Home; 2150 sq.ft., four bedroom, two bathroom, built in 1980 ; 0.21 acres; \$412,530.

490 Maple St., Lebanon; 1150 sq.ft., two bedroom, one bathroom, built in 1947 ; 0.19 acres; \$346,400.

41222 Highway 228., Sweet Home; 2366 sq.ft., three bedroom, two bathroom, built in 2020 ; 1.77 acres; \$710,000.

75 Sturtevant Rd., Lebanon; 1282 sq.ft., three bedroom, one bathroom, built in 1950 ; 0.21 acres; \$384,900.

105 Milton St., Lebanon; 1232 sq.ft., two bedroom, one bathroom, built in 1945 ; 0.15 acres; \$167,500.



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Volunteers sought to digitize local newspaper

By Sarah Brown
Of The New Era

One of the greatest assets to researchers is access to newspapers dating back decades and even centuries.

The words therein - and even images, photographs and ads - can be a gold mine for those who want to uncover facts, beliefs, styles and all manner of other things that are lost to today's generations.

This is particularly true for genealogists accustomed to spending hours digging through old papers just to uncover a tidbit of information about an ancestor. But in a digitized world, those hours can be reduced to just minutes when newspapers are accessible on the Internet; better yet, when they can be searched through by a simple keyword.

That is a project the Sweet Home Genealogical Society and Sweet Home New Era are embarking on for the sake of local history.

Through a grant paid for by the Linn County Cultural Coalition, the genealogical society purchased a large format overhead document scanner that will be used to digitize past editions of The New Era newspaper.

Society member Chris Barnes said they have bound copies of nearly every edition of the paper dating back to the early 1940s full of historical details, but it is difficult to find information without an



Terry Lanini, board member of the Sweet Home Genealogical Society, demonstrates how a new scanner can easily capture the large format of The New Era newspaper pages.

- Photo by Sarah Brown

index of sorts.

The scanner will allow the society to quickly scan and digitize every page into an image or PDF format.

The project is a collaboration between the society and The New Era newspaper.

New Era Business Manager Miriam Swanson said the goal is to eventually have every issue digitized and searchable

by keyword.

For genealogists, digitized copies will make family searches more efficient. For the newspaper, the digitized versions can be made available to the public - and New Era staff - who enjoy researching local history.

"We felt that it was very important to get our back copies preserved in a digital format

for ease of access for people doing research and wanting more details on the history of Sweet Home," Swanson said.

Her expectation is that The New Era will allow subscribers unlimited access to its nearly 100-year history of

stories via their website.

But before any of the fun historical digging can take place, The New Era is searching for volunteers who can help scan the documents.

"It's a pretty easy process and would be really fun for people who enjoy Sweet Home history," Swanson said.

The goal is to have approximately 60 years of issues scanned by the end of the year, she said.

"If you like our history column or our Throwback Thursdays on Facebook, this will be an enjoyable project for you."

To volunteer, contact Miriam Swanson at (541) 367-2135. Volunteers will go through a brief training. Access to the scanner will be available Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Most of the paper's even earlier editions between 1930 and 1945 are already digitized in an image format. It is unknown where its paper copies are to this day. The paper's very first issues in 1929 from September through December are lost to history, save for the front cover of Issue No. 1 of Volume 1.

If anyone has access to any missing issues from 1929 to 1940, contact Swanson at the above phone number.

National Day of Prayer observed

Local residents gather in front of Sweet Home City Hall at noon Thursday, May 7, in observance of National Day of Prayer. In Sweet Home, citizens gathered for prayer at the school district offices, Chamber of Commerce, City Hall and the police station at various times during the day to pray about education, business and the economy, the military and law enforcement, local and national government, arts, entertainment and the media, families and churches. In Lebanon, the Lebanon Foursquare Church hosted an evening service, while a morning gathering was held at the Lebanon Public Library Gazebo.

Also, in Albany, a gathering was held on the Linn County Courthouse steps for worship and prayer. The National Day of Prayer is an annual U.S. observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people to turn to God in prayer and meditation. It was created by Congress in 1952 (this year was the 75th) and signed into law by President Truman. It mandates the president to sign a proclamation encouraging public prayer for the nation.

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Scott Swanson



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Public Notices**TRUSTEE'S AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE**

Pursuant to ORS 86.705, et seq. and ORS 79.0601, et seq. (Amended to Correct a Scrivener's Error in the Legal Description)

Reference is made to a certain trust deed ("Trust Deed") made, executed and delivered by Kingdom Builders Investments, LLC an Oregon Limited Liability Company, as grantor, to First American Title Company of Oregon, as trustee, in favor of Hendrikus J. Bloemendaal and Nancy C. Bloemendaal Co-Trustees of the Bloemendaal Family Trust, dated August 28, 1992, as beneficiary, dated April 4, 2022, and recorded on April 4, 2022, as Recording No. 2022-06219, in the mortgage records of Linn County, Oregon.

The Trust Deed now covers the following described real property ("Property") situated in said county and state, to-wit: Parcel 1, Partition Plat 2026-007, Linn County Oregon (Tax acct 243390).

Parcel 2, Partition Plat 2026-007, Linn County Oregon (Tax acct 950548).

Parcel 1, Partition Plat 2026-006, Linn County Oregon (Tax acct 244398).

There are defaults by the grantor or other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the Trust Deed, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of default of such provision; the defaults for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sums:

Arrearage in the sum of \$370,902.61 as of March 3, 2026, plus additional payments, property expenditures, taxes, liens, assessments, insurance, late fees, attorney's and trustee's fees and costs, and interest due at the time of reinstatement or sale.

By reason of said defaults, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: Payoff in the sum of \$370,902.61 as of March 3, 2026, plus taxes, liens, assessments, property expenditures, insurance, accruing interest, late fees, attorney's and trustee's fees and costs incurred by beneficiary or its assigns.

WHEREFORE, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee will on July 28, 2026, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, at the following place: North Front Entrance of the Linn County Courthouse, 300 Fourth Avenue S.W., Albany, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the above-described Property, which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by grantor of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the grantor or grantor's successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Trust Deed, to satisfy the obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee.

Notice is further given that any

person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for the sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed, and in addition to paying said sum or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by 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 said ORS 86.778.

In construing this notice, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale.

The NOTICE TO RESIDENTIAL TENANTS, attached hereto as Exhibit A, is incorporated herein by reference. [Exhibit A, NOTICE TO RESIDENTIAL TENANTS, is not published pursuant to ORS 86.774(2)(b).]

DATED: March 12, 2026.

/s/ Eleanor A. DuBay

Eleanor A. DuBay, OSB #073755
Authorized By:

Tomasi Bragar DuBay PC,
Successor Trustee

121 SW Morrison, Suite 1850
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Phone: 503-894-9900; fax: 971-544-7236

(5/13, 5/20, 5/27, 6/3)

**CITY OF HALSEY
PUBLIC NOTICE - TREES AND
NOXIOUS VEGETATION**

All Residents and Property Owners in the City of Halsey, Notice is hereby given: Per Halsey Municipal Code 5.05.150 Trees and Noxious Vegetation, between May 15 and September 30 of any year, no owner or person in charge of property shall allow noxious vegetation to be on the property or in the right of way of a public thoroughfare abutting the property. An owner of person in charge of property shall mow, cut, dig, or otherwise remove noxious vegetation as often as needed to prevent it from becoming unsightly, from becoming a fire hazard, or an obstruction to a public right-of-way.

THIS INCLUDES MOWING THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

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The term "noxious vegetation" does include, at any time between May 15th and September 30th: (a) Weeds more than 10 inches high; (b) Grass more than 10 inches high; (c) Poison oak; (d) Poison ivy; (e) Rampantly growing plants or vines (such as blackberries or bamboo) that: (i) Cross property lines without permission of the adjacent property owner; (ii) Cause damage to fences or structures; (iii) Cross onto the public right-of-way, obstruct vision or impede travel on any part of a street or sidewalk; or (iv) Constitute a fire hazard as defined in an applicable provision of the State Fire Code.

The City will be aggressive in abating this Ordinance. The City is willing to abate the nuisance on a particular parcel of property at the request of the owner for a fee of \$100.00 per hour. Even in the absence of such request, the City may choose to abate such nuisances and charge the cost of doing so to the owner or person in charge of the property, or the property itself as a lien.

The abatement procedures are not exclusive but are in addition to any penalty or procedure allowed through ordinance of the city or by state law. The city may seek nuisance enforcement through a citation proceeding in addition to an abatement remedy. (HMC 5.05.460)

(5/13)

**NOTICE TO INTERESTED
PERSONS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that GALE C. DEJONG has been appointed Personal Representative of the ESTATE OF JOHANNES CHRISTIAN DEJONG, Deceased, by the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Linn County under Case No. 26PB03863. 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 May 13, 2026.

Personal Representative:

Gale C. DeJong

PO Box 767

Scio, OR 97374

Attorney for Personal Representative:

Jennifer L. Tiger, OSB#990890

Stayton Law

582 E Washington St

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(5/13)

**NOTICE OF BUDGET
COMMITTEE MEETING AND
PUBLIC HEARING**

Two (2) public meetings of the Budget Committee of the City of Lebanon and the Lebanon Urban Renewal Agency, Linn County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, will be held at the Lebanon

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Public Library, 55 Academy St, Lebanon, Oregon. These meetings will take place on the 18th day of May, 2026 at 12:00 pm and a second meeting will be held on the 20th of May, 2026 at 12:00 pm, if it is necessary. The purpose of these meetings is to receive comments from the public on the City of Lebanon and Lebanon Urban Renewal Agency budgets and discuss the funds contained within the budget. A decision on the budgets is expected before the conclusion of the meeting on May 18, 2026 but may be pushed to the May 20th meeting if needed.

During the meetings, a public hearing will be held at 12.00 p.m. to discuss the possible uses of the state revenue sharing funds. A copy of the budget document is available on the City's website by visiting www.lebanonoregon.gov/budget. The budget may also be obtained by contacting Brandon Neish at bneish@lebanonoregon.gov or by phone at (541) 258-4212.

This is a public meeting and hearing where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may comment on the budget or possible uses of the state revenue sharing funds. If you cannot attend the meeting, but wish to address the Budget Committee electronically, contact the City Recorder's Office at (541) 258-4264 or city.recorder@lebanonoregon.gov to register in advance for the meeting. If you wish to watch or listen to the meeting, please use this link to do so on YouTube on May 18 and May 20: <https://www.youtube.com/CityofLebanonOR/streams>.

This notice can be viewed on the City's website at www.lebanonoregon.gov.

(5/13)

Sale of Abandoned Manufactured

Home: One (1) 1980 BENDIX manufactured dwelling, Plate number X175060, Home identification number 236512, Manufacturer's serial number(s) SE3648A, with contents (if any) has been abandoned by Gena K. Sellers. Said property is located at 5050 Columbus St SE, Spc 218, Albany, OR 97321. Said dwelling shall be sold by private bidding, with sealed bids, and "as is" (there is no warranty relating to title, possession, quiet enjoyment or the like). Bids must be for a specific stated dollar figure and must be delivered to Columbus Greens MHP at 5050 Columbus St. SE, #41, Albany, OR 97322 no later than 10am on the 18th day of May, 2026. Upon confirmation of the winning bid, the purchaser must promptly tender full payment in secured funds, only; money order, wire transfer, or cashier's check and promptly remove the dwelling from the manufactured home park unless a storage agreement can be promptly negotiated between the successful bidder and the Park. Future owner occupancy of the dwelling onsite would require successful application for tenancy, screening, and entry into a written rental agreement, none of which will be considered until after the sale is complete. This auction may be cancelled at any time prior to the start of bidding without notice. For additional

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information, or to ask questions, please contact Crystal Mathews at 541-928-5163.

(5/6 - 5/13)

NOTICE OF ONLINE AUCTION

A SQUARED STORAGE 1294 44th Ave. Sweet Home, OR 97386 Online bidding at www.storageauctions.com, auction ends 05/21/2026 at 11:00 a.m. Paul Donaldson, unit 111 & Chris Lawrence, unit 220.

(5/6 - 5/13)

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(5/06 - 5/13)

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(5/06 - 5/27)

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Wanted Motorhome, Travel Trailer or 5th Wheel 2005-2022. If it needs work or doesn't run that's okay. Willing to buy as is. Have cash and willing to pay fair price. I am a private party. 503-269-2947

(3/04 - 5/27)

Yard Sale

Yard Sale 16-17th 9-3 pm Clark Mill Rd and Zelkova, Sweet Home

(5/13)

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Nursing Scholarships

Each year for more than 50 years, Lebanon's local 40 & 8 Veterans organization seeks qualified nursing students and awards scholarships. This year the presentation was held at American Legion Post 51 on April 28. Thirteen local nursing students were recipients of the 40 & 8 scholarships. Funds for the scholarships are developed through the bingo games available at the American Legion. Eleven of the recipients were in attendance. Retired nurses presented each scholarship recipient with a pin and served their celebration dinner with Lebanon JROTC students assisting. **- Barb Schafer photo**

ROUNDUP

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founding in 1909, at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, in the Community Room at Lebanon Library, 55 Academy St.

The event is sponsored by the Lebanon Museum and the Lebanon Public Library. Dobrkovsky is the historian for the Lebanon Strawberry Festival as well as co-chair of the Junior Court.

This event is free of charge and open to all.

The Lebanon Museum Foundation is working to create Lebanon's first museum, to celebrate the town's history and culture. For more information about Dobrkovsky's presentation or about the Lebanon Museum Foundation, visit the website at lebanonmuseum.org or the Lebanon Museum Facebook page.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SH SESQUICENTENNIAL PREP

The Sweet Home Beautification Committee is seeking volunteers to help plant various floral displays in the community, as well as maintain the Main Street median through the summer.

Here are planned events:

Tuesday, May 19: Volunteers will plant the median strip downtown in red, white and blue to mark the USA's 250th birthday.

Wednesday, May 20: Volunteers will plant entryways to the city. Shea Point planting will be from 8:30 to 10 a.m.; Hwy. 228/Fern Ridge from 11 a.m. to noon; and Clover Park at the intersection of Hwy. 20 and 1st Avenue will be from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Regular bi-weekly workdays to maintain the Main Street median are from 8:30 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Volunteers meet at Key Bank, on the corner of 10th and Main.

Safety vests and trowels are provided for volunteers.

The public is welcome to attend the committee's monthly meeting at 10 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month at City Hall, 3225 Main St.

For more information, contact Candice Snyder at (541) 971-1092 or scandice192@gmail.com.

BLOOD DRIVE TO BE HOSTED AT WESTERN U

Western University of Health Sciences will host a blood drive in support of Bloodworks Northwest from 12-6 p.m. on Thursday, May 21, at COMP-NW, 200 Mullins Dr., Heritage Hall, Lebanon.

Reservations are required for the one-hour appointment by visiting bloodworksNW.org/giveblood (do a search by zip code to find correct appointment), or go directly to https://donate.bloodworksNW.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/107029.

Photo ID required. For safety, we kindly request no visitors under 16 at our donation sites. Eat a hearty meal and drink plenty of fluids prior to donation.

For more information, email MCclubLebanon@westernu.edu.

LEBANON LIBRARY SEEKS YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

Students ages 13 through 18 are invited to join the Lebanon Public Library's Summer Youth Volunteer Program 2026.

Applications must be turned in by Saturday, May 23.

Duties for youth volunteers include assisting with set-up for performers, helping children during hands-on activity days, and assisting librarians during the performances. Volunteers will also have the opportunity to hand out prizes and sign up participants for the summer reading incentives program.

On Thursday afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m., youth volunteers

can help shelve in the children's area of the library. Youth will also be given the opportunity to help with storytimes and other events.

To qualify, students must be 13 to 18 years old, must turn in a completed Volunteer Application, and must attend a mandatory orientation session. Youth Volunteer Applications are available at the Lebanon Public Library.

For more information contact Darcy Smith at (541) 258-4926 or darcysmith@lebanonoregon.gov.

FREE SWEET HOME ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

In partnership with Green Century Electronics Recycling, the City of Sweet Home will host a free household electronics recycling event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 23, at Sweet Home City Hall, 3225 Main St.

This event is open to households and small businesses.

For more information, contact Maggie Clark, of Green Century Electronics Recycling, at maggie@greencenturyonline.net, or call 503-764-9963.

WELLNESS FAIR AT PIONEER SCHOOL

Pioneer School will host a Wellness Fair from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 27, at 500 N. Fifth St., Lebanon.

Families are invited to enjoy free food, music, prizes and a kid zone, and learn about community resources and support that are available.

FIRE CHIEF TO SPEAK AT CHAMBER FORUM LUNCH

Lebanon Fire Chief John Tacy will speak at the Lebanon Chamber of Commerce's Forum Lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 29, at Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital conference center, 525 N. Santiam Hwy.

Register at www.lebanon-chamber.org or call (541) 258-7164.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
- 4. Longtime sports columnist Cook
- 9. Tributary of the Rio Grande
- 14. Geological time
- 15. About ilium
- 16. Religion
- 17. Beverage holder
- 18. Its largest city is Fargo
- 20. Attaches muscle to a bone
- 22. Hindu queens
- 23. Sir __ Newton
- 24. Developments
- 28. British thermal unit
- 29. The Ocean State
- 30. Smell
- 31. Line
- 33. Seizure
- 37. Where vets are tended to
- 38. Goddess of the dawn
- 39. Pear-shaped fruit
- 41. Taxi
- 42. Where injured ballplayers end up
- 43. Preceding period
- 44. Uncovers
- 46. Smudge
- 49. Dad
- 50. Peyton's little bro
- 51. Flawless
- 55. Judges
- 58. Expressed one's displeasure
- 59. Immature
- 60. PBS interviewer
- 64. Hat
- 65. Cover with wood
- 66. Acts dejectedly
- 67. Perform
- 68. Where people store their tools
- 69. Sulfuric and citric are two
- 70. Long-term memory

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Muscles that control eyeball movement
- 2. Hillsides
- 3. The dried leaves of the hemp plant
- 4. Used to see far away things
- 5. Inventor Musk
- 6. We all need it
- 7. __ King Cole
- 8. Earthy pigment
- 9. Stringed instrument
- 10. A language of the Inuit
- 11. Shuttered
- 12. Cereal plant
- 13. Senior officer
- 19. Sportscaster Patrick
- 21. What day it is
- 24. Petrels with saw-toothed bills
- 25. Bumps in the road
- 26. Stars
- 27. Riding horses
- 31. Swamp plant
- 32. Type of bear
- 34. Style of cuisine
- 35. Home of the Flyers
- 36. Serious-mindedness
- 40. Velvet Underground album
- 41. Highly important
- 45. Winged
- 47. Cultured
- 48. Fastened
- 52. __ Royce
- 53. Wreath
- 54. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
- 56. Synchronizes solar and lunar time
- 57. Ninth month
- 59. Deployed
- 60. Cycles per second
- 61. Expresses surprise
- 62. Mythological bird
- 63. Open payment initiative

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Level: Advanced

Safety event targets drugs

The sixth annual National APALD Family Safety Jam was held in Albany Friday, May 1.

The event was part of a nationwide effort focused on illicit drug prevention and education. This was the first time it has been held in Albany. APALD (the Association of People Against Lethal Drugs) is a 501(c)(3) national nonprofit dedicated to drug prevention, education, and family support.

More information can be found at weareapald.org.

Bringing this event to Albany marked a significant moment, as families, teens, and community leaders came together to address the growing impact of illicit drugs in our region, said Lydia Kariakin, Albany APALD coordinator.

"This was more than an event - it was a community response," she said in a statement.

Attendees heard firsthand from community leaders and families personally impacted. Speakers included:

- Kariakin, who opened the event with a personal reflection that included a brief tribute to her brother, Luke,

who died on Valentine's Day in 2021 after unknowingly taking a pill that was laced with illicit fentanyl;

- Sarah Vail, a mother who shared the story of losing her daughter, McKenzie Vail, to fentanyl poisoning;

- Trinity Ronan, a fentanyl poisoning survivor, who shared her experience alongside her mother, Karissa Ronan, who spoke in support of her daughter;

- Linn County District Attorney Doug Marteeny, who presented local statistics, trends, and insights on the impact of illicit drugs in our community;

- Representatives from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), who provided prevention education and resources; and

- Albany Mayor Alex Johnson II, who spoke about the importance of community awareness and action.

The event also featured a memorial table where attendees could write messages honoring loved ones lost, as well as a DEA resource table offering educational materials and support resources for families.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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Officer contacted female, who declined medics and agreed to leave area.

3:30 p.m. - Caller from East Lin Museum, 746 Long, reported someone spray painted and damaged building.

6:36 p.m. - Caller reported female acting intoxicated in area of Mountain View/Harding. Officer contacted female, who was OK and who was reminded of trespass. She moved along.

7:27 p.m. - Caller from East Linn Shuttle reported broken window at bus stop at Kalmia/13th. Officer responded, determined that damage did not appear to be caused by criminal activity, but will check security footage from neighboring businesses.

LEBANON POLICE

Lebanon police had not submitted a log for this date in time for publication. When available, log will be updated at lebanonlocalnews.com.
LCSO/OSP Sweet Home/S. County

1:54 a.m. - Juvenile cited for speeding, 40/25, Main/North, Brownsville.

12:11 p.m. - Michael Fortson, 62, of Brownsville, cited on Linn County probation violation

warrant, 700 block Amelia. Report taken.

5:27 p.m. - Brittany Ellison, 52, of Brownsville, cited for speeding, 26700 block Gap, Brownsville.

6:10 p.m. - Kayla Gambill, 41, of Sweet Home, cited for DWS following non-injury, single-vehicle crash in 39900 block McDowell Creek. Report taken.

9:20 p.m. - Michael Watson, 44, of Sweet Home, arrested on warrants and for felony possession of meth, DUII following traffic stop in area of Long/24th. Also cited for DWS, FTOTCD. Report taken.

LCSO/OSP LEBANON

3:56 a.m. - David Pliske, 19, of Corvallis, cited for speeding, 21-30 mph over limit, unspecified block of Hwy. 34 in Lebanon.

7:56 a.m. - Curt Blasche, 47, of Lebanon, arrested on two outstanding warrants. 3100 block Burdell. Cited and released. Report taken.

8:07 a.m. - Driver, whose name was omitted from LCSO report, cited for speeding. This entry will be updated when we receive the information. 13000 block River Rd. Report taken.

8:34 a.m. - Nickolas Shoulders, 36, of Lebanon, cited on two active warrants, 32800 block Brewster. Cited and released. Report taken.

9:20 a.m. - Conner Provstgaard,

37, of Sweet Home, arrested on two warrants, 32800 block Brewster. Cited and released. Report taken.

7:54 p.m. - True Gibbons, 25, of Lebanon, cited for speeding, 71/55, failure to install ignition interlock device, 37200 block Richardson Gap.

11:43 p.m. - Elude of vehicle traveling 100 mph-plus. Vehicle towed. Offender outstanding. 30700 block Santiam Hwy. Report taken.

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SWEET HOME POLICE

1:15 a.m. - Alexis Morgan Bowers arrested by Eugene police on SHMC warrant for FTC in theft case. Cited to appear May 27.

10:58 a.m. - Caller reported tall grass at vacant residence in 1200 block 49th. Referred to code enforcement.

11:14 a.m. - Caller reported neighbors had hauled in "another motorhome" and are hauling "loads of garbage" in daily. 3100 block Main. Referred to code enforcement.

2:40 p.m. - Caller reported someone living in shed in 1000 block Mountain View. Referred to code enforcement.

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Mural brings 'Greetings' to Festival Street

By Sarah Brown
Of The New Era

Within one hour of its start, heads were already turning to eye what was clearly shaping up to become a beautiful new mural in Sweet Home's downtown.

Wearing a pair of virtual reality visual design glasses, painter Karen Eland traced out the three-dimensional outline of the mid-century postcard-inspired phrase, "Greetings from Sweet Home, Oregon."

Meanwhile, Katie Daisy started adding color to a flower tracing that bordered the words.

The design was being formed against the backdrop of the deep purple wall at the former Santiam Feed building on Long Street and 13th Avenue, a city-owned building. Already apparent in the design are flowers, fish, bees, hummingbird and, of course, Weddle Bridge.

"The mural will be somewhat of a postcard style and feature things unique to Sweet Home and our area," Deputy City Manager Cecily Pretty said.

According to Pretty, the idea for the mural came out as sort of a "phase two" of the Paint the Town initiative.

Readers may well remember the Paint the Town campaign in 2023 that brought a \$200,000 value of paint, consulting and supplies to the city's downtown core from Miller Paint. Approximately 45 shops, offices and restaurants accepted the gift of a fresh coat of paint from the company's Northwest-inspired color palette.

"We have so much natural beauty and cultural history in our town to share, and we think a refreshed downtown with vibrant storefronts will encourage people to stay longer and help our local businesses to thrive," then-City Manager Kelcey Young said at the time.

Potential muralists were sought that same year and, in 2024, Eland and Daisy were among the top choices selected by evaluators, who included members of the former Ad Hoc Committee on Arts and Culture.

Since then, Pretty said, the city has been "piecing together" funding until it was able to pay for the professional muralists. The mural is fully funded by three grants provided by the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund, Sweet Home Community Foundation and PacPower - all of which will actually cover the cost for a total of three murals.

The other two murals, Pretty said, will be mobile murals painted by Bekah Komp, of Brood Room, another top-choice selection of muralists. They are expected by the end

of June.

"They are designed to be mounted and moved as we please, but that's the extent of the plan for now," she said. "We're tentatively planning to display them in Sankey to start, but we're still deciding on the final plan."

The location of the mural on the east side of the former Santiam Feed building works with the city's intention to build on the idea of "Festival Street," a block of road on 13th Avenue between Main and Long streets, which originated out of a downtown streetscape plan designed in 2021 from Dougherty Landscape Architects.

"The big idea or goal is to transform 13th Avenue into this kind of flexible, multi-purpose space that serves as not only a functional street, but also a hub for community events like, say, farmers markets or festivals or outdoor gatherings," City Manager Jason Ogden told the City Council last year.

The city purchased the Santiam Feed building in 2024 partially for that reason.

Young told City Council then that buying the building for \$260,000 could allow the city to help preserve the historical nature of the building, invite businesses to use the building, and utilize the building's large side door on 13th Avenue for the "Festival Street" vision.

She also saw potential for vacant buildings near Santiam Feed and the parking lot across the library as an opportunity to boost activity in the Long Street/downtown area.

"This is a way to really start revitalizing that entire square," she told the council.

The city, however, is currently open to the idea of selling the building. If, or when, the building sells, the city plans to have an agreement with the new owner that the new mural remain in place for a minimum period of time, "to ensure the mural can be enjoyed for years to come," Pretty said.

"Color has the power to transform a community, and we believe that a colorful downtown can inspire pride and make Sweet Home a destination for local Oregonians and those visiting our beautiful state," said Puji Shere, Miller Paint Vice President of Marketing, Color & Brand during the Paint the Town campaign.

With the city's relatively fresh face-lift of paint and the newest mural on "Festival Street," Pretty believes the mural will provide folks a special opportunity to take photos in the Gateway to the Santiam Playground.

"It's another wonderful way to highlight Sweet Home and continue the beautification of our city," she said.



A new, welcoming mural highlights Sweet Home treasures at the corner of "Festival Street" on 13th Avenue and Long Street. - Photos by Sarah Brown



Muralist Karen Eland adds color to the Weddle Bridge.

The *Icebox* Performer Of The Week



This week's ICEBOX performer of the week goes to Jamie, our amazing accounting ninja.

Jamie goes above and beyond in everything she does. And when her work is done, she's often asking how else she can help around the office.

Jamie is definitely missed when she's away, and she lights the place up when she's here.

Thank you, Jamie, for all of your hard work and dedication to the team. We appreciate you!



DRIFTING MAKES A TURN IN SWEET HOME



The Mill Drift Track opened Saturday, May 9, with an exhibition of cars, above, from all over the Willamette Valley and beyond, sliding around corners on the blacktop north of 24th Avenue. Admission was free for the first day, and the fans turned out, right. The pits were busy. At left, Russell Baldwin of Albany gets ready to switch tires on his BMW after taking a few spins, above left. The track will be open again July 25 for the PNW Smokeshow & Shine. See more photos at sweethomenews.com.



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