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Lebanon kicks up heels at Strawberry Festival

By Sarah Brown
Of The New Era

The 117th annual Lebanon Strawberry Festival's "Strawberry Nights" drew hundreds, if not thousands, to the city for the four-day event that included a few new items that celebrated community spirit, including a restored strawberry shortcake float, local entertainment and a coordinated hand jive dance.

On Thursday, the All Hero's Day event celebrated those who served in the military, and as first responders and linemen, followed by the traditional Queen's Coronation.

Ruby VandenBos was crowned queen, while Emma Estes won the Miss Congeniality honor.

Actual Size Band was that evening's entertainment on the main stage.

The Junior Parade officially kicked off festivities in the downtown core on Friday, and the Lebanon Garden Club opened up its doors for its annual Standard Flower Show. Queen VandenBos selected Anne Juurman's "Wild West" flower design for her Queen's Choice Award.

Main stage entertainment at the Cheadle Lake Park fairgrounds that evening was Ben Rice and the PDX Hustle, and headliner Bryan Martin.

Saturday morning events started early with the annu-

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Strawberry Festival Court members, above, perform a "Grease"-inspired dance during the coronation ceremony. Below, The Queen's Choice award in the Grand Parade, ENTEK, proceeds through downtown on Saturday. See many more photos at lebanonlocalnews.com.

Photos by Sarah Brown



Death at Linn County Jail spurs pursuit for answers

By Sarah Brown
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A Sweet Home man was found dead in his cell at Linn County Jail last month and his family is waiting for answers.

On May 4 at 11:50 a.m., Sweet Home police officers arrested Dustin Kyle Coughran, 36, on warrants with Oregon State Parole Board, Salem Municipal Court, Linn County Circuit Court and Lebanon Municipal Court. He was lodged at Linn County Jail.

According to Sheriff Michelle Duncan at the Linn County Sheriff's Office, deputies found Coughran in his cell and not breathing on May 8 at 8:12 p.m.

"They immediately began life-saving measures. EMS was activated and the Albany Fire Department responded, but were unable

to save Coughran's life," she said.

LCSSO called the Lane County Sheriff's Office to do an outside investigation, Duncan said. It is common for outside agencies to take over investigation in such cases.

Friends and family of Coughran who are seeking answers attended a town hall meeting held by Duncan and Linn County Commissioner Sherrie Sprenger on Wednesday, May 27, to voice their concerns.

A friend of Coughran, Brittany Hull, read from a prepared statement, saying she was there "because a human being died in your jail, not because they were sentenced to death but because they were denied proper medical care while in your custody."

"This is not the first in-

stance of wrongful death due to medical negligence in Linn County Jail."

While incarcerated, despite being an addict or a criminal, it's the government's responsibility to keep inmates safe and healthy with "basic human dignity," she said.

Hull said she believes Coughran's death was preventable, as inmates allegedly reported they heard him "begging for medical assistance for hours"

According to her, the medical examiner found a "herniated ulcer that ruptured causing severe internal bleeding that resulted in death."

She described Coughran as a loving father, a man who would give his last dollar to feed someone who was hungry, and a friend who would

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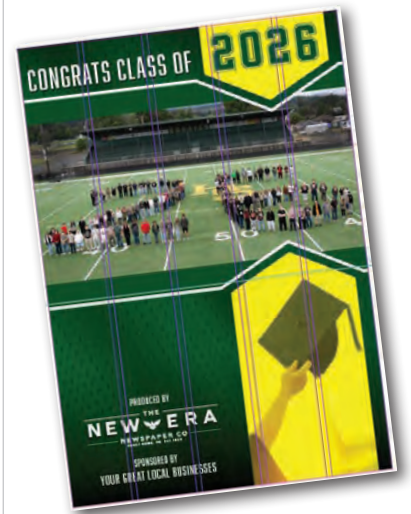


Dustin Coughran

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Hats Fly in Lebanon

Lebanon High School and East Linn Christian say goodbye to their seniors.

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Obituaries

Jackson Teuscher

Sept. 23, 2023 - May 27, 2026

We are immensely saddened to announce the passing of Jackson Neal Teuscher on May 27, 2026 after battling heart and lung disease from the time of his birth on Sept. 23, 2023.



He was born with Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome and spent the first six months of his life at U.C. Davis Children's Hospital.

He was able to be home and spend time with his family for about a year after that. Jackson became eligible for the heart transplant list in June of 2025. Unfortunately, he had to be admitted to Lucille Packard Children's Hospital Stanford in March of 2026, where his condition declined and he passed away peacefully in the arms of his parents.

Jackson's favorite things were playing with his brother Hank, Mickey Mouse and riding on the tractor. He loved being outside and enjoyed camping with his family.

Jackson always had a smile on his face and could brighten even the worst of days. Many nurses would stop by to visit him at the end of a particularly bad day to get a "Jackson fix" before going home.

Throughout his many surgeries and procedures, Jackson was a mighty fighter and often defied the predictions of the medical staff. He also didn't like to do things according to the medical books, thus inventing the "Jackson Way."

He gave many doctors and nurses experience with conditions and anatomy they had never seen before.

He was our little angel and he touched the lives of many, many people across multiple states. Even though Jackson was taken from us too soon, he was able to teach us so much in such a short time. We will always love Jackson and hold his sweet smile in our hearts and memories. We know he has a special place in Heaven now with God.

Jackson is survived by a family who loved him deeply: parents Sara and Hans Teuscher; 6-year-old brother Hank Teuscher; grandparents Karen and Lynn Teuscher, and Nancy and Joe Brocard; aunts and uncles Kirstyn Teuscher, Becca and Nate Goodwin, Jessica and Stephen Gay, and Lisa and Casey Kushi-yama; cousins Gavin and Emma Goodwin, Liam and Emily Gay, and Kai and Keo Kushi-yama; and his beloved dogs Harley and Winston.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date in Mount Shasta, Calif.

Emilio Morales

Nov. 16, 1970 - April 23, 2026

Emilio Gallardo Morales, 55, of Lebanon, passed away April 23, 2026.

He was born on Nov. 16, 1970, in Córdoba, Mexico, to his parents, Emilio Gallardo Martinez and Carmela Morales Mesa.



He grew up helping his parents farm coffee, corn, rice and sugarcane. As a young man, he immigrated to the United States and eventually settled in Oregon. He taught himself English and studied hard to obtain his citizenship. He married Trena Olson and became a father to her young daughter, Shaina. They later had two more daughters, Nicolina and Shiana.

Emilio was known as a hardworking man who took great pride in providing for his family. He dedicated nearly 30 years of employment to Weyerhaeuser.

In his free time, he kept himself busy with bowling league, landscaping his beautiful two-acre property and many woodworking projects. His family's home is filled with his one-of-a-kind handmade creations.

Emilio was also a goofball who

loved to joke around. Without fail, you could catch him hiding extra cards on family game night. He truly was the life of the party, hosting family events with good food, good laughs and piñatas. Good luck hitting the piñata though! Emilio would send it flying high in the air, and dragging low on the ground! Nothing made him happier than making everyone laugh.

Beyond that, he was incredibly kind-hearted. He was generous in nature and always offered a helping hand. In short, he was a true friend and family man to all, and will be missed by everyone around him.

He is survived by his wife, Trena Gallardo; his daughters, Nicolina Gibbs and Shiana Gallardo; his grandchildren, Miguel, Sofia, Amelia, Carmen, Corbyn and Freyja; and his mother and siblings Raul, Juan Carlos, Leticia and Bulmaro.

He was preceded in death by his father; his father-in-law, Gordon; and his stepdaughter, Shaina.

The Rosary will be at 10:30 a.m. on June 27 at St. Helen Catholic Church in Sweet Home, with the funeral to follow at 11 a.m. A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. on Aug. 1 at the Sweet Home Elks Lodge.

Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements.

Paul Anderson

Dec. 1, 1969 - May 31, 2026

Paul Joseph Anderson, 56, of Sweet Home, passed away May 31, 2026.

Paul was born in Ventura, Calif. on Dec 1, 1969. He moved to Sweet Home from Salem in 2005.

Paul was a talented artist, beloved and a truly compassionate, remarkable person whose life touched many people. Paul graduated from McNary High School in Keizer, where he was honored as Artist of the Year during his

senior year. Sports were another important part of his life; he loved following his favorite NBA team, the LA Lakers and the NFL Dallas Cowboys.

Paul is survived by his parents, Ken and Fran Anderson; brothers Ken Jr. and David, sister Caryn Wall; brother-in-law Greg Wall; sister-in-law Jenni Anderson; niece Natalie Wall; and nephew Grayson Wall.

No funeral services will be held.

Sweet Home Funeral Chap-

el is handling the arrangements.

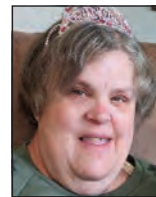
Nancy Gallogly

Dec. 15, 1958 - June 3, 2026

Nancy Jean Gallogly, 67, of Lebanon, passed away June 3, 2026.

She was born Dec. 15, 1958, to Billie Margaret Francis and Donald Ray Gallogly in Pasadena, Calif.

She moved to Sweet Home as a small child and has lived



in the surrounding area her entire life. Nancy loved spending time with family and friends.

Nancy is survived by her siblings, Julie Knurovski, Barbara Stevens, Susan Olson and Stephen Knurovski.

She was preceded in death by her parents, step-mother Alice Gallogly; and siblings RuthAnn Boehmer and Donald P. Gallogly.

Viewing will be from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 16, at Sweet Home Funeral Chapel followed by a service at 5 p.m.

Donations can be made to Grace Center For Adult Day Services 980 NW Spruce Ave. Corvallis, Oregon 97330.

Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements

Debbie Jensen

March 3, 1959 - May 30, 2026

Debbie Rae Jensen, 67, of Sweet Home passed away May 30, 2026.

She was born March 3, 1959, to Mary Lou (Eikelberger) and Donald W. Fleiger in Moscow, Idaho.



She grew up in Eugene and worked as a grocery clerk at Albertsons for over 20 years. She moved to Sweet Home in 2014. After retirement, she helped others by cleaning and caregiving. She enjoyed gardening and spending time with family and friends. Debbie loved all her dogs she had over the years.

Debbie is survived by her sister, Cathy (Lenny) Niles of Bend; nephews Travis and Toby Niles; nieces Tisha Niles and Kristy Fleiger; a great-niece; friend Laura Green and the Green family, whom Debbie adopted; and many wonderful friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Cindy Fleiger and friend Teresa (Green) Owens.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, at Sweet Home Funeral Chapel.

Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements.

Death Notices

Richard L. Crump, 84, of Sweet Home, passed away on

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THE NEW ERA

on the road...



The New Era went with the Hay families to Edinburgh Scotland. They explored castles and were able to see the Hay Crest on stained glass within one of the castles. Here pictured from left in front of Stirling Castle are James, Jessica, Josh, Lori, Carol, Chris, and Cameron.

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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.

Sweet Home School District Band Program

SPAGHETTI FEED, SILENT AUCTION & RAFFLE FUNDRAISER FOR INSTRUMENTS & REPAIRS

Live Music: Jonathan Sterling & SHHS Jazz Band

\$10 DINNER

THURSDAY, JUNE 11 5:30 - 7PM

SHHS Commons: 1641 Long St, Sweet Home

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)

JUNE 7

SWEET HOME POLICE

10:31 a.m. - Eric Abril Encinas, 47, arrested by Lebanon police on SHMC warrant for FTA in fraudulent use of credit card case. Cited to appear June 24.
2:14 p.m. - Caller reported neighbor placing garbage on caller's front lawn in 1200 block 45th.. Officer responded, but was only able to speak to one party. Investigation continuing.
4:33 p.m. - Caller from area of 24th/railroad tracks reported females stealing chairs, trespassing. Officer contacted juveniles, who were warned for trespass. Property returned to

owner.

5:24 p.m. - Officer took report for theft III, fraudulent use of credit card, 1900 block Main. Investigation continuing.

6:03 p.m. - Michael James Runyan, 52, arrested by Sutherlin police on SHMC warrant for FTA in DUII case. Cited to appear June 24.

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

5:05 p.m. - Verbal argument between male and female in 6300 block Hwy. 20 escalated into "food fight, of sorts" that resulted in minor injuries. Report taken.

LCSO/OSP LEBANON

12:10 a.m. - Dawson Cross, 23, of Jefferson, cited for DU, and in suspended misdemeanor case following traffic stop in 1800 block S. Main St. Report taken.

12:21 a.m. - Curtis Bahr Jr., 38, of Albany, arrested for DUII and reckless driving, 4100 block Santiam Hwy. Lodged at LCJ. Report taken.

2:59 a.m. - Rachele Corbin, 40, cited for speeding, 11-20 mph over limit, DWS and DU, 31000 block 5th.

7:48 p.m. - Adrian Grandorff, 20, of Lebanon, cited for DU, 6th/Gross. Vehicle towed. REport taken.

8:01 p.m.- Cynthia Porter, 40, of Lebanon, cited for DWS and for LMC warrant, 4900 block Santiam Hwy. Report taken.

8:04 p.m. - Crash reported in 32400 block Berlin. Operator, who was not named in Sheriff's log, reported his steering wheel locked during turn and vehicle left road and ran into grassy area. Minimal damage.

JUNE 6

SWEET HOME POLICE

12:38 a.m. - Ervin Larry Smith, 72, cited for DWS, DU, 500 block Surry Lane.

2:59 a.m. - Caller reported neighbor's dog had been barking for 30 minutes. Officer

unable to contact neighbor but left business card.

3:21 a.m. - Richard Jeremy Williams, 49, arrested by Molalla police on SHMC warrant for FTA in failure to perform duties of a driver case. Cited to appear June 24.

2:34 p.m. - Bill Doyle Bradshaw, 54, cited for DWS, 3200 block Main. Vehicle impounded.

LEBANON POLICE

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LCSO/OSP SWEET HOME/S. COUNTY

1:55 a.m. - Deputy located individual sleeping in day use area at McDowell Creek Park, 43100 block McDowell Creek. Individual was told to move along.

8:09 a.m. - Theft of cellphone reported in 42000 block North River. Report taken.

1:04 p.m. - Deputy investigated criminal mischief in 42600 block Marks Ridge. Someone spray-painted racist slurs and Nazi propaganda on CTC gate. Report taken.

3:39 p.m. - Barbara Record, 64, of Sweet Home, arrested on LCJC warrant for contempt of court, Andrew Wiley Park, 1900 block 53rd. Lodged at LCJ. Report taken.

6:54 p.m. - Gary Brown, 66, of Crooked River Ranch, cited for DWS, DU, 49800 block Hwy. 20. Report taken.

7:24 p.m. - LCSO assisted OSP with non-injury crash on Hwy. 20 at summit of Tombstone Pass.

9:49 p.m. - Trevor Wilson, 22, of Sweet Home, arrested on warrant, violation of no-contact release agreement after deputy stopped him for speeding in area of Santiam Hwy./Santiam Terrace. Lodged at LCJ. Report taken.

LCSO/OSP LEBANON

9:38 a.m. - Deputy provided courtesy ride to injured runner prior to start of Strawberry Festival race, 000 block W. Rose.

12:43 p.m. - Jack Counts, 37,

of Lebanon, lodged at LCJ on outstanding warrants, 1200 block W. Ash. Report taken.

4:27 p.m. - Deputy assisted motorists with disabled vehicle and provided courtesy ride to Strawberry Festival, Rock Hill/Sand Ridge.

10:51 p.m. - Deputy assisted Lane County Sheriff's Office by documenting injuries related to its investigation of assault/strangulation case, 38300 block Weirich. Report taken.

JUNE 5

SWEET HOME POLICE

12:03 a.m. - Kirstopher Ray Moak, 40, arrested on Oregon State Parole Board warrant for PV, 1500 block Main. Lodged at LCJ.

4:46 a.m. - Raymond Lyle Tressel, 30, arrested by LCSO on SHMC warrant for FTC in vehicle burglary case. Cited to appear June 24.

6:43 a.m. - Caller from 4300 block Nandina reported people at location "that shouldn't be there." Officer responded, located dog inside building that was taken to neighbor's house. Report taken for criminal trespass.

8:32 a.m. - Rodger Lynn Sechrest, 66, cited for DWS, DU. 700 block Long.

10:33 a.m. - Caller reported possible dead eagle on side of road on Highway 20. Officer was unable to locate bird; caller said it was "between Lebanon and Sweet Home." Info passed on to OSP.

11:56 a.m. - Caller from Sweet Home Veterinary Hospital asked for officer to investigate a dog that had several gunshot wounds and needed to be euthanized. Officer responded, report taken, investigation continuing. According to SHPD, as of press time Monday, the report had not been confirmed.
12:04 p.m. - Caller reported truck backed into her vehicle in 1000 block 26th Court. Officer responded, report taken for non-reportable crash. No injuries. Parties exchanged information.

12:28 p.m. - Caller reported

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Zoom meeting

TEMPERATURES

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
6/2	86	45	0.00
6/3	71	47	0.00
6/4	73	44	0.00
6/5	66	43	0.00
6/7	66	48	0.02
6/8	68	38	0.02
6/9	61	52	0.00

RAIN IN INCHES

Year to date: 10.62
6/11/26: 19.24

FORECAST

DATE	WEATHER	HIGH/LOW
6/11	Sunny	79/50
6/12	Sunny	84/52
6/13	Sunny	92/58
6/14	Sunny	98/59
6/15	Sunny	97/59
6/16	Sunny	90/54
6/17	Cloudy	78/50

LAKE LEVELS

Foster 636.8
Green Peter 963.1

TODAY'S FIRE DANGER IS LOW

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

CROSSWORD KEY

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SUDOKU KEY

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OBITUARIES

From page 2

June 4, 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. Friday, June 26, at the Sweet Home Evangelical Church Activity Gym, 1347 Long St.

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Harold John Gouveia, 77, of Brownsville, formerly of Sweet Home, passed away June 6, 2026.

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

Wathenia Tracy, 77, of Brownsville passed away June 2, 2026.

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

Former Lebanon woman arrested on sex charges

Lebanon police on Wednesday, June 3, arrested a former city resident on more than a dozen counts of various sex crimes.

Emilee Ann Lupo, 44, was arrested Wednesday morning in Cornelius. She was lodged at Linn County Jail.

According to police, Lupo was taken into custody for eight counts of first-degree sodomy, four counts of first-degree sexual abuse in the first degree, four counts of contributing to the sexual delinquency of a minor, and one count of private indecency.

Lupo's arrest is the result of an investigation that stemmed from a report that Lupo had inappropriate contact with an unrelated minor

male in Lebanon. The minor male was under 13 and was known to Lupo. The alleged crimes occurred between April and December 2020 at

Lupo's residence in Lebanon.

The Lebanon Police Department has had prior contact with Lupo; however, those prior contacts were unrelated to and are not similar in nature to this current incident, police said.

Currently, it is unknown whether there are additional victims, police said. The investigation is ongoing; anyone with information related to the case is encouraged to contact Lebanon Police Detective Brian Prather at (541) 258-4329.

Corrections

Our story on East Linn Christian's successes at the 2A state track and field championships should have reported that Ryder Howard scored 29 points for the Eagles.

From our Files



The Sweet Home Jaycees "dampened" spirits of parade watchers in 1976 at the Lebanon Strawberry Festival parade, promoting the annual Sportsmen's Holiday.

JUNE 14, 1951

The city park will soon offer a variety of play equipment to youngsters. Park Commissioner W.S. Sankey said a 24-foot wave slide, four teeter totters and a merry-go-round have arrived and will be erected this week, concluding the city's effort to "dress up" the park, which included revamped restrooms, re-shingled shelters, and new picnic tables and fireplaces.

Rules to guide local organizations in what Frontier Days planners hope will soon be an "awakened interest" in the annual affair were drawn up this week. Only three men's clubs attended the meeting - Jaycees, Rotary and Kiwanis. The covered wagon, which drew plaudits from the Lebanon Strawberry Festival crowd, will be at the Brownsville and Calapooya Roundup events. Queen candidates will make the trip to the two celebrations clad in old-time costumes and plaid shirts and jeans to publicize

Sweet Home's August event.

Sweet Home's entrants into the State Junior League will raise funds by presenting a donkey softball game featuring budding big league stars vs. their uncooperative four-legged mounts. Boys under 15 will play at the high school field and proceeds from gate receipts will go into the equipment fund of the Junior League entrants.

JUNE 10, 1976

A recreational vehicle show and Moonlight Sale is expected to attract a large number of people in Sweet Home this week. Boats, antique cars, vans and four-wheelers will be on display in store parking lots throughout town. Prize money will be given out in books of \$2 bills. Judging will be by TOOTS (The Order of the Sportsmen). The Moonlight Sale will be from 6-9 p.m.

The question of whether to remodel the existing fire hall

or build a new one was a point of discussion at an informal meeting between Sweet Home city councilors and the public service advisory board. Lack of storage space, improper training facilities and no living quarters for full-time personnel were cited as major concerns. City Councilor John Mahler argued the city should be looking at a solution that will extend up to 30 years from now, not just 10 years.

JUNE 13, 2001

Sweet Home's school district decided it will not pursue another bond to fund construction of a new pool, reconstruction of the track, and work on other athletic and community facilities. The school district passed a \$19 million bond last week to repair and construct facilities, but a \$4 million bond for athletic, pool and community facilities failed by eight votes.

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.

'GREATER TUNA' ON STAGE IN ALBANY

Albany Civic Theater presents "Greater Tuna," a satirical slice of life story about Thurston and Arles who live in rural Tuna, Texas's third smallest town. The town is filled with other colorful characters, who are in fact all creations of Thurston and Arles.

The long-running off-Broadway hit features two actors creating the entire population of Tuna, Texas, in a tour de farce of quick-change artistry.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 11, and Sunday, June 13, with a matinee performance on June

12 at 2:30 p.m. at 111 W. 1st Ave. in Albany.

For ticket information, visit www.albanycivic.org.

SHHS BANDS PLAN SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER

Sweet Home's bands will host a spaghetti fundraiser from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, June 11, in the Sweet Home High School Commons, 1641 Long St.

The event will include a silent auction, baked goods, carnival games and more. Cost is \$10 per person, \$5 for children 5 and under. Proceeds will help provide instruments and repairs.

The Sweet Home High School Jazz Band will also perform.

MOVIES AT SANKEY PARK

The Sweet Home Public Library will host Movies in the Park from 7:30-10:30 p.m. at Sankey Park, 847 14th Ave. Free to the public, snacks included.

June 12 - Zootopia 2

July 17 - Hoppers

Aug. 14 - National Treasure

ACTIVITIES AT THE HEALING GARDENS

Lebanon Community Hospital Foundation invites people to enjoy the hospital's Japanese healing gardens

through several upcoming opportunities. To register, or for more information, contact Brandy O'Bannon at bobannon@samhealth.org. Or register online at samhealth.org/LebanonHealingGardens.

June 12, July 10, Aug. 14 and Sept. 18 at 10 a.m. - Garden Tour: One-hour guided garden tour, starting at the koi pond gazebo, Boulder Falls Event Center. Learn about the garden's history, design and care while exploring both gardens. No registration required.

June 20 from 1-4 p.m. - Garden Vignettes Textile Class: Spend time in the garden, then learn to use fabric layering and embroidery stitching to create an inspired image in cloth.

June 22, July 13, Aug. 17 and Sept. 24 at 5 p.m. - Stroll for Well-Being: An independent walking and journaling program designed to support mindful reflection. Journals provided during orientation session.

July 18 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Family Day: (11-12:30) - Children 6-12 are invited to this "storigami" experience to learn traditional Japanese paper folding while listening to a story read by paper artist Yuki Martin. (1-3) - Parents and children can enjoy a garden bingo activity and art project for glass plant stakes. (1-4) - Bonsai expert Lee Cheattle will lead a private bonsai class for adults 18 and over; small fee required for take-home bonsai.

JIM BEAN SAFETY FAIR JUNE 13 IN SWEET HOME

Sweet Home will hold its annual Jim Bean Safety Fair from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 13, at Sankey Park, 877 14th Ave.

The event will include raffles, games, safety education activities, a bike rodeo, a touch-a-truck, food, free bike helmets and signups for the Summer Reading Program.

FLAG DAY CEREMONY AT SWEET HOME ELKS

Join the Sweet Home Elks Lodge #1972 at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 14, for a Flag Day Ceremony at 440 Osage St. .

The exalted ruler and current officers will present a meaningful program celebrating the history and heritage of the American flag. The ceremony is open to the public; all are invited.

COMMUNITY MARKET IN LACOMB

Lacomb Grange #907 will open its Community Market from 1-4 p.m. every Sunday from June 14 until Aug. 31, at 34100 E Lacomb Road.

Join the rural community for a variety of local produce, handmade goods, crafts, baked items and small businesses, promising a fun community atmosphere for families, neighbors and visitors.

Vendor booth spaces can be reserved for \$10 a week, or \$60 for the whole season. Contact Charlotte at 541-801-1907 or email lacombgrange@gmail.com. Follow them on Facebook by searching "Lacomb Grange 907"

FREE COMMUNITY HEALTH EVENT IN SH

Samaritan Community Health Network, Linn County Health Services, and Oregon State University Extension Service bring a free Produce Market and Mobile Health Clinic every last Wednesday of the month through October from 4-6 p.m. at Sweet Home Church of the Nazarene, 415 Holley Road, Sweet Home.

The next event is Wednesday, June 24.

Participants can receive fresh produce and access to services through a mobile health clinic at no cost.

LEBANON TRAILS WORK DAY

Build Lebanon Trails will have

a work day from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, July 11, at Riverview Park. Volunteers will remove weeds and debris, and sweep the trail. Loaner tools and work gloves are available onsite. Wear appropriate clothing and shoes.

Arrive a little before 9 a.m. for instructions and signing in.

NATIVE AMERICAN ENCAMPMENTS IN PARKS

A Native American Cultural Encampment will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday through Sunday, July 24-26, at Waterloo County Park, 39510 Gross St., and Aug. 28-30 at Cascadia County Park, 48241 Cascadia Dr., Cascadia.

Cultural encampment is a group of Native Americans from different parts of the U.S. gathering together and making village-type settings with tipis and tents as they share their individual cultures and traditional information with the community.

Activities include craft classes, Pow Wow style dancing, vendor booths, flute playing, family activities, and a lunchtime feast on Sunday.

For more information, visit naculturalencampment.org.

STORYTIME AT LEBANON LIBRARY

Lebanon Public Library's storytimes are Wednesdays and Thursdays at 55 Academy St.

Baby and Me StoryTime is held at 10 a.m. every Wednesday. This is designed for ages 0 to 24 months and their caregivers. Those that attend will enjoy interactive time with their child through stories, finger plays, rhyme time and more.

Preschool StoryTime is held at 10 a.m. every Thursday. This allows children 3 years old through kindergarten to explore their world interactively through books, songs, finger plays and crafts.

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Commissioners get report on Santiam Canyon fire recovery

By Alex Paul

Linn County Communications

Santiam Disaster Services of Santiam Hospital & Clinics has assisted 1,221 families who were affected by the devastating Beachie Creek/Lionshead fires of Labor Day weekend 2020, Linn County commissioners learned at their June 2 meeting.

Melissa Baurer, Santiam Hospital executive director of community development, said 470 homes in Marion and Linn counties were destroyed in the fire. Some 348 have completed a household recovery plan. Of the 60 Linn County families assisted, 40 were homeowners, 18 were renters and two were unsheltered.

In total, almost \$4.5 million has been raised and distributed by the Santiam Canyon Wildfire Relief Fund.

Baurer said that Linn County families have re-

ceived more than \$1.5 million in assistance. Linn County also provided some \$150,000 in cash and gift cards to affected families immediately after the fires.

Linn County also waived permit fees and expedited building permits for families. Planning and Building Director Steve Wills said his department continues to honor that assistance program.

Baurer thanked the commissioners, Roger Nyquist, Sherrie Sprenger and Will Tucker, for their long-term commitment to helping the canyon families.

Nyquist said Linn and Marion counties didn't care what side of the county line someone lived on. The goal was to get them help as quickly as possible and sort out the details later.

Tucker noted that the efforts of the Santiam Disaster Services Team, the speed of its activities, the coordination

of agencies and professionalism have been recognized by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as a model for the nation.

The commissioners also praised volunteers from Christian Aid Ministries, who donated thousands of hours over four years rebuilding homes on both sides of the river.

"These are Mennonite farmers who hopped on a bus and traveled west each year after farming season to help out," Tucker said. "They are amazing."

In a written report, Baurer noted, "We are deeply grateful to the Linn County Board of Commissioners for your steadfast support and commitment to our program and the survivors of the 2020 Labor Day fires. Your dedication has made it possible for families to rebuild their homes, restore their lives and find hope after unimaginable

loss."

In other business the commissioners:

- Approved a construction contract with North Santiam Paving Company for \$2,247,650 for the North River Drive Improvement Project. The project is funded by the Federal Highway Administration and Linn County will be reimbursed at 89.73% by the FHWA Western Federal Lands.

- Approved a construction contract with North Santiam Paving Company for \$992,088 for the North River Drive Public Access Improvement Project. The project is funded by the Local Agency Certification Program and Linn County will be reimbursed at 89.73% by ODOT.

- Approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Sweet Home School District, to receive surplus woody debris from the removal of hazardous trees and fallen trees

during storm events. The school district uses the wood for its forestry program.

- Approved a refund of \$1,100 to Terra Tech Land Surveyors in Lebanon from the Planning & Building Department.

- Approved an Enterprise Zone Exemption for ATI SAC, waiving the requirement to increase its workforce by 10%. According to John Pascone of the Linn Economic Development Group, ATI has invested \$70 million in new equipment and facility modifications since 2024 and have already added 124 new employees. Co-sponsors can waive the employment requirement if the project exceeds \$25 million. The tax exemption will increase from three to five years.

- Announced that the Board of Commissioners will not meet on Tuesday, June 30.

Linn County prosecutor recognized for helping victims

By Alex Paul

Linn County Communications

Senior Deputy District Attorney Ani Yardumian has devoted her entire career as a prosecuting attorney to helping the most vulnerable victims of society find justice.

On April 8, Yardumian's commitment to her work was recognized in Portland, when she received the annual Joyce Harpole Award. It is presented to lawyers who work in pursuit of justice while maintaining a sense of balance between their legal career and their personal life.

Yardumian was nominated for the honor by Landri Sassaman, her legal assistant.

In her nomination, Sassaman noted that Yardumian is the type of person "everyone loves."

"She always comes into work with a smile and most likely a McDonald's breakfast sandwich to share," Sassaman said, adding, "She is the best attorney in the office, hands down."

In the courtroom, Sassaman said Yardumian puts 100% of herself into her case.

"She preps for each case like it's the only case she has," Sassaman said. "She watches, reads and talks with witnesses, victims and police who are involved. She will stay late and come in early on her big cases."

Sassaman said that when Yardumian walks into a courtroom, three key things are certain:

She will be 100% honest, even if it affects her case.

Her moral consistency stands every day and never waiver. "In her you see hum-



Ani Yardumian, left, is honored with the Joyce Harpole Award.

- Linn County photo

bleness, respect and admits faults," Sassaman said.

Her confidence shows she knows exactly what she is talking about.

Sassaman added that Yardumian finds balance in her life with her adopted daughter, traveling and cooking. She knows how to have fun and laugh, even though her daily work is extremely serious and emotionally draining at times.

Yardumian said receiving the award was a "humbling experience."

She said the concept of "work-life balance" was a laughable concept years ago, but something she has worked diligently at since adopting her daughter 10 years ago.

Yardumian said that although it is difficult to leave work at the office due to the nature of the work itself, she does so whenever her daughter needs her.

Yardumian knew she wanted to be a prosecuting attorney as a child growing up near Los Angeles.

She worked her way through Cal Poly Pomona where she earned a degree in English. She enrolled in an accelerated jurisprudence degree program at Southwestern University School of Law, graduating in two years.

She knew about Albany and Linn County because a good friend lives here. She found out there was going to be an opening at the Dis-

trict Attorney's Office under Jason Carlile, interviewed and got the job.

She has not looked back, nor does she regret spending her career with one office.

"I got my dream job right

out of law school, why would I go anywhere else," Yardumian said. "I work for a really good man (DA Doug Marteeny) that I respect for his high values and leadership."

Joyce Harpole graduated first in her class from Lewis and Clark Law School in 1979 and went on to a distinguished career at the firm of Stoel Rives. Harpole died in 1994 and her life inspired classmates to develop the Joyce Harpole Award, the Joyce Harpole Memorial Scholarship and the Joyce Harpole Lecture, whose theme this year was, "Dealing With the Difficult Client."

"I am very proud of Ani. It is an honor to work with her," Marteeny said. "She has handled many of Linn County's most complex cases. Her upbringing and life experiences have shaped her into a very formidable advocate of justice."

Marteeny added: "We are blessed to have Ani here in Linn County. It was great to see Ani recognized on a statewide level for her professional efforts and capacities."

North River traffic to be curtailed during construction projects

Through traffic on North River Drive will be curtailed and, in one section, shut down this summer for two construction projects intended to improve the road and solve problems between Quartzville Drive and Pleasant Valley Road.

Linn County's Road Department has received two federal grants to fund the improvements and repairs. The funding, totaling \$5,634,027.20, comes from the Western Federal Lands Infrastructure program, which aims to improve access to federal lands (such as national parks and national forests).

Both projects have been awarded to North Santiam Paving Co. out of Stayton.

The first project begins at the intersection with Quartzville Drive and ends at the intersection with Foster Dam Road. Improvements include widening the roadway between Quartzville Drive and Sunnyside Road and stabilization of the slide area.

The total cost of the proj-



North River Drive, between Pleasant Valley and Quartzville, will undergo repairs and upgrades this summer. - Linn County photo

ect will be \$3,135,312, with \$321,997 coming from the county.

The project includes:

- Widening the gravel roadway shoulders for safer bicycle and pedestrian use, and realignment of the geometry of curved sections of roadway to improve roadside safety and improve access for truck traffic.
- Construction of an additional access and parking lot

at Lewis Creek Park to alleviate overflow parking along the roadway shoulders due to over-capacity of the existing parking lots.

• Improvements to the current entrances to Gedney Creek boat ramp.

• An asphalt pavement overlay to protect and preserve the existing roadway.

• Repair/stabilization of a slide area located about 350 feet west of the Quartzville

intersection, and roadway repair.

The contractor anticipates starting this portion of the work in mid-June and it is anticipated to last until this fall.

During construction the road will be closed between Quartzville Drive and Sunnyside Road. Local residents will be accommodated. Motorists and cyclists should anticipate delays.

The second project be-

gins at the intersection with Pleasant Valley Road and terminates at the intersection with Foster Dam Road.

The project cost will be \$3,143,555.20, with \$322,843.12 coming from the county, and will include:

• Minor realignment of the geometry of curved sections of roadway to improve roadside safety and improve access for truck traffic to "vital natural resources."

• Asphalt pavement grinding to remove old asphalt and to minimize increasing the depth of asphalt installed.

• Repair of cracks within the roadway section

• Asphalt pavement overlay to protect and preserve the existing roadway.

This section of roadway will be open during construction. The contractor plans to begin work mid-July, with an approximate one-month duration. Motorists and cyclists should anticipate delays.

For more information, visit www.linncountyor.gov/roads/page/capital-improvement-program.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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crash at Thriftway, 621 Main. Officer responded, parties handled matter civilly, No injuries.

5:14 p.m. - Caller reported juveniles throwing knives at each other in 1300 block Westwood. Officer contacted juveniles who, it turned out, were playing with sticks, not knives. Officer determined no safety concerns.

8:06 p.m. - Caller reported male on roof in 900 block 22nd. Officer contacted male, who was simply watching graduation at Husky Stadium. Officer determined nothing suspicious was taking place.

9:51 p.m. - Overdose reported in 200 block 18th. Medics responded. No further details.

11:01 p.m. - Thomas Junior McCarthy, 62, arrested for DWS, 1000 block Main. Cited and released. Warned for no rear plate.

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

1:50 a.m. - Branden Menz Wood, 28, of Albany, cited for DU, driving without ignition interlock device, 400 block Main, Brownsville.

4:17 a.m. - Thomas Wisenhut, 42, of Brownsville, cited for failure to carry proof of insurance. Main/North, Brownsville.

12:36 p.m. - Deputy discovered

landscaping equipment on forest road in 23000 block Brush Creek. Report taken for found property.

LCSO/OSP LEBANON

3:53 a.m. - Curt Blasch, 47, Katrina Counts, 54, Joseph Castleman, 35, and Raymond Trussell, 30, arrested on warrants, 3100 block Burdell. Trussell lodged at LCJ. Others cited and released. Report taken.

7:02 a.m. - Sierra Welander, of Lebanon, cited for dog as public nuisance, 100 block Alder.

12:33 p.m. - Amanda Dewitt, 37, of Lebanon, arrested on outstanding warrant. 300 block Gilbert. Report taken.

2:36 p.m. - Garbage found inside private timber gate, 36200 block Middle Ridge.

Investigation ongoing. Report taken for littering.

9:26 p.m. - Brandon Johnson, 44, of Brownsville, arrested for DUII (.20% BAC or above) and reckless driving. Caller had reported Johnson's driving as he left the Strawberry Festival. Central/Minnesota.

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SWEET HOME POLICE

9:22 a.m. - Heather Moyian Tidwell cited for speeding, 45/35, Osage/Main.

2:04 p.m. - Caller reported daughter's ex-boyfriend threatening to burn their house down, 700 block Dogwood. Officer took report for harassment, which was forwarded to City Attorney's Office for review.

2:41 p.m. - Caller reported their vehicle was hit in 300 block

11th on previous day. Caller wanted info noted and extra patrol.

3:16 p.m. - Crash reported in area of Main/49th. According to SHPD, Wallisfaye Morgan, 84, operating a 2026 Kia K4, was northbound on 49th and stopped at Main. She told police she didn't see any traffic, so she proceeded into the intersection, turning westbound, when she was struck in the rear by Timothy Robuck, 43, operating a 2000 Dodge R15 pickup. Roebuck was cited for DWS and DU.

3:36 p.m. - Chase Leif Stec, 30, cited for speeding, 62/45, Main/22nd.

4:04 p.m. - Caller reported teen bitten by dog in 1200

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Sheriff, commissioner, cover variety of topics at town hall

By Sarah Brown
Of The New Era

Linn County Commissioner Sherrie Sprenger and Linn County Sheriff Michelle Duncan held a town hall meeting May 27 to provide general information about current work in the county.

Topics discussed included body cameras for deputies, what kind of extra support the county would like to see, jail bed availability, park fees and a recent death at the Linn County Jail.

Jail death

Family and friends of Dustin Coughran attended the meeting to get answers and seek accountability in the Coughran's death while he was an inmate at the county jail. Duncan explained it is an active investigation that she is unable to speak much about until the case concludes.

See The New Era's story on page 1 for more information.

Body cameras

Sprenger said the Linn County Sheriff's Office asked for approval to purchase body-worn cameras for its deputies in the next budget cycle.

"We are the only police agency in this county that does not have body cameras," Duncan said.

Duncan explained that the LCSO budget is approximately \$57 million. Approximately \$14 million of it comes from the county's general fund, and the rest comes from a levy and revenue through contracts with cities and other government agencies.

Of the levy approved by voters, the sheriff's office receives about 76% and the rest goes to the district attorney and juvenile department.

As body cameras are "a very expensive item," the sheriff's office approached the county for assistance in obtaining



County Commissioner Sherrie Sprenger, left, talks about current work in the county, alongside Sheriff Michelle Duncan, at right.

- Photos by Sarah Brown

them. "When I took over as sheriff, that was one of my five-year plans," Duncan said. "It's just what needs to happen in law enforcement today."

The LCSO has been researching body camera options in the market for the past two years and will soon receive some cameras to test out before making a purchase, she said.

"Our deputies want them," Duncan said. "It honestly would help them more than it would hurt them."

Support wanted

Ivan Maluski, who's running for state representative in the 11th district this year, asked what kind of support the county would like to see more of from the state.

Duncan said she'd like to see more state support in the areas of mental health, more specifically in the jails. She'd also like the state to reconsider laws around its "sanctuary state" standing and the prohibition of pulling drivers over for dead headlights or taillights.

Another person in the au-

dience asked what type of grassroots support they'd like to see from the community.

Sprenger said she'd love to see volunteers man some sort of information service at the court house, and Duncan said she'd like more support services to help raise employees' resilience.

Additionally, Duncan said the county needs a "proper" emergency management center and more mental health treatment.

"The one thing I am grateful for is the relationship with our community first and foremost," Duncan said. "They've always been super supportive, even when times were tough for law enforcement. I can't tell you how motivating that is for someone in law enforcement to know that their community supports them through all the stuff they're seeing and doing."

She also appreciates the relationships they have with fire departments, commissioners and other agencies.

Jail beds

Lebanon City Attorney Tre Kennedy said increasing state

accuracy of the information gained through that investigation."

Family and friends deserve facts, she said, and as information gets passed around, the truth gets distorted.

"Our goal is to treat people in the jail compassionately," Duncan said. "I'm sorry for your loss."

At this time, it's believed the last time an inmate died at Linn County Jail was in January 2024. Paula Skyles-Lutzi, 51, of Lebanon, had been there for three days when deputies were notified she was having medical issues, according to a press release.

They found her unresponsive and began CPR while calling for paramedics. The Benton County Sheriff's Office handled the investigation.

BCSO responded to a request from The New Era, saying that they had de-

termined that Skyles-Lutzi died from natural causes.

In 2019, inmate Joseph William Hadley, 46, of Albany, died from an apparent suicide.

He was found by corrections deputies alone in his cell while they were conducting cell checks. The Marion County Sheriff's Office conducted the investigation.

According to news reports, inmate Samantha Jeanne Robinson, 42, of Lebanon, was lodged at Linn County Jail in 2014 shortly after being hospitalized with bacterial pneumonia.

While jailed, her condition worsened and she tried to get medical attention, but, according to her cell mate, jail guards mocked her and accused her of faking it.

After eight days in jail, she stopped breathing. Attorney Daniel R. Rayfield secured a settlement with Linn County for the family.



Brittany Hull, back row second from left, reads from a prepared statement asking for answers and accountability in the death of her friend, Dustin Coughran.

regulations have hindered the city from being able to keep its jail open. This fact led him to ask about the availability of jail beds at Linn County Jail.

Duncan said they've often had to turn away city inmates from being jailed because either there were no beds available for females, or the inmate had medical issues the county could not assist with.

LCSO is currently remodeling its jail to add 22 beds for females. That will make a total of 253 beds at the jail.

Park fees

Concerning new day use park fees at Sunnyside and Waterloo, Sprenger explained

the main reason is to try to deter thefts at the parks.

She said the county has had problems with people scoping out campsites and then returning at night to steal items. While they can't promise the fees will stop theft altogether, Sprenger said the new day use fees have already reduced thefts.

The county also implemented parking fees at Clear Lake because so many cars were parking up there that they were blocking the road and making it so the fire department would be unable to get through.

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be the first to defend someone in need of help.

"He had his demons that he fought against every day, but he did not deserve to die alone and in agony," Hull said.

She asked for an in-depth investigation, full transparency, disciplinary action for anyone responsible and reformed policies regarding medical response.

"A jail sentence should never become a death sentence because someone's suffering was ignored," Hull said.

Duncan said she is unable to say much on the matter because it is still an active investigation.

Sprenger, who has served as an officer in the past, explained it's common to not release information while investigations are ongoing because it "could taint the

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Chief: Lebanon Fire District brings value to city despite light staffing

By Sarah Brown
Of The New Era

Lebanon Fire District brings value to businesses and the community. That's the message Fire Chief John Tacy wanted listeners to hear during a forum lunch hosted by the Lebanon Chamber of Commerce on May 29.

But first, he went on to make clear, "There's a lot of people that think we are the city fire department. We are a district. We're governed by a board. We are our own entity."

And as their own governmental entity, they don't have the same funding mechanisms that a city does, such as water, sewer or city service fees.

But it was the importance of staffing that Tacy especially wanted to emphasize on this day.

"One of the big reasons staffing matters is speed, the importance of speed and the availability to respond," he said.

LFD is responsible for 113 square miles of fire protection and more than 400 square miles in ambulance service, stretching over to I5 on the west, butting up near Eugene/Springfield to

the south, halfway to Sweet Home on Hwy. 20 in the southeast, and all the way up toward Crabtree and Scio.

"It's a huge area to respond to. We do that with two houses and three stations."

Explaining the difference between a station and a house, Tacy said full-time personnel currently work 24-hour shifts on and 48-hour shifts off, which means they need access to a kitchen, bedroom and other residential-like amenities.

"They spend a third of their working life there, a 56-and-a-half-hour work week, in the fire house," he said.

And their main workload is, of course, responding to EMS calls – which make up a majority of their calls – and fires, both which provide better success rates the faster they get to the emergency location.

A fire in a structure doubles in size every 30 to 60 seconds, Tacy said, so "the quicker we get there, the quicker we stop the fire." And the faster a fire is stopped, the less property loss there is, the less down time and disruption there is to services and employees (in a business fire), the less



Lebanon Fire Chief John Tacy, left, addresses attendees at a Chamber of Commerce Forum Lunch on May 29. - Photo by Sarah Brown

Lebanon Garden Club offers free street trees

As summer temperatures rise, the Lebanon Garden Club seeks to expand the cooling tree canopy over our sidewalks and streets.

During the past two years, the club has bought street trees for residents on Williams and Fifth streets. This year the club will offer the chance for a new street tree to residents anywhere in the city.

"Street trees" are those trees planted in the unpaved strip between the sidewalk and curb. To qualify for a free tree, a resident must live within Lebanon's city limits, have a planting strip of at least 5 feet in width, and agree both to plant the tree and to water it as needed, especially during its first three years.

Applicants who are renting will need their landlords' consent, and all planting sites are subject to the approval of the city of Lebanon, which

will make sure that trees won't compete with water and sewer lines. Other utilities must also be accommodated, although shorter trees can be planted under overhead utility wires.

Part of the funds for the project have come as a grant from Pacific Power.

The club plans to buy the trees in the fall but is already collecting names of interested residents. Funds are limited, so people who would like a street tree are encouraged to sign up soon. Those who qualify will be able to choose among several varieties. Likely choices include dogwoods, eastern redbud, serviceberry, Japanese snowbell, flowering crabapple, and maples. Each tree will measure at least 1½ inches in diameter.

To sign up for a tree or to request more information, send an email message to the attention of Linda Ziedrich at LebanonGCOR@gmail.com.

likely a neighboring structure or business catches fire, and, ultimately, the less the community as a whole is affected.

As an example, if ENTEK were affected by fire, millions of dollars and hundreds of jobs would be lost to the community, Tacy said, but also affected are the outside sources – such as truck drivers for ENTEK – who would spend money when passing through Lebanon. And further, the city is affected by a loss of tax dollars brought in by ENTEK.

On a side note, Tacy explained that large employers looking to locate in a city will be looking for a community that provides a good police department, good schools and good fire department services.

One last item to consider is insurance rates. When firefighters can respond to fire calls quickly – i.e., there's a full-bodied staffing – long term insurance rates can lower. That's because the Insurance Services Office rates a city's fire district, and insurance companies often use those ratings to determine a customer's base cost, he explained.

But with limited funding sources to provide full-bodied staffing, the district would need more homes built in Lebanon.

"If we wanted to add one firefighter to our fire department, it would take 530 brand new homes to equate to that," Tacy said.

Response speed is also important for ambulance service, he added. In cardiac arrest, there's risk of brain damage after one to three minutes, and worse after four minutes.

Daily staffing on average at LFD is seven people for

two ambulances and one fire engine to cover 400 square miles of ambulance service and 100 miles of fire service. Since voters rejected the levy in 2024, LFD reduced its staffing, equating to about 10.5 positions.

Last year, LFD ran more than 5,000 EMS calls, just 120 less than Albany Fire District and 300 less than Corvallis, Tacy said.

"And they're doing it with twice to three-times the staffing that we do," he said. "We're efficient, we're effective, but our staffing is at critical mass."

The number of overlapping calls at one time has risen in the past decade, most of the time being two calls at once. But sometimes it's four, seven or even eight calls at one time.

As such, LFD "relies heavily" on its volunteer staff, of which currently there are 60. "We utilize them all the time and we couldn't do what we do without our volunteer staff," Tacy said.

But still, volunteer staffing presents unique challenges, such as availability or limited training to a certain level.

LFD also relies on back up coverage from surrounding fire districts, while LFD provides back up coverage for them, as well.

They are also prepared to assist with wildfires, hazardous materials transport, natural disasters, and conflagration with state agencies. But several other types of calls get directed to LFD, as well, including when a roof gets blown off in a windstorm, when a tree or wire goes down, when there's a water leak, or when, say, an elderly person can't get up.

"These are all things we bring that I think a lot of people don't think about as

far as what's healthy for the growth of your community," Tacy said.

During the forum, Fire Marshal Candace Hedding and Training Division Chief Russell Duerr provided a little more insight into other areas of value the department brings to the community.

Hedding shared how the district's Fire and Life Safety Division focuses on prevention services.

Engine and ambulance crews perform company-level inspections for businesses, while Hedding and other higher level staff perform larger scale inspections, which might include inspections at industries such as Low's Distribution or ENTEK.

The division also works with the City of Lebanon and Linn County to perform planned reviews, an aspect of prevention that helps reduce property loss, such as required firewalls, works with assisted living and apartment complexes to help them stay updated on fire suppression systems, and works with children and students on education.

As for Duerr, one of his main responsibilities as a training officer is to make sure all career and volunteer personnel are trained to state and national standards, and he oversees training of the volunteers.

The LFD currently finds a larger need for volunteer firefighters in rural areas, to be stationed at the Berlin, Lacombe and Fairview/Waterloo area stations. While a majority of volunteers are stationed at Station 31 inside Lebanon, usually only an average of two to three volunteers are situated rurally.

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LBCC announces 2026 graduating class

Linn-Benton Community College will hold its 57th commencement ceremony at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, June 11, on the Albany campus.

The class of 2026 features 807 candidates for graduation and LBCC expects to award 993 degrees and certificates to these students.

Local graduates are listed alphabetically under their hometown

Brownsville

- Katja V. Griffith, associate of science biological sciences emphasis, associate of science chemistry emphasis
- Caleb Helfrich, associate of applied science heavy equipment/diesel technology
- Andrew P. Landgren, associate of arts Oregon transfer
- Zion Larson, associate of applied science heavy equipment/diesel technology
- Rica A. McCoy, certificate - 1-year dental assistant

Lebanon

- Anna R. Bell, associate of science engineering emphasis
- Anna R. Bennett, associate of general studies general studies
- Zach A. Beugli, associate of science business administration emphasis
- Laura E. Bloedel, associate of applied science diagnostic imaging
- Eliana G. Blount, associate of arts Oregon transfer
- Matthew L. Blount, associate of arts Oregon transfer
- Sierra A. Borst, associate of science Biological sciences emphasis
- Allyssa H. Bowen, certificate - 1-year medical assisting, associate of general studies general studies
- Ashlyn D. Brinson, certificate - 1-year dental assistant
- Kaitlyn N. Broughton, certificate - 1-year coding reimbursement specialist
- Thomas J. Byler, certificate - 1-year EV/HV technician, associate of applied science EV/HV technician certificate - 1-year auto maintenance/light repair MLR
- Valerie E. Castellano, associate of science political science emphasis
- Michelle K. Cinowalt, certificate - 1-year accounting clerk
- Hunter L. Coltrin, associate of applied science heavy equipment/diesel technology
- Rachel S. Costa, certificate - 1-year welding and fabrication technology, associate of applied science welding and fabrication technology (AAS)
- Josh D. Cowart, certificate - 1-year auto maintenance/light repair MLR, associate of applied science automotive technology
- Emma N. Dalebout, associate of applied science nursing
- Stephanie M. Dickerson, associate of general studies general studies
- Aidyn J. Diodato, associate of applied science heavy

equipment/diesel technology

- Emily J. Dowswell, associate of applied science animal technology horse management

- Iain A. Duncan, associate of applied science industrial pipe trades (AAS), certificate - 1-year industrial pipe trades
- Faith V. Estell, associate of arts Oregon transfer
- Ethan M. Estrada, certificate - 1-year welding and fabrication technology, associate of applied science welding and fabrication technology (AAS)
- Isaiah E. Fernandez, associate of general studies general studies
- Ashley S. Fraley, associate of arts Oregon transfer
- Connor J. Franklin, associate of applied science EV/HV technician, certificate - 1-year EV/HV technician (1 Year), certificate - 1-year auto maintenance/light repair MLR
- Lilah N. Gandy, certificate - 1-year Coding Reimbursement Spec
- Nevaeh K. Garner, certificate - 1-year dental assistant
- Nathaniel J. Gee, associate of applied science construction and forestry equipment technology
- Christopher J. Gird, associate of applied science Mechatronics/Ind automat technology
- Alivia N. Griffiths, associate of science business administration emphasis
- May M. Hakanson, associate of science psychology emphasis
- Lori P. Haley, associate of arts Oregon transfer
- Becca D. Hannen, associate of science psychology emphasis
- Grace G. Hegel, associate of general studies general studies, certificate - 1-year industrial pipe trades
- Kaia J. Hegel, certificate - 1-year dental assistant
- Destinee L. Hemenway, associate of science psychology emphasis
- Danielle A. Hernandez, certificate - 1-year early childhood education, associate of applied science early childhood education (AAS)
- Kiera I. Hollister, associate of applied science non-destruct test and evaluation
- Grace E. Housing, certificate phlebotomy
- Abigale A. Howard, associate of applied science nursing
- Alicia R. Hunt, certificate - 1-year coding reimbursement specialist
- Ethan C. Hysell, associate of science geology emphasis
- Tanner D. Jacobsen, associate of arts Oregon transfer
- McKenzie S. Jayne, associate of applied science early childhood education (AAS), certificate Childhood Care and education, certificate - 1-year early childhood education
- Brian J. Keeney, certifi-

cate Limited Elect Apprentice technology, associate of applied science Electrician Appr technology (AAS), certificate - 1-year electrician apprentice technology

- Isabella C. Keeney, associate of applied science nursing
- Dominique A. Klahold, associate of arts Oregon transfer
- Matthew J. Livezey, associate of applied science culinary arts
- Shyann J. Lunski, associate of arts Oregon transfer
- Jennifer M. Macone, associate of science exercise and sport science emphasis
- Amy M. Marker, certificate - 1-year community health
- Katelyn A. Marrs, associate of arts elementary education
- Kaiona H. Menguita, associate of science business administration emphasis
- Naya H. Menguita, associate of general studies general studies
- Porter M. Mhoon-Coatney, associate of applied science culinary arts
- Sean W. Miller, certificate CNC machinist
- Logan Moore, associate of applied science heavy equipment/diesel technology
- Gustavo Morales, associate of science business administration emphasis
- Bambi O. Munger, associate of science liberal studies emphasis
- Loretta E. Newton-Mendenhall, associate of applied science industrial pipe trades (AAS), certificate - 1-year industrial pipe trades
- Emily R. O'Daniell, associate of applied science non-destruct test and evaluation
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- Breann G. Orton, associate of applied science nursing
- William E. Parsons, associate of science business administration emphasis
- Kitty M. Perkins, associate of arts Oregon transfer
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- Kylee K. Quinn, certificate - 1-year medical assisting
- Kaylee L. Ragan, associate of general studies general studies
- Alannis Rax, associate of applied science welding and fabrication technology (AAS), certificate - 1-year welding and fabrication technology
- Miguel V. Reyes, associate of applied science heavy equipment/diesel technology
- Estella Riddle, associate of general studies general studies, certificate - 1-year medical assisting
- Brittany K. Rinkin, associate of arts Oregon transfer, associate of general studies general studies
- Ryan W. Rivers, associate of arts Oregon transfer

- Luke M. Rose, associate of applied science industrial pipe trades (AAS), certificate - 1-year industrial pipe trades
- Izabel M. Scott, associate of science music education emphasis

- Justin Sears, associate of science business administration emphasis
 - Daniel P. Serrano, associate of applied science nursing
 - Avery J. Spikerman, associate of arts Oregon transfer
 - Molly C. Stanger, associate of arts Oregon transfer
 - Desiree S. Stevens, associate of general studies general studies
 - Jennifer Steward, certificate - 1-year dental assistant
 - Brandon N. Stoering, certificate limited electrician apprentice technology
 - Ethan R. Stumbough, associate of applied science industrial pipe trades (AAS), certificate - 1-year industrial pipe trades (1 Year)
 - Autumn M. Suing, associate of science agricultural sciences emphasis
 - Josh Tallman, associate of applied science welding and fabrication technology (AAS), certificate - 1-year welding and fabrication technology
 - Noah H. Taylor, associate of applied science welding and fabrication technology (AAS)
 - Noah H. Taylor, certificate - 1-year welding and fabrication technology
 - Jazlyn E. Tessmer, associate of arts elementary education
 - Micheal Timmons, associate of science chemistry emphasis
 - Tara B. Tindall, certificate professional business
 - Tristen M. Van Hoosen, certificate - 1-year industrial pipe trades, associate of applied science industrial pipe trades (AAS)
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 - Jacob Q. Barraza, associate of applied science practical business management
 - Amber R. Billington, associate of applied science nursing
 - Bre M. Bittner, associate of applied science visual communications, certificate - 1-year digital image/prepress technology
 - Christian M. Dominy, associate of applied science welding and fabrication technology (AAS), certificate - 1-year welding and fabrica-

tion technology, certificate - 1-year industrial pipe trades, associate of applied science industrial pipe trades (AAS)

- Madison Duncan, associate of science HDFS: human services option emphasis
- Kayden J. Egner, certificate - 1-year welding and fabrication technology
- Judson J. Emmons, associate of applied science welding and fabrication technology (AAS), certificate - 1-year welding and fabrication technology
- Chloe M. Fairchild, certificate - 1-year dental assistant
- Adrienne N. Funk, associate of arts elementary education
- Sam S. Games, associate of general studies general studies
- Caterina A. Hardy-Lancellotti, certificate CAD mechanical/prototyping, associate of applied science computer-aided drafting and design, certificate CAD AEC
- Huston H. Holly, associate of arts Oregon transfer
- Johnna E. Hotchkiss, associate of applied science nursing
- Brayden L. Keesee, associate of applied science nursing
- Jaidyn J. Kimble, associate of arts Oregon transfer, certificate professional business
- Rebecca Lankford, associate of applied science non-destruct test and evaluation
- Roger A. Lowry, associate of arts Oregon transfer
- Clarice B. Lugo, associate of applied science surgical technology
- Dakota E. Melkvik, associate of applied science industrial pipe trades (AAS), certificate - 1-year industrial pipe trades
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- Rafael A. Ramos, associate of arts Oregon transfer
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- Shayna Snyder, associate of applied science non-destruct test and evaluation
- Robert M. Strome, associate of applied science welding and fabrication technology (AAS), certificate - 1-year welding and fabrication technology
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block 1st. Officer responded, determined teen had puncture wound. According to SHPD, the dog owner's child let the dog, described as "mixed breed," off its lead, and it bit the back of a leg of a 17-year-old male walking by on the sidewalk. Dog owner issued quarantine order.

6:13 p.m. - Caller reported landlord had forged documents, 1100 block Juniper. Officer took report for forgery I, investigation continuing.

8:48 p.m. - Caller reported he was trying to gather his mother's property in 1000 block Poplar. Second caller reported that male was trying to gather property his mother was not allowed to have. Officer responded, property returned. Male trespassed.

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.

LCISO/OSP SWEET HOME/S. COUNTY

9:19 a.m. - Cody Dorman, 34, of McMinnville, cited for DWS. Main/45th.

10:04 a.m. - Antonia Jernejcic, 22, of Sweet Home, cited for expired registration.

10:28 a.m. - Jessica Boertje, 27, of Sweet Home, cited for expired registration.

6:37 p.m. - Partially sunk inflatable raft found on shore of Foster Lake, 2400 block Foster Dam.

7:02 p.m. - Deputy contacted male building structure on NF543 off Moose Mountain, 49800 block Hwy. 20. Male as educated on USFS regulations regarding building structure, non-recreational occupancy and 14-day stay limits.

LCISO/OSP LEBANON

1:23 p.m. - Harlen Parks, 19, of Lebanon, cited for failure to renew vehicle registration.

1:31 p.m. - Jackie Harden, 32, of Crabtree, cited for DWS, 2700 block S. Santiam Hwy.

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East Linn Christian sends off 23 seniors

East Linn Christian Academy graduated 23 students during its commencement ceremony on Saturday, June 6.

Photos by Sarah Brown



ELCA Principal Robby Gilliam kicks off graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2026.



The ELCA worship team sings "All Glory Be to Christ."



East Linn Christian's Class of 2026 tosses their mortarboards into the air, indicating the end of their graduation ceremony on Saturday, June 6.



Valedictorian Isabella Albert reflects back on the people who stood alongside the class and helped shape them during their time in school.



Brisen Edwards and Tatiana Manner perform the traditional "Remember Whens," a time to reflect back on all the memorable moments during the past dozen years at East Linn Christian.



Members from the Class of 2026 exit the commencement ceremony with one last hoo-rah.



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LHS grads value character, staying true to self

By Sarah Brown
Of The New Era

Lebanon High School graduated 272 students during the Class of 2026 commencement ceremonies on Tuesday, June 2.

The 12 valedictorians who spoke at the graduation ceremony focused on themes of being true to oneself, the power of those who inspire and the value of discipline, fun and rest.

While discipline is an important factor in reaching a goal, so is rest, said valedictorian Bodhi Brown. With those two elements, "you can do more than you ever knew you were capable of."

And like high school, life is what you make it, he said.

"School is required to teach us effort and discipline, and let us learn from our own mistakes and build us into our future selves," Brown said.

Valedictorian Chase Herb also told the class they are more capable than they realize.

"I don't mean that in a motivational poster way. I mean it in the real way, the way you find out when life actually asks something hard of you and somehow you still deliver," he said.

Herb encouraged the class to build something that matters, but to also help others

do the same, because those who build businesses, communities and lives have figured out that "building one's self up and lifting others are not two different goals; they're the same honorable goal."

It was valedictorian Tessa Thompson who gave a nod to several music and performing arts teachers who, she said, dedicated themselves to supporting students and programs with enthusiasm that made a difference in her own life.

"Never underestimate the power of community and the power of art," she said.

Speaking together, valedictorians Ruby VandenBos and David Brandt, gave thanks to Jesus and God's faithfulness.

Being surrounded by people who care, and being guided, carried and strengthened, the class has made it to this moment, Brandt said.

VandenBos encouraged the class that while the world tells them to chase success, recognition and status, "we learned something much greater: who we are matters more than what we achieve."

As such, she said, "invest in your character."

But still, according to valedictorian Dallen Myler, success can be achieved by knowing what you want

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LHS graduates of the Class of 2026 wait outside the gates at Heath Stadium in preparation for the procession. See more photos at lebanonlocalnews.com.



The LHS Class of 2026 heads through Heath Field in its graduation procession.

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Valedictorians Ruby VandenBos and David Brandt acknowledge God in their lives during their commencement speeches.



Valedictorian Chase Herb encourages the class to build something with their life that matters.



Lebanon High School Class of 2026 graduates toss their mortarboards skyward, signifying the end of their years as LHS students.

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Valedictorian Alxy Mills tells the class it's okay to make mistakes as they try to figure out what to do with the rest of their lives.

LHS GRADS

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and dedicating yourself to it. Have fun, he said, but also practice self-restraint, stick to what you know and don't betray your values.

Valedictorian Alxy Mills noted that now is not the time to make hard and fast decisions, but rather to make mistakes, because that's how one will learn what they want to do in life.

The time has come to move on and, essentially, be

an adult, valedictorian Ello-
ra Wright expressed. While there will be hard times, "it will also be exciting and fun and liberating."

And while the graduating class may feel pressured to "have it all figured out," valedictorians Carson Quigley and Cade Weber told them they will come to find that we'll never have it all figured out.

Their message to the Class of 2026 was to stay true to who they want to be, and keep moving forward.



Supt. Jennifer Meckley reaches out a congratulatory handshake for a graduating senior.

"It is important to trust in yourself and who you are, because life will keep moving," Quigley said. "You just need to keep going forward along with it."

"We all have the same opportunity to keep becoming more of ourselves," Weber said.

Valedictorians Jayden Hare and Anne Workman acknowledged Thomas Radley, a Class of 2026 student who died in 2022 from cancer.

Despite a long battle with cancer, they said, he was uplifting and full of optimism, being an example of kindness and strength - characteristics they believe all should strive to embody.

"Nothing about time is guaranteed, which is exactly why we can't afford to wait," Workman said. "Don't let moments pass you by without appreciating their value."

They encouraged the class to let Radley's legacy live on through their lives, to allow joy and to only try to control the things they can control, such as mindset and response to life's difficulties that come along.

In congratulating the Class of 2026, Principal Craig Swanson noted they came in as nervous freshman but are leaving as leaders, creators and champions who survived early mornings, a series of finals and "endless changes" "with unique grit and heart that defines Lebanon."

Success isn't just about



LHS JROTC presents the colors during the graduation ceremony.

the destination, but about the resilience it takes to get there, he said. For all the plans each graduate has hereafter, he reminded them to never forget where they came from.

"Carry the pride of this community with you," Swanson said. "Be bold, stay curious and keep supporting one another just like we did here."


Highlights of the class' accomplishments during their time at LHS included successes in theater production, band competitions, choir, JROTC, FFA, Health Occupations, subdivision construction projects, placements in scholarship programs, biteracy, basketball, football, dance, wrestling, cheer, and track and field.

During his time as principal at LHS, Swanson noted this year's graduates include the highest number of whom plan to join the military as their post-secondary plan. He also recognized three staff members who are retiring this year: Darlene Callahan, Helen Fischer and Coach Mardy Benedict.

"I could not be prouder to be your principal, and have thoroughly enjoyed my time working with you and your families," he said.

Supt. Jennifer Meckley also congratulated the Class of 2026, noting that as a graduate of LHS herself, she has since watched decades of following generations at LHS "rise up, chase their dreams and make a difference in the world."

"Now it is your turn," she said. "Lebanon Warriors are known not only for achievement, but for character. We lead with compassion. We work with integrity. We persevere through adversity. We care deeply about our community and the people around us. We meet challenges with grit, determination and heart. That is what it means to be a Warrior."



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SHHS graduation highlights graduates, alumni achievements

By Satina Tolman
For The New Era

One hundred eighty-four graduating seniors filed onto Husky Field beneath a blanket of clouds that threatened rain Friday evening. Though the breeze carried a chill, hearts were warm as families, friends and community members gathered to celebrate the Sweet Home High School Class of 2026.

The rain never came, but tears did as graduates crossed the stage to receive their diplomas from Principal Ralph Brown. As the ceremony drew to a close, a brilliant sunset painted the western horizon, providing a colorful farewell to one chapter of life and a hopeful welcome to the next.

Charting Their Course

The Class of 2026 leaves Sweet Home High School with ambitious plans for the future.

As of now, 42 graduates have declared plans to attend colleges or universities in Oregon, four will continue their education at out-of-state universities and two have committed to military service. Tayden Richards and Daniel Sullivan will both serve in the U.S. Marine Corps.

This year's graduating class also earned \$968,386 in scholarships and grants, \$89,300 of that from the Sweet Home Alumni Foundation.

The accomplishments of the Class of 2026 extended beyond academics.

Longtime Sweet Home coach Steve Thorpe said the graduates distinguished themselves through both achievement and character.

"There are some really neat young adults here," Thorpe said. "They are nice, they are willing to accept everyone. They are highly academically successful. This group is a very motivated and competitive class."

Thorpe also pointed to the students' leadership and wide range of interests.

"This is a group that really took charge of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and built that club up," he said. "They are just such a diverse class. You have kids that want to turn a wrench, and you have kids that want to design the wrench one day."

The class adopted a motto from Sweet Home coach Ryan Adams: "Fate may hand you the weather, but you still decide how to sail."

Valedictorian Andrew Tolman chose not to give a speech at graduation; however, as an avid sailor, he said the class motto resonated with him on a personal level.

"A good sailor doesn't control the wind; they learn how to use it. No matter which direction it's coming from or how hard it's blowing, a skilled sailor can adjust the sails and continue moving toward their destination. Life works the same way. We can't



Electra Turner and her fellow graduates enjoy their last day in high school. - Photos by Kristine Banker



Lizabeth Ballard gets her diploma from Principal Ralph Brown.

control every circumstance we face, but with hard work, integrity and perseverance, we can navigate whatever winds come our way and still reach where we're meant to go." Tolman said.

Voices Of The Class

The sentiment reflected a theme that recurred throughout the evening's speeches: success is not determined by circumstances alone but by perseverance, character, and the choices made when challenges arise.

Nine students earned valedictorian honors: Alonna Baker, Levi Ensley, Ella Forum, Loralai Mark, Delanie Pratt, Luke Rosa, Elisha Scofield, Andrew Tolman and Trinity Victor. Salutatorian honors were awarded to Cannon Klumph, Anabelle Morris and Selah Wright.

The valedictorian speeches reflected on friendships, perseverance, gratitude and personal growth.

Mark reminded classmates of the impact they have had on one another throughout their school years.

"Everyone here has come so far," Mark said. "I am so proud of all of you. Even if we didn't know each other personally, we have all influenced each other's lives in some way."

As graduates prepare to pursue careers, higher education, and family life, Mark encouraged her classmates to cherish the memories they had created together.

"The memories we created in high school will stay with us forever," she said. "Our friendships might change, but those moments will always be there."

Ensley reflected on the support systems that helped students navigate challenges throughout their education.

"Over the course of these 13 years, that's including kindergarten, we have all reached a challenge in our life that we couldn't have overcome without each other," Ensley said.

He also highlighted one of the school's guiding principles.



Valedictorians Loralai Mark and Levi Ensley deliver some parting words during the ceremony.



Newly minted graduates celebrate the moment with a shower of flying mortarboards to end the ceremony. See more photos at sweethomenews.com.

"Every person sitting here today has a different story, but we all share the experience of growing into who we are," he said. "One of our core values at SHHS is 'One Family,' and personally, I think we have all demonstrated that."

Rosa spoke about the val-

ue of hard work and lessons learned through athletics.

"Success is not an accident," Rosa said, quoting longtime coach Steve Thorpe. "I've learned that you don't get to decide when the work you put in pays off, but it's your decision to put the work

in."

He also thanked coaches and mentors Ryan Adams, Steve Thorpe and Tomas Rosa for the influence they have had on his life.

Scofield encouraged classmates to embrace challenges

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as opportunities for growth. "All of these challenges are what build character," Scofield said. "Knowing how to challenge yourself is just as important as knowing how to overcome said challenges."

He credited soccer coach Eric Stutzer, pole vault coach Spencer Hart and former science teacher Dr. Harrison Neal for helping shape his high school experience.

Pratt drew laughter from the crowd as she reflected on late-night assignments and caffeinated study sessions.

"That's what 'finish strong' really is," Pratt said. "Not being perfect the whole way through, but still finishing the workout, still turning in the assignment – even if it's five minutes before it locks – and still making it to the end even when we're running on nothing but caffeine."

"We didn't get here because everything was easy," she added. "We got here because we kept going when it wasn't."

Alonna Baker spoke about the healthy competition and support she shared with fellow classmate and valedictorian Trinity Victor.

"The competition didn't tear us apart," Baker said. "It pushed both of us to work harder and become better."

She also reminded graduates that difficult days are temporary.

"Some days were hard," she

said. "Filled with tests, long assignments or trouble with friends, but after each hardship the sun still rose the next day."

Victor shared a deeply personal message about loss, resilience and community.

"And the world didn't end when I lost my grandfather, even if it felt like there was a hole in my chest when I found out. There are going to be hard days; that's life," Victor said. "But that's what's so special about living in this community. We truly are one family."

Victor credited the Sweet Home community for helping students reach this milestone.

"This community is the reason that we have the honor of standing up here today as valedictorians of Sweet Home High School," she said.

A Musical Tribute

Music played a prominent role in the evening's celebration. The Sweet Home High School Choir performed "Hold Me Rock Me" by Brian Tate, while the SHHS Band provided the traditional processional, "Pomp and Circumstance," and performed the national anthem.

The band also showcased local talent with a performance of "Bellacose," an original composition by SHHS junior Obadiah Christman. Christman said the title combines words meaning "beauty" and "war," reflecting the song's contrasting movements. The opening section

carries the feel of a military march, while the latter half transitions into a more lyrical style that he described as sounding as though the instruments are singing.

Christman wrote the piece specifically to highlight the graduating senior band members. Throughout the performance, each senior was featured through instrumental passages designed to showcase their individual talents.

Lessons For Life

The keynote address was delivered by English teacher Jennifer McIntyre, whose speech blended wisdom from kindergarten students, Sweet Home staff members, family members and her own life experiences.

Referring to kindergarten students as "the youngest scholars in our community" who "live and breathe childhood wonder," McIntyre encouraged graduates to carry kindness and compassion into adulthood.

"Adulthood sneaks up on you," she said. "Those everyday incredibly mundane tasks become a large part of what you do, but to you and to those who rely on you, you will be the world."

Among the advice she offered graduates were reminders that "balance is key," that "telling the truth is always the best path," and that there is always time for "a warm smile and a tender moment."

Drawing from lessons passed down by her grandparents, McIntyre encouraged students to "be generous with all things for the ones you love."

She concluded with a challenge for graduates to live lives centered on compassion



Senior Paige Reynolds plays the drums during the band's performance at graduation. - Photo by Kristine Banker

and unconditional love.

"Spend your lives learning to love without condition," McIntyre said, "so that when all else falls away, when your mind is going and your body is failing, when you are in the sunset of your own lives, years and years from today, you are almost entirely love."

Honoring Excellence Beyond Graduation

In addition to celebrating graduates, the Sweet Home Alumni Foundation presented its annual High Q Award. Foundation representative Dr. Ivan Wolthuis, a local dentist, honored 1990 Sweet Home High School graduate Cara Pascalar for her contributions to agriculture, animal science and education.

Wolthuis explained that the award recognizes alumni whose achievements have made meaningful impacts in their professions and communities.


He praised Pascalar's work as an educator, livestock judg-

ing coach, ranch manager, entrepreneur and advocate for agriculture, noting that her efforts have positively influenced countless students, producers and communities throughout her career.

As the final tassels were turned, graduation caps were tossed, and graduates gathered with family and friends beneath the fading light, the evening served as a celebration not only of academic achievement, but also of the community that helped make those achievements possible.

From nearly \$1 million in scholarships to inspiring speeches, musical performances and recognition of alumni excellence, the ceremony reflected the values Sweet Home holds dear: hard work, kindness, perseverance and service.

For the Sweet Home High School Class of 2026, the weather may have been uncertain, but the course ahead has never looked brighter.



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Sweet Home FFA presents annual awards

Sweet Home High School FFA members hold awards they received at the FFA Banquet held May 20. Senior Award winners were as follows: Growth Award, Ella Forum; Attitude Award, Natalie Conn; I Believe in the Future of Ag Award, Ashley Duncan; Leadership Award, Selah Wright; Here by the Owl Award, Kaylie Cooley; and Star Senior Award, Keeghan Gittins. Other winners were: Grady Garcia, Star Greenhand; Olivia Sullens and Kace Stevens, Star Sophomore; and Caden Foley, Star Junior.

- Kristine Banker photo

SH senior athletes honored for impacts on field, community

By Satina Tolman
For The New Era

Sweet Home High School senior athletes were recognized for their dedication, leadership, and accomplishments during the annual Sports Awards Night, hosted June 1 by the Sweet Home Booster Club.

The evening celebrated the Class of 2026 and recognized the training, competition, and commitment that student-athletes have invested throughout their high school careers. Family members, coaches, teammates, and community supporters gathered to honor the seniors' contributions both on and off the field.

Booster Club representatives Ali Gardner and Amber Rosa, opened the evening by thanking the volunteers, businesses, and community members who support Sweet Home athletics throughout the year. Through fundraising and volunteer efforts, the Booster Club helps provide team meals, seasonal snack bags, senior banners, equipment, uniforms, and other resources that benefit student-athletes across all sports programs.

Each senior athlete was recognized individually and celebrated for the sports they participated in during their time at Sweet Home High School. As each athlete was introduced, favorite memories from their high school athletic career and words of advice for future Huskies were shared with the audience.

Members of this year's Sportsman's Holiday Court were on hand to assist with the presentations and help recognize each senior as they received their awards and keepsakes. A senior photo slideshow also provided an opportunity for families and teammates to reflect on memories and accomplishments from the athletes' high school years.

Several special awards were presented throughout the evening.

Luke Rosa received the Pat and Ernie Baxter Outstanding Wrestler Award, while Dillan Davis earned the Norm Davis Award. The Greg Hagle Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Luke Rosa and Cannon Klumph.

Among the evening's most unique recognitions was the Spirit of a Husky Award, presented to athletes who competed in all three sports seasons during each of their four years of high school. The award recognizes extraordinary commitment, perseverance, and work ethic.

Recipients included Dillan Davis, Lynkin Royer, Cannon Klumph, Katrionna "Peanut" Harris, Luke Rosa, and Aubrey Newberry. According to Booster Club representatives, the award reflects the

hardworking nature of the Husky mascot and honors athletes who embraced year-round participation throughout their high school careers.

The Larry Johnson Sportsmanship Award was presented to Aubrey Newberry, Cannon Klumph, and Natalie Conn. The award recognizes athletes who consistently demonstrate respect, integrity, and positive character while representing Sweet Home in competition.

Recipients of the Bruce West Spirit of a Champion Award were Bailey Chafin, Trenton Templin, McKenzie Miller, and Tytus Hardee. The award honors athletes who embody determination, resilience, and a champion's attitude regardless of wins and losses.

The Coaches Scholar Athlete Award was presented to Trinity Victor and Luke Rosa. The honor recognizes student-athletes who have demonstrated excellence both in the classroom and in athletic competition, balancing academic achievement with the demands of high school sports.

Coach Erika Evans presented the Moe Award to Addy Vannice, Luke Rosa, and Selah Wright. During the presentation, special recognition was also given to longtime educator and coach Dan Tow for 36 years of service to Sweet Home students and athletics.

The Distinguished Athlete Award, presented by Coach Nathan Whitfield, honored Dillan Davis and Bailey Chafin for their exceptional athletic accomplishments and contributions to Sweet Home's sports programs.

One of the evening's highest honors was the Booster Club Impact Award, presented to Luke Rosa, Cannon Klumph, Selah Wright,



Senior athletes display their awards following the banquet.

- Photos by Kristine Banker

and Trinity Victor. Formerly known as the Booster Athlete of the Year Award, the recognition celebrates athletes who have made a lasting impact on their teams, school, and community through service, leadership, integrity, and a willingness to help others. Gardner noted that recipients are selected not only for their athletic participation, but for the positive influence they have on those around them.

The evening also included recognition from the Sweet Home High School Hall of Fame. In addition, Tytus Hardee won a door prize drawing for two tickets to the Sweet Home Rodeo, donated by the rodeo organization.

As the ceremony concluded, Booster Club members thanked the coaches who nominated athletes, the Sportsman's Holiday Princesses who assisted with the event,



Jim Hagel, left, has some fun as he speaks during the awards banquet.

and the many volunteers whose support makes Sweet Home athletics possible.

The annual awards night served as a celebration not only of athletic success, but also of the character, leadership, scholarship, and service

displayed by Sweet Home's graduating seniors. As the Class of 2026 prepares for its next chapter, the athletes leave behind a legacy of dedication and Husky pride that will continue to inspire future generations.



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Water rising: Restorative work at Dragon Fly Ranch showing results

By Larry Mauter
LCSWA member

In a sequel to a tour three years ago, the story at Dragon Fly Ranch is the water is rising.

That's a good thing.

Dan and Sandy Nelson have seen their pond along One Horse Slough growing in recent years as their restorative efforts and busy beavers have had their way.

The Nelsons opened up their 200 acres along Totem Pole Road northeast of Lebanon on May 30 for a hiking tour sponsored by the Linn County Small Woodlands Association (LCSWA).

About 45 people - grandkids to grandparents - were treated to a sunny walk through the woodland property. Songbirds were plentiful and springtime flowers were in full bloom in the wet prairie and oak woodlands that were traversed.

A highlight of the walk was viewing the expanding pond that feeds the slough. "Generational beavers" have enlarged the pond.

"It keeps growing," said Dan Nelson. "They use mud, sticks, willow, everything," said Nelson of the beavers' building tools.

One Horse Slough eventually feeds into the South Fork



Dan Nelson demonstrates an app on his cell phone that he uses to identify birds through their songs. He spoke with tour goers alongside an expanding beaver pond at Dragonfly Ranch.

- Larry Mauter photo

of the Santiam River.

Working with federal and state agencies during the past decade, the Nelsons have thinned unproductive fir areas - producing oak woodlands - and enhanced a wet prairie environment by removing hawthorn and other invasives.

Work included diverting a ditch into fields now lush with camas, buttercups, narrow-leaf mule's ear and daisies to slow the flow of water in the spring.

On the 9-acre pond, there

are beaver houses and wood duck boxes for nesting.

Once the wood ducks finish nesting purple martins take them over for their young, said Nelson.

Overall, the Nelsons have 50 bird boxes scattered on their land.

"They need to be cleaned every year," he noted. "But I don't mind."

The walking tour concluded with conversation, a sack lunch and cold drinks furnished by the LCSWA at the Nelson's shop.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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1:49 p.m. - Imogene Page, 65, of Sodaville, cited for DWS, DU, warrant, 30600 block Sodaville. Report taken.

4:32 p.m. - Deputy stopped male riding lawn mower in 400 block Gilbert. Operator could not provide any proof of ownership, so lawnmower was seized for investigation. Report taken.

6:03 p.m. - Hit and run crash reported in 38700 block Olmart. Further details not immediately available. Report taken.

JUNE 3

SWEET HOME POLICE

1:16 a.m. - Acea Lee Clark Anderson, 34, arrested for theft I, assault IV and computer crimes, 1200 block 46th. The arrest stemmed from a call on May 26 from Salem reporting that the caller was being harassed by a Sweet Home resident and a second caller, from Sweet Home, who reported the theft of her dog, money and fraudulent use of a credit card, which launched an investigation. Anderson lodged at LCJ.

6:50 a.m. - Caller reported crew working on roof before 7 a.m., in violation of city ordinance. Officer contacted site manager, who was advised of city ordinance and process of getting permit to work outside set hours if necessary.

10:02 a.m. - Caller reported that items were stolen from her deceased son's residence, 900 block Mountain View.

An acquaintance of her son's had allegedly been inside the residence. Missing items included blue Aipas-M1 Pro Xterrain street E-bike valued at approximately \$800, \$1,836 worth of Milwaukee tools. Investigation continuing.

4:38 p.m. - Juvenile, 17, cited for speeding, 31/20, 1100 block 22nd.

5:51 p.m. - Multiple callers reported crash in area of Main/22nd. According to SHPD, Beverly Jeanete Crocker, 85, driving an Acura TSX, was traveling south on 22nd and stopped at the stop sign at Main Street. She told police she did not see any traffic until after she had proceeded out into the intersection. Natalia Arroyo, 25, driving a Hyundai Elantra, was westbound on Main and Crocker stopped when she saw Arroyo's vehicle, but Arroyo did not have time to avoid a collision. Arroyo was cited for DWS, DU. Her vehicle was impounded. Crocker was referred to DMV for retest.

6:20 p.m. - Hanna Connelly, 32, cited for DU, failure to stop for pedestrian in crosswalk, 1500 block Main.

7:50 p.m. - Denise Marie Sanders, 60, arrested on three counts of animal abandonment, 1000 block Poplar. Arrest was partly in connection with two kittens reported abandoned on May 22, according to SHPD. Sanders cited and released.

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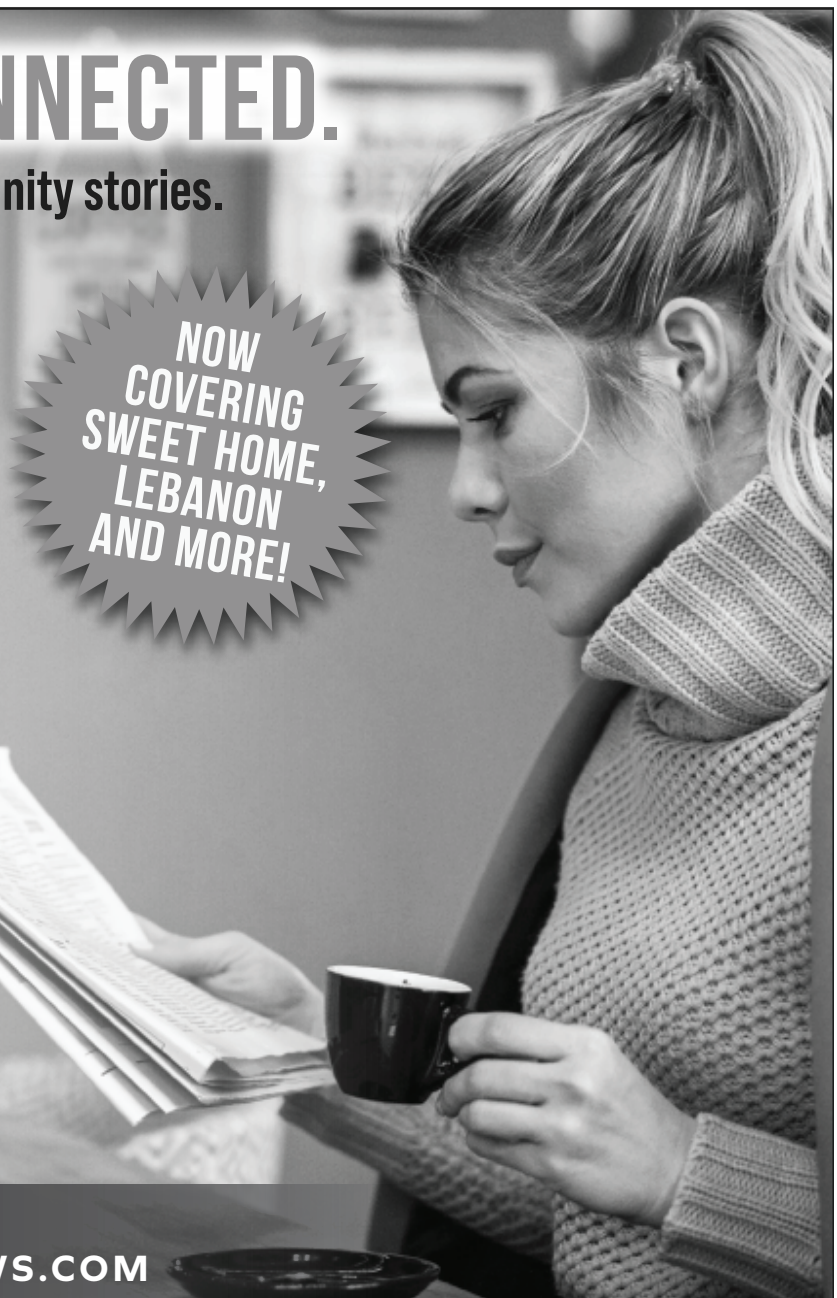
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Portland runner wins Strawberry 5K

Lebanon's Strawberry Festival 5K and mile drew more than 800 runners and walkers Saturday, June 6, as out-of-town visitors ran away from the home crowd to win the annual race.

Cameron Peshon of Portland finished first in 15.50 to win the 3.1-mile run through downtown Lebanon.

He finished well ahead of second-place Noah Charves, 18, of Maricopa, Ariz., who ran 16:25, ahead of Brody Gerig of Albany (16.25).

The top local finisher was Xavier Macedo of Lebanon, 15, who finished in 17:47, good for sixth place.

Harper Welch of Remond, 13, was first female in 20:46.05, 31st overall.

The 5K had 490 finishes, with 332 crossing the finish line in the 1-mile run/walk that preceded the main race.

Eadon Marshall, 15, of Lebanon, won the mile in 6:24, ahead of Wyatt Simmons, 13, (6:26.30) and A Simmons, 11, (6:26.62), both of Lebanon.

The first girl to finish the



Participants in the Strawberry Mile run/walk launch into the race Saturday morning in downtown Lebanon. The race had 332 finishers, most of them local kids. - Photo by Scott Swanson

mile was C. Gambardella of Albany, 11, who ran 6:41, good for fifth place.

TOP THREE 5K MALES/ FEMALES, EAST LINN COUNTY FINISHERS IN TOP 100

Cameron Peshon, Portland (15:50); (2) Noah Charves, Maricopa, Ariz. (16.25); Brody Gerig, Albany (16:25.82); (6) Xavier Macedo, Lebanon (17:47); Noah Strawn, Sweet Home (18:59); (14) Ryan Garrett, Sweet Home (19:23); (15) Trey Enright, Lebanon (19:26); (16) Joey Wallberg, Lebanon (19:30.81);

(17) Joe Kennedy, Sweet Home (19:31); (18) JanKarlos Gonzalez, Lebanon (19:44); (20) Benjamin Tanner, Lebanon (19:49); (21) Jed Wasson, Lebanon (19:55); (23) Harrison Smith, Lebanon (20:04); (26) Evan Milburn, Sweet Home (23:23); (27) Zeke Cowart, Lebanon (20:32); (30) Tanner Murray, Lebanon (20:42); (31) Harper Welch, Redmond (20:46 - first female); (32) Tim Faulconer, Lebanon (20:52); (33) Michael Zelyez, Lebanon (20:54); (34) Luke Johnson,

Lebanon (20:59); (35) Elijah Maurer, Lebanon (21:00); (36) Leslie Giroux, Albany (21:00 - second female); (37) Robert Kennedy, Lebanon (21:03); (38) C. Stutzman, Lebanon (21:05); (39) Brandon Williams, Lebanon (21:08); (40) Micah Zderad, Lebanon (21:10); (42) Micah Zderad, Lebanon (21:10); (45) Emma Whitton, Sweet Home (21:30 - third female); (46) Finn VandenBos, Lebanon (21:33); (47) Peyton Frazier, Lebanon (21:38); (49) Dillan Smith, Lebanon (21:49); (51)

Jay Juarez, Sweet Home, (21:58); (52) Angie Hearn, Lebanon (22:01); (56) Jason Bigelow, Lebanon (22:23); (58) Maximo Aragon, Lebanon (22:29); (60) Dylan Cox, Lebanon (22:42); (61) Mitchell Swanson, Lebanon (22:42); (63) Josh Enas, Lebanon (22:50); (65) C. Stutzman, Lebanon (22:54); (67) Ryan Zahed, Lebanon (23:00); (68) Rhiannon Miller, Lebanon (23:04); (69) Casey VandenBos, Lebanon (23:06); (70) Henry Minyila, Lebanon (23:07); (72) Trent Sutor, Lebanon (23:09); (74) Karin Wimer, Lebanon (23:12); (75) Allie Presley, Lebanon (23:16); (76) Benjamin Vigil, Lebanon (23:18); (78) Gavin Harris, Lebanon (23:20); (80) Kevin Soria, Lebanon (23:39); (81) Jonah King, Lebanon (23:40); (85) Zach Owen, Sweet Home (23:46); (89) Sam Strawn, Sweet Home (23:55); (90) Isaiah Arndt, Sweet Home (23:56); (91) Matt Mason, Lebanon (24:04); (92) Nehemiah Zderad, Lebanon (24:16); (94) Melinda Day, Lebanon (24:23); (96) Erin Davey, Sweet Home (24:34); (99) F. Smith, Lebanon 24:40.

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JUDY DINSFRIEND, an individual; and CHARLES DINSFRIEND, an individual, Plaintiffs, v. JAMIE L. DINSFRIEND, an individual; BRIAN DINSFRIEND, an individual; and ALL OTHERS, Defendants.

Case No.: 26CV17139

PUBLISHED SUMMONS

TO: Jamie L. Dinsfriend, Brian Dinsfriend, ALL OTHERS 39590 Crawfordville Drive, Sweet Home, Oregon 97386

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby required to appear and defend the Complaint filed against you in the above-entitled cause within 30 days from the date of service of this Summons on you. The matter at hand in this complaint is breach of contract, elder abuse, and ejection related to 39590 Crawfordville Drive, Sweet Home, Oregon. If you fail to appear and defend, the Plaintiffs will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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(5/20, 5/27, 6/3, 6/10)

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In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN R. LEACH

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Circuit Court of Linn County, State of Oregon, has appointed the undersigned as Personal Representative of the Estate of JOHN R. LEACH, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same, with proper vouchers, to the personal representative in care of Sarah Castleton, Attorney at Law, Ivers & Miller Law at 317 W. 1st Ave, Suite 302, Albany, OR 97321, within four (4) 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: June 10, 2026.

Janice Matney Personal Representative c/o Sarah Castleton Ivers & Miller Law PO Box 1033 317 First Ave W., Suite 302 Albany, OR 97321 (541) 928-5875 sarah@ivers.law (6/10)

Notice of sale of personal property under Landlords Possessory lien. Personal property left in the following units have been seized for non-payment of rent and will be sold at The Storage Depot, 111 Davidson St. NE Albany, OR 97321 June 25, 2026 at 10:00am. John Burford A29,

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Dayton Hoffman-Sanders C128, Gerald Griffith C81, Kristi Griffith C89, Sherman Tagen D14, Angel Soto-Galvan F104. (6/10, 6/17)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF OREGON, COUNTY OF LINN, Case No. 26CV25699, Mark Baumgartner ("Plaintiff") v. S. B. Sawyer, and his successors, heirs, and assigns, and All Other Persons or Parties unknown claiming any right, title lien, or interest in real property described in the Complaint, (together "Defendants"). To Defendants: SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above-entitled cause within thirty (30) days from the date of the first publication of this summons. In case of your failure to do so, Plaintiff will apply for court relief demanded therein. SUMMARY OF CASE THEREIN: This is an action for Quiet Title for real property described as: Beginning at a point which is the intersection of the west line of the tract of land hereafter mentioned with the south line of the county road and from which point the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 14, Township 14, South of Range One West of the Willamette Meridian bears North 0° 05' East 19.8 feet and thence South 89° 54' East 164.9 feet to said corner; Thence South 0° 05' West along the west line of the tract of land aforesaid a distance of 100.2 feet to a point that is 20.0 feet southerly from when measured at right angles to the center line

FORM LB-1

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A public meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sweet Home Cemetery Maintenance District will be held on June 17, 2026 at 12:00 pm at the Sweet Home Chamber of Commerce 1575 Main St, Sweet Home, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 as approved by the Sweet Home Cemetery District Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at B.E. Accountable LLC, 3035 Hwy 20, Sweet Home, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as used the preceding year. If different, the major changes and their effect on the budget are: Written comments or questions from the public will be accepted at: SWEET HOME CEMETERY PO Box 453, Sweet Home, OR 97386

Contact: Kyle Sullens

Telephone: 541 367-3786

Email:

Table with 4 columns: Description, Actual Amount 2024-2025, Adopted Budget This Year 2025-2026, Approved Budget Next Year 2026-2027. Rows include Beginning Fund Balance, Fees, Federal/State Grants, Revenue from Bonds, Interfund Transfers, etc.

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Table with 4 columns: Name of Organizational Unit or Program, FTE for that unit or program, Adopted Budget This Year 2025-2026, Approved Budget Next Year 2026-2027. Rows include General Fund, Irreducible Maintenance Fund, etc.

Table with 4 columns: Description, Rate or Amount Imposed, Rate or Amount Imposed, Rate or Amount Approved. Rows include Permanent Rate Levy, Local Option Levy, Levy for General Obligation Bonds.

Table with 3 columns: Description, Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1, Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1. Rows include LONG TERM DEBT, General Obligation Bonds, Other Bonds, Other Borrowings.

* If more space is needed to complete any section of this form, insert lines (rows) on this sheet or add sheets. You may delete unused lines.

Advertisement for BINGO at American Legion Post 133. Text includes: 'The New Sweet Home Timber City American Legion Post 133 INVITES YOU FOR BINGO Friday, June 19 Doors open 5 p.m. Bingo at 5:30 p.m. FOUR BINGO CARDS \$20 DOOR PRIZES SILENT AUCTION LIVE AUCTION EVERY BINGO WINS A GIFT CARD CONCESSION STAND American Legion Post 133 109 W. Holley Rd. Sweet Home Information: Kat at (541) 554-6375'

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of the spur track survey; thence southeasterly parallel with the center line of said spur track survey and distant 20.0 feet southwesterly therefrom along the arc of a curve to the right having a radius of 553.69 feet, a distance of 262.2 feet through an angle of 27° 08' to a point on the southwest line of the Oregon Electric Railway Company's right of way, a tangent to above described curve at its intersection with the west line of the tract of land aforesaid bears South 81° 18' East; thence northwesterly along the southwest line of the Oregon Electric Railway Company's right of way along the arc of a curve to the left having a radius of 2814.9 feet, a distance of 259.4 feet through an angle of 5° 16' to a point on the south line of the county road, a tangent to last above described curve at its point of beginning bears North 39° 58' West; Thence North 89° 19' West along the south line of the county road a distance of 69.0 feet to the point of beginning, and containing an area of 0.41 acres, more or less, in Linn County, Oregon; and being a parcel of land located within that certain tract of land conveyed to Allen G. McQueen by Clara and C. R. Davis by warranty deed dated August 18, 1922, and recorded August 31, 1922 on page 454 of book 124, Deed Records of Linn County, Oregon. Plaintiff claims adverse possession and quieting title in his favor and enjoining Defendants from asserting any estate, title, or interest in the property. Plaintiff is seeking a Judgment declaring him owner in fee simple, and entitled to possession thereof, free of any estate, title, claim, lien or interest of Defendants. NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS: READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY: You must "appear" in this case or the other side will win automatically. To "appear" you must file with the court a legal paper called a "motion", "answer" or "response". The "motion", "answer" or "response" must be given to the court clerk or administrator within 30 days along with the required filing fee. It must be in proper form and have proof of service on the Plaintiff's attorney. This summons is published by order of Linn County Circuit Court made and entered on May 29, 2026, directing publication of this summons once each week for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper published and in general circulation in Linn County, Oregon. Date of first publication June 10, 2026. Date of last publication July 1, 2026. If you need help in finding an attorney, you may contact the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service online at www.oregonstatebar.org or by calling (503) 684-3763 (in the Portland metropolitan area) or toll-free elsewhere in Oregon at (800) 452-7636. Joel D. Kalberer, OSB #013120, Plaintiff's Attorney, P.O. Box 667, Albany, Oregon 97321; (541) 926-2255; jdk@wtlegal.com. (6/10, 6/17, 6/24, 7/1)

Sweet Home Police Department
1950 Main St., Sweet Home, OR
97386
(541) 367-5181
Notice of intent to dispose of
property under ORS 98.245

Public Notices

The Sweet Home Police Department has in its physical possession the unclaimed personal property described below. If you have any ownership interest in any of the unclaimed property, you must file a claim with the Sweet Home Police Department within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice or you will lose interest in that property. You may file a claim that presents proof satisfactory that you are the lawful owner or security interest holder of the property. The unclaimed property may be donated to a nonprofit organization or another government agency; retained for use by the City of Sweet Home; destroyed; or sold at public auction through govdeals.com, ebay.com or Facebook at any time after the 30-day period expires, June 10-July 10, 2026 (PP 26-03): Security camera, wallet, cash, metal gas cylinder, bicycles, wallet for Cody Johnson, phones, wallets for Tamara Cissna and Emily Freeman, volt meter, wallet with cards for Debbie Elmer, tote bag with miscellaneous hygiene items, lighters, pocket knife, wallet, reflector light \$1, beanie, scooter, miscellaneous items stored in lockers by people using the temp shelter at SHPD. (6/10)

NOTICE OF ONLINE AUCTION – A SQUARED STORAGE 1294 44th Ave. Sweet Home, OR 97386 Online bidding at www.storageauctions.com, auction ends 06/25/2026 at 11:00 a.m. Kyle Ganter, unit 210 & Justin Eide, unit 401. (6/10, 6/17)

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Free cages and water lilies. 10ft. Quail cage and supplies, rabbit hutches, canary flight cages, and single bird cages. Some need repair. Call 541-367-8732 may need to leave a message (6/10,6/17)

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Garage Sale

Garage Sale: Coca Cola, household items, and much more. Fri,12th 9am-4pm and Sat. 13th 8am-2/3pm. 330 Strawberry Loop near Elks Lodge (6/10)

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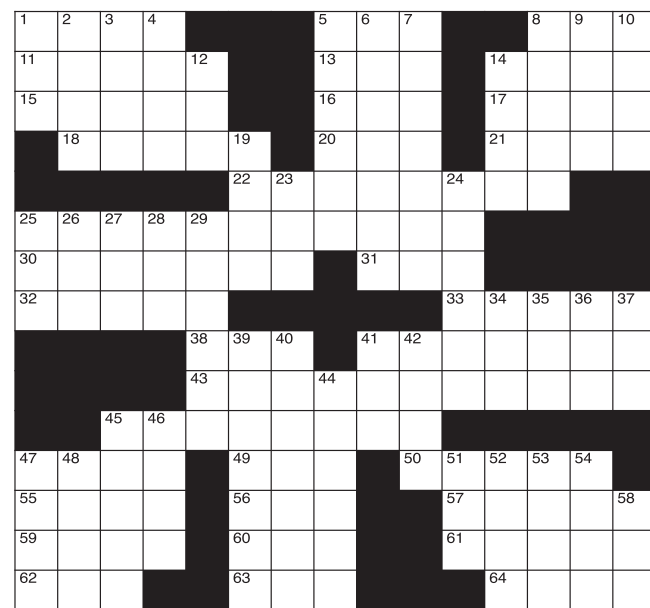
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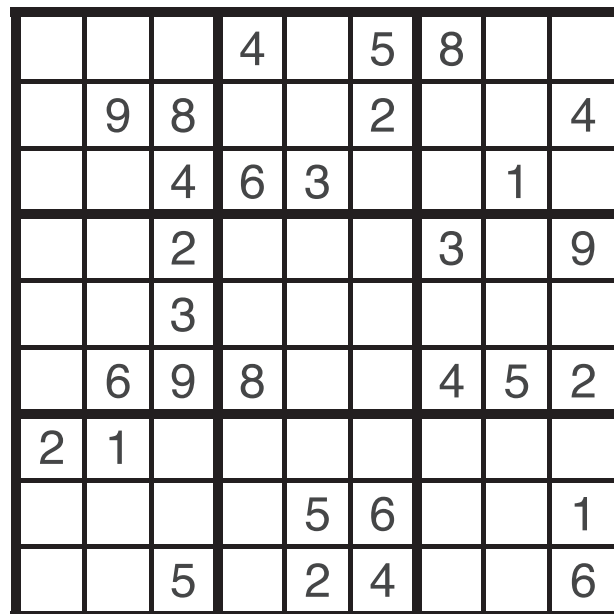
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Member of a Semitic people
- 5. Certified public accountant
- 8. Residue
- 11. Sayings attributed to Christ
- 13. The products of human creativity
- 14. Listen to
- 15. Longed
- 16. No (Scottish)
- 17. Descriptor
- 18. Yankees' sensation Judge
- 20. Zero
- 21. Comics legend Lee
- 22. Honorary title holder
- 25. "Uncle Joey"
- 30. Graceful and stylish
- 31. Pitching term
- 32. Former Mets outfielder Jones
- 33. One who avoids animal products
- 38. Quick to learn
- 41. Mechanism in an organ
- 43. Redo with new materials
- 45. Epics
- 47. Wings
- 49. Extrasensory perception
- 50. Cavalry sword
- 55. Bangladeshi monetary unit
- 56. Not the bottom
- 57. Afflicted
- 59. Bound
- 60. One who is highly skilled
- 61. Jewish spiritual leader
- 62. Tall, rounded vase
- 63. Liturgical language of Hinduism (abbr.)
- 64. Cheek

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Pie ___ mode
- 2. Portuguese cape
- 3. Ottoman military title
- 4. Movable frame used in burials
- 5. Type of coal
- 6. A treeless grassy plain
- 7. Artist's workroom
- 8. Assists
- 9. Protein-rich liquids
- 10. A song of praise to God
- 12. Much ___ about nothing
- 14. Japanese city
- 19. Atomic number 10
- 23. Egyptian goddess
- 24. Go places
- 25. Having ten
- 26. Complete
- 27. Automotive belt
- 28. Psyche
- 29. Melodious bird
- 34. Medical personnel
- 35. Acquired
- 36. Type of beverage
- 37. Neither
- 39. Spanish monetary units
- 40. Small area of grass
- 41. Your
- 42. Diana __, singer
- 44. Salt's partner
- 45. Made of wood
- 46. No longer alive
- 47. Alaskan island
- 48. Wild animal's resting place
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Partiality
- 53. "Luther" actor Idris
- 54. UNLV's "Runnin' ___"
- 58. Criticize

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Level: Beginner

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al Lebanon Oregon Legacy's pancake breakfast, which raises funds for its JOYA student awards, followed by the annual Strawberry Run/Walk for kids and adults.

Then began the two-hour Grand Parade, starting downtown with a featured presentation of a restored strawberry shortcake float with strawberry-themed graphics, the princess courts and float awards. David Gillott was this year's grand marshal.

The senior princess court served the world's largest strawberry shortcake at the fairgrounds, where attendees also enjoyed live entertainment, food and retail vendors, and the annual carnival, which was placed for the first time at Cheadle Lake Park on brand new pavement.

Entertainment that evening included performances by Lucas Cole, Brady Goss and Roll On.

Lebanon's Hollywood

Dance Studio presented a hand jive performance on stage, and invited attendees, an estimated crowd of 320, to participate in an attempt to break the record for the largest coordinated hand jive performance.

Meanwhile, the Lebanon Square Circlers hosted its annual Strawberry Festival Dance at the Lebanon Senior Center, where the local members dressed in red and strawberry-themed square dance attire.

Saturday's festivities concluded with a fireworks display over Cheadle Lake Park.

A strawberry shortcake eating contest was not held this year, but in its place on Sunday the Lebanon Strawberry Festival Association invited Hollywood Dance Studio and the Lebanon High School Jazz Band to provide entertainment throughout the afternoon.

Also performing on the main stage were Verdant A Cappella and Cherry City Cloggers.



Here it comes! Young parade watchers await the arrival of the procession Saturday morning. - Photos by Sarah Brown



Members of the Strawberry Court hand out shortcake following the parade.



The Lebanon Square Circlers participate in their annual Strawberry Festival dance on Saturday evening at the Lebanon Senior Center.



A pair of young ladies show their "Strawberry Nights" spirit during the Junior Parade on Friday.



Ruby VandenBos, at right, is presented as queen of the 2026 Strawberry Festival while, behind her, the 2025 and 2026 courts share her joy.



A remodeled float for the strawberry shortcake passes through downtown during Saturday's Grand Parade.



Grand Marshal David Gillott, seated on the trunk second from left, waves to parade-watchers.
- Photos by Sarah Brown



MAC the FlexBot provides entertainment throughout the festival at Cheadle Lake Park.



Newly-paved asphalt at Cheadle Lake Park provides a smooth approach for carnival attendees.



The 2026 Junior Court performs the hand jive during the parade downtown.



Pianist Brady Goss, far left, leads singers Lindsey Reynolds and Curtis Salgado on the main stage Saturday evening.



Princess Tatum Cole, left, and Queen Ruby VandenBos look over flowers at the annual Standard Flower Show.



Best in the West Triathlon brings 800-plus athletes to Sweet Home

The Best in the West Triathlon races returned to Sweet Home for the 16th year last weekend, as a total of 825 competitors hit the water, the roads and the trails in a kaleidoscope of events.

The festival includes 26 separate events, geared toward nearly every taste or ability, many of them single sections of the triathlon races.

Together, the Olympic (1,500-meter swim 40K (roughly 25 mile) and Sprint (500-meter swim, 12-mile bike, 3.1-mile run) drew a total of nearly 500 competitors, who started with a swim in Foster Lake, followed by biking along North River Drive (and beyond, in the longer races) and runs starting and finishing at Lewis Creek Park.

Noah Shlesinger of Eugene won the Half-Ironman (1.2 mile swim, 56-mile bike, 13.1-mile run) in 4:10.11 in a field of 71 competitors, while Batya Beard was the first woman, fourth overall, finishing in 4:47.43.

In the Olympic Triathlon, which like the Half-Iron took place Saturday, Zane Moore of Portland finished ahead of the field of 243 competitors in 1:59.05, with Kaitlin Carew of Springfield first in the woman's race (2:20.04), eighth overall.

Kendra Mhoon, 49, of Lebanon, finished 135th overall in the Olympic Triathlon (3:08.25), fourth in her age category.

Michael Bastidas, 37, of Sweet Home, was 235th in 4:40.24.

The Sprint Triathlon, held Sunday morning, June 7, drew 250 competitors. Zane Moore of Portland won in 55:49 and Cameron Hawkins of Beaverton was the first woman in 1:11.16.

Gerritt Schaffer, 51, of Sweet



A Sprint triathlete heads out on the bike course Sunday morning. See more photos at sweethomenews.com.

- Ryker Burr photo

Wildfire-ready in East Linn County

Under the peaceful woods at Sankey Park on May 30, representatives from fire agencies and other organizations held a Wildfire Ready event, providing information and tips on wildfire preparedness efforts in East Linn County. Above, Lebanon Fire District Fire Marshal Candace Hedding presents on defensible space and home hardening, providing participants with best practices for wildfire readiness to help protect their homes and properties. Beside her is ODF Fire Planning Forester Tyler Promes. Hosted by Oregon State University's Extension Service Fire Program, the event provided tips on how to make a home more resilient to wildfire, how to manage vegetation around the home and how to create an efficient evacuation plan. Multiple safety organizations from environmental agencies, fire districts and law enforcement were on hand to provide further ways to protect home, family and community.

- Kayla Bordelon, OSU Extension

Home, finished second in the Challenged Athlete Division of the Sprint Triathlon, in 2:57.05.

Lebanon finishers in the Sprint were Shaina Adams, 40, (1:25.05), 68th overall and second in her age group; Ryan Angellano, 30, 109th in 1:34.24; Brandon Williams, 23, 161st in 1:44.19;

Marika Pullam, 39, 196th in 1:53.10, which was second in her age division; and Alexandra Benetti, 66, who was third in her age division in 2:02.30.

The Super Sprint Triathlon (250-meter swim, 4.8-mile bike, 1.5-mile run) was won by Theo Mierisch, 18, of Roanoke, Va. in a field of 56 competitors, clocking 32:28. Rachel Macy, 14th overall, was the first fe-

male in 46.33.

Quinlan Adams, 13, of Lebanon finished 20th in the Super Sprint (50:00) and Emmett Ahn, 11, also of Lebanon, was 30th (54.56).

Other local finishers were Riley Brocksen, 30, of Sweet Home in the 10K run, (1:05.24); Elena South, 55, of Lebanon in the half marathon (2:05.23); Aliya Griffiths, 22, in the 1.2 mile swim (38:24); Stephen Benetti, 68, of Lebanon, in the Sprint Duathlon (swim/bike) in 1:41.32; Ken Williams, 69, of Lebanon in the Sprint Aqua Bike (1,000 meters) (1:14.27); and the Hill Willy Racers team in the Sprint Relay (1:20.38) - members' names were not immediately available.

The ICEBOX Performer Of The Week



This week's ICEBOX performer of the week goes to Julian, one of our skilled swing shift TIG welders.

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Kekoa Aiona

Kekoa is the son of Siara and Arthur Aiona.
Participated in: Spirit Week games.
Post High School Plans: Work.



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27730 Fern Ridge Rd. Sweet Home
541-401-3972

Camden Albrecht

Camden is the son of Stephanie Albrecht.
Participated in: May Court.
Post High School Plans: Attend the Sweet Home High School Transition Program.



Sweet Home Funeral Chapel
1443 Long St., Sweet Home
541-367-2891

Riley Alexander

Riley is the son of Sara Walls and Bryce Schneider.
Participated in: Trio Upward Bound.
Post High School Plans: Enter the workforce and possibly attend college.



Radiator Supply House
1460 47th Ave, Sweet Home
877-615-3002

Abel Anderson

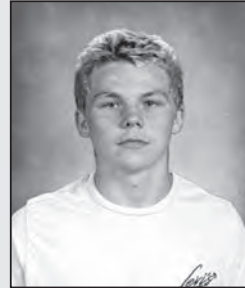
Abel is the Grandson of Sheila Keenon and Ken Keenon.
Participated in: Ski and Ride Club, outdoor P.E., E-sports.
Post High School Plans: Continue school, studying cyber security/computer science.



Figaros Pizza
1323 Main St, Sweet Home
541-367-5353

Alex Bachand

Alex is the son of Elizabeth Barber and Ken Barber.
Participated in: football, basketball, baseball, Spirit Weeks, Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
Post High School Plans: Dual enroll at Linn-Benton Community College to study sports medicine in hopes of being a physical therapist.



Gregory Home Team
KW Mid-Willamette Keller Williams Realty
541-971-6356 | gregoryhometeam.com

Alonna Baker

Alonna is the daughter of Alicia and Michael Baker.
Participated in: The Desktop Publishing class as the head of our Yearbook Department, National Honor Society, and writing for our school newspaper, The Huskian.
Post High School Plans: Attend Linn-Benton Community College to pursue B.A. degree in elementary education.



A&W
1010 Main St, Sweet Home
541-367-4893

Lizabeth Ballard

Lizabeth is the daughter of Jammy and Derek Wallace.
Participated in: Did not list any activities.
Post High School Plans: Attend trade school.



Burke Logging
Sweet Home

Ryder Bearden

Ryder is the son of Amy McLaws, Jed Bearden.
Participated in: Did not list any activities.
Post High School Plans: Welding.



Heather Search LTC
2415 S Santiam Hwy, Lebanon
541-258-5261 | heathersearch.com

Amelia Berg

Amelia is the daughter of Darci Dimick and Jason Berg.
Participated in: Did not list any activities.
Post High School Plans: Did not list plans.



Faithful Friends Animal Clinic
185 N Santiam Hwy, Lebanon
541-451-1319

Nathanial Bradshaw

Nathanial is the son of John Bradshaw and Dawn Bradshaw (step mom) Laura Reece (mom).
Participated in: Weights, English.
Post High School Plans: Get a job.



Sweet Home Sanitation
sweethomesanitation.com
541-367-2535

Dylan Buntjer

Dylan is the son of Emily and Derek Buntjer.
Participated in: Welding competitions.
Post High School Plans: Attend Linn-Benton Community College to study welding and fabrication.



Santiam Spray Service
1680 18th Ave, Sweet Home
541-367-5135

Brooklynn Caccamise Miles

Brooklynn is the daughter of Katie Caccamise and Scott Miles.
Participated in: Did not list any activities.
Post High School Plans: Work, then attend college.



Dan's Heating
100 Main St., Sweet Home
541-367-5004

Hailey Cartwright

Hailey is the daughter of Heather and Robert Cartwright.
Participated in: OHSET and Spirit Weeks.
Post High School Plans: Attend college to study phlebotomy.



Hoys Hardware and Home Improvement
3041 Main Street, Sweet Home
541-367-2221 | hoyshardware.com

Bailey Chafin

Bailey is the daughter of Justin and Deana Chafin.
Participated in: Leadership, wrestling, and soccer.
Post High School Plans: Did not list plans.



Karla Hogan
HomeSmart Realty Group
541-409-0547 | karla@hoganshomes.com

Ellie Chiaffino

Ellie is the daughter of Michael and Desiree Chiaffino.
Participated in: Cross Age Tutoring, softball, metals and forestry.
Post High School Plans: Join the Navy.



A&W
1010 Main St. Sweet Home
541-367-4893

Natalie Conn

Natalie is the daughter of Daniel Conn and Erin Barstad.
Participated in: Cheerleading, and I was a part of the Sweet Home FFA.
Post High School Plans: Attend Linn-Benton Community College to take prereqs for Medical Imaging Program and become an X-Ray technician.



Holley Church

40346 OR-228, Sweet Home
541-367-6030 | holleychurch.org

Kaylie Cooley

Kaylie is the daughter of Jessica Keeney and Logan Cooley.
Participated in: FFA.
Post High School Plans: Continue schooling to become a veterinary technician.



Jamie Melcher HomeSmart Realty Group

www.melchershomesales.com
541-401-1991

Noah Curtis

Noah is the son of Heather Grass.
Participated in: Art and carpentry classes.
Post High School Plans: Undecided, but possibly join the military or the National Guard.



Cascade Timber Consulting, Inc.

3210 Hwy 20, Sweet Home
541-367-2111

Kyleigh Cutbirth

Kyleigh is the daughter of Frank Cutbirth III and Rachelle Clark.
Participated in: SHHS Wind Ensemble.
Post High School Plans: Attend college to pursue master's degree in music education.



The New Era

1313 Main St, Sweet Home
541-367-2135 | sweethomenews.com

Domynic Daniel

Domynic is the son of Karolyne and Clifford Daniel.
Participated in: track, wrestling and soccer.
Post High School Plans: Work.

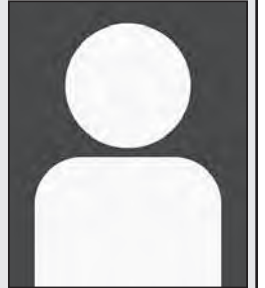


Steelhead Fitness

1295 Main St, Sweet Home
541-262-1560 | steelheadfitness.com

Kyrah Daniel

Kyrah is the daughter of Karolyne and Clifford Daniel.
Participated in: Did not list any activities.
Post High School Plans: Did not list plans.



Tamara Shinko

Keller Williams Realty Mid-Willamette
503-951-7638

Brendan Davis

Brendan is the son of Nichole and James Adamik.
Participated in: Did not list any activities.
Post High School Plans: Did not list plans.



Santiam Spray Service

1680 18th Ave, Sweet Home
541-367-5135

Dillan Davis

Dillan is the son of Talia Davis and Collin Davis.
Participated in: Football, track and wrestling.
Post High School Plans: Attend Lewis and Clark College to play football and study rhetoric and media studies.



Jamie Melcher HomeSmart Realty Group

www.melchershomesales.com
541-401-1991

Elizabeth Dean

Elizabeth is the daughter of Nicholas Dean.
Participated in: Softball, anatomy and physiology classes, greenhouse management and soils.
Post High School Plans: Become a real estate agent.



Vannice Logging

42475 N River Dr, Sweet Home
541-979-0473

Gabriella Delong

Gabriella is the daughter of Brittany Anundi and Marcus Delong.
Participated in: Many Spirit Weeks, school theater make-up crew and costume crew.
Post High School Plans: Attend college to pursue a career in psychology while working part-time in Albany.



Figaros Pizza

1323 Main St, Sweet Home
541-367-5353

Lily Dinsfriend

Lily is the daughter of Jamie Dinsfriend.
Participated in: Volleyball and softball freshman year, all the fun dress-up days.
Post High School Plans: Attend a community college and starting a business.

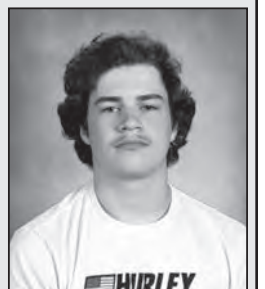


Bucks Sanitary Service

541-342-3905
bucks-sanitary.com

Robert Donnell

Robert is the son of Bob Donnell.
Participated in: Metal shop.
Post High School Plans: Work for a titanium casting company.



Dairy Queen

1364 Main St, Sweet Home
541-367-2622 | dairyqueen.com

Ally Downs

Ally is the daughter of Nicole Downs and Jon Downs.
Participated in: Wildlife, track and field.
Post High School Plans: Become a caregiver.

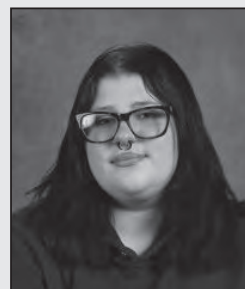


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Ashley A. Duncan

Ashley A. is the daughter of Amanda and Andrew Duncan.
Participated in: Spirit Weeks and enjoyed history.
Post High School Plans: Work and then apply for Cosmetology school.



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Ashley R. Duncan

Ashley is the daughter of Misty and Jason Duncan.
Participated in: FFA
Post High School Plans: Attend Linn-Benton Community College/Oregon State University to study animal science.



Edward Jones, Andrea Yoder

1195 Main St, Sweet Home
541-655-3537 | edwardjones.com

Levi Ensley

Levi is the son of Tina and Anthony Ensley.
Participated in: Choir, as a section leader; band, playing flute; and theater.
Post High School Plans: Attend Linn-Benton Community College to study music education to become and choir teacher/director.



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Brodi Epps

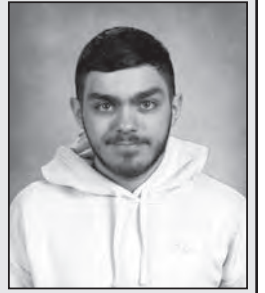
Brodi is the son of Molly Jump.
Participated in: Did not list any activities.
Post High School Plans: Enter the workforce, preferably mechanic work.



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541-259-0440 | westernu.edu

John Fink

John is the son of John and Shelby Fink and Tamara and Alex Dixon.
Participated in: Did not list any activities.
Post High School Plans: Work.



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Corrin Fletcher

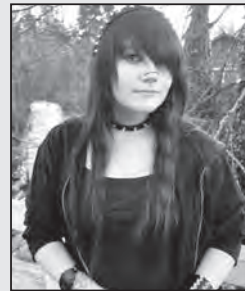
Corrin is the son of Kelly Combs and Stephen Fletcher.
Participated in: Did not list any activities.
Post High School Plans: Attend Linn-Benton Community College to pursue a career in the medical field/nursing.



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Charm Flowers

Charm is the daughter of Ryan and Angela Flowers.
Participated in: Did not list any activities.
Post High School Plans: Study tattooing and piercing at Hot Red Betties.



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Ella Forum

Ella is the daughter of Chris and Kristen Forum.
Participated in: FFA, cheer, track and field, and soccer.
Post High School Plans: Become a radiologic technologist.



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Lillian Garwood

Lillian is the daughter of Cassandra and Mike Adkins.
Participated in: Spirit Weeks, athletics, culinary classes.
Post High School Plans: Trade school.



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Memphis Gay

Memphis is the son of Sheldon and Cassie Gay.
Participated in: Soccer, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, forestry, Homecoming Court.
Post High School Plans: Farm all summer, then complete courses to become electrician.



Good Ole Boy Construction
Sweet Home
541-409-6600

Jeremiah Gill

Jeremiah is the son of Jasmine Darcey, Joseph Darcey and Jessie Jones.
Participated in: Football, wrestling and welding.
Post High School Plans: Work at Radiator Supply House as a TIG welder.



Steelhead Fitness
1295 Main St, Sweet Home
541-262-1560 | steelheadfitness.com

Keeghan Gittins

Keeghan is the son of Kristine Banker.
Participated in: Theater, Audio and Visual Club, Honors English.
Post High School Plans: Become an apprentice electrician.



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Ayden Goble

Ayden is the son of Alissa Russell and James Goble.
Participated in: Did not list any activities.
Post High School Plans: Attend college to pursue a master's degree in robotics.



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Harrisburg
541-995-6008 | www.atezinc.com.

Ellie Graham

Ellie is the daughter of Brent Graham and Rachel Hillsman.
Participated in: FFA and 4-H.
Post High School Plans: Attend Oregon Institute of Technology to study diagnostic imaging.



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Rally Graham

Rally is the son of Diana White and Jason Graham.
Participated in: Chemistry, culinary classes.
Post High School Plans: Attend Oregon State University to study marine biology.



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Bayley Griffin

Bayley is the granddaughter of Connie and Jon Gulliford.
Participated in: Did not list any activities.
Post High School Plans: Did not list plans.



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Lukiss Grover

Lukiss is the son of Jessica Hallock - Mom, Wade Williams - Dad.
Participated in: Interact Club, Trio Upward Bound, Trio tutor.
Post High School Plans: Attend Oregon State University to study computer science.



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Kaitlyn Gurule

Kaitlyn is the child of Robert gurule and Valerie gurule.
Participated in: Forestry, welding.
Post High School Plans: Attend Linn-Benton Community College to pursue a career in welding and fabrication.



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541-367-2891

Cohen Gutierrez

Cohen is the son of Bobby and Kristy Gutierrez.
Participated in: Metals, forestry, advanced power systems.
Post High School Plans: Trade school for plumbing or HVAC.



Wolthuis Family Dentistry
1524 Long St, Sweet Home
541-203-6408 | sweethomedental.com

Khaira Hall

Khaira is the daughter of Michael and Mira Hall.
Participated in: Most classes taught by Ms. Foley, every culinary class, beginning and advanced sewing.
Post High School Plans: Work at The Point while deciding if I want to go to cosmetology school or go to college to become a high school English teacher.



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6305 Main St, Foster
541-367-1560 | pointstweethome.com

Quintell Hall

Quintell is the son of Ladonna Aday.
Participated in: Culinary classes, Freedom Hill Church and community service activities.
Post High School Plans: Go to work to build experience, then start a baking business.



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Alex Hammock

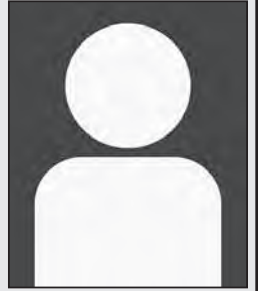
Alex is the son of Deborah and Joel Maloney.
Participated in: Unified basketball and the Cookie House.
Post High School Plans: Work with Sunshine Industries.



Keesecker Insurance
1195 Main St, Sweet Home
541-367-2141 | keeseckerinsurance.com

Jaeden Hammock

Jaeden is the son of Leah Hammock.
Participated in: Did not list any activities.
Post High School Plans: Did not list plans.



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Tytus Hardee

Tytus is the son of Richard and Desirae Hardee.
Participated in: Wrestling.
Post High School Plans: Become an electrician.



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1252 Main St, Sweet Home
541-367-7368 | www.eastlinnpropertymanagement.com

Katriona Harris

Katriona is the daughter of Heather Harris and Eli Harris.
Participated in: Softball and cheerleading.
Post High School Plans: Become a neuroscience nurse and eventually a neurologist.



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Quinn Hart

Quinn is the son of Amber and Daniel Hart.
Participated in: Theater arts.
Post High School Plans: Become a plebotomist.



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James Hearick

James is the son of Ashlee Moore.
Participated in: Wrestling and football.
Post High School Plans: Gold mining in Alaska.



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Elizabeth Heimsoth

Elizabeth is the daughter of Cherrie Heimsoth and James Heimsoth.
Participated in: Choir and theater.
Post High School Plans: Pursue music education.



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KW Mid-Willamette Keller Williams Realty
541-971-6356 | gregoryhometeam.com

Laura Henthorne

Laura is the daughter of Jayson and Kathleen Henthorne.
Participated in: Trio Upward Bound and Girl Scouts.
Post High School Plans: Attend Linn-Benton Community College.



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Serenity Herrera

Serenity is the daughter of Sheila Herrera, Ernesto Herrera.
Participated in: Band, theater.
Post High School Plans: Join the work force.



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185 N Santiam Hwy, Lebanon
541-451-1319

Austin Hicks

Austin is the son of Leslie Austin and Kenneth Hicks.
Participated in: Did not list any activities.
Post High School Plans: Become a mechanic so I can work on cars. I would also like to make music.



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541-367-3232

Zachariah Hindman

Zachariah is the son of Crista Hindman and Dan Hindman.
Participated in: Ski and Ride Club.
Post High School Plans: Trades.



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Brian Hiner

Brian is the son of Jackie Lange and Theodore Hiner.
Participated in: Did not list any activities.
Post High School Plans: Did not list plans.



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Rylie Hollingsworth

Rylie is the daughter of Amy Hollingsworth.
Participated in: FFA, forestry, wrestling, volleyball, basketball, track, golf, cross-country.
Post High School Plans: Attend Disney College program in Orlando, Fla.

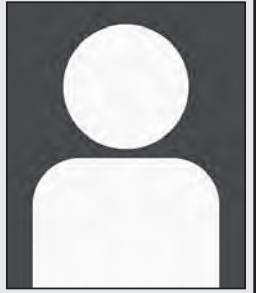


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541-367-2221 | hoyshardware.com

Shea Holmes

Shea is the Shea did not list parents..
Participated in: Did not list any activities.
Post High School Plans: Did not list plans.



McCool Millworks

1744 Main St, Sweet Home
541-367-2200

Lillian Jacobs

Lillian is the daughter of Heather Dicello.
Participated in: All the Spirit Weeks, and my favorite class has to be Mr. Whitfield's.
Post High School Plans: Attend Linn-Benton Community College to study early childhood education.



Subway

S 10th Ave, Sweet Home,
541- 224-8418

Joseph Jazmin

Joseph is the son of Daniel and Kortnie Jazmin.
Participated in: Cheer.
Post High School Plans: Attend Phagans Beauty College to study cosmetology.



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Mylee Johnston

Mylee is the daughter of Boogie Johnston.
Participated in: Wind Ensemble and Jazz Band, three competitions for both bands.
Post High School Plans: Move to Grants Pass to attend tattoo academy.



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Vincent Kennedy

Vincent is the son of Richard Kennedy.
Participated in: E-sports, Gaming Club, and Table Top Haming. Enjoyed psychology and participated in Upward Bound. Made it to E-sports playoffs nine times and received two scholarships.
Post High School Plans: Take a "break year" and work to gain experience, then go to a commercial college or trade school.



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Cannon Klumph

Cannon is the son of Brent and Jordan klumph and the late Melissa Klumph.
Participated in: Unified basketball, track, soccer, Ski and Ride Club, Leadership , National Honor Society.
Post High School Plans: Attend Central Oregon Community College to study fire science and become a firefighter/EMT.



Advanced Mechanical

34777 OR-228, Brownsville
541- 466-3939 | advancedmechanicalinc.com

Jackson Knight

Jackson is the son of Ashley and Andrew Knight.
Participated in: Wrestling.
Post High School Plans: Did not list plans.



Edward Jones, Jeff Canfield

1195 Main St, Sweet Home
541- 367-5156 | edwardjones.com

Aria Kopperud

Aria is the .
Participated in: Did not list any activities.
Post High School Plans: Did not list plans.



Heather Search LTC

2415 S Santiam Hwy, Lebanon
541-258-5261 | heathersearch.com

Alexis Lame

Alexis is the daughter of Thera Miller and James Lame.
Participated in: AVID.
Post High School Plans: Ap-prentice with a farrier for four years, then pursue that line of work.



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Alyssa Langford

Alyssa is the daughter of Ernie Langford and Carla Langford.
Participated in: Art.
Post High School Plans: Attend college to study culinary arts/ marine biology.



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Jayden Larkin

Jayden is the grandson of Tony Menza and Shelly Menza.
Participated in: Enjoyed studying history in high school in Jarid Adams' class. Scored an 84% on the ASVAB.
Post High School Plans: Plans to join the Army as a 91-Bravo diesel mechanic.



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Sweet Home

Eleanor Larsen

Eleanor is the daughter of Katrina Larsen and Blair Larsen.
Participated in: Choir, Huskian newspaper design, golf, and community service opportunities.
Post High School Plans: Attend Boise State University to study journalism.



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Cliff Leader

Cliff is the nephew of Keith Leader.
Participated in: Gaming Club, weight training, forestry.
Post High School Plans: Work, then attend college, possibly to study cybersecurity.



Tamara Shinko

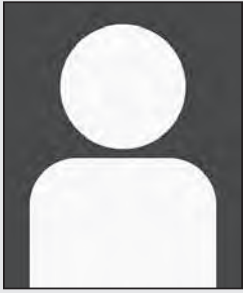
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Hunter Lee

Hunter is the son of Adam and Teresa Lee.

Participated in: Did not list any activities.

Post High School Plans: Did not list plans.



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Jose Lopez-Cruz

Jose is the son of Pedro Angolo and Erika Cruz Rojo.

Participated in: English.

Post High School Plans: Continue school.



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Jeddadia Lowe

Jeddadia is the son of Steven and Jennifer Lowe.

Participated in: Did not list any activities.

Post High School Plans: Did not list plans.



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Alexis Luthy

Alexis is the daughter of Amber Westphal.

Participated in: Did not list any activities.

Post High School Plans: Attend cosmetology school.



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Mackayla Lydon

Mackayla is the daughter of Larry Lyden.

Participated in: Choir, soccer.

Post High School Plans: College.



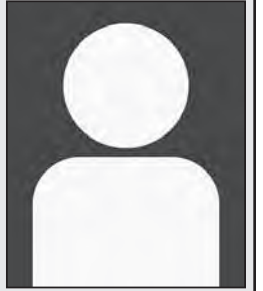
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Mackenzie Lydon

Mackenzie is the daughter of Larry Lyden.

Participated in: Ceramics, art classes, school.

Post High School Plans: Did not list plans.



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Tegan Macy

Tegan is the son of Crystal Macy.

Participated in: Forestry, one of my favorite classes.

Post High School Plans: Wild-land firefighting.



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Aylah Magallanes

Aylah is the daughter of Mazda Pena and Gilbert Gonzales.

Participated in: Cheerleading.

Post High School Plans: Attend school to pursue mortuary science degree.



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Loralai Mark

Loralai is the daughter of Trisha King and Austin Mark.

Participated in: Varsity track and field, varsity basketball, AV Club reporter, auditioned choir, and Leadership.

Post High School Plans: Attend Lane Community College to study paramedicine and pursue career as firefighter/EMT.



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Ruger Marshall

Ruger is the son of Brandy and Ryan Marshall.

Participated in: Metals classes, forestry and small engine repair

Post High School Plans: Join the Marines,



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Shilohwa Mayfield

Shilohwa is the daughter of Angelique Lewis.

Participated in: TRIO Upward-Bound, including as an Ambassador.

Post High School Plans: After high school I plan on getting my TEFL so I can teach English to non-English speakers.



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Andrew McIntyre

Andrew is the son of Brett McIntyre and Mary McIntyre.

Participated in: Weights, metals, woodshop.

Post High School Plans: Marines or future fighter.



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Ruby McKinnon

Ruby is the daughter of Pauline Liscia.

Participated in: OHSET.

Post High School Plans: Going to Linn-Benton Community College/Oregon State University to study veterinary science.



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Mi'eyla McQuiston

Mi'eyla is the daughter of Andrew and Tabetha McQuiston.

Participated in: Photography class.

Post High School Plans: Continue "my love for photography."



Pacific Power
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Antoneo McQuiston

Antoneo is the son of Andrew and Tabetha McQuiston.

Participated in: Did not list any activities.

Post High School Plans: Did not list any plans.



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Nine valedictorians, 3 salutatorians head Class of 2026

Sweet Home High School's 2026 graduating class is headed by nine valedictorians and three salutatorians, who are introduced below, alphabetically.

Valedictorian Alonna Baker is the daughter of Alicia and Michael Baker.



During high school she headed the yearbook staff and was on the editorial staff of the Huskies student newspaper.

She plans to attend Linn-Benton Community College to study elementary education.

Valedictorian Levi Ensley, 18, is the son of Tina Ensley of Sweet Home and Anthony Ensley of Newport.

During high school he has been involved in band, choir, theater, the National Honor Society, and Music in May, as well as band and choir competitions. Outside of school, he sang in the Sweet Home Singing Christmas Tree, and was involved in SHOCASE and played the Big Bad Wolf at Harvest Festival.

His favorite activities in high school were band and choir, especially "hanging out in the Band/Choir Room



before concerts, memorizing stuff for theater, as well as rehearsals.



He plans to earn his master's degree in music education and "come back to Sweet Home to be the choir teacher."

Beyond academics, Levi says high school has taught him that "just because something is hard, that doesn't mean you shouldn't try your best to do it."

Asked if he would do anything differently in high school if he had the chance, Levi said, "I would change the amount of times I didn't do something because I was

scared to come out of my comfort zone. If I would have done more things that were out of my comfort zone, it would have prepared me much more for college."

Valedictorian Ella Forum, 18, is the daughter of Christopher and Kristen Forum of Sweet Home.



During high school, she has been involved in FFA, cheer for two years, track and field for two years, and soccer for one. Outside of school, she was involved in church activities.

Her favorite activities in high school were "making memories with my friends."

Ella plans to earn her CNA certification this summer, then apply to a diagnostic imaging program.

Beyond academics, she says high school has taught her that "someone is willing to help you; you just have to ask."

Valedictorian Loralai Mark, is the daughter of Trisha Ann King and Chris Mooney of Marcola.

Mark has been involved in varsity track and basketball all four years of high school. She was in Leadership for a year and has been a reporter for the school Audio-Visual Club for two years, broadcasting school events. She's also been a member of the Auditioned Choir for three years and, previous to that, in the Concert Choir.

Outside of school, she has volunteered for Sunshine Industries fundraisers, and has assisted with the Little Huskies Basketball Camp throughout her high school career.

Her favorite activities in high school include singing in the choirs, participating in assemblies and "being part of a team."

She plans to volunteer at Sweet Home Fire and Ambulance District this summer, then start fire academy in the fall, along with other college classes, at Lane Community College. She will work toward

an AAS degree in paramedicine as well as earning her EMT certification.

"I plan to be a firefighter," she said.

Beyond academics, she says high school has taught her "that everyone should be looked at as a potential friend."

"Always look for the good in people; have empathy, make new friends and don't discriminate," she said, adding, "Getting along with everyone makes life so much more enjoyable."

Asked if she would do anything differently in high school if she had the chance, Mark said, "I would go back and tell myself to not stress out so much because everything works out just fine."

Valedictorian Delainie Pratt, 18, is the daughter of Sarah Hale of Albany and Travis Pratt of Sweet Home.

During high school, she has been involved in Leadership class, National Honor Society, Ski and Ride Club, track and cross-country, Unified basketball, Upward Bound, May Court, Homecoming Court and cross-age community. She also was a member of



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the Sportsman's Holiday Court, and participated in Trees for Scholarships, and worked for the Railbike offered by Rick Franklin Corp.



Her favorite activities in high school were "all the track memories with my team."

She plans to attend Oregon State University to major in anthropology.

Beyond academics, Delainie says high school has taught her "how to be my best self for me and others."

Asked if she would do anything differently in high school if she had the chance, Delainie said she would "do more, be part of everything."

Valedictorian Luke Rosa, 17, is the son of Joe and Kayla Rosa of Sweet Home.



During high school, Luke competed in football, wrestling and baseball, and participated

His favorite activities in high school were sports.

Luke plans to attend Lewis & Clark College to pursue a data science degree and play

football.

Beyond academics, Luke says high school has taught him to "stay simple."

Valedictorian Elisha Scofield, 18, is the son of Yari and Ian Scofield of Sweet Home.



He has one sibling: Isaiah Scofield, 18.

During high school, Elisha competed in soccer, track and field, and Unified basketball, and has been involved in Josai Cub, Ski and Ride Club, National Honor Society, Leadership class, May Court, Homecoming Court and Outdoor School. He also worked at A&W and coached elementary sports at the Boys & Girls Club, helped at Jam-boree and Icebox, worked at Railbike, and participated in a missions trip to Mexico.

His favorite activities in high school were sports and his physics and chemistry classes with Dr. Neal.

Elisha plans to attend Oregon State University to major in electrical and computer engineering.

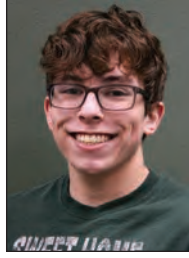
Beyond academics, he says high school has taught him "a more proper work ethic and how to be civil."

Asked if he would do anything differently in high school if he had the chance,

Elisha said he would take fitness more seriously.

"I didn't take it seriously until my junior year and my life improved drastically when I did."

Valedictorian Andrew Tolman, 17, is the son of Nathan and Satina Tolman of Sweet Home.



During high school, Andrew competed in swimming and has been involved in the Ski and Ride Club and in National Honor Society.

He favorite activities in high school revolved around the swim program.

He plans to attend BYU-Idaho to pursue mechanical engineering, then wants to work for Lockheed-Martin.

Beyond academics, he says high school has taught him to "manage my time."

Asked if he would do anything differently in high school if he had the chance, Andrew said, "I wouldn't change anything."

Valedictorian Trinity Victor, 18, is the daughter of Josh and Jennifer Victor of Sweet Home.

During high school, Trin-

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Gabe Meadors
 Gabe is the son of Sonya and Kenneth Meadors.
Participated in: Football.
Post High School Plans: Did not list any plans.




Graham Excavating Inc
 27730 Fern Ridge Rd. Sweet Home
 541-401-3972

Kylie Melkvik
 Kylie is the daughter of Alissa Melkvik and Jason Melkvik.
Participated in: Anatomy and physiology, medical terminology, Honors English, varsity swim, golf.
Post High School Plans: Continuing School at Linn-Benton Community College to pursue nursing.




The Point Restaurant and Lounge
 6305 Main St, Foster
 541- 367-1560 | pointsweethome.com

Tanner Mendez
 Tanner is the son of Christina Martinez Mendez.
Participated in: Did not list any activities.
Post High School Plans: Continuing education.



McCool Millworks
 1744 Main St, Sweet Home
 541-367-2200

McKenzie Miller
 McKenzie is the daughter of Jim Miller and Kelly Loux.
Participated in: Track, cross-country, Ski and Ride Club; art and anatomy; was chariot jockey for all four May Week chariot races. Lettered four times in both cross-country and track and qualified for state in both.
Post High School Plans: Compete in cross-country and track at Southwestern Community College, where she plans to study emergency medicine.




Steelhead Fitness
 1295 Main St, Sweet Home
 541- 262-1560 | steelheadfitness.com

Levi Millsap
 Levi is the son of Melissa Kinsery and Tim Millsap.
Participated in: CTE program, weightlifting. Finished in the Top 10% every year.
Post High School Plans: Attend Linn-Benton Community College to study welding, then move south.




Good Ole Boy Construction
 Sweet Home
 541-409-6600

Aiden Monaghan
 Aiden is the son of Tereza Martin.
Participated in: Did not list any activities.
Post High School Plans: Did not list plans.



Jamie Melcher HomeSmart Realty Group
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 541-401-1991

Jim Morgan
 Jim is the son of Tiffany and Sean Morgan.
Participated in: Cross-country, basketball and track.
Post High School Plans: Attend Linn-Benton Community College for welding.




Dairy Queen
 1364 Main St, Sweet Home
 541- 367-2622 | dairyqueen.com

Sarah Morrelli
 Sarah is the daughter of Scott Morrelli and Lauren Morrelli.
Participated in: Engineering and design, advertising and graphic design classes.
Post High School Plans: Work.



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 541-367-2111

Anabelle Morris
 Anabelle is the daughter of Joanna and Joseph Morris.
Participated in: Soccer, cross-country, softball, FFA, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Interact Club, National Honor Society, Desktop Publishing, Class Board, Sportsman Holiday Court. Volunteered at Awana and at Senior Center. Active in LifePoint church.
Post High School Plans: Continue my education at the University of Hawai'i- at Manoa to study marine biology.



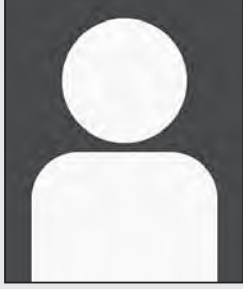
Holley Church
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Bryson Mulvanny
 Bryson is the son of Dustin Mulvanny.
Participated in: All my shop classes.
Post High School Plans: Join the workforce.



McDonald's
 2000 Hwy. 20, Sweet Home
 541-367-5516

Mae Munganga
 Mae is the host daughter of Ryan and Jessica Garrett.
Participated in: High school activities as exchange student from France.
Post High School Plans: Did not list plans.



Radiator Supply House
 1460 47th Ave, Sweet Home
 877-615-3002

Luke Murray
 Luke is the son of Amy Murray and Brandon Murray.
Participated in: Game Club and enjoyed the classes taught by Mr. Mills.
Post High School Plans: Attend Linn-Benton Community College, then move on to Oregon State University.




Gregory Home Team
 KW Mid-Willamette Keller Williams Realty
 541-971-6356 | gregoryhometeam.com

Ava Nash
 Ava is the daughter of Kimi and Courtney Nash.
Participated in: Anything I could. My favorite class was English.
Post High School Plans: Attend school to pursue massage therapy.



Rice Logging
 25530 Rice Rd., Sweet Home
 541-367-4896

Aubrey Newberry
 Aubrey is the daughter of Lonna Newberry and Michael Newberry.
Participated in: Volleyball, basketball, softball, Class Board/Leadership, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, FFA.
Post High School Plans: Attend Practical Dental Assisting of Oregon in Corvallis.



Vannice Logging
 42475 N River Dr, Sweet Home
 541-979-0473

Ty Newcomer
 Ty is the son of Andi and Mike Newcomer.
Participated in: Shop class and forestry.
Post High School Plans: Work in construction.



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Bode Nichols

Bode is the son of Tristan Nichols Alicia Nichols.
Participated in: Football, Spirit Weeks.
Post High School Plans: Attend college to become an electrician.



Jamie Melcher HomeSmart Realty Group
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541-401-1991

Alexis Nightengale

Alexis is the daughter of Naomi Holley.
Participated in: Did not list any activities.
Post High School Plans: Did not list plans.



O and M Point S Tire and Auto
4420 Hwy. 20, Sweet Home
541-367-2462

Bradyn Odstrcil

Bradyn is the son of Will Justham, Geri Lynn Justham.
Participated in: Did not list any activities.
Post High School Plans: Start a brand.



Wendi Melcher Team Home Smart Realty Group
1575 Main St., Sweet Home
541-409-4813

Madison Olheiser

Madison is the daughter of Jessica Burris and Todd Burris.
Participated in: Dance, track and field.
Post High School Plans: Attend Linn-Benton Community College or Lane CC to study medical assisting, then go to cosmetology school.



Faithful Friends Animal Clinic
185 N Santiam Hwy, Lebanon
541-451-1319

Brayden Olson

Brayden is the son of Courtney and Josiah Zeek.
Participated in: Did not list any activities.
Post High School Plans: Did not list plans.



Jamie Melcher HomeSmart Realty Group
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541-401-1991

Jack Ortiz

Jack is the son of Erica McGuffin.
Participated in: Culinary arts classes, welding and enjoyed the Table Top Gaming Club
Post High School Plans: Did not list plans.



Heather Search LTC
2415 S Santiam Hwy, Lebanon
541-258-5261 | heathersearch.com

Koda Osborn

Koda is the non-binary child of Joshua Osborn.
Participated in: Did not list any activities.
Post High School Plans: Did not list plans.



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Emma Pangle

Emma is the daughter of Heather Tidwell Pangle.
Participated in: Did not list any activities.
Post High School Plans: Attend college or go to work.



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541-367-6030 | holleychurch.org

Aubri Parker

Aubri is the daughter of Katrina Parker Josh Parker.
Participated in: OHSET, softball, volleyball, FFA.
Post High School Plans: Attending Linn-Benton Community College to pursue nursing



Bucks Sanitary Service
541-342-3905
bucks-sanitary.com

Kambria Parker

Kambria is the daughter of Gretchen and Zach Parker.
Participated in: My favorite class was anatomy and physiology.
Post High School Plans: Attend Linn-Benton Community College to pursue nursing.



Sweet Home Senior Center/Linn Shuttle
linnshuttle.com
541-367-4775

Thomas Parks

Thomas is the son of Megan Blank and Ian Parks.
Participated in: Did not list any activities.
Post High School Plans: Become a history teacher.



Santiam Spray Service
1680 18th Ave, Sweet Home
541-367-5135

Ben Perry

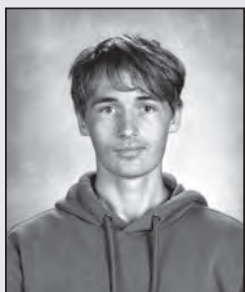
Ben is the son of Leah Maynard.
Participated in: Soccer, tennis, and Student Class Board.
Post High School Plans: Attend Linn-Benton Community College and Oregon State University to pursue a degree in zoology.



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Kyle Petrait

Kyle is the son of Danielle Applebaum (guardian).
Participated in: Soccer.
Post High School Plans: Did not list plans.



D and S Logging
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dslogging.com

Jace Pierce

Jace is the son of Tammy Mixon.
Participated in: Choir.
Post High School Plans: Get a job.



Dan's Heating
100 Main St., Sweet Home
541-367-5004

Xavia Pike

Xavia is the daughter of Wesley Pike, Chloe Cashman.
Participated in: Anatomy and physiology, crime scene science, product design, medical terminology classes.
Post High School Plans: Continuing school and working.



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Jason Pontarolo

Jason is the son of Valerie Stewart and Chris Pontarolo.
Participated in: Did not list any activities.
Post High School Plans: Work for a bit before going to college.



Tamara Shinko

Keller Williams Realty Mid-Willamette
503-951-7638

Peyton Porter

Peyton is the daughter of Chery Porter and Brad Porter.
Participated in: Spirit Weeks, cross-age class, working with little kids was fun.
Post High School Plans: Work with the elderly, or work with my dad with VFC.



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Kyle Porter

Kyle is the son of Joe and Heather Chiaffino and the late Richard Porter.
Participated in: Football, track, forestry.
Post High School Plans: Go into the workforce initially, with the goal of attending a trade school for automotive/diesel mechanics and then join the military.



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Delainie Pratt

Delainie is the daughter of Travis Pratt and Sarah Hale.
Participated in: Unified basketball, cross country, track and field, Josai, Ski and Ride, National Honor Society, Leadership, Senior Class Board, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Upward Bound.
Post High School Plans: Attend Oregon State University to pursue a bachelor's in anthropology.



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Gracie Rand

Gracie is the daughter of Kristin Walczyk.
Participated in: Culinary classes, Jazz Band, and Wind Ensemble.
Post High School Plans: Continue school to study medical diagnostic sonography.



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Brooklan Ray

Brooklan is the daughter of Trisha Ray and Shane Blanshan.
Participated in: A school dance.
Post High School Plans: Attend school to pursue a career in healthcare.



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Lyllah Reddington

Lyllah is the daughter of Tyler and Calli Reddington.
Participated in: Favorite classes math, walking P.E. class, and practical accounting. I also loved to write and draw.
Post High School Plans: Start cosmetology school next year, while also studying to take my real estate license exam when I turn 18.



Subway

S 10th Ave, Sweet Home,
541- 224-8418

Krista Reed

Krista is the daughter of Jeanette and Nick Reed.
Participated in: Did not list any activities.
Post High School Plans: Attend Linn-Benton Community College to pursue nursing.



Dairy Queen

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541- 367-2622 | dairyqueen.com

Keira Reese

Keira is the daughter of Breanna Davis and Levi Reese.
Participated in: Track, Ski and Ride Club, anatomy, physiology and medical terminology classes. Named to Honor Roll and various academic awards.
Post High School Plans: Work hard at whatever job I get.



Dan's Heating

100 Main St., Sweet Home
541-367-5004

Nikyra Reynolds

Nikyra is the daughter of Nicole Reynolds.
Participated in: Did not list any activities.
Post High School Plans: Continue schooling.



McCool Millworks

1744 Main St, Sweet Home
541-367-2200

Paige Reynolds

Paige is the daughter of David Reynolds and Becky Szuch.
Participated in: Involved in theater and band. Served as stage manager for theater and was named Outstanding Freshman/Sophomore/Junior and Outstanding Section in band.
Post High School Plans: Continue school and become a teacher.



Pacific Power

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Jerry Rice

Jerry is the son of Natasha and Marcus Rice.
Participated in: Metal and wood shop.
Post High School Plans: Work.



D and S Logging

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dslogging.com

Tayden Richards

Tayden is the son of Troy Richards.
Participated in: Fire school, forestry, biology, and English with Ms. McNellis.
Post High School Plans: Join the United States Marine Corps.



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Manuel Rivera

Manuel is the son of Angel Rivera.
Participated in: Track, baseball.
Post High School Plans: Attend trade school to pursue welding.



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Danielle Robertson

Danielle is the daughter of Enoch and Miranda Robertson.
Participated in: Varsity soccer, multiple culinary classes, Advanced English and creative writing classes. Earned varsity letter in soccer.
Post High School Plans: Earn a business degree, then attend trade school to become a tattoo artist and hopefully own my own tattoo shop one day.



Damewood Auto Repair

4444 Hwy 20, Sweet Home
541-556-6933

Luke Rosa

Luke is the son of Joe and Kayla Rosa.
Participated in: Football, wrestling and baseball.
Post High School Plans: Continue education and football career while getting a business and data science degree at Lewis & Clark College.



Sunshine Espresso
1209 Main St A, Sweet Home
541-243-7169

Lynkin Royer

Lynkin is the son of Dustin and Carrie Royer.
Participated in: Metals, forestry, Math for the Trades, and carpentry.
Post High School Plans: Become a lineman.



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1524 Long St, Sweet Home
541-203-6408 | sweethomedental.com

Bridger Royer

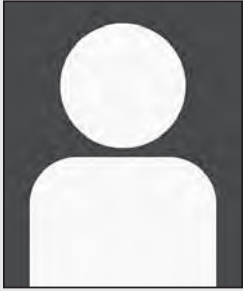
Bridger is the son of Amanda and Chris Royer.
Participated in: Football.
Post High School Plans: Linn-Benton Community College to pursue automotive technology.



East Linn Property Management
1252 Main St, Sweet Home
541-367-7368 | www.eastlinnpropertymanagement.com

Vanessa Russitano

Vanessa is the daughter of Stephanie Russitano and Jasen Roach.
Participated in: Did not list any activities.
Post High School Plans: Did not list plans.



McDonald's
2000 Hwy. 20, Sweet Home
541-367-5516

Madison Sailors

Madison is the daughter of Misty Cunningham and Jesse Sailors.
Participated in: Spirit Weeks, carpentry, basketball, college chemistry and anatomy and physiology. National Honor Society, managed girls basketball team, was on Honor Roll and received several scholarships.
Post High School Plans: Attend college and pursue a master's in nursing.



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Jordan Schmidt-Ensley

Jordan is the son of Veronica MacMahon and grandson of Jeri Anlauf.
Participated in: Choir, engines, and metals. Participated in Unified basketball and kickball, and D and D Club.
Post High School Plans: Join the workforce, possibly attend trade school.



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34777 OR-228, Brownsville
541-466-3939 | advancedmechanicalinc.com

Elisha Scofield

Elisha is the son of Ian and Yari Scofield.
Participated in: Track and Field, soccer.
Post High School Plans: Attend Oregon State University to study electrical and computer engineering.



Rai's Full Service Salon
2250 Ironwood St. Sweet Home
541-405-5320

Faith Scott

Faith is the daughter of Andrew Scott and Alejandra Carpio-Scott.
Participated in: Spirit Weeks, school bonfires, Hoco. Particularly enjoyed classes with Ms. Weist, Ms. Thorstad.
Post High School Plans: Not certain; possibly veterinary medicine or crime scene cleaner, so more school is needed.



The New Era
1313 Main St. Sweet Home
541-367-2135

Conner Shoup

Conner is the son of Trevor Shoup and Tisha Read.
Participated in: Did not list any activities.
Post High School Plans: Become a millwright.



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541-556-6933

Roman Shreves

Roman is the son of Lance Shreves.
Participated in: Ski and Ride Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, track. Science was my favorite class.
Post High School Plans: Compete in free-style skiing.



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Elijah Sierra

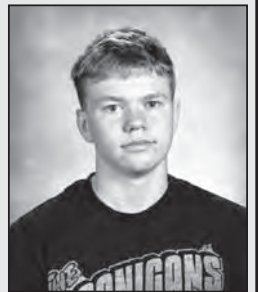
Elijah is the son of Albert Sierra.
Participated in: Metals and manufacturing classes, as well as the agricultural mechanics program.
Post High School Plans: Attend Linn-Benton Community College to pursue welding and fabrication, and diesel mechanics.



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541-409-6600

Hayden Smith

Hayden is the son of Josh and Sarah Smith.
Participated in: Ski and Ride Club.
Post High School Plans: Attend Linn-Benton Community College to pursue welding and fabrication.



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Natalie Smith

Natalie is the daughter of Brent and Bethany Smith.
Participated in: Volleyball, softball, National Honor Society, Spirit Weeks, and Leadership.
Post High School Plans: Attend college to pursue a degree in special education.



Keesecker Insurance
1195 Main St, Sweet Home
541-367-2141 | keeseckerinsurance.com

Miley Smith

Miley is the both Brent and Bethany Smith.
Participated in: Softball, volleyball, May Week, Homecoming Court. Youth group and traveled to Mexico on a missions trip all four years of high school.
Post High School Plans: Attend Linn-Benton Community College online to pursue degree in early childhood education, become an elementary school teacher.



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Shain Sparhawk

Shain is the son of Kelsey Ditlefson and Brad Sparhawk.
Participated in: Did not list any activities.
Post High School Plans: Enter workplace, work to support my daughter.



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Eden Speaks

Eden is the daughter of Sara Struminski and Joe Ruggiero.
Participated in: Did not list any activities.
Post High School Plans: Did not list plans.



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sweethomesanitation.com
541-367-2535

Natalie Spencer

Natalie is the daughter of Adam and Rachel Spencer.
Participated in: Cheerleading.
Post High School Plans: Attend Lane Community College to become a dental hygienist.



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Nickolas Squier

Nickolas is the son of Amanda Herbert and Elizabeth Herbert.
Participated in: Arts and English classes.
Post High School Plans: Pursue story writing, arts, and hopefully create a graphic novel series.



Rice Logging
25530 Rice Rd., Sweet Home
541-367-4896

Trevor Starkey

Trevor is the son of Ralph Starkey Jr and Lori McCann.
Participated in: Trio/Upward Bound.
Post High School Plans: Attend Oregon State University to become an actuary.



Subway
S 10th Ave, Sweet Home,
541- 224-8418

Jeremiah Steagall

Jeremiah is the son of David Steagall, Sue Steagall, Bud Steagall.
Participated in: Wrestling, baseball, football, golf, worship team/Holley Church.
Post High School Plans: Study business administration.



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Lilly Stratman

Lilly is the daughter of Ray and Kari Stratman.
Participated in: My favorite class was Wellness with Mr. Best.
Post High School Plans: Enter the workforce.



Edward Jones, Jeff Canfield
1195 Main St, Sweet Home
541- 367-5156 | edwardjones.com

Daniel Sullivan

Daniel is the son of Macie Sullivan Don sullivan.
Participated in: Soccer.
Post High School Plans: Join the Marines.



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Mackenzie Swanson

Mackenzie is the granddaughter shelia livesay.
Participated in: Theater.
Post High School Plans: Attend cosmetology school to become a barber, go to a trade for construction.



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Eddie Taylor

Eddie is the son of Joy and Justin Taylor.
Participated in: Baseball.
Post High School Plans: Did not list plans.



Melcher Logging
1328 Clark Mill Rd, Sweet Home
541-367-3232

Averi Temple

Averi is the daughter of Lesli and Kyle Temple.
Participated in: Did not list any activities.
Post High School Plans: Did not list plans.



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Trenton Templin

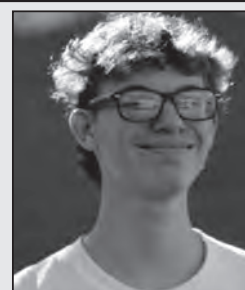
Trenton is the son of Brian and Candace Templin.
Participated in: Football and basketball.
Post High School Plans: Attend Linn-Benton Community College, work.



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Leland Teoli

Leland is the son of Amanda Dawn and Anthony Teoli.
Participated in: Metals, forestry, Wellness, weightlifting and sports and games, which were my favorite experiences.
Post High School Plans: Work for a few months, then move to California to pursue CCMA certification for a career in the medical field.



Wendi Melcher Team Home Smart Realty Group
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Aiden Thomas-Handy

Aiden is the son of PJ and Catherine Thomas.
Participated in: Computer programming.
Post High School Plans: Did not list plans.



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Lukas Thompson

Lukas is the son of Brian Thompson.
Participated in: Track and field.
Post High School Plans: Join the Marine Corps.



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Andrew Tolman

Andrew is the son of Nathan Tolman and Satina Tolman.
Participated in: Swimming, Ski and Ride Club.
Post High School Plans: Attend BYU-I in Idaho to study mechanical engineering.



Edward Jones, Andrea Yoder
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541- 655-3537 | edwardjones.com

Alisyn Totman

Alisyn is the daughter of Trish and Jeremy Totman.
Participated in: Did not list any activities.
Post High School Plans: Did not list plans.



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Chalice Trube-Miller

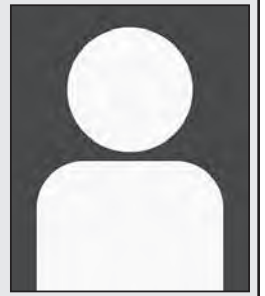
Chalice is the daughter of Laloni Caswell.
Participated in: Wrestling (10th grade). My favorite classes were wildlife, English with Mrs. McNellis, sports and games, and metals.
Post High School Plans: Settle in Idaho, then attend college to study diesel mechanics.



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Natali Tuomi

Natali is the daughter of Gabby and Mat Tuomi.
Participated in: The arts.
Post High School Plans: Work.



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Electra Turner

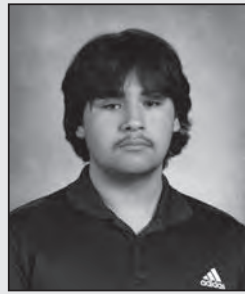
Electra is the daughter of Harold and Kari Turner.
Participated in: Forestry.
Post High School Plans: Attend Linn-Benton Community College to study culinary arts.



Sweet Home Meat Market and Smokehouse
1030 Long St, Sweet Home
541-401-6328

Oscar Valencia

Oscar is the son of Rigoberto Valencia and Gabriela Cruz Rojo.
Participated in: Did not list any activities.
Post High School Plans: Did not list plans.



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1460 47th Ave, Sweet Home
877-615-3002

Addyson Vannice

Addyson is the daughter of Jessie and Stacey Vannice.
Participated in: Varsity softball, basketball, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
Post High School Plans: Attend Linn-Benton Community College, study early childhood education.



Vannice Logging
42475 N River Dr, Sweet Home
541-979-0473

Trinity Victor

Trinity is the daughter of Josh and Jen Victor.
Participated in: Volleyball, softball and Leadership.
Post High School Plans: Continue education at the University of Oregon, pursue degree in cybersecurity and a minor in criminology.



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Isabella Wagner

Isabella is the daughter of Cristina Gutierrez.
Participated in: Golf, volleyball, softball, and Interact Club.
Post High School Plans: Attend Grand Canyon University to pursue nursing degree.



Advanced Mechanical
34777 OR-228, Brownsville
541- 466-3939 | advancedmechanicalinc.com

Frankee Walnum

Frankee is the daughter of Rick Walnum.
Participated in: Did not list any activities.
Post High School Plans: Enter the workforce.



McDonald's
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541-367-5516

Grace Waltenburg

Grace is the daughter of Jackie Weir and Larry Weir.
Participated in: Choir.
Post High School Plans: Continue school.



Pacific Power
1-877-508-5088
pacificpower.net

Walter Warren

Walter is the son of anthony warren.
Participated in: My favorite class was Forestry 3.
Post High School Plans: Attend trade school to become an electrician.



Tamara Shinko
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Mahala Webster

Mahala is the daughter of Cynthia Gourley Webster and Robert Webster.
Participated in: Wrestling and track.
Post High School Plans: Attend Linn-Benton Community College.



Wolthuis Family Dentistry
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Austin Welch

Austin is the son of Jessica Aiello and Justin Welch.
Participated in: Football and forestry.
Post High School Plans: Continue working full-time at O&M Point S Tire and Auto in Sweet Home.



Holley Church
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Braiden Westlund

Braiden is the son of Heather Ahern and Brian Westlund.
Participated in: Most, if not all, CTE classes, Spirit Weeks, and crime scene investigation.
Post High School Plans: Either Air Force or trades.



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Faith Whitton

Faith is the granddaughter of Joleen and Larry Hannen.
Participated in: Did not list any activities.
Post High School Plans: Linn-Benton Community College to become a dental assistant.



Rice Logging
25530 Rice Rd., Sweet Home
541-367-4896

Skylar Wiley

Skylar is the son of Kristie Englerbright and Nick Reeve.
Participated in: Did not list any activities.
Post High School Plans: Did not list plans.



O and M Point S Tire and Auto
4420 Hwy. 20, Sweet Home
541-367-2462

Hunter Woodham

Hunter is the son of Angela Dale and Kevin Williams.
Participated in: Did not list any activities.
Post High School Plans: Chemeketa CC to study computer science.



Sweet Home Senior Center/Linn Shuttle
linnshuttle.com
541-367-4775

Selah Wright

Selah is the daughter of Garrett and Heather Wright.
Participated in: Leadership, SBO, Class board, FFA, track and field, National Honor Society.
Post High School Plans: Attend Corban University, compete in track and field and pursue dual major in agriculture science and kinesiology.



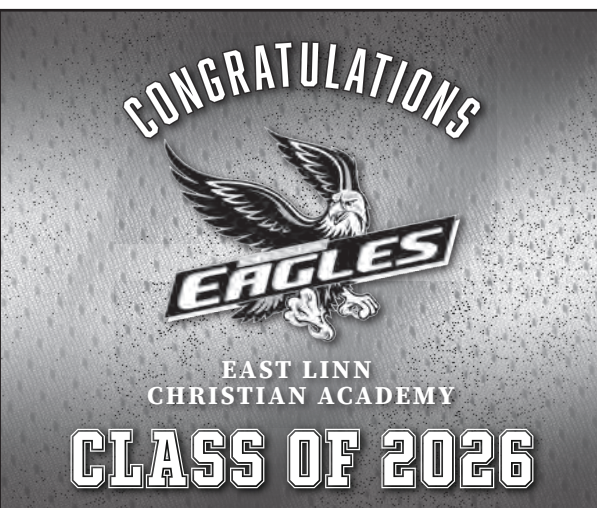
Bucks Sanitary Service
541-342-3905
bucks-sanitary.com

August Yunke

August is the son of Dylan Yunke.
Participated in: Did not list any activities.
Post High School Plans: Trade school.



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Joshua Rehart

Joshua is the son of Victor and Deborah Rehart.
Participated in: Soccer, basketball, track and leading worship.
Post High School Plans: Attend Lane Community College for prerequisites in imaging technology, then move on to Oregon Institute of Technology.



D and S Logging
Sweet Home
dslogging.com

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ity competed in volleyball and softball all four years, and has been involved as student body president, in Upward Bound and in Josai. She also has been a Sunday School teacher at Community Chapel, and was a youth volleyball coach and referee.



Her favorite activities in high school were the Spirit Weeks - "the way everyone got involved."

She plans to attend the University of Oregon to pursue a degree in cybersecurity with a minor in criminology.

Beyond academics, she says high school has taught her "the value of a good work ethic and a positive attitude. Anything is achievable if you stick with it and the process will be a lot more enjoyable if you can find the positives."

Asked if she would do anything differently in high school if she had the chance, Trinity said, "I would get involved in more clubs. We have a lot of cool clubs - Interact, Table Top Gaming, etc. I would have liked to be part of some of those communities."

Salutatorian Cannon Klumph, 18, is the son of Brent Jordan Klumph and the late Mellisa Klumph.

During high school, Cannon has been involved in varsity soccer, Unified basketball, track, Leadership class, National Honor Society, Ski and Ride Club and Interact

Club. He was this year's May Court king. He also has been a life-guard and participated in blood drives.



His favorite activities in high school were "Mr. Rosa's Leadership class and the Unified P.E. class."

Cannon plans to be a wild-land firefighter this summer, then attend college to become a firefighter-EMT.

Beyond academics, he says high school has taught him "how to work hard and push myself to do my best."

Asked if he would do anything differently in high school if he had the chance, he said he would "apply for more scholarships."

Salutatorian Anabelle Morris

18, is the daughter of Joseph Morris of Captain Cook, Hawaii, and Joanna Jas-in of Sweet Home.



During high school, Anabelle competed in soccer, cross-country and softball, and was team manager for basketball.

She was also involved in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, FFA, Interact Club, Desktop Publishing, FNRL, ASB Leadership and Class Board, and National Honor Society.

Her favorite activities in high school were playing soccer and "English with Mrs. McIntyre. Also, Mr. Hart

(metals) was a great teacher and made high school a lot better."

Anabelle plans to attend the University of Hawaii at Manoa to major in marine biology, with a minor in animal science, in hopes of becoming a marine mammal veterinarian.

Beyond academics, she says high school has taught her "not to take anything for granted."

Asked if she would do anything differently in high school if she had the chance, Anabelle said she would "get out there more in my underclassman years with clubs and making friends."

Salutatorian Selah Wright

18, is the daughter of Garrett and Heather Wright of Sweet Home.



During high school, Selah competed in track and field and was a wrestling statistician, and has been involved in FFA, student government, Leadership class, National Honor Society, and Class Board. She also participated in Awana, 4-H, was on the Sportsman's Holiday Court, and was a LC-YLA board member.

Her favorite activities in high school were FFA and track and field.

She plans to attend Corban University, where she will compete in track and double-major in agricultural science and kinesiology.

Beyond academics, she says high school has taught her, "When you think you did enough, do more."

