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SUMMER HOOPS AT SHHS

East Linn Christian's Anderson Kropf, center, puts up a shot as Lebanon's Finn VandenBos defends during an All-County Basketball Tournament held Saturday, June 20, in Sweet Home. The event included teams from nearly every high school in the county. For more photos and more on the event, see page 11.

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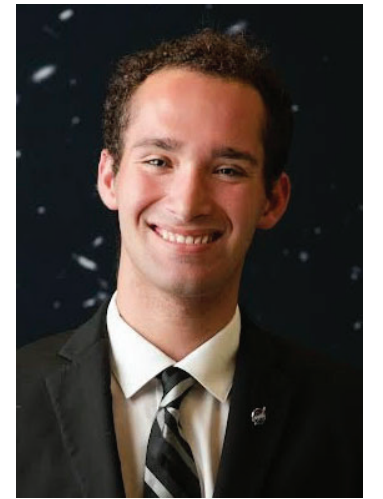
This Week's Top Stories



Future hoopsters learn the game

Sweet Home's girls basketball team held a camp for younger players.

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Meet our new reporter, Brandon Cominsky!

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Shop Hop trip a sticker experience for SH pair

By Janet Eastman
The Oregonian/OregonLive
Suzette and Eric Andersen went on a journey as distinctive as the quilts they create.

They drove a total of 7,000 miles from their home in Sweet Home, weaving across Oregon, Washington and Idaho, visiting fabric, quilting and sewing shops.

They collected passport stamps at 126 stores, traveling to places from Bellingham, near the U.S.-Canada border, to Pocatello, near the western border of Wyoming.

The Andersens are among thousands of people across the country participating in Shop Hops, the nation's largest sewing and quilting retail event that ran April 1 through May 31.

Independent retailers offer special discounts, exclusive merchandise and prizes to customers who visit their

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Scott Salazar, Rose Peda, Mayor Susan Coleman and City Manager Jason Ogden cut a ribbon to celebrate the new mural at the corner of 13th and Long in Sweet Home.

- Photo by Brandon Cominsky

Sweet Home says 'hello' to new mural

By Brandon Cominsky
Of The New Era

A project that was years in the making officially came to life June 17 as community members gathered at the corner of 13th Avenue and Long Street for the ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating Sweet Home's newest downtown mural.

Residents, city officials, and project supporters assembled

beside the former Santiam Feed building to dedicate the colorful "Greetings from Sweet Home, Oregon" mural, a postcard-style artwork designed to capture the community's history, culture, and natural beauty.

Painted by Oregon artists Karen Eland and Katie Daisy, the mural features iconic Sweet Home imagery, including Weddle Bridge, native

flowers, hummingbirds, pollinators, and fish woven into a vibrant design that now serves as a focal point of downtown.

The mural's story began more than three years ago when community leaders started exploring ways to expand public art and celebrate Sweet Home's identity.

According to Mayor Susan

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Obituaries

Emma Flanagan

Feb. 7, 1945 - June 19, 2026

Our beloved mother, Emma Lou Flanagan, passed away on June 19, 2026 surrounded by family and close friends. She was 81 years old.

Emma Lou Rowe was born in Wright City, Okla., on Feb. 7, 1945, to Amos "Leroy" Rowe and Jessie "Mae" Rowe. The family moved to Sweet Home, Oregon in 1946. Emma attended school in Sweet Home and graduated in 1963.

In November of '63 she married Thomas Keith Flanagan. They remained married until the time of her death.

Emma was preceded in death by her parents, Mae and Leroy Rowe, and her sister Joyce McKay. She is survived by husband Tom Flanagan, son Kevin Flanagan, daughters Kelly and Leslie Flanagan, brother Gary Rowe and Donald Rowe. She also leaves behind her cousin, sister and closest friend Glenda Melcher, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Emma began driving school bus for the Sweet Home school district in 1974.

She retired in 2000 after being involved in a rollover bus accident as a passenger collecting data for the transportation administration. The accident left her with a shoulder and back injury which plagued her for the rest of her life.

She genuinely cared for the children she was tasked with transporting and treasured the interaction with them. She often volunteered to drive for out of town sporting events.

Emma was a loving, caring mother to her own children but also became a "second" mother to Kevin, Kelly, and Leslie's friends, a trait she carried through her entire life. The caring was also manifested in a love for animals. Her favorite charity was the Safe Harbor Humane Society. Donations to Safe Harbor, in memory of Emma, would be appreciated in lieu of flowers.

A service for Emma Flanagan will be held at the Harvest Christian Center located on 4231 Long St, Sweet Home, at 1 P.M. followed by graveside services at Gilliland Cemetery on June 30, 2026.



Donna Hemingway

March 31, 1944 - June 12, 2026

Donna Jean Hemingway, 82, of Sweet Home, passed away June 12, 2026.

She was born March 31, 1944, to Lois J.A. (Thompson) and Edward J. Glinski, Sr. in Portland.

Donna served in the Army from 1962 to 1965. She worked at the Roseburg Veterans Affairs as a clerk until moving back to Sweet Home in 1975. She then started working at the Sweet Home Post Office until 2005, when she retired.

Donna enjoyed riding horses and reading books.

She is survived by her sons, Troy Harkins and Edward Gibson, and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Larry Hemingway (2023); sister Cherylle Glinski; brother Edward J. Glinski Jr.; and her parents.

Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements.

Betty James

June 7, 1940 - June 9, 2026

Betty June Wiley James, 86, passed away June 9, 2026, at her home in St. Clair County, Mo.

Betty was born in Wright City, Okla., on June 7, 1940, to Lester and Ruth Brooks Wiley.

She lived her younger years

between Wright City and Sweet Home.

She graduated from Sweet Home High School in 1958, and married Wallace Lee James on Aug. 8, 1958. To this union three children were born: Larry, Sherry and Travis.

Betty was a homemaker most of her life in Sweet Home, until moving to Pleasant Hill, Mo., in 1979, where she began working at A.D. Mohr Greenhouse in Pleasant Hill, until her retirement in 1997. She and her husband then moved to southern St. Clair County, near Osceola, Mo.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lester and Ruth Wiley; and husband, Wallace Lee.

Betty is survived by her three children, Larry (Kim) James of Sweet Home, Sherry James of Sweet Home, and Travis James, Osceola; brother Cecil (Glenda) Wiley of Hermitage, Mo; brothers-in-law Ray (Pat) James of Scio, and Larry Rex James of Pleasant Hill, Mo.; sister-in-law Carol Small of Pleasant Hill; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and friends.

A service was conducted on June 20.

Charles Rice

May 25, 1931- June 13, 2026

Charles Clarence Rice, 95, of Sweet Home, passed away June 13, 2026.

He was born May 25, 1931, in Lebanon to Vale Cleone (Wiley) and Charles Leonard Rice.

He has lived in the Sweet Home area his whole life. Charlie worked in the woods most of his life, running shovel for Willamette Industries for many years.

He enjoyed farming, hunting, fishing and did lots of woodworking making bowls and collectables for others. Charles loved hunting with his hounds and would travel

all around for field trials.

He is survived by his wife, Elsie Rice of Sweet Home; children Carol Krigbaum of Medford, Debbie Rice of Springfield, Cynthia Olsen of Crawfordsville, Karen Morrison of Junction City, Teresa Pankalla of Lebanon, and Sue Phillips of Eugene; siblings Robert "Bob" Rice of Holley, Allen Rice of Lebanon, and LeRoy Rice and Lloyd Rice, both of Sweet Home, Sherry Bergh of Florida, and William Rice of Lebanon; 16 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his sons, D. Lee Rice and C. John Rice; previous wife Betty Rice; brothers Keith Rice and Kenneth Rice; an infant sister; and granddaughter Tammy.

A viewing will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 1, with a funeral service at 11 a.m. at New Life in Christ Fellowship, 1266 44th Ave, Sweet Home.

Final burial will be at Gilliland Cemetery.

Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements.

Death Notices

Earl Brough Herbert, 91, of Sweet Home, passed away June 20, 2026.

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

Karolyn Ann Smith, 94, of Auburn, Wash., passed away June 17, 2026 in Corvallis.

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

Corrections

A June 14 police log item at 10:46 a.m. should have stated that Trenton Michael Anthony Cole was cited for DWS and taken to jail. Due to an error, our report identified a passenger in the vehicle, Cole R. Thompson, as the individual arrested, which was incorrect.

Our June 14 report on improvements to local stream crossings by the South Santiam Watershed should not have stated that watershed personnel used electrofishing to remove the aquatic life in the steam channel where the work was to take place and found 30 cutthroat trout, along with sculpion, a brook lamprey and salamanders. One other species was erroneously listed in our original report. Also, it should have been clarified that funding for the local projects came from an \$8.7 million NOAA Fish Passage Grant awarded to Mary's River Watershed Council, a group of five watershed councils, including North Santiam, South Santiam, Calapooia, Luckiamute and Marys River.



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on the road...



The New Era traveled to Transylvania, Romania with Greg and Tish Morse. Here they are in front of Bran Castle, the mythical home of Dracula.

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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.

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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 21

SWEET HOME POLICE

12:41 a.m. - Caller reported gunshots or fireworks in 900 block Nandina. Officer responded, located evidence of fireworks, but was unable to contact anyone at location.
 12:57 a.m. - Officer was flagged down at Taco Bell, 1502 Main, regarding assault at location. Report taken, but officer did not locate anyone matching the suspect's description. According to SHPD, the victim was sitting in his vehicle which was parked near Taco Bell, when another male kept walking up to the vehicle. The victim said he told the male to stop approaching his vehicle several times. The male swung at the PR through the open window and struck him in the nose with a closed fist, causing bleeding. An officer took statements from the caller and others who were in the parking lot and witnessed the incident. The suspect, described as an adult male with facial hair and wearing purple earmuffs, was last seen walking east towards Safeway. Investigation ongoing.
 5:42 a.m. - Caller from Safeway, 1540 Main, reported female in front of store yelling and waving her arms. Officer responded, trespassed female from location.
 6:05 a.m. - Jory Ryan Davis, 42, arrested by Albany police on SHMC warrant in private indecency case. Cited to appear July 8.
 8:52 a.m. - Caller from Dollar General, 1937 Main, reported theft from store. Officer took report theft III. Approximate value \$30. According to SHPD, the suspect, described only as a male, left without paying with merchandise. The owner of a

vehicle he left in was contacted and said he walked out of the store and asked for a ride a couple of blocks away. She gave him a ride and that was her only involvement. Investigation ongoing.

2:26 p.m. - Katrina Lynn Gray, 42, arrested by Lebanon police on SHMC warrant for FTC in theft case. Cited to appear July 8.

7:01 p.m. - Mica Deann West, 35, arrested by Wasco County Sheriff's Office on SHMC warrant for FTA in DUII case. Cited to appear July 22.

19:01 p.m. - Caller reported individuals burning trash in 1800 block Kalmia. Officer responded to find residents already putting fire out. They were informed of fire ban.

LEBANON POLICE

11:42 a.m. - Shelby Keith Brigham, 59, cited for DWS, DU, fail to register vehicle and LMC warrant for FTA.

2:20 p.m. - Katrina Lynn Gray, 42, cited on LMC warrant for FTA, SHMC warrant for contempt of court, and AMC warrant for FTA - theft II.

2:53 p.m. - Randi Luwayne Pike, 44, cited for DU.

3:57 p.m. - Theft of bike tubes and other items from Walmart. Loss: \$30.

10:49 p.m. - Shania Little Sims, 27, cited for trespass II.

LCSO/OSP SWEET HOME/S. COUNTY

2:44 p.m. - Deputy issued six citations to vehicles parked in boat trailer parking at Calkins Boat Ramp, 44500 block Quartzville.

4:07 p.m. - Mattress and box spring reported dumped on private timber property, 42600 block Marks Ridge.

LCSO/OSP LEBANON

9:34 a.m. - Deputies responded to 39300 block River Dr. for possible domestic disturbance/welfare check. Woman transported to SLCH for possible overdose. No crimes - just heavy drinking and pill use.

11:06 a.m. - Joshua Welch, 36, of Lebanon, cited for DWS, and for warrant, 100 block Alder. Vehicle towed. Report taken.

1:05 p.m. - Caller reported to window broken by object coming from neighbor's residence, 1200 block S. 13th Place. Report taken.

9:14 p.m. - Dispute reported in Waterloo Campground, 31200 1st, Waterloo. Dispute emanated from love triangle. All parties issued exclusions by park rangers and escorted out.

10:01 p.m. - Charles Smith, 59, of Lebanon, cited on misdemeanor warrant for contempt, 31200 block 1st, Waterloo. Report taken.

JUNE 20

SWEET HOME POLICE

2:51 a.m. - Rodrigo Alejandro Cervantes, 33, arrested by Washington County Sheriff's Office on SHMC warrant for FTA in theft case. Cited to appear July 8.

6:44 a.m. - Barking dog reported in area of 7th/Elm. Officer unable to contact owners, but left note.

11:17 a.m. - Heather Mae Kelly, 46, arrested for unauthorized use of motor vehicle, theft

III, trespass II and meth possession. 5400 block Nadina.

1:40 p.m. - Caller from McDonald's, 2000 Main, at location who was not allowed to be there. Officer trespassed male.

LEBANON POLICE

10:50 a.m. - Dustin Andrew Clarneau, 51, cited on LMC warrant for PV - criminal trespass II and LCJC warrant for criminal trespass II.

11:32 a.m. - Holly Ann Smith, 44, cited on LCSO warrant for FTC - contempt of court and LMC warrant for PV - theft III.

11:37 a.m. - Daniell Miles, 39, cited for DWS.

2:01 p.m. - Customer forgot to take \$40 cashback from Walmart's self-checkout, returned to find it gone. Subject who found and took the money was located, returned the cash.

2:29 p.m. - Two-car crash, E Carolina/Park Sts. Andrii Feltsan, 28, cited for failure to maintain lane.

6:50 p.m. - Male urinated in parking lot next to parked car with kids in it near GameTime.

8:07 p.m. - Durrel Monroe Borden, 70, cited for DWS, DU, LMC warrant for FTA, and AMC warrant for contempt of court.

11:46 p.m. - 14-year-old driving wrong way on Park Street and Maple Street. Cited for no valid driving privilege.

LCSO/OSP SWEET HOME/S. COUNTY

1:52 a.m. - LCSO conducted death investigation in 26600 block Rowell Hill. Male, 91, appeared to have succumbed to natural causes. Report taken.

9:49 a.m. - Deputies responded to 800 block 43rd, where individuals have moved onto property prior to decease of previous owner. Occupants claim no eviction notice has been issued. Property is in probate and no owner has yet been established. Occupants keep inviting others to live at location. Generators are being used to pump water, as there is not power at location. Deputies determined this is civil matter for now.

11:09 a.m. - Juveniles reported to be riding dirt bikes on gravel roads in Pioneer Park, 200 block W. Park, Brownsville. Information documented.

12:04 p.m. - Wake board reported stolen in 44900 block Quartzville.

3:30 p.m. - Robert Van Eaton, 41, of Millersburg, cited for boating under the influence of intoxicants after concerned citizen notified LCSO deputies that a "visibly intoxicated

person" had driven a boat away from Sunnyside Park on Foster Lake, 44900 block Quartzville. Lodged at LCJ. Report taken.

9:07 p.m. - Anna House, 42, of Brownsville, cited on LMC warrant, 100 block W. Bishop Way, Brownsville. Report taken.

LCSO/OSP LEBANON

8:27 a.m. - Raymond Binford, 36, of Sweet Home, arrested on warrant, cited for DWS, DU. 31000 block Santiam Hwy. Lodged at LCJ. Vehicle towed. Report taken.

JUNE 19

SWEET HOME POLICE

5:57 a.m. - Caller reported "vicious dogs" in 1200 block 45th attacking cats. Officer located dogs, which were brought to SHPD and did not appear to be chipped. Attempting to locate owners.

11:53 a.m. - Caller reported vehicle parked in 300 block 12th for several days. Referred to code enforcement.

4:10 p.m. - James Stewart Mefford Jr., 70, cited for FTOTCD, 1100 block Long.

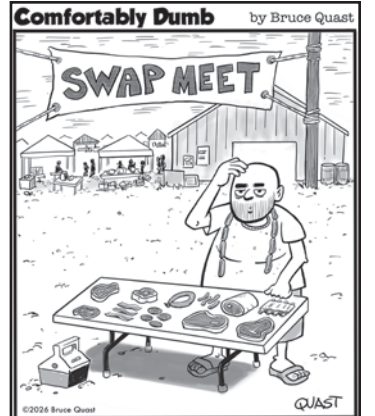
5:18 p.m. - Crash reported on Faster Dam Road. Caller reported following Chevy S10 pickup that was weaving on dam and had brushed railing, then pulled into location in 1400 block 53rd. Officer located vehicle parked. Kenneth George Adair, 58, showed no signs of impairment, according to SHPD, but was cited on LMC warrant for FTA in a criminal citation case, and a LJC warrant for PV in traffic offense case. Cited and released. Railing reported undamaged.

6:30 p.m. - Caller reported male and female had returned to location in 1000 block Vista Lane after being asked not to return. Second caller reported behind prohibited from seeing his sister. Officer responded, parties separated and male and female trespassed.

7:22 p.m. - Caller reported female in 1200 block 4th whom he wanted trespassed. Officer responded, contacted female who was trespassed, gathered her belongings and left.

10:33 p.m. - Caden Jason Scotty King, 28, arrested for DWS, criminal mischief II, and cited for careless driving, DU and operating unsafe vehicle following traffic stop in 1100 block 29th. According to SHPD, an officer was Officer Cripe was on another call in the 3200 block of Main when King drove past in a red 2005 Chevy Silverado. The loud noise drew the officer's attention to the rear driver's side and he

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TEMPERATURES

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
6/17	87	51	0.00
6/18	80	51	0.00
6/19	79	51	0.00
6/20	83	54	0.00
6/21	75	54	0.00
6/21	80	42	0.00
6/22	80	55	0.00

RAIN IN INCHES

Year to date: **10.83**
 6/25/26: **19.24**

FORECAST

DATE	WEATHER	HIGH/LOW
6/25	Cloudy	77/53
6/26	Showers	65/48
6/27	Rain	64/48
6/28	Cloudy	68/48
6/29	Cloudy	72/49
6/30	Cloudy	74/48
7/1	Sunny	77/49

LAKE LEVELS

Foster **639.9**
 Green Peter **960.2**

CROSSWORD KEY

Puzzle on page 17

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SUDOKU KEY

Puzzle on page 17

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Circuit Court

Chance Daniel Barnes, 31, charged June 16 with DUII (intoxicants and/or inhalants) and reckless driving.

Colby Scott Grieve, 24, placed in diversion program after pleading no contest to DUII (liquor) with a .06% BAC.

Darrell Gene Mullenix, 51, charged June 18 with criminal trespass I and theft I. Bail:

\$15,000.

A charge against **MD Moshir Rahman, 32**, of DUII (liquor) was dismissed with prejudice.

Bobby James Rand, 44, sentenced June 16 to seven days jail, five days compensatory service, 24 mos. supervised probation and a \$100 fine after pleading no contest to DV - assault IV.

From our Files



A little horseplay enlivens the action at Truax Service, where CBers held a car wash in 1976 to raise money for a three-wheel tricycle for Cecil Huntley, AKA "Tri-Power," who is crippled by multiple sclerosis.

JUNE 28, 1951

Sweet Home's Mayor Eugene Ellis issued a letter to residents urging cooperation with water restrictions, and the City Council declared an emergency regarding the current drastic threat to the city's water supply. The water plant has been pumping at full capacity for several days, yet the reservoir has run completely dry three times in the last week. Some residents' faucets failed to yield water due to low pressure. The city had issued an irrigation schedule via the newspaper and postcard. Now water users will be informed by loudspeaker and personal contact. Present construction of the city's \$100,000 expanded water treatment plant and reservoir is expected to be done in the fall.

Mosquito spraying was delayed after a pilot spraying for spruce budworm was killed in the line of work. The pilot for mosquito spraying was, thus, employed for a larger

spray area for the budworm and would have to reschedule Sweet Home's mission to rid itself of the blood sucking pest.

JUNE 24, 1976

Foster log trucker Howard Daniels emerged as winner in the semifinals of the Linn-Benton annual log truck driving championship sponsored by the Oregon Log Truckers Association. Rod Wolfer, of Sweet Home, placed second. Daniels will compete in the world competition in Bend.

A&W owner Del Moen asked the state for a cut in the median strip on Hwy. 20 so cars could make a left turn into his business. The state passed the decision to the Sweet Home City Council, in addition to other cut recommendations to benefit other downtown businesses. After debate, the council only allowed shortening the median to allow left turns into Bradley's Phillips 66 service station, 923 Main St. Councilor John Mahler

wanted the entire median strip removed. Last year, a majority of businessmen petitioned to remove the medians but the community, including children, petitioned to keep them.

JUNE 27, 2001

Lori Smith is seeking donations to buy a 21-acre farm to develop a pot-bellied pig sanctuary. She currently has 19 rescued pigs under her care, which violate Sweet Home's city ordinance. She said Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs were extremely popular in the 1980s, but people got bored with them and let them loose. So far she has rehomed 76 pigs.

Dan and Julie Burks are preparing a move to Ukraine with their children, Kyle and McKenzie, thus fulfilling Dan's desire to be a missionary. They want to spread the gospel to Muslims who have been repressed by the Soviet government.

Opinion: IP 28 would harm state

Editor's note: Efforts to get Initiative Petition 28, also known as the "Peace Act, a proposed ballot initiative aimed at the November 2026 ballot that would effectively criminalize hunting, fishing, livestock farming, and commercial meat production in Oregon, continue to gain momentum. Proponents report they have collected 131,200 of the approximately 140,000 signatures generally considered necessary to qualify for the November ballot. They have exceeded the minimum statutory threshold of 117,173 required, but more signatures are required to build a "safety cushion" to accommodate those that are invalid or duplicate or otherwise unacceptable to elections officials. Here is an analysis of the initiative from Oregon's Cascade Policy Institute.

By Vanessa Mayer and Naomi Inman

Hunting, fishing, farming, and ranching have always been a way of life in Oregon — from millennia of Native American stewardship to the more than 35,000 farms and

ranches operating statewide today, according to the 2025 Oregon State Board of Agriculture.

But one radical group of initiative petitioners is now gathering signatures to place IP28 on the November ballot and end that way of life — and all the economic activity it supports — solely in Oregon.

Hunting is permitted in all 50 states. Oregon would be the first to consider criminalizing the killing of animals for sport, food or agriculture.

IP28's three chief petitioners — David Michelson and Sean Rice of Portland, and Isaac Farias of Newberg — have branded their proposal the "PEACE Act." Their measure would criminalize all commercial and recreational hunting, fishing, and ranching by redefining these long-standing practices as "animal cruelty."

The cruelty imposed on 4 million Oregonians — their livelihoods, traditions, and economic stability — appears to be of no concern to this coalition.

What would such a law mean for Oregon's way of life and economy?

According to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon's 34 million acres of public land open for hunting and fishing across all 36 counties would no longer generate revenue from these activities. In 2023, Oregon ranked 22nd per capita for hunting license holders and 11th in the nation for hunting and fishing license tax revenue, bringing in \$55.4 million in 2024.

In 2019, local and visiting recreationists spent roughly \$1.9 billion on related activities, supporting more than 11,000 jobs and providing \$385 million in wages. Passage of IP28 would wipe out this sector and trigger economic devastation with ripple effects across retail, hospitality, and tax revenue.

On the commercial side, Oregon is a highly valued in-

ternational exporter of meat and fish, with commercial fishing profits of \$130 million and livestock export revenue of \$2.1 billion in 2022. Eliminating fishing and hunting would amount to a \$4 billion annual loss in these sectors alone.

At its core, petitions like IP28 operate from a moral-rights philosophy rooted in the belief that killing animals is inherently wrong. Its petitioners are "species egalitarians" who argue that species — animal or human — is morally irrelevant, and that human life is not inherently more valuable than animal life.

This animal-rights abolitionism is emerging elsewhere too, from Colorado's attempted "slaughterhouse ban" to California's coalition to end factory farming and

the sale of pets.

In the real world, thankfully, farming, ranching, fishing and animal husbandry are the foundations of civilizations, economies, and ecosystems. They are the liberties that sustain a free and flourishing society — and like all important freedoms, they must be fought for and defended.

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American Man Honorees

Honorees at the 10th annual Honoring the American Man celebration are, from left, Buck Wylde, Koby Bush, Tyson Patton, Jay Kohl, Tom Cox, Dale Jenkins, Kevin Greene, Steve Adams and Dave Busby. The dinner event was held June 13 at the American Legion Post 133. The 12 honorees also included Michael Blackburn and JJ Jeppsen, who were unable to attend. The evening included the singing of the national anthem and "God Bless the USA" by Praise in 3D, and a presentation of the colors by the Sweet Home VFW Color Guard. Each honoree received comments from family, friends and the community. — Nancy Patton photo

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Reporter swaps moon missions for Main St. stories

Editor's note: The New Era welcomes a new staffer, Brandon Cominsky, who arrived earlier this month to give us some help in covering news. We've asked Brandon to introduce himself, since residents will very likely see him out in the community.

**By Brandon Cominsky
Of the New Era**

When I moved from Miami, Florida, to east Linn County, I traded stories about the moon for stories about Main Street.

The path that led me to The New Era covered thousands of miles and several seemingly different worlds. Over the past five years, I've balanced life as a collegiate swimmer, communications professional, and graduate student while pursuing opportunities that took me from pool decks across the country to the forefront of space exploration.

I grew up in Miami, FL and graduated from Florida Gulf Coast University in May 2024 with two bachelor's degrees, one in communication and one in interdisciplinary studies, before earning two master's degrees, one in communication and one in public relations, from the University of Central Florida in May of this year.

During the summer of 2024, I joined The National

Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) as an audio storytelling intern, contributing to two of the agency's flagship podcasts, including NASA's Curious Universe and Universo Curioso de la NASA, NASA's first Spanish-language podcast.

That role immersed me in one of the world's leading scientific organizations. I worked alongside producers, researchers, and communications professionals, while helping translate complex scientific discoveries into stories that audiences around the world could understand. Along the way, I met astronauts, engineers, and scientists whose work is helping shape the future of space exploration.

Following my internship, I joined Lunar-VISE, known as the Lunar Vulkan Imaging and Spectroscopy Explorer mission, as a communications specialist. The NASA-affiliated payload mission is preparing for a 2028 rover mission to investigate the moon's Gruithuisen Domes. These unusual volcanic formations may yield new insights into lunar history and evolution.

Whether interviewing astronauts, collaborating with researchers or speaking with mission leaders, I've discovered that every breakthrough began with a hu-

man story. That realization has strengthened a passion for journalism that had been developing throughout my academic and professional career. It also led me to rural Oregon.

I'm drawn to local journalism and public-service reporting, and I've joined The New Era to focus on the stories that directly affect people's daily lives.

While national headlines often dominate attention, I believe some of the most meaningful journalism happens in small communities, where decisions made by city councils, school boards and community organizations can shape the future of an entire town.

East Linn County offered an opportunity to tell those stories.

Outside the newsroom, I'm exploring Oregon's mountains, forests and trails. I speak English and Spanish and I'm writing my first novel, scheduled for publication in March 2027.

Throughout my career, I've told stories from NASA laboratories, followed future lunar rover missions and covered discussions inside city council chambers.

No matter the setting, I believe every story worth telling begins with people. In east Linn County, I look forward to telling theirs.



In this 2024 photo, Brandon Cominsky sits at a workstation inside the audio studio at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC), where he produced podcasts, recorded videos, and developed multimedia content for NASA flagship communications projects.

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realized that the operator was driving the pickup with the rear driver's side tire missing, with the vehicle driving on the rim. The officer observed sparks emitting from the wheel. As the officer was attempting to catch up to the vehicle, he noticed road damage to the surface including long gouges. The officer was able to pull the vehicle over on 29th. Vehicle impounded. Both ODOT and Public Works were advised of the road damage. An estimate of damages is pending.

11:55 p.m. - SHPD conducted death investigation in 1100 block 38th following report of cardiac arrest. Report taken.

LEBANON POLICE

3:01 a.m. - Burglary, 1600 block S 2nd St. Two suspects told caller they thought house was vacant. Ammunition stolen. Report taken.

7:40 a.m. - Report taken for assault by juvenile client.

8:33 a.m. - Brooke Kinzer, 24, cited for DWS and cell phone use.

9:14 a.m. - Ann Medlin, 29, cited for DU, cell phone use and switched plates.

10:26 a.m. - Ely Charles Holmes, 38, cited for DWS, fail to use seatbelt, fail to carry proof of insurance, LMC warrant for contempt - DWS, and AMC warrant for contempt of court.

11:23 a.m. - Abby Carpenter, 64, cited for cell phone use.

11:45 a.m. - Zachary Foerstel,

33, cited for cell phone use. 12:02 p.m. - Subject tried breaking into room and vending machine at Shanico Inn. Damage: \$200.

12:17 p.m. - Jonathan Pedersen, 47, cited for cell phone use.

4:04 p.m. - Johnny Walker, 43, cited for DWS.

4:17 p.m. - Wyatt Lynn Alan Vaughan, 23, cited on LCCC warrants for unlawful possession of meth and DUII, AMC warrant for contempt of court, and LMC warrant for FTA - trespass II.

8:49 p.m. - Robert Gene Cox, 46, taken into custody on AMC warrant for FTA - disorderly conduct II.

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11:54 a.m. - Citizen relinquished signal jammer to LCSO, for which deputies issued receipt. 43300 block Ames Creek. Report taken.

1:17 p.m. - Deputy contacted male taking nap on Brownsville Animal Clinic lawn, 100 Washburn. Male departed without incident.

2:21 p.m. - Alyssa Cruz, 19, cited for failure to drive within lane, 40000 block Mountain Home.

2:25 p.m. - Three camper trailers left on CTC property in 23000 block Brush Creek. Littering investigation ongoing. Report taken.

7:23 p.m. - Deputy contacted "suspicious" individual who was informed they were no longer allowed to camp at the

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Declaration reading planned for July 3

Members of the public of all ages are invited to celebrate the nation's 250th birthday with a reading of the Declaration of Independence at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, July 3, on the north steps of the Linn County Courthouse, 300 SW 4th Ave., Albany.

The event, "We Hold These Truths: A Public Reading of

our Founding Document," is sponsored by the Mid-Wilamette Valley Alliance of Braver Angels. Braver Angels is a nationwide group dedicated to political depolarization - helping Americans work across political differences.

The reading is expected to take about 30 minutes.

A similar event will be held at 10 a.m. the same day on the steps of the Corvallis City Hall.

A free public discussion about the Declaration of Independence is planned for 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 9, at the Fireside Room at Linn-Benton Community College in Albany.

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Scott & Miriam Swanson and The New Era Staff

Former CenturyTel building could become apartments

By Sarah Brown
Of The New Era

A developer may be turning a long-vacated building in downtown Lebanon, often referred to as the "old Century-Tel building," into residential space.

The Lebanon Planning Commission held a public hearing for and approved an "adaptive reuse project" for the former brick building adjacent to the SafeHaven Thrift Store during its regular meeting on Wednesday, June 17.

The three-story building, located at 890 S 2nd St., consists of approximately 29,974 square feet and comes with 36 parking spaces. It was built in the 1980s and used as a call center for CenturyTel until the company sold the building in 2018. According to sales records, it appears the building has been unoccupied since 2016 or 2018.

The applicant, Josh Bacher of the Scott Lepman Company, submitted plans to convert the space into an apartment building with 26 one-bedroom units.

It is zoned Central Business Commercial.

Based on Lebanon's development code, Development Services Director Shana Olson elected to refer the application to the Planning Commission for review and decision "due to the significance of the proposed downtown residential conversion and the public interest associated with implementation of recently adopted housing and commercial district regulations."

In her report, Olson brought forth Lebanon's Ordinance No. 3036, which was adopted in 2025 to expand housing opportunities within commercial zoning districts and support implementation of the city's Housing Production Strategy.

Prior to the new ordinance, residential development within portions of the downtown commercial area was generally limited to upper-story residential uses. The amendments removed restrictions requiring residential units to be located exclusively above ground-floor commercial space and expanded opportunities for residential occupancy within



This vacant brick building could become an apartment complex.

commercial districts. The application includes requests for exemptions or waivers concerning system development charges (due to the building already being constructed) and bedroom

window sizes. The current windows in the building only open eight inches, and the applicant requests a waiver to avoid replacing them all with larger windows that would be required for fire and ventila-

tion safety in exchange for alternative fire and ventilation options.

Olson explained these issues will be addressed at a later date during the permitting process.

Pacific Power preparing for active wildfire season

Customers encouraged to prepare for outages related to wildfire prevention

With dry conditions across the Pacific Northwest, Pacific Power is preparing its system to reduce wildfire risk.

A large portion of Oregon has seen a drier than normal rainy season, and the state's governor warned in May that the state is at serious risk for a challenging wildfire season.

Outlooks from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center and

the National Interagency Fire Center support the warning, indicating a warmer and drier than normal summer, paired with increasing drought in many areas.

As part of Pacific Power's ongoing wildfire prevention efforts, the company is taking steps to protect customers and communities. These include enhanced safety settings and protective equipment designed to automatically shut off power when lines come into contact with debris, wildlife or strong winds.

During periods of extreme risk, the company may also temporarily de-energize power lines to reduce the likelihood of ignition or help limit the spread of active fires. These measures may lead to longer or more frequent outages for customers in some high-risk areas.

"We are preparing for an active wildfire season across our service area and taking proactive steps to reduce risk," said Carrie Laird, Pacific Power's vice president of wildfire mitigation and emergency operations. "Work-

ing closely with our public safety and business partners and encouraging customers to prepare now is critical to keeping our communities safe."

Pacific Power monitors weather and wildfire conditions using more than 350 weather stations and advanced tools that track changing conditions and help guide operational decisions across its service territory.

The company's wildfire mitigation efforts have received national recognition. A 2024 Stanford Universi-

ty study found PacifiCorp's programs meet the highest standards in multiple states, reflecting a strong commitment to reducing wildfire risk and strengthening system resilience.

Customers can prepare for potential outages by ensuring their contact information is up to date to receive outage notifications, review backup power options and assemble an emergency kit.

More information is available at PacificPower.net/Wildfire and Oregon.gov/OSFM.

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Boardroom to podium: Pickles and Weber leave legacy at LHS

By Brandon Cominsky
Of The New Era

When Addy Pickles and Cade Weber crossed the stage as members of Lebanon High School's Class of 2026 earlier this month, they left behind more than academic and athletic accomplishments.

They also concluded a year spent representing their classmates in the district's boardroom.

As student representatives to the Lebanon School Board, Pickles and Weber spent their senior year attending monthly school board meetings, sharing updates from LHS and contributing student perspectives to discussions affecting schools across the district.

The pair's role offered both students a look into the decision-making process while also helping ensure student concerns were part of the conversation.



Addy Pickles and Cade Weber, left, stand for a photo with School Board members last October during Lebanon High School's campaign to win a T-Mobile contest that would have provided the district with \$1 million to renovate Heath Stadium. — File Photo

"For readers who may not know, Addy and I sat in with the board, often quietly lis-

tening and taking notes on the points of the meeting," Weber said. "Near the end

of every meeting, we had a portion to report on the goings on at the high school to

the board. We were encouraged by the superintendent and board members to share our thoughts in discussions."

Throughout the year, Pickles and Weber also supported the district's Buddy Program, which pairs LHS leadership students with younger students to build connections and bolster attendance. However, some of the most important conversations the pair were part of centered on issues directly affecting students, including the closure of Heath Stadium.

"A bigger issue we discussed during this past year was the shutdown of Heath Stadium," Pickles said. "It had a major impact on the students at Lebanon High School. Cade and I had many discussions with our peers about how they felt during this time. We brought those

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Commissioners learn about July 3 Declaration reading at courthouse

By Alex Paul
Linn County Communications

Linn County Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Sherry Sprenger and Will Tucker, at their June 16 meeting, learned about plans for a reading of the Declaration of Independence on the north steps of the Linn County Courthouse at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, July 3.

Judi Saam and Joe Esker of the Mid-Willamette Alliance of Braver Angels updated the commissioners on plans for the event.

The event is called "We Hold These Truths: A Public Reading of our Founding Document".

Guest readers will take part in the program, expected to last about 30 minutes. Linn County Commissioner Will Tucker will welcome guests to the event.

A reading will also take place earlier in the day at 10 a.m. on the steps of the Corvallis City Hall.

Saam is co-chair of the Braver Angels Mid-Willamette Valley Alliance, which includes members from Linn and Benton counties.

Braver Angels is a national organization, whose goal, according to a hand-out, is to "bring liberals, conservatives and others together at the grassroots level — not to find centrist compromise, but to find one another as citizens."

Braver Angels sponsors workshops, debates, campus engagement, faith-based partnerships and more.

In addition to the two readings of the Declaration of Independence on July 3, Braver Angels will also host a free public discus-

sion about the Declaration at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 9, at the Fireside Room at Linn-Benton Community College.

In other business the commissioners:

- Learned there were 66 births — 32 girls and 34 boys — and 110 deaths in the county in May. There were two suicides, both males.

- Appointed Chief Financial Officer Jennifer Stanaway as the new Budget Officer, succeeding Michelle Hawkins, who served as Budget Officer for 26 years in addition to serving as the county treasurer. Hawkins plans to retire in October after 31 years with Linn County.

- Reappointed Shannon Pettner, Brandon Fountain and Nathan McIntyre to the Ambulance Service Area Advisory Committee.

- Approved spending funds on the Canal Bridge on Santiam Street in Lebanon to inspect, assess and potentially repair the bridge.

- Approved a salary adjustment from Pay Range 20 to 23 for the Supervising Health Services Addictions Specialist position.

- Approved a First-Time

Youth Wage Grant with Packham Farms, Albany.

- Approved the dissolution of the Linn County Emergency Telephone Agency.

- Approved a custodial services contract for \$68,547 between General Services and American Building Maintenance for custodial services at the 7th Street building and the Wheelhouse building. Approved a custodial services contract for \$99,074.76 with the Willamette Vocational Resource Community for custodial services at the Willamette Health Center north and south buildings and the Mental Health building.

- Approved a personal services contract with MTSL Group of Portland, to provide credentialing services for Linn County Health Services employees who provide services which are billable to insurance providers. The contract is not to exceed \$100,000.

- Approved marking the following health services accounts as uncollectible: Mental Health, \$7,943.09; Alcohol & Drug Treatment Program, \$18,403.57; Public Health, \$1,527.67.

- Approved the transfer of \$126,000 from the General Fund to Property Management, Expo Center and Parks Department, to cover year-end expenses.

- Approved transferring

\$9,000 from Personnel to Materials and Services for the District Attorney's Office.

- Announced that a board meeting would not be held on Tuesday, June 30.

Upcoming City Meetings

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

- Sweet Home Planning Commission:** Thur., July 2, 6:30 p.m., at City Hall, 3225 Main St.
- PIE Charter School Board:** Mon., July 6, 6 p.m., at Sand Ridge Charter School, 100 Sand Ridge Ct., Lebanon.
- Lebanon City Council:** Wed., July 8, 6 p.m., at Lebanon Library, 55 Academy St.
- Lebanon School Board:** Thur., July 9, 6 p.m., at Lebanon Library, 55 Academy St.
- Lebanon Aquatic District:** Mon., July 13, 6 p.m., at Lebanon Pool, 1800 S 5th St.
- Sweet Home School Board:** Mon., July 13, 6:30 p.m., at 1920 Long St.
- Lebanon Fire District:** Tues., July 14, 5:30 p.m., at 1050 W. Oak St.
- Central Linn School Board:** Mon., July 14, 6 p.m., at Conference Room, 239 W 2nd St., Halsey.
- Sweet Home City Council:** Tues., July 14, 6:30 p.m., at City Hall, 3225 Main St.
- Waterloo City Council:** Tues., July 14, 7 p.m., at 31140 1st St.
- Halsey City Council:** Tues., July 14, 7 p.m., at City Hall, 100 Halsey St.
- Lebanon Parks, Trees & Trails:** Wed., July 15, 2 p.m. at Lebanon Library, 55 Academy St.
- Lebanon Planning Commission:** Wed., July 15, 6 p.m. at Lebanon Library, 55 Academy
- Sweet Home Planning Commission:** Thur., July 16, 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 3225 Main St.
- Sodaville City Council:** Thur., July 16, 7 p.m. at City Hall, 30723 Sodaville Road.
- Sweet Home Park & Tree Committee:** Tue., July 21, 4 p.m. at City Hall, 3225 Main St.
- Sweet Home Fire Board:** Tue., July 21, 6:30 p.m., at 1099 Long St.
- Brownsville Fire Board:** Tue., July 21, 6:30 p.m., at 600 E Blakely.
- Sweet Home City Council:** Tue., July 28, 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 3225 Main St.
- Brownsville City Council:** Tue., July 28, 7 p.m., at City Hall, 255 N Main St.

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Open House at Crawfordsville Fire Station



Sweet Home Fire Chief Nick Tyler, left, gives a little love to Marco, an Anatolian shepherd, during a conversation with his owner, longtime Crawfordsville resident Steve Posavatz, right, at an open house, above right, held June 9 at the newly refurbished Crawfordsville Station 23, right. The event, which included a hot dog feed, attracted local residents and many Sweet Home Fire and Ambulance District personnel and alums. The renovations were the result of a seismic retrofit of the Crawfordsville station that began in July 2025 and was completed in December 2025, at a total construction cost of approximately \$616,500. The project was funded through Business Oregon's Seismic Retrofit Grant Program. The project included installation of a new steel movement frame at the front of the structure to improve seismic strength and rigidity, replacement of the existing overhead doors, new exterior finishes, and structural connection upgrades throughout the building. The improvements are expected to significantly enhance the station's ability to withstand a major seismic event and help ensure the facility remains operational, according to Shannon Pettner of SHFAD, who helped organize the project.

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church, Bishop/Washburn, Brownsville.

9:10 p.m. - Crash reported in 25900 block Brownsville Rd., Brownsville. Kenneth Gilfillan, 50, of Brownsville, arrested for DUI, reckless driving. He was cited and released at hospital. Report taken.

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1:23 a.m. - Julianne Phillips, 32, of Albany, cited for DWS, failure to install ignition interlock device, and for AMC and LMC warrants, Hiatt/Berry. 8:21 a.m. - Stephen Scantlin, 53, of Lebanon, cited on warrants, 1500 block E. Grant. Report taken.

11:58 a.m. - Daniel Looper, 52, of Lebanon, cited on warrant, 500 block Cascade. Report taken.

JUNE 18

SWEET HOME POLICE

6:53 a.m. - Caller reported dog barking all night in 3200 block Main. Officer contacted owner who was warned for dog at large, dog as public nuisance.

9:30 a.m. - Caller from Sweet Home Library, 1101 13th, reported that Joshua K. Leslie had exposed himself to staff members. Leslie trespassed from library and parking lot for 90 days.

11:17 a.m. - Caller reported that male was "back" by the city parking lot across from library. Officer responded and reminded male to stay off parking lot, to stay out of bus stop and to clean up his litter.

11:21 a.m. - Caller reported Chevy pickup full of scrap metal parked on street for a week in 1100 block Ironwood. Referred to code enforcement.

11:34 a.m. - Citizen reported finding wallet that fell off vehicle in area of 13th/Main. Placed in property at SHPD.

3:57 p.m. - Caller reported male left bicycle tires and wheels behind Mr. Lucky's Deli, 1207 Long. Officer seized items for safekeeping.

4:02 p.m. - Amber Dawn Barton, 47, cited for DWS, DU.

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JBO Action in Lebanon

Lebanon 2 and Sweet Home Black faced off in Senior National JBO baseball June 16 at Lebanon High School. Above, a Lebanon player dives back to first after a pickoff attempt as Sweet Home's Jackson Sands makes a tag. Above left, Lebanon gets a score as a runner heads for first. Below left, Lebanon's batter dodges an inside pitch.

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Linn County high school basketball teams square off in tournament



Nearly all of Linn County's high schools squared off in a summer tournament hosted by Sweet Home High School Saturday, June 20. The event included both varsity and JV brackets and games were played at both the high school and Sweet Home Junior High. The tournament wasn't low-key in terms of play, but it was more about winning than actual scores, so those were not available. West Albany finished first, followed by South Albany, with Sweet Home third and Lebanon a close fourth. East Linn finished 1-2. Above, Sweet Home's Mason Tyler looks for an alley against South Albany. At upper right, East Linn Christian's Gabe Talleur tries to get a shot off between Lebanon's Finn Vandembos, right, and Joey Squires. See more photos at sweethomenews.com or lebanonlocalnews.com.
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MURAL

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Coleman, members of the city's Arts and Culture Ad Hoc Committee first proposed a mural during the committee's early meetings in 2023. The committee then worked to promote community pride and celebrate Sweet Home's unique identity through public art and cultural projects.

"Our goal in establishing that committee was to encourage community pride because we have a rich history and culture that we can highlight," Coleman said during a recent interview.

The committee spent months developing Sweet Home's first mural policy before inviting artists to submit proposals. After reviewing nine submissions in early 2024, committee members selected Eland and Daisy's design for its ability to capture the beauty and character of Sweet Home.

"When Katie and Karen came back with something that actually incorporated every part of the goal of the committee, they captured the essence of what we were hoping to do," Coleman said.

For Eland, the project was an opportunity to celebrate a community she had long admired.

"Katie and I saw the call for art for Sweet Home, and we just loved the name of your town and knew its lovely setting, having driven many times through it on our way



The finished mural adorns the side of the former feed store at the corner of 13th Avenue and Long Street in Sweet Home. - File Photo

from Central Oregon to the coast," said Eland, who's based in Sisters. "We spent several weeks creating our design to apply for the job and were delighted when we were selected."

The artists researched local landmarks, wildlife, and native plants while developing the design.

"We researched the local flora and fauna and remembered stopping at some of the covered bridges in the area," Eland said. "Since Weddle Bridge is right in town, we thought that would be the best one to include."

Although the mural itself

took just four and a half days to paint, Eland said the project stretched across more than a year due to funding efforts and the wait for favorable weather conditions.

However, a major factor in the project's overall success was the work of the former Arts and Culture Ad Hoc Committee and community volunteers, including former Ad Hoc member Rose Peda, who helped secure grant funding shortly after the artists were selected. Funding ultimately came from the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund, the Sweet Home Community Foundation, and

Pacific Power.

"We wouldn't be doing this without their funding, honestly," Coleman said. "When we have partners like these guys step up and donate to these types of cultural things, it actually makes them happen."

During the ribbon-cutting ceremony, Coleman recognized the many people who helped move the project from concept to completion.

"I want to give a huge amount of thanks to Scott Salazar and his team, because they did contribute to this as well, as well as the Sweet Home Community Foundation, for-

mer Ad Hoc Committee members like Rose, who truly made this possible," Coleman said. "And I'm just really grateful to Katie and Karen that you did amazing, beautiful work. I also want to give thanks to the former committee, as well as Rose, for playing an active role in this project."

City Manager Jason Ogden also thanked the organizations, volunteers, and community partners involved in the grant process and years of planning that led to the mural's completion.

The mural's location along the city's developing Festival Street corridor was intentional. City leaders believe the artwork will help create a welcoming gathering place for future community events while drawing visitors deeper into downtown.

For Eland, however, the mural's greatest success will be measured by the reaction of the people who see it every day.

"We feel very honored to add to Sweet Home's excellent mural collection," she said. "We hope that people feel a boost of community pride and notice the everyday beauty all around them in Sweet Home."

With the snip of ceremonial scissors and applause filling downtown, community leaders, volunteers, grant partners, and artists celebrated the completion of a mural years in the making. This colorful landmark showcases the beauty, history, and spirit of Sweet Home for generations to come.

'Community matters' on Park in Lebanon



Valley Life Church held an open house community potluck on Sunday, June 21, not only to celebrate its 20th anniversary and end-of-VBS block party, but also a grand opening of its newly renovated Community Center. Above, the congregation cycles through the potluck table during its open house, giving them a respite from the sun and a glimpse into the open floor of the new building. At left, a freshly cemented patio area with new picnic tables is filled out with community members who joined the multi-faceted celebration. Associate Pastor Tyler Grove said the building, situated on the corner of E Ash and Park streets, will provide space for the congregation's events and youth classes, as well as community rental space, which fits one of the church's core values, "community matters." The Community Center was once Lebanon's Safeway store built in 1942, and the cement brick church behind it was built in 1911. Valley Life Church was formed in 2006, meeting at Lebanon High School until it was gifted the historical building on E Vine and Park streets by the Lebanon Evangelical Church in 2015. See more photos at lebanonlocalnews.com.

- Photos by Sarah Brown

PUBLIC SAFETY
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12th/Poplar.
5:07 p.m. - Crash reported in area of Long/40th. Vehicle, a 2014 Nissan Altima, was completely in the ditch. Operator Caleb Pelletier, 29, and 3-year-old child, who was in a car seat in the rear, transported by medics to SLCH. According to SHPD, driver may have experienced a "medical event." Vehicle towed.
5:14 p.m. - Caller from 1400 block 47th reported neighbors burning unknown materials over course of several days. Officer responded, educated neighbors on city ordinances. They put fire out.
6:06 p.m. - Jesse Marsh, 64, cited for DWS, 1300 block Main.

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8:56 a.m. - Alfredo Raul Hernandez Villegas, 19, taken into custody for trespassing.
10:29 a.m. - Caller reported neighbor Dennis Stoneman playing electric guitar excessively loud and, when confronted, he stated "keep harassing me, b**ch." His phone's dBA reader indicated decibels at 64-68 dBA. Lebanon ordinance limits to 50-60 dBA. Neighbor doesn't feel safe. Stoneman trespassed from neighbor's property, and neighbor, only identified as Kay,

trespassed from Stoneman property.
10:41 a.m. - Amber Attebery, 39, cited for no seatbelt.
11:07 a.m. - Dolores Contreras-Vasquez, 43, cited for no valid license.
1:11 p.m. - Kasha Carper, 39, cited on LMC warrant for FTA - theft II and Douglas County Circuit Court warrant for FTA - unauthorized use of a vehicle.
1:18 p.m. - Jasmine Bowman, 34, cited for DWS.
1:25 p.m. - Solana Sanchez, 20, cited for cell phone use.
2:07 p.m. - Wallet last seen while at Duffy's. Someone attempted to use a card in his wallet at Oak Street Market. Suspect identified. Report taken.
2:49 p.m. - Victoria Smith taken into custody for theft II and trespass II after taking a cart from Walmart. Report taken.
3:19 p.m. - Suspect, identified only as Arroyo, in earlier wallet case stole items from Oak Street Market. Arroyo trespassed for life from Oak Street Market, Blue Flame/Grampa's Grocery and Chevron South. Report taken.
3:36 p.m. - Josiah Borntrager, 18, cited for no seatbelt.
3:48 p.m. - Tracy Ward, 63, cited for FTOTCD.
4:28 p.m. - Subject offered dabs to female who believed it was laced; drug tests show she tested positive for meth.

5:12 p.m. - Joshua Mark Lott, 37, cited for DWS.
5:36 p.m. - Subject trying to pawn firearm reported as stolen out of Sweet Home. Firearm recovered.
5:55 p.m. - High school student reported being assaulted, kicked and punched eight times.
6:56 p.m. - Complaint about black Dodge Charger honking, air horn.
7:21 p.m. - Complaint about black Dodge Charger with three young boys in the bed. Driver swerving for fun.
7:59 p.m. - Motorcycle driver lost control in gravel, crashed into school's storage building.
11:05 p.m. - Juveniles at McDonald's made mess and urinated on bathroom walls.
LCSO/OSP SWEET HOME/ S. COUNTY
12:19 p.m. - Lisa Child, 39, of Sweet Home, cited for DU, 1200 block 18th.
12:55 p.m. - Amie Ferdani, 46, of Sweet Home, cited for DWS, DU, 44000 block Wiley Creek.
1:04 p.m. - Caller reported estranged family member showed up at work site in 40000 block Crawfordsville Dr., demanding money and threatening violence if not given money. Investigation continuing.
2:22 p.m. - Crash reported in 48300 block Quartzville. According to LCSO, juvenile

female operator was driving when tires veered off blacktop onto gravel and she over-corrected and rolled the vehicle. She and passenger both uninjured. Report taken.
6:34 p.m. - Phone found outside Sweet Home city limits was turned into SHPD, then transferred to LCSO and lodged in found property. Report taken.
7:23 p.m. - Motorcycle crash reported in area of Pleasant Valley/McDowell Creek. By time deputy arrived, motorcycle had been removed and LCSO was unable to contact rider.
LCSO/OSP LEBANON
8:20 a.m. - Lebanon police and LCSO took kids fishing at McDowell Creek Park.
8:23 a.m. - Caller complained about encroaching blackberry bushes from neighbor's property. 100 block Alder.
1:13 p.m. - Caller reported she received three used iPads in the mail that she did not order. 100 block Oak Lane. She wanted advice on how to handle.
1:37 p.m. - Crash reported in 30000 block Fairview. Single vehicle into tree. Operator transported to hospital. Further details not immediately available. Report taken.
1:48 p.m. - Crash reported in 32600 block Berlin. Single vehicle into tree. Operator transported to hospital. Further details not immediately

available.
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3:16 a.m. - Traffic stop at 4950 block Mountain Fir. Amanda Dawn Teoli, 50, arrested on AMC warrant for FTC in contempt of court case. Cited and released. Vehicle operator Alexander Worrell cited for DWS, DU. Cited and released.
7:22 a.m. - Caller from area of 41st/Lily reported car previously reported was still parked at location. Officer posted vehicle for removal.
3:04 p.m. - William E. Brinton, 61, arrested on LMC warrant in criminal citation case, 1530 Tamarack, after caller reported male stole transmission from him. Investigation continuing. Cited and released.
3:42 p.m. - Citizen visited SHPD to report dogs barking in parking lot in 2000 block Main. Officer contacted female, who was warned.
5:50 p.m. - Citizen visited SHPD to report alcohol stolen by juveniles from Hilltop Market, 4824 Main, two days previously. Officer took report for theft III.
6:52 p.m. - Caller reported possible abuse occurring in 1200 block 55th. Officer responded, learned female had been hit with bag of frozen hamburgers. Report taken for disturbance.

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HOP SHOP

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stores during the Shop Hop period.

"Our goal is to keep quilting and sewing stores alive, and to get as many customers through their doors as possible during the two months of the Shop Hop," said Maddie Herlocker of Shop Hop Inc.

The company, based in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, will organize 19 Shop Hops this year, with three more set to start in 2027, Herlocker said. More than 80,000 people have requested information through the company website, she added.

Each of the Shop Hops has a magazine, and Herlocker said more than 9,000 All Pacific Northwest Shop Hop magazines were sold this year.

The \$14 magazine serves as a passport and a yearlong directory of stores in 13 regions in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The magazine also includes travelogue descriptions of coastal drives and mountain passes, and guides readers to shops in big cities and remote small towns.

Among the All Pacific Northwest magazine's 140 pages are instructions for five original patterns, ranging from beginner-friendly to challenging. There are also five bonus patterns online, and every passport holder visiting a participating shop receives a block pattern card.

The patterns, reflecting the different states, were designed specifically for limited-edition fabric lines created for the event by companies like Seattle's In The Beginning Fabrics.

Quilt designer Cheran Bee of Fiddlesticks Quilt Shop in Vancouver, Wash., created a pattern titled "Highland Meadow." The pattern depicts a watercolor painting of Mount Rainier surrounded by meadows and uses fabrics by Riley Blake Designs of Lehi, Utah. The kit sold out.

"I love that our program gets people out of their houses, off of their phones," Herlocker said. "You can't find some of the information in the magazine online, and people need to go to a store to touch and feel the fabric."

Most shop hoppers visit about two to three regions within the three-state area, Herlocker said.

The Andersens were among quilt enthusiasts determined to shop at every participating Pacific Northwest store.

With careful planning



Eric and Suzette Andersen of Sweet Home visited 126 quilt shops between April and May to complete a passport in the All Pacific Northwest Shop Hop. — Oregonian photo

around store hours and distances, they visited 126 shops in 19 non-consecutive days over the entire two-month period, taking breaks in between their trips, but not many.

To succeed, they ate snacks in their car to save time and stayed with family members and at hotels along the way.

"I feel proud that we did it," said Suzette, 65, who retired from the U.S. Coast Guard in 1996. She then taught high school family and consumer sciences, formerly known as home economics, most recently at Sweet Home High School, retiring from her second career four years ago.

Eric, 64, also retired in 1996 from the Coast Guard. The couple have been married 41 years and visited their three grown daughters during their road trip.

Stitching the idea together

Suzette was in Idaho in March, visiting family, when she saw the All Pacific Northwest Shop Hop magazine at Cuppa Tea Quilting in Priest River.

She liked the idea of a road trip to see quilt shops, especially to look for patriotic fabrics.

Her husband was willing to drive her. As she explains, Eric was the perfect travel companion. "My husband likes long car rides, and wandering with no purpose is one of his favorite things to do," she said.

Eric added a purpose to her casual idea. He said, "We're going to do this, and we're

going to do all of it and see things in places we've never been before."

They planned their route based on shop hours, aiming to reach the most distant shops before closing time. There were close calls and some misses.

Sometimes, shoppers not on the same time-driven mission were leisurely checking out. Other times, a long line of people needed to get fabric cut before closing time.

A small shop in north-central Idaho, The Wild Hare Fabric, closed an hour earlier than the couple expected. Eric called and tried to get the owner to join them for dinner and bring a passport sticker and merchandise.

Instead, the couple stayed the night in a hotel and visited the store in the morning.

"I liked that shop so much that we later returned for a second visit," said Suzette, who has been sewing since high school and made her daughters' formals.

Eric gave her a long-arm sewing machine while she was still teaching, but she said she never had enough time to experiment with it. Since retiring, her quilting has become more creative, she said.

"I'm teaching myself how better to use it, and I have made a ton of quilts that I give away," she said.

Eric also creates quilts and produces quilt tools with his 3D printer. He also makes tie-dye shirts, which the couple wore during their Shop Hop adventures.

Sometimes, they wore T-shirts that read "Shop hopping is my therapy."

From coast to border: The Andersens' route

Here are highlights from Suzette and Eric Andersen's journey.

Suzette worked as a substitute teacher for the first week in April, then she and Eric took off for the weekend.

They started close to home in the Salem-Eugene region.

They drove from Sweet Home to Salem and visited six shops, including Will-N-Bee's Quilt and Coffee Shop, on a Friday.

They then drove to the southwest region, zigzagging from Everything Sew Nice in Roseburg south to three quilt shops in Medford and east to Tater Patch Quilts in Merrill, a small city in Klamath County north of the California border.

From there, they drove west, crossing the state to get a sticker at It's Sew Brookings, and drove up the coast for two hours to spend the night in Charleston.

The region across the bottom of Oregon was the hardest one to do, Suzette said.

"We had to go way out to Merrill before the shop closed. Seriously, I would never have gone there, but it was cool."

The next leg was north to Astoria, where the west region was hosting a special Shop Hop event. The pressure was on for the Andersens to move through the crowds, buy an item, get a passport sticker and be on their way. There was little time for miscalculations.

When they arrived at one shop Sunday morning, they stopped the owner as he was driving away. He told the Andersens his wife had forgotten to tell him he was supposed to open the store that day and he was on his way to church.

"Luckily, just then, a car full of ladies showed up, and he opened the doors," recalled Eric.

From there, the couple swept south to Kruusn Quilt Shop in Coos Bay, then sped back up the coast. The next day they visited Patchwork Quilt Oasis in Newport, Sew Little Time Quilting Shop in Tillamook and Center Diamond fabric store in Cannon Beach.

They also continued into the west-central region to see some of the shops in the Portland area like Modern Domestic and Sewlarium.

"We did a lot on that week-

end trip," Eric said.

Suzette said she rushed to find something to buy at each shop, promising herself she'd return when she had more time. At minimum, she purchased bundles of "fat quarters," fabric pieces used for patchwork and scrappy quilting.

Missisa Hanson of Aloha Sewing and Vacuum in Hillsboro said her shop welcomed loyal customers and new faces during the Shop Hop.

"Quilters are a wonderful charitable group of people with so much to offer our community," she said.

After seeing Paisley Duck Quilting and Design across the Columbia River in Kelso, the Andersens boomeranged back to Portland to catch the Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival April 16 at the Portland Expo Center.

Spontaneously, Eric splurged on a 10-needle embroidery machine for the price of a new compact sedan.

"I don't want to know how much we spent," said Suzette, who would later pick up a few cases of her favorite Riesling at the Ste. Chapelle winery west of Boise.

After they finished the coast, they crossed the Columbia River again to reach Vancouver, and then headed southeast to Bend and other shops in the central region. Places were starting to blur. They can't remember if they stayed in Pendleton or another place.

"My dad was getting out of the hospital, and we needed to pick him up and take him home, so we rushed up to Cusick, Wash., shop hopping on the way," Suzette said. "We watched him for two weeks, and did a little bit of shop hopping in different areas that were within range of my mom and dad's house."

Her sister Regina Williams lives next door to their parents, and she jumped into the couple's Toyota Sienna on a quick shop hop trip to the Spokane area.

Finally, on May 15, Suzette and Eric Andersen posed for a photo at Heavenly Quilts & Fabrics Redeemed in Onalaska, Wash., after each received a final sticker, completing their passports.

"I hope the rest of you are successful and have as much fun as we did," Suzette posted on the All Pacific Northwest Shop Hop Facebook page. "Now we are on our way home where we can sleep in our own bed for the first time in over a month."

The Andersens will learn June 30 whether they have won free classes or a quilt shop gift certificate, a Tula Pink quilt kit or other gifts in a livestream of the prize drawings starting at 6 p.m. on YouTube.

They're not committing to next year's event, but Suzette picked up a copy of the All Nevada & Utah Shop Hop magazine and mentioned that they have family in those states.



Final vote counts: Winners stay on top in local races

June 16 marked the date that counties must provide an abstract of votes for the May 19 election, which ends the election.

Vote totals for nearly all candidates rose in the 30 days following the election, but the arrival of mail-in ballots appeared to pad most of the winners' leads.

Here are the final tallies:

Sweet Home's \$40 million school bond measure gained approval from 56.39% of voters, 2,900 to 2,243.

The amendments to the City Charter drew approval from 56.07% of voters, 1,436 to 1,125.

In the race for the 6th District state Senate seat, Jack Tibbetts of the Cottage Grove area finished with a

sizable lead over Jami Cate, of Lebanon. Tibbetts had 51.21% (11,287) to 44.04 for Cate (9,706), with Nicole De Graff of Marcola a distant third (4.43%, 976).

Cate, who did not conduct an aggressive public campaign, won in Linn County (6,669 - 4,416) and in Marion County (354-266), but Tibbetts got the win in Lane County, getting 6,605 votes to 2,683 for Cate, who gave up her District 11 state House seat to run for the Senate.

In the race to replace Cate in the House, Lebanon Mayor Ken Jackola won the Republican primary with 56.80% of the votes (6,782) over Sweet Home Councilwoman Angelita Sanchez

(5,127).

In the statewide race for the Republican nomination to face Democratic Gov. Tina Kotek in November, State Sen. Christine Drazen finished with 40.53% (172,474) of the votes in the Republican primary, ahead of state Rep. Ed Diehl of Stayton (33.01%, 140,458) and former Portland Trailblazer Chris Dudley (16.90%, 71,929). In Linn County, Diehl drew 50.33% of the vote, ahead of Drazen (44.11%) and Dudley (9.49%).

The statewide turnout was 41.14% of the 3,074,993 active registered voters.

In the race for the Republican nomination to face Democratic incumbent Janelle Bynum in November for the 5th District congressio-

nal seat, Deschutes County Commissioner Patti Adair finished ahead of Jonathan Lockwood of Lebanon with 59.61% of the vote. Bynum defeated challenger Zeva Rosenbaum of Salem, who wrote briefly for The New Era in 2024, for the Democratic slot on November's ballot.

Voters resoundingly voted down Measure 120, which would have upheld increases to gas taxes and vehicle fees, to raise money for the cash-strapped Oregon Department of Transportation. Supporting votes numbered 199,946, with 971,011 "no" votes.

The numbers were 83.02% (1,012,663) against the measure, with 16.98% (207,066)

voters in support. Only in Benton (28.16%), Hood River (27.52%) and Multnomah (26.34%) counties did the measure get support from more than 25% of voters.

The passage of the referendum overturns taxes and fees imposed by House Bill 3991, passed by the Legislature in a special session called by Gov. Tina Kotek immediately before Labor Day last year and signed into law by her on Nov. 9. Those included: a 6-cent gas tax increase, an increase to the electrical vehicle surcharge, a pay-by-mile fee program for electric and high-efficiency vehicles, and DMV vehicle registration fee increases.

— Staff Report

Small Woodlands group announces scholarship recipients

By Bonnie Marshall

LCSWA scholarship co-chair

Nearly \$20,000 in educational funding was approved June 4 by the Linn County Small Woodlands Association.

University scholarships relating to forestry were awarded to five Oregon State University students. The scholars will share \$19,000.

Another \$500 was awarded to an environmental education project at Scio High School.

Money for these educational opportunities come from the LCSWA Seedling

Sale — the 32nd annual event will be Feb. 13, 2027.

The two returning scholars are Mason Montigue and Emmaline Westfall. Montigue just completed his AAOT degree (Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer) at Linn-Benton Community College and will be entering Oregon State this fall as a junior, majoring in Forest Restoration and Fire Prevention.

Originally from Sweet Home, he will be working as a wildland firefighter out of La Grande this summer.

Westfall will be starting her junior year at Oregon

State University in natural resources, specializing in ecological restoration. She has landed two summer jobs, one as a research assistant working with a graduate student and one with the Corvallis Parks and Recreation, working as a youth volunteer core leader. She will be leading youths in service projects related to maintaining natural habitat areas around Corvallis.

Three new scholarship recipients have been announced for the 2026-27 school year — Blaise Pindell, Allison Dariano and Camryn

Kolouch.

Pindell, of Philomath, has completed requirements for an associate's degree in forest engineering from Southwestern Oregon Community College and plans to attend OSU this fall, working toward a forestry degree with a specialization in forest management.

Dariano, a junior, is seeking dual degrees at OSU: a natural resources degree with an ecological restoration specialization in the College of Forestry and a sustainability degree through the College of Agricultural Science.

Kolouch will be entering OSU's College of Forestry this fall as a freshman, focusing on forest ecosystems and conservation. Her goal is to become a dendrologist.

The \$500 Scio High School donation will be used for building materials and compost for the school's Environmental Studies program.

Teacher Steven Westbrook attended the June 4 meeting, outlining proposed projects and those already under way.

Raised beds, fencing and a nature walk are in the works. The board approved the donation unanimously.

Trying to help someone in substance use recovery? Here are tips

About 12% of U.S. adults report having had a problem with alcohol or other drugs.

Of those, nearly 74% — about 23.5 million people — say they are in recovery, according to the 2024 National Survey on Drug Use and Health.

This means many of us likely know someone on a recovery journey. While wanting to help is common, knowing how to offer support can feel uncertain.

"Supporting a loved one in recovery doesn't mean having all the right answers," said Darrell Johnson, Adult Treatment supervisor with the Linn County Alcohol and Drug Program. "Sometimes it just helps to know a few thoughtful ways to be there."

Here are five ways you can support someone in substance use recovery:

1. Let them know how you can help

Start by expressing your willingness to help — and be specific and honest about what that support looks like. "Help" can mean many things, from listening to helping with everyday tasks.

Rather than saying, "Let me know if you need anything," try something more concrete, such as, "I can give

you rides on Saturdays, if that would help."

Clients of the Linn County Alcohol and Drug Program report that the following types of support are especially helpful:

- Rides to treatment groups, support meetings, or appointments.
- Sharing information about community resources.
- Occasional childcare.
- Assistance with clothing or grocery needs.

Note: For someone in early recovery, it is better to provide items or services, rather than cash.

2. Stay in contact

Consistent, supportive communication can be reassuring. Talk together about what feels helpful — how often to check in, what day or time works best, and whether they prefer phone calls, texts, emails, or in-person conversations.

This kind of structure provides encouragement without feeling intrusive.

3. Learn about substance use recovery

Educating yourself about recovery can help you better understand the challenges, celebrate progress, and respond with empathy. Reliable resources include the

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) at samhsa.gov, as well as peer-support organizations like Al-Anon and CoDA.

Many treatment programs, including Linn County Alcohol and Drug, offer family sessions with clients and their counselors. These sessions can help loved ones learn more about recovery and how to provide effective support. As one client shared, "For the person in recovery, a family session with a counselor provides the confidence to talk about what support they need."

4. Create a safe, supportive environment

Reducing exposure to substances can remove unnecessary barriers to recovery. This may mean keeping substances and related items out of shared spaces and avoiding substance use around the person.

As one client put it, "Be respectful. Don't do it around the person. Don't have it around the person."

5. Be patient and open to change

Recovery often involves major life changes and may lead someone down a path you didn't expect. Supporting re-

covery can mean letting go of the past and embracing a new, healthier direction. "In order to have a successful recovery, they may need to move or find new, healthier friend groups," one client noted.

Recovery is rarely a straight line. Setbacks can happen and are often part of the process. "People may have periods of time where they struggle," shared another client, "but that doesn't mean recovery isn't working." Patience, understanding, and hope can

make a lasting difference.

The Linn County Alcohol and Drug Program offers free, confidential screenings by phone. To learn more about services, call (541) 967-3819.

If someone is at risk of harming themselves or others, or is unable to care for their basic needs, seek help immediately. Call 911 for medical emergencies, including overdose concerns, or 988 for mental health and crisis support.

LFD, ODF respond to brush fire behind water plant

Lebanon Fire District responded early Saturday afternoon, June 20, to a report of a structure fire in the area 2500 River Drive.

While responding, new dispatch information reported that the fire could possibly be a brush fire, instead of a structure, which turned out to be the case. When firefighters arrived in the area, about 1:44 p.m., they found a small brush fire located behind the city water treatment plant near the railroad tracks and quickly went to work after access was made.

The area is known to shelter some unhoused population, and a small camp was found amid the fire. No injuries were reported, and firefighters cleared approximately one hour later.

Firefighters were assisted on the scene by Lebanon Police Department and an ODF supervisor while Albany Fire Department moved an ambulance into the district to assist in covering additional medical calls.

LFD is reminding the public that open burning is prohibited throughout the county.

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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 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)

NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED MANUFACTURED HOME

One (1) 1996 REDMAN manufactured home with Home ID Number 282448, Section Serial Numbers 11822483ABA and 11822483ABB, located at 31919 N Lake Creek Dr., Space 86, Tangent, Oregon 97389 (the "Home"), is abandoned. The former tenant was Elena Antoinette Sanchez. Sara Jean Sanchez is also identified in the Park's abandonment records as personal representative and/or claimant. Lake Creek MHP, LLC will sell the Home by private sealed-bid sale in AS IS, WHERE IS condition. The landlord is accepting sealed bids. The last date on which bids will be accepted is June 30, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. The person to contact to inspect the Home is Kelly Bynum, 541-971-2868. Inspections are by appointment only. No person may enter the Home or the space without prior authorization. The minimum acceptable bid is \$10,631.94. The minimum acceptable bid represents the Park's estimated unpaid rent and reasonable or actual costs of notice, storage, and sale recoverable under ORS 90.675. The Park reserves the right to bid and, if it is the successful bidder, to offset its bid against amounts recoverable by the Park under ORS 90.675. Any bid amount exceeding the Park's recoverable deductions will be treated as sale proceeds and distributed as required by ORS 90.675. Sealed bids must be delivered no later than June 30, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. to Matthew Shepard, Attorney at Law, 685 Church St. NE, Salem, OR 97301. Bids must be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked "Sealed Bid - 1996 Redman Manufactured Home, Space 86." The successful bidder must pay the full purchase price in collected funds within three (3) business days after notice of acceptance. If the successful

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bidder fails to timely pay, the landlord may accept the next highest qualifying bid or cancel or reschedule the sale. Sale is subject to applicable county tax collector, manufactured-home ownership/title, and MHODS requirements. Sale proceeds will be distributed as required by ORS 90.675. Purchase of the Home does not create a tenancy, storage agreement, or right to occupy the Home or the space. Landlord approval is required before any purchaser may leave the Home in the Park, occupy the Home, enter into a rental agreement, or enter into a storage agreement for the space. For more information, contact Matthew Shepard at 503-385-0121, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (6/17, 6/24)

PURSUANT TO ORS CHAPTER 87

Notice is hereby given that the following vehicle will be sold, for cash to the highest bidder, on 7/9/2026. The sale will be held at 10:00am by INSANE CUSTOMS LLC 45900 W LYONS CITY MILL LYONS, OR 2013 VOLKS GOLF TDI VIN = WVWNM7AJ2DW131802 **Amount due on lien \$6925.00** Reputed owner(s) SCALF, TESHIA LAVONNE OREGON COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION TESHIA WRIGHT (6/24, 7/1)

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE CONTENTS OF STORAGE ARE MISC HOUSEHOLD ITEMS Unit C1 Joe Lawrence Unit B6 Matt Graber Auction ends July 10th, 2026 @10am on www.bid13.com AMES CREEK STORAGE 898 MAIN STREET SWEET HOME, 97386 541-367-4727 www.amescreekstorage.com (6/24, 7/1)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINN Probate Department Case No: 26PB05498

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS
In the Matter of the Estate of STEPHEN GEORGE ALBRICH, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Deborah Lynn Chickering has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them with vouchers attached to the attorney for the Personal Representative at the following address: JBHW, ATTN: Andrew Bridge, PO Box 5, Dallas, Oregon 97338, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorneys for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published on (Newspaper to insert date of first publication) Attorney for the Personal Representative. Andrew Bridge, OSB No. 194937 Jarvis, Bridge, Halttunen & Weyer, LLC

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PO Box 5, Dallas, OR 97338 Telephone: (503) 623-6676 Fax: (503) 714-8727 bridge@jbhwlaw.com (6/24)

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Linn Probate Department

Case No. 26PB04167 In the Matter of the Estate of Marieta Loy Dilley, Deceased.

Notice to Interested Persons Notice is hereby given that Roger B. Dilley has been appointed as the personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the personal representative in care of the personal representative's attorney at P.O. Box 14280, Portland, OR 97293, within four months after the date of publication of this notice, as stated below, or such claims may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and published June 24, 2026. (6/24)

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed and have qualified as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Christopher Charles Rowton, deceased, Linn County Probate No. 26PB05409. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of the publication of this notice, as stated below, to the Co-Personal Representatives at 188 West B Street, Bldg. N, Springfield, Oregon 97477, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this Estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Co-Personal Representatives, or the attorney for the Co-Personal Representatives. Dated and first published: June 24, 2026. Lacey D. Bruce and Whitney N. Bullock, Co-Personal Representatives Alex E. Gavriilidis, Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives Leahy Cox, LLP 188 W. B Street, Bldg. N Springfield, Oregon 97477 (541) 746-9621 (6/24)

Statewide Notices

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Statewide Notices

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LEGACY
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insights to the board to help navigate the best situations for our student body.”

However, for Pickles, the experience was about more than attending meetings.

“The most rewarding part of being a voice for my student peers is helping students feel heard,” Pickles said. “Knowing that I can represent others, advocate for positive change, and help create a more supportive environment makes the role meaningful.”

The pair’s unique role left a lasting impression on Weber as well.

“I have always held leadership and public service in high regard,” Weber said. “But now, having served as a student member of the school board, I’ve seen what goes on at the next level of governance for the district and the difficult conversations and decisions that are necessary to serve the community.”

Their efforts have earned praise from numerous district leaders, even from Lebanon School Board



Addy Pickles and Cade Weber
- Pickles family photo

Chair Nichole Piland.

“Cade and Addy brought tremendous energy, leadership, and school pride to the School Board this year,” Piland said.

Piland also explained that the pair helped encourage student participation in the T-Mobile Friday Night 5G

Lights contest and provided valuable insights into students’ experiences throughout the school year.

Now, both graduates are preparing for their next chapter in higher education.

Pickles graduated as one of LHS’s salutatorians and plans to attend Boise State University, where she will study nursing and participate on the Boise State Spirit Squad.

Weber graduated as one of the school’s valedictorians and will attend the University of Idaho to pursue a degree in civil engineering and will be competing on the school’s club rugby team, and hopes to try out for the university’s track team the following year.

Before leaving the role behind, Weber shared his hope for the students who follow.

“I hope that future student representatives can be even more confident in their position than Addy and I were and continue to voice more of the perspective of the student body for the board to consider,” Weber said.

ODF: Entire state now in fire season

As of June 15, all Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) districts are in fire season. This means that to reduce the risk of human-caused wildfires, fire restrictions may be in place where you live or at a destination you plan to visit or recreate.

“Looking at the current conditions and projections for the summer, ODF is prepared to have another busy fire season,” said Michael Curran, Oregon Department of Forestry’s Fire Protection Division Chief. “Oregonians need to be practicing wildfire prevention and emergency preparedness NOW.”

Now is the time to brush up on your wildfire prevention knowledge. Tips include:

- Know before you go. Campfires may be banned or only allowed in approved campgrounds.
- Make sure your campfire

is cool to the touch before going to sleep or leaving your site. Don’t forget to Drown, Stir, Repeat.

- Forests and fireworks don’t mix. Private use of fireworks is not allowed on forest land, which includes all private lands protected by ODF and all other state and federal forest lands in Oregon. Remember to check any additional city and county firework restrictions as well.

- Backyard debris burning either requires a burn permit during fire season or is prohibited altogether. If you burned earlier this spring, go back and check on your debris burn site to make sure nothing reignites due to the heat.

- Don’t flick a cigarette onto the ground. It may be just enough to start a fire.
- Don’t park or idle over dried grass.

- Don’t drag tow chains.
- Check local restrictions and fire danger levels.

“Prevention is our No. 1 tool to reduce property loss, firefighting costs, and risk to the lives of our firefighters. We can’t prevent lightning fires, but we can prevent human-caused fires,” Curran said.

ODF protects over 16 million acres of private, county, state, and federal land in Oregon from wildfire. Fire season is declared at the local level when conditions reach a point where the risk of a fire starting and spreading becomes clear. This year, the Central Oregon district was the first to declare on May 8, and the Northwest Oregon Area was the last to declare on June 15.

For more information on how you can help prevent wildfires, visit keeporegon-green.org.

SH man arrested after being located by K9

A Sweet Home man was apprehended by a police dog after a foot pursuit in the Crawfordville area Wednesday night, June 17.

Sheriff Michelle Duncan said deputies arrested David Fox, 57, of Sweet Home, after he fled when deputies approached his location in the area of the 25000 block of Brush Creek Road prior to 9 p.m.

Duncan said deputies had set up surveillance after receiving a tip that Fox, who was wanted in connection with a parole violation, was in the area.

As deputies began to close in on Fox and his vehicle, Fox

ran from the location, Duncan said, Deputies lost sight of Fox and surrounded the area as drones were deployed.

Several deputies and K9 Juice also engaged in the search and containment of where Fox could run, preventing Fox from going far. With the help from K9 Juice, Fox was located hiding submerged in a nearby creek where he was taken into custody.

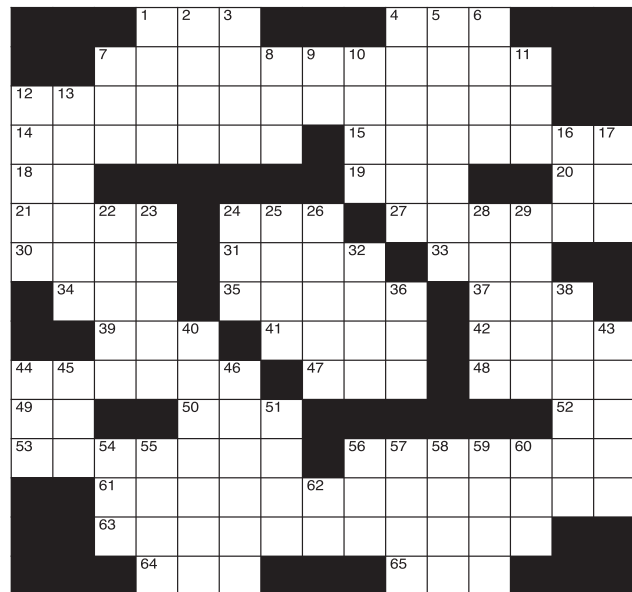
After Fox was taken into custody, deputies were granted a search warrant to search the vehicle associated with Fox for firearms. During the search deputies located three firearms, two of which

were confirmed stolen from neighboring counties, multiple knives, multiple calibers of ammunition, suspected fentanyl, suspected LSD and other drug paraphernalia, Duncan said.

Fox sustained minor injuries to his upper torso because of a dog bite from K9 Juice and was evaluated by Sweet Home medics at the scene.

He was then transported to the Linn County Jail where he was booked on the outstanding parole warrant, felon in possession of a firearm, escape III, unlawful possession of fentanyl and unlawful possession of LSD.

CROSSWORD



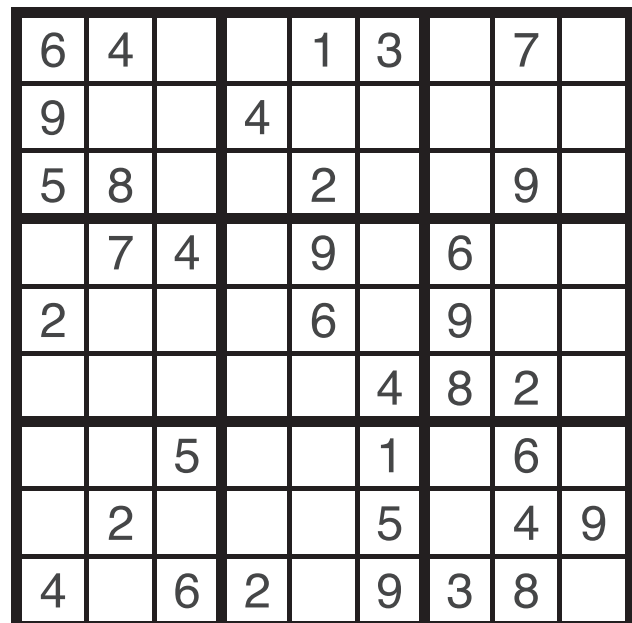
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Formed by burning tobacco
- 4. Luxury automaker
- 7. Religious residences
- 12. Crusaders
- 14. Puzzled
- 15. In a curt way
- 18. Selling tool
- 19. Solid material
- 20. Gold
- 21. Thick piece of something
- 24. Pouch
- 27. “Wonder Years” actor Fred
- 30. Strong and healthy
- 31. Waste matter
- 33. Apply lightly
- 34. Type of squad
- 35. Secret political faction
- 37. Mock
- 39. Immoral act
- 41. Early Syrian kingdom
- 42. Neutralizes alkalis
- 44. Loud, confused noise
- 47. Sweet potato
- 48. Yemen’s largest city
- 49. Farm state
- 50. Bird’s beak
- 52. Measures distance
- 53. Pacify
- 56. Spanish noble
- 61. Lodging supplied for public convenience
- 63. Womanized
- 64. Not divisible by two
- 65. Monetary unit

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Used in perfumery
- 2. Arabic man’s name
- 3. Assess
- 4. Prickly plants
- 5. Falsely assess
- 6. “__ the whistle”
- 7. Mama
- 8. Rocker __ Vicious
- 9. Toward
- 10. Prefix meaning within
- 11. Midway between south and southeast
- 12. Cause to be embarrassed
- 13. Pandemonium
- 16. Fall behind
- 17. Cantonese
- 22. Shad
- 23. A way to make dark
- 24. Specialized systems consultant
- 25. Wings
- 26. Taxi driver
- 28. Linear units
- 29. Large Philippine plant
- 32. Celebration
- 36. Fugitives are on this
- 38. Chinese tree
- 40. Not sour
- 43. “Bourne” actor Matt
- 44. Former OSS
- 45. Runners run this
- 46. Offered again
- 51. Sanctuary
- 54. Food suitable for babies
- 55. Caused by a reflection of sound
- 56. Mortar trough
- 57. Days in mid-month
- 58. Exhibit the courage to do
- 59. Disk of the sun in Egyptian mythology
- 60. Protects from weather
- 62. Manganese

SUDOKU



Level: Beginner

Caleb Gay takes helm as Sodaville's new mayor

By Sarah Brown
Of The New Era

Sodaville Mayor Brian Lewis formally resigned during the City Council's meeting on Thursday, June 19, marking his last day in office.

Reading from a prepared statement, Lewis expressed his gratitude "for the opportunity to work alongside the city council, staff and residents," and wished the city continued success.

Lewis was essentially forced to resign because he is moving to Lebanon and, according to Sodaville's charter, will not be eligible to serve on the council.

"Even though I'm not gonna be the mayor anymore, I'm still gonna be involved - because I've been doing it for so long - as a liaison to try to get the water problem solved in Sodaville," he said.

City Administrator/Recorder Molly McGuire asked if anyone on the council would be interested in taking over the mayor seat for the rest of the term, which ends on December 31 of this year.

Councilor Caleb Gay expressed interest, and the council approved a motion to appoint him as mayor. To fill Gay's now-vacant seat,



City Administrator/Recorder Molly McGuire, at left, swears-in Caleb Gay, right, as mayor.

- Photo by Sarah Brown

McGuire said they will reach out to the remaining write-in candidate for councilor from the November 2024 election to see if they would be interested in the position. If not, the city will accept applications and choose from the

pool. The term for that seat ends December 2028.

In November 2026, the mayor's seat, as well as two councilor seats, will be open for elections.

Water updates

Public Works Director J

D Burns told the council he had to ask Lebanon Fire District to halt its work at Fisher and Maple streets this week. The crew, he said, were flushing hydrants and registering hydrant pressures for state insurance requirements.

"I told them 'We can't have you do it right now. We're hurtin' for water,'" Burns said.

It was determined they could return in March or April, when the city has more water in its reserves.

Burns reported wells are no longer keeping up with demand, but "we knew that was coming."

Water use in the city is currently averaging about 23,000 gallons a day, whereas last year at this time it was 15,000, he said. The good news is that there is a little more water in the reservoir this year than last year.

Burns reported water loss last month was a little high at 19%. He will be running a leak detection test with OAWU.

In other business:

- Burns reported the city's weed eater was stolen from the park.

- A resident offered to buy a sprayer for his tractor, to be hired by the city to mix and spray for road dust control. Burns believes it could cost up to \$5,000 for 200 gallons of mixture.

- McGuire reported estimates for the Well 6 project are being generated.

PUBLIC SAFETY From page 13

7:28 p.m. - Chris Lorraine Reigstad, 49, arrested for

criminal driving (revoked driver's license), SHMC warrant in criminal driving case, LMC warrant for FTA in criminal citation case, AMC warrant for

contempt of court, and LCJC warrant for criminal driving, 1980 Main. Cited and released. 8:36 p.m. - Jade Amasa Waldon, 26, arrested on SHMC

warrant in theft case, Jackson County Circuit Court warrants for FTA in DWS and DUII cases. 1200 block 38th. Lodged at LCJ.

10:10 p.m. - Caller reported finding knife in SHPD parking lot on June 13. Officer placed item in property.

LEBANON POLICE

12:03 a.m. - Deborah Lynn Vicrey, 70, cited on LCCC and Benton County Circuit Court warrants.

12:14 p.m. - Joshua Matthew Shoat, 56, cited on LMC warrant for FTA and LCCC warrant for FTA - possession of cocaine.

1:44 p.m. - Ceramic gnome thrown at door, signs damaged and other mischief, 1900 block S 2nd St. Probable cause found for juvenile suspect for criminal mischief II x2, criminal mischief III and criminal trespassing.

3:04 p.m. - Whitney Reen Montgomery, 39, cited on LMC warrant for PV.

3:43 p.m. - Cipriano Parra Rodriguez, 38, cited on LMC warrant for PV.

6:13 p.m. - Theft of tool box, fishing supplies and other items from unlocked car, 800 block S Main St. Loss: \$500.

LCSO/OSP SWEET HOME/ S. COUNTY

2:34 p.m. - Kyle Richards, 33, of Sweet Home, arrested on outstanding warrant following minor, non-reportable crash in 27600 block Fern Ridge. Report taken.

5:55 p.m. - David Clinton Fox, 57, of Sweet Home, arrested on federal warrant, felon in possession of firearm and possession of controlled

substance, 25100 block Brush Creek. Lodged at LCJ. Report taken.

9:03 p.m. - OSP responded to disturbance, because LCSO was involved in another matter (see above). Carter Launa, 19, of Brownsville, arrested for assault IV, disorderly conduct II. Lodged at LCJ.

LCSO/OSP LEBANON

7:04 a.m. - Wounded deer reported in 37400 block Sodaville Cutoff. Deputy dispatched it.

10:34 a.m. - Caller reported potential fraud that occurred between 2004 and 2007. Investigation ongoing. 34000 block East Lacombe.

1:47 p.m. - LCSO responded to suicidal female suffering from mental health crisis. She was voluntarily transported to hospital. 30500 block Ty Valley.

2:41 p.m. - Caller reported someone tried to break into storage unit at Storage Depot, 36600 block Hwy. 34. Report taken for criminal mischief.

6:48 p.m. - Anthony Vestal, 49, of Sweet Home, cited on LMC warrant, 39600 block Lacombe. Report taken.


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SWEET HOME POLICE

4:46 a.m. - Daniel Joseph Maurice, 60, arrested by Salem police on SHMC warrant for FTA in criminal driving case. Cited to appear July 8.

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

BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION



PUBLIC NOTICE:

"Jordan Valley" land acquisition to benefit wildlife in Oregon

The Bonneville Power Administration is reimbursing the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde for the purchase of a 336-acre property in Linn County, Oregon called the "Jordan Valley" conservation property. When the transaction is complete, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde will own and manage the property for conservation purposes and the United States, through BPA, will hold a conservation easement to ensure the habitat on the property is protected and conserved in perpetuity. Protecting this land will benefit migrating and resident wildlife.

BPA funds property acquisitions such as these to mitigate for the effects of the Federal Columbia River Power System on fish and wildlife.

A map and fact sheet were mailed to local area landowners.

For more information, contact BPA project manager, Matthew Schwartz at 503-347-8653 or email mdschwartz@bpa.gov. You can also call BPA Communications toll-free at 800-622-4625. Please refer to the "Jordan Valley" conservation easement.

Farmers help LFD extinguish field fire on KGAL Road

Lebanon Fire District responded to a two-acre grass fire in the early evening of June 15.

Firefighters were dispatched to reports of a small natural cover fire in the 35900 block of KGAL Road at 5:03 p.m. While en route to the fire, the battalion chief witnessed a large smoke column and immediately upgraded the incident to a first alarm for additional manpower and fire apparatus.

On his arrival, he found a fast-moving fire in a wind-rowed field being driven by steady winds, pushing the fire toward the roadway and multiple pieces of farming equipment. The first due engine arrived and was assigned to exposure protection of the equipment, while the next engine began attacking the blaze at its head, stopping it from crossing the road and potentially starting another fire in a different field.

While additional units arrived, multiple area farmers arrived with water trucks and began assisting in extinguishing the fire. The fire was brought under control in about twenty minutes with some units staying on the scene to continue to mop



Lebanon firefighters work at the scene of a grass fire that burned two acres on June 15. - LFD photo

up the area. During the fire, multiple calls for service continued, which included a cardiac arrest, fire alarm activation and a second fire at the south end of town that involved a motorhome. One engine from the KGAL inci-

dent was released to respond to the motorhome fire which stretched the district's resources more.

LFD would like to remind all that fire season is here and all open burning is prohibited.



Scene in Stitches

A "Garden Vignettes Textile" class used Lebanon's Japanese healing garden as inspiration for a creative moment in time using fabric layering and embroidery stitching to create artistic expressions on cloth. Above, Jenny Gapp, of Portland, stitches a blue strip of fabric as part of her koi pond design. Many of those who attended the class came from out of town, from places such as Scio, Salem and Portland. The class was one of many opportunities hosted by the Lebanon Community Hospital Foundation inviting people to enjoy and find inspiration from the hospital's healing gardens. See more at sweethomenews.com or lebanonlocalnews.com.

- Photo by Sarah Brown



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Future Huskies develop their court skills at basketball camp



Sweet Home's girls basketball team held its Little Huskies basketball camp last week. Here, obviously on Dressup Day, are participants in the event, which included sessions for elementary school players, shown here, and junior high-aged girls. Below, high school players Mailey Brewer, left, and Brooke Elder, center, teach skills to the campers.

Photos by Brandon Cominsky



The *Icebox* Performer Of The Week



Becca is not only a hard worker, but she does an incredible job in everything she takes on. She makes sure our customers are taken care of, she's always willing to step in where there's a need, and she holds herself to a high standard in everything she does.

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