

# Distinguished Service Awards highlight those who impact the community

By Sarah Brown  
*Lebanon Local*

Last year's Man of the Year, Chris Breshears, best summed up the reason for the annual Lebanon Chamber of Commerce's Distinguished Service Awards by describing its recipients as strands that hold the fabric of the community together.

During the DSA held on Feb. 23, Breshears first highlighted former DSA winners and nominees, reminding the community the impact they all make in the city and in the lives of many.

"Your contribution has left an incredible mark on our community, inspiring others to follow in your footsteps and make a difference," he said.

Randy Dobson was selected as this year's Man of the Year, becoming also the first recipient of what Breshears hopes will be a new tradition at the DSAs: the donning of a glittering



Photo by Sarah Brown

KJ Ullfers, of Crossroads Community, and Jolene Watson, of Umpqua Bank, pose with an oversized donation check for the bank's Non-Profit of the Year award.

golden jacket.

"Within the fabric of our community, there are strands of service, dedica-

tion and compassion, and in this individual we honor tonight, we find all these strands woven together to

create a profound impact in selflessness of service," Breshears said of Dobson.

See DSA, Page 8

# Pediatrician Kosmala begins new job, shares what happened

By Sarah Brown  
*Lebanon Local*

Three months after Samaritan Health Services removed Dr. Dana Kosmala from its Lebanon operations, the pediatrician is now established at a private practice in Albany.

On Dec. 7 last year, an estimated 200 parents, children and supporters rallied in front of her former office to show support for their favorite doctor, who at the time had been serving about 2,500 patients.

At the time, neither Samaritan nor Kosmala expressly said why the health provider let her go, but more details have emerged since they parted ways near the close of the year. Kosmala had worked for Samaritan for more than 22 years when she was let go. She said she had one of the largest patient panels (largest number of patients she was responsible for) of all the 20-plus pediatricians within Samaritan.

Kosmala earned her medical degree at Western Uni-



Photo by Sarah Brown

Greg and Dana Kosmala stand for a photo during the Lebanon Chamber Distinguished Service Awards Gala, where Dana was honored as Woman of the Year.

versity of Health Sciences in Pomona, Calif., and completed her residency in 1998. She got board-certified in internal medicine and pediatrics. After serving a stint as chief resident at Loma Linda University Medical Center, followed by two years working with San

Bernardino County outpatient pediatrics, Kosmala accepted a job at Samaritan Health Services and moved to Lebanon in 2001.

Kosmala said it never crossed her mind to become a doctor until her high school boyfriend made the suggestion, and she

credits her faith in Christ for essentially putting her on that path.

"It wasn't like my childhood dream or anything," she said. "It's just what God wanted me to do and it worked out well."

Kosmala now works Mondays and Tuesdays at Willamette Valley Pediatrics, 1123 Hill St. SE, Suite B, in Albany, alongside her long-time medical assistant (MA) Rhonda Marshall.

As a matter of policy, Samaritan will not share details about what leads to an employee's parting of ways. According to Kosmala, Samaritan Health Services President and CEO Doug Boysen told her she was let go for accessing patient charts inappropriately, but Kosmala responded to him she believes she was fired for her stance on transgenderism.

"He said, 'We would never fire you for that,' and I said, 'Well, that is not what the law-

See Kosmala, Page 9

## INSIDE



**CHAMBER REQUESTS TOURISM FUNDS**  
PAGE 5



**SENIOR CENTER INCREASES PROGRAMS**  
PAGE 6



**LFD STAFF MOVE INTO NEW FIRE STATION**  
PAGE 15

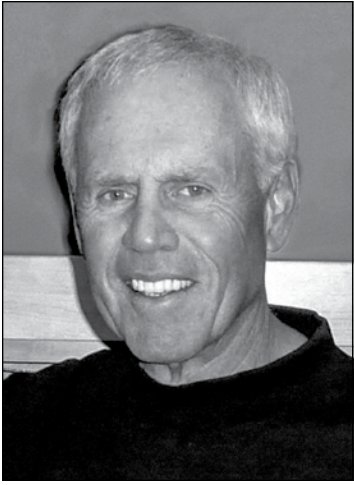


**FAIR HIGHLIGHTS LOCAL AUTHORS**  
PAGE 16





## OBITUARIES



### Gary W. Jones, O.D.

July 1, 1941 - February 12, 2024

Gary Wayne Jones, 82, passed away on February 12, 2024, at their winter home in Surprise, AZ surrounded by his wife, Shirley, and their three children, Jeff, Jamie, and Matt. He had been in declining health for the past five years but fought bravely to get better.

Gary was born July 1, 1941, in Sweet Home to K. Wayne

and Clea (Wilson) Jones. He was the younger of their two kids and a joy to the family.

Gary grew up in Sweet Home and loved his small hometown and the friends made during those years. Always known as a natural athlete with an immense work ethic, his school years were filled with many accolades, awards and accomplishments. In his senior year, he was student body president. He excelled in high school basketball and baseball.

In 1957, his Sweet Home baseball team upset their opponents to win the American Legion Junior State Championship. Gary went on to play college baseball.

On September 12, 1964, Gary married his Sportsman's Holiday Queen, Shirley Richards. This coming September would have marked 60 years of marriage. Gary was the first in his family to attend and graduate from college.

He graduated with his doctorate from Pacific University

School of Optometry in 1967 and the couple welcomed their first son Jeffrey (who would later follow in his dad's footsteps as an optometrist).

The job market was tough in Oregon and Gary soon found work in Edmonton, Alberta, so they loaded up their Volkswagen and headed north.

Soon after getting settled in Canada, the homesickness set in and the couple returned to Oregon where Gary set up a private optometry practice in Lebanon. Their second child, Jamie, was born in 1970 and five years later Matt snuck into the family.

Gary devoted 35 years in Lebanon building a successful business and being an active and involved family man. He found joy in coaching and was a mentor to many in the community. He loved teaching and watching his kids and grandkids in their many sports.

Gary retired in 2003, and he and Shirley moved to Red-

mond to be closer to their kids and grandkids in Central Oregon. Within a few years they purchased a second home in Surprise, AZ in the same neighborhood as their closest Sweet Home High School friends where they would winter and feel like kids on Spring Break for six months out of the year.

Gary enjoyed long walks, playing golf and tennis, keeping an immaculate yard and raising tomatoes and zucchini. For 13 years in Lebanon, Gary and Shirley hosted their annual Jones Cup tennis tournament with their friends. He was a loyal fan of the Seattle Mariners baseball team.

Gary will always be remembered for his devotion to family, his big smile, athletic ability and leadership. His kind heart and sincere personality made it easy to build lifelong relationships with many. Gary took special pride in his large and growing family, including grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He

leaves behind a legacy of love and cherished memories. He will be deeply missed by family and all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Gary is survived by his wife, Shirley Jones, children and spouses: Jeff and Susie Jones of Bend, Jamie and Brad Mangan of Klamath Falls, and Matt and Jessica Jones of Redmond. His nine grandchildren and spouses: Tyler and Jessica Jones, Andy Jones, Alex and Kelsey Mangan, Jacob and Jesse Mangan, Ellie Mangan, Skyler Jones, Tanner Jones, Tori Jones and Kelsi Jones. His great-granddaughters: Paisley Mangan and soon to be born Marley Mangan.

Gary is preceded in death by his parents, K. Wayne and Clea Jones and sister Sandra Van Epps.

A celebration of Gary's life will be on May 25, at 1:00 at Pineway Golf Course in Lebanon. Please join us to share memories of this special man.

## LOCAL EVENTS

### Growing Gardeners series

The Linn County Master Gardener Association and Lebanon Public Library offer the following series of gardening education events on Thursdays at the library's community room, 55 Academy St.

March 7, from 1:30-2:30 p.m.: Dry Gardening, with Darren Morgan

March 14, from 1:30-2:30 p.m.: Artificial Intelligence & Plant ID Apps, with Leo Sherry

March 21, from 1:30-2:30 p.m.: Eco Therapy, with Susannah Prenouveau

For more information call the library at 541.258.4926 or email libraryinfo@ci.lebanon.or.us.

### South Shore Trail hike

Build Lebanon Trails invites the community to walk around the South Shore Cheadle Lake Trail from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, March 9.

The walk will highlight recently completed trail sec-

tions, as well as major trail and park improvements planned for construction this year, including South Shore Trail, including the extension of the existing trail system. Participants are asked to arrive at the South Shore parking lot, 37954 Weirich Drive, 10 minutes early. Listening devices will be passed out so participants can hear the speaker providing details about BLT, trail development and more.

It is an estimated two- to four-mile walk lasting one to two hours with moderate difficulty.

The surface type varies, including hard and soft-surfaced areas. There are parts of this walk that are not wheelchair accessible, and cross dirt and grass fields. Dogs on leash are welcome but may not be allowed inside structures.

For more information, visit BuildLebanonTrails.com.

See Local Events, Page 4

## DEATH NOTICES

*\*\*Info. from Legacy.com, Huston Jost, Weddle, Sweet Home Funeral, Aasum-Dufour Funeral Home, & Fisher Funeral\*\**

**Dean E. Gerig** - 89, of Lebanon, died February 15, 2024. AAsum-Dufour Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

**Freda Betty Hoefler** - 98, of Lebanon, died February 3, 2024. Weddle Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

**Richard Lee Nofzinger** - 74, of Lebanon, died February 16, 2024. Huston-Jost Funeral Home is handling

arrangements.

**Dorothy Jane Porchia** - 90, of Lebanon, died February 9, 2024. Huston-Jost Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

**Larry Dee Powers** - 82, of Lebanon, died February 23, 2024. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements.

**Terry Walls** - 78, of Leba-

non, died February 26, 2024. Huston-Jost Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

**GeorgeAnne Wilson** - 76, of Lebanon, died February 20, 2024. Huston-Jost Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

**Frances Louise Woolard** - 100, of Lebanon, died February 8, 2024. Huston-Jost Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

## CIRCUIT COURT

**Warrants are out on the following individuals:** Tasha Mary Bowers-Curtis, Shelby Keith Brigham, Austin Shane Conner, Steven Michael Cooley, Michael Travis Flanigan, Selina Renee Ford-Blackburn, Melissa Nicole Fox, Keely Minnie Lilli Gomez, Steven Edward Grimm, Matthew David Griner, Aaron Thomas Halvorson, Cheryl Kelley Hansen, Christopher Lee Hurt, Andrew Donald LeGore, James Andrew Linder, Mikel

Vincent Lizama, Zachary John Marshall, Kurtis R. McClurg, Keoni Martin Murray, Cary Nathan Pedigo, Taylor Ray Plummer, Jeremy Scott Rowan, Rosemary O. Saviour, Aaron Carlyle Scott, Tiffani Kendra Stubblefield, Russell Dale Truedson, Paul Walter Ulm, Darnell T. Wells, Jessica Ashley Wynne.

**Aaron Anaya**, 21, was sentenced Feb. 23 to 90 days with the Oregon Dept. of Corrections, 36 months post-prison

supervision and \$20, 092.21 in fines and restitution after pleading guilty to second degree attempted murder with a firearm. Charges of first degree assault and unlawful use of a weapon were dismissed.

**Zachary D. Hunt**, 26, was sentenced Feb. 23 to 10 days jail, 18 months bench probation and a \$100 fine after pleading no contest to attempt to commit a Class C/ unclassified felony second degree sexual abuse. He is further ordered to register as sex offender since the victim was under the age of 18.

**Carter John Port**, 23, was charged Feb. 22 with DUII and reckless driving.

**Steven Robert Tafoya**, 61, was charged Feb. 23 with DUII, reckless driving and refusal to take a test for intoxicants.

**John Louis Trahan III**, 31, was placed in the diversion program after pleading guilty to DUII with a .15% BAC.

The New Era  
**LEBANON LOCAL**  
 A LOCALLY OWNED NEWSPAPER

LEBANONLOCALNEWS.COM  
 OFFICE: 1313 Main St., Sweet Home, Oregon  
 PHONE: 541-367-2136 FAX: 541-367-2137

WHO WE ARE:  
 Sarah Brown, Staff Writer - sarah@lebanonlocalnews.com  
 Kristy Tallman, Staff Writer - kristy@lebanonlocalnews.com  
 Sky Chappell, Staff Writer - sky@lebanonlocalnews.com  
 John Drury, Advertising Representative - john@lebanonlocalnews.com  
 Chris Chapman, Publisher - chris@lebanonlocalnews.com

SUBSCRIPTIONS: Monthly - \$2.99 Annual - \$32.99  
 NEWS QUESTIONS / TIPS - news@lebanonlocalnews.com

- Compost
- Rock Products
- Sawdust
- Fir Bark
- Hemlock
- Garden Mixes

**Central Bark Sales**  
 5265 South Santiam, Lebanon Oregon 97355 • 541-451-2373  
 Winter Hours: Mon. - Sat. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Sun. Closed



# Original 12-lot proposal increases to 19-lot, but fewer dwellings

By Sarah Brown  
Lebanon Local

The Planning Commission held a public hearing for and approved a 19-lot residential subdivision for townhouses during the Feb. 21 meeting. The 1.47-acre property (to be called Madelyn Meadows) is located between Walker and Wassom streets, east of Stoltz Hill Road.

The commission had approved a 12-lot subdivision at this property during the Jan. 19, 2022 meeting, with lots containing single family homes or townhomes. The proposal under discussion this month was a modification to the original design to contain townhomes and only one single family home, and included several variances.

The original design could include up to 20 dwelling units (a lot with a single family home can be a duplex), whereas this design can only include up to 19 dwelling units. Community Development Director Kelly Hart said the private street proposal remains the same, and a condition of approval included the requirement of a shared driveway between lots.

"That is to make sure that

the lots have a consolidated driveway to open up on-street parking on the private road, to maximize the amount of parking that is provided within the subdivision itself," Hart said.

She noted the city received two letters of opposition to the proposal, summarizing the concerns to center around increased density, increased traffic, lack of parking and concern for child safety given small backyards.

Udell Engineering's Laura LaRoque noted that each townhome will have a required garage and driveway, which provides a total of two parking spaces per home, and there will be 19 additional spaces available on the streets (nine spaces on the private road, seven spaces on Walker and three spaces on Wassom).

Commissioner David McClain pointed out that one of the letters of opposition included the suggestion that it's likely some or most of the garages will end up being used for storage instead of parking.

During the public hearing, Wassom Street resident Sandra Ragan spoke on behalf of herself and her neigh-



Development under discussion during the Feb. 21 meeting is highlighted on a Google maps image.

bors opposing the proposal. She spoke of their understanding about the inevitable growth of the city, but stressed what they believe should be "healthy growth," which included consideration about an increased burden on public services as well as an opportunity for current homeowners to provide input on how that growth should look.

She added they were able to "get their heads around" the original 12-lot proposal, but the change to 19 lots was "a big concern." She added that traffic on Wassom Street is so bad already that families no longer allow their kids to play out in front of their homes. However, she was unable to make her opposition based on anything in the proposal that violated

the city development codes. Commissioner Don Robertson clarified that the responsibility of the commissioners is to make sure all development codes are being adhered to, and they are not allowed to make decisions based on personal preference. As such, the commissioners agreed all legal requirements have been met or justified.

In other business, Hart reported the current legislature session includes the consideration of SB 1537, which she feels confident will likely pass, adding it "is absolutely going to affect us." She specifically pointed out "mandatory adjustments" that are written into the bill. Developers, she explained, will be able to request up to 10 distinct adjustments per project. If they meet the density threshold for the city (any project over six dwelling units to the acre), the city must honor the mandatory adjustments, she said.

Some of them include: 10% reduction in side and rear setbacks, 25% reduction in open space, parking minimums, 10% reduction in lot size and 10% increase in lot coverage.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Information for the Public Safety report in The Lebanon Local is sourced from local law enforcement and fire agencies. Incident details, which may not always be available from agencies in time for publication in our weekly paper edition, could be updated online as information becomes available. Addresses provided generally denote the location of the incident or arrest, occasionally indicating the origin of the call. It is crucial to emphasize that our reporting of an individual's arrest or citation for a crime does not imply guilt. Determination of guilt can only be established through legal proceedings in court.

### Feb. 5

8:34 a.m - Lottie Wills, of Lacombe, was cited for livestock at large.

8:40 a.m - Nikolas Shoulders, 34, was cited for a warrant.

11:16 a.m - Caller reported a chainsaw being taken. Report taken for theft of property from outbuilding.

11:57 a.m - Jon Julian Robertson, 52, was arrested for an Albany Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for theft of lost or mislaid property, and

an Oregon State Parole Board warrant for a parole violation and a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for harassment. Transported to Linn County Jail.

2:18 p.m - Michael Evan Matthews, 38, was arrested on a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original criminal citation and a Lebanon Justice Court warrant on an original charge for first degree criminal trespass.

4:50 p.m - Peggy Pitts, 36, was cited for driving while suspended, illegal display of plates and no insurance.

10:14 p.m - Shawn Michael Burleson, 30, was cited for driving while suspended driving uninsured and improper display.

11:05 p.m - Deputies attempted a warrant service. Suspect stole a vehicle from a parking lot, and fled the wrong way down a one-way road, at which point the deputies terminated the pursuit.

### Feb. 6

7:49 a.m - John Rone, 45, of Albany, was arrested for warrants.

11:40 a.m - Kevin Strunk, of Lebanon, was arrested on a Philomath warrant and was cited for unlawful possession

of meth. Transported to Linn County Jail.

3:20 p.m - Caller reported that a "State" brand core-line model bike was taken. Officer responded, report taken.

5:01 p.m - Richard Walls, 53, of Waterloo, was cited for an active warrant.

6:56 p.m - Ashley Amber Schooley, 38, was cited for

driving uninsured and driving while suspended.

7:09 p.m - Jessica Rae Defenbaugh, 38, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

8:48 p.m - Curt Blasch, 45, was cited and released for failure to appear on an Albany Municipal Court warrant.

10:07 p.m - Anthony Eden

Middleton, 60, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

10:26 p.m - Cameron B Neal, 30, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

11:17 p.m - Paul Lester Herzberg, 36, was cited for driving

See Public Safety, Page 10

## Lebanon's New Neighbor Program

Lebanon is welcoming new residents to town by extending hospitality from our local merchants as well as maps and guides to help them settle in Our Town!

**And it's FREE!**

If you or someone you know is new to Lebanon and would like a **New Neighbor Packet**

Stop by the Lebanon Chamber of Commerce  
Monday-Saturday  
1040 S. Park St., Lebanon



### CROSSWORD KEY

Puzzle on page 15

P	A	R	S	E	C	T	B	A	T					
S	L	A	K	E	A	L	A	E	A	C	H			
T	A	J	I	K	R	E	C	B	L	E	U			
E	A	M	E	S	N	A	T	L	A	D	S			
				A	M	E	R	I	C	A	S			
P	R	E	M	A	T	U	R	E	L	Y				
E	N	E	M	I	E	S	R	E	M					
T	A	L	E	R				B	E	R	M	E		
				B	A	N	E	L	A	T	I	O	N	
				U	N	A	V	A	I	L	A	B	L	E
				R	E	S	O	N	A	T	E			
M	O	A	B	D	K	M	S	A	B	E	R			
E	L	B	A	Y	E	P	A	I	L	E	D			
N	E	B	N	N	E	E	R	A	B	I	A			
D	A	I		E	N	D		S	E	N	D			

### SUDOKU KEY

Puzzle on page 15

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



## LOCAL EVENTS

From page 2

### CPR class

Santiam CPR offers a free CPR class for parents and teens from 3-4 p.m. on Saturday, March 9, at NW Fit, 600 S. Main St.

The class will focus on how to give CPR to children and infants along with how to manage choking emergencies. The class is approximately one hour long and does not come with a certification upon completion. Register at [santiamcpr.com/free](http://santiamcpr.com/free).

### Game night for adults

Lebanon Public Library hosts an adult game night (18+) from 5-8 p.m. on a monthly basis at 55 Academy St. Bring your own game or play one from the library. This event will be held March 27, April 24, and May 22. For more information, call 541.258.4926 or email [libraryinfo@ci.lebanon.or.us](mailto:libraryinfo@ci.lebanon.or.us).

### First Fridays downtown

The Lebanon Downtown Association hosts its First Friday events from 5-8 p.m. every first Friday of the month. With a special theme each month, downtown merchants invite the public to participate in the event, check out their businesses and enjoy historic Lebanon.

April 5: Spring Fling Farm to Table

May 3: Cinco de Mayo

June 7: Strawberries

July 5: Red, White and Boozy

Aug. 2: Food & Drinks from Around the World

Sept. 6: Crafters Night

Oct. 4: Harvest Festival

Nov. 1: Chili Cookoff, Shop Small

Dec. 6: Christmas in the Park

### "Eclipsed" at Albany Civic Theater

Albany Civic Theater presents "Eclipsed," directed by Charlotte J. Headrick, at 7:30 p.m. on March 7, 8 and 9, located at 111 First Ave. W., Albany.

This play follows the women of the Magdalene Laundries in Ireland. Set in a Magdalene laundry in the 1960s, the all-woman play documents the Irish Catholic Church and their practice of incarcerating pregnant and unwed Irish mothers in church-run laundries, making them work as penitents. Although a drama, the play is filled with moments of humor and song.

Tickets are \$17-20 for adults, and \$12 for kids. Discounts are available for seniors, military and veterans, and Oregon Trail Card holders. Visit [AlbanyCivic.org](http://AlbanyCivic.org) for more information.

### Auditions at Albany Civic Theater

"Bullshot Crummond" open auditions on April 8-9; performances in June. Directed by Erick A. Esrael, [pilesopen-cils@hotmail.com](mailto:pilesopen-cils@hotmail.com).

"Spring Awakening" open auditions on April 22-23; performances in July. Directed by Christy Anderson, [tuffy1299@comcast.net](mailto:tuffy1299@comcast.net).

"Disney's The Little Mermaid Jr." open auditions on June 26-27; performances in August. Directed by Rebecca Douglas, [rbailey@hotmail.com](mailto:rbailey@hotmail.com).

Visit [www.AlbanyCivic.org](http://www.AlbanyCivic.org) for more information.

### Book club

Lebanon Public Library hosts a monthly Adult Book Club (18+) at 5:30 p.m. at 55 Academy St. This event will be held April 3, May 1 and June 5.

A new book is discussed every month. For more information or to inquire about the current book, call 541.258.4926 or email [libraryinfo@ci.lebanon.or.us](mailto:libraryinfo@ci.lebanon.or.us).

### Book sale

Friends of the Library hosts a \$5 bag sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 16, at the Lebanon Senior Center, 80 Tangent St.

Buy a bag (or bring your own), pay \$5 and fill it with as many books as it will hold.

All books and media must go. Wide variety of genres and includes vintage, hard-to-find, and damaged books, plus frequently includes DVDs, CDs and audiobooks. Debit/credit cards accepted.

Proceeds support reading and arts programs at the Lebanon Public Library.

### Gardening and cancer survivor study

Oregon State University seeks eligible cancer patients for its "Hope Grows Here" study, a vegetable gardening and nutrition education program for the health and well-being of cancer survivors. If enough participants sign up, the program is expected to begin in April.

OSU researchers are interested in learning more about the health benefits of participating in Hope Grows Here, a program where cancer survivors receive resources, mentorship and support from OSU Master Gardeners to grow and maintain their own vegetable garden. In the study, they will ask survey questions targeting overall wellness, including components of diet, leisure exercise, quality of life and social supports, including sense of community and companionship.

The study includes a survey packet, four gardening classes taught by Master Gardeners, and informational meetings

from May to September. Participants may garden at home or at a community garden in Lebanon, Albany or Corvallis. Participants will receive information from OSU students studying nutrition, dietetics and horticulture, which may include recipes and tips on how to harvest, use and prepare vegetables. Participants will also be paired with a Master Gardener mentor to help guide them along their gardening journey during the summer.

For more information or to find out if you are eligible to participate, take the Hope Grows Here survey at [beaves/HGH-eligibility](http://beaves/HGH-eligibility), in person at the Samaritan Cancer Resource Center (400 Hickory St. NW, Albany, or 501 NW Elks Drive, Corvallis), or by phone at (541) 812-5888 (Albany) or (541) 768-2171 (Corvallis).

### Flea market

The Linn County Fair & Expo Center hosts the county's largest indoor flea market on Saturday, March 16, at 105 Opal Ct. SE, Albany. Over 85+ spaces full with vendors selling antiques, collectibles, vintage and one-of-a-kind items. Early admission (cash only) from 8-9 a.m. is \$6, regular admission from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. is \$2, children 12 and under are free; parking is free. For more information visit [linncountyfleamarket.com](http://linncountyfleamarket.com).

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Dear Editor,

This letter is to express my disgust and concern with the results of our Woman of the Year award. Honoring a person who was recently fired for violating a patient's rights (in the form of misgendering) sends the message to our LGBTQIAA+ community that they do not matter (further evidenced by our inability to hold pride festivities). It also tells children that if someone is popular, they don't have to follow the rules. Lifting up this person who has recently been punished for doing wrong demonstrates the wide rift in our town. On one side: progress, growth, kindness, community. On the other: bigotry, discrimination, classism & clinging to "old ways" that never served

everyone.

Doctors are entitled to opinions like everyone else, but are also charged to do no harm and provide unbiased care. Anyone who has ever been doubted or disrespected by a doctor should be appalled by this award. Many know the pain of being a child and not being believed, it is a terrible feeling. A doctor should never make a child feel this way (besides being immoral and mean, it is against the law). Intentionally misgendering someone is a form of emotional abuse, and it is considered discrimination in Oregon. I hope everyone in our community, including Dana Kosmala, educate themselves by reading first hand accounts of the experiences of trans people.

To reiterate: the deciding body should be ashamed of themselves that they awarded this honor to Dana Kosmala, when there are so many other deserving women in our community who were not recently fired for discriminating against a child.

We have a choice: to roll with the progress and embrace ALL members of our community, or to continue exclusionary practices that keep our town clique-y and small. This year, apparently, we chose the latter.

Sincerely, please just let us have a pride and stop awarding bigots.

**Linzy Lingo  
Lebanon**

**Dear people of the great state of Oregon,**

Greetings! My name is Sham Basel Bayoun. I am a 5th grade student at Salida Elementary School in Salida, California. We live in the central valley located east of San Francisco. This year we are each going to complete a state project. I picked Oregon. I am asking for any and all information from you about your great state to be sent to me. If you would, please send me any postcards, articles, maps, pictures, pins, pencils, stickers or pamphlets from Oregon.

My school Address is:  
Sham Bayoun  
Ms. Montgomery's 5th grade class  
Salida Elementary School  
4519 Finney Road  
Salida, California 95368  
I really appreciate your

help in making my project a success! I am lucky to learn about an awesome state like Oregon.

Sincerely,  
**Sham Bayoun  
Salida, Calif.**

### Dear Editor,

The Friends of the Lebanon Public Library sincerely thanks the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians for its generous contribution to the 2024 Summer Reading Program at the library. The \$1,800 in matching grant funds from the tribes provides a new book to each child participating in the program.

The Summer Reading Program encourages people of all ages, especially children, to read during the summer months with free books, fun prizes, science and arts programs, performers, and more.

Thank you again to the tribes for its continued support of the Friends, our library, and our community. We appreciate it.

**Vandy Roadifer, president  
Friends of the Lebanon  
Public Library**

**KGAL**  
**SmartTalk 1580**  
[www.kgal.com](http://www.kgal.com)

**THE ACTION**  
**Stream**  
[willamettevalleysports.com](http://willamettevalleysports.com)



# Chamber requests tourism funds to fix destroyed building

By Sarah Brown  
Lebanon Local

The Chamber of Commerce director requested financial assistance for the remodel of their building at the Feb. 14 City Council meeting.

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Rebecca Grizzle presented the board with a proposed redesign of the former 1950s cinderblock DMV building, which was converted to the Chamber in the 1980s.

"It wasn't designed to be a visitor's center," Grizzle said, "and largely our physical presence, that's what we are."

Johnathan M. Davis, of Salem, crashed into the Chamber in March 2023, leaving staff without a functioning building for a year now. The crash ultimately moved two walls within the building, making it unsafe to occupy.

"That began a long and painful process of redesign, rethinking that space," Grizzle said. "It's pretty extensive damage that has to be repaired."

As Chamber staff work through the nuts and bolts of

what it will take to get their building back into working order, they determined now would be the best time to update it. Ideas include more frontal windows, an ADA-accessible bathroom, cedar pillars and siding "to honor the timber industry in town," as well as a section to honor the local historical Calapooia tribe.

The "rough" estimated cost for the remodel totaled to about \$296,400 (\$202,000 for the build, \$25,000 furnishings, \$20,000 cultural display, and \$49,400 contingencies). The Chamber also plans to build a patio for community business use, estimated to cost an additional \$115,000. Insurance from the crash will cover \$180,000, and a T-Mobile grant for the patio will provide \$50,000, leaving a \$181,400 deficit.

Grizzle said the City is currently "sitting on" roughly \$200,000 in tourism funds. She asked the Council to use \$100,000 from that fund for the redesign, noting that the money cannot be used by the



A rendering of a proposed redesign of the Lebanon Chamber of Commerce includes pillars and cedar siding.

city for anything other than tourism-related use. She also informed the Council that Linn County agreed to work with the Chamber to try to help cover the rest of the financial need if the City also does.

The Council expressed support for the request and will address the decision at the

March meeting.

In other business, the Council:

- Authorized a transfer in budget appropriations for City Council PERS and to cover additional fringe benefits for court staff beyond the original budget;
- Approved a contract renewal for Public Defender Erik

Moeller, giving him a \$4,000 per year increase from \$22,000 to \$26,000, his first raise in four years;

- Approved an intergovernmental agreement with the Lebanon Community School District for outdoor maintenance services from the City for \$155,000, which will end June 30, 2024.

# Sodaville addresses potential audit violations

By Sarah Brown  
Lebanon Local

The Sodaville City Council approved the city's audit during its meeting Feb. 15.

CPA Peter Gelsler, of Koontz, Blasquez & Associates, P.C., presented his findings of the city's audit, noting that there were some issues, but overall the financials have improved over the years.

"Overall, the accounting and the financials look fine, with a few caveats," Gelsler said. "Obviously over the last couple years the City has been losing a little bit of money," he said, alluding to the City's struggle with water costs.

One of the biggest problems he found was the fact the City operated all its finances through only the general fund instead of three funds that would separate the water business from the City government. Gelsler told the council they could adjust their accounting back to the required three separate funds (kind of "pretending" they've been operating that way all along) before submitting the audit report, or they could submit the report as-is with the one fund, but that would give them a "qualified opinion" on their financials.

"A 'modified opinion' means everything's great," Gesler explained. "Qualified (opinion)"

means things are good except for this one significant issue."

Submitting an audit that "pretends" the City was operating with three separate funds still presents violation because the financials don't match the budget, but "it's the lesser of the two evils," Gelsler said.

Councilor Joseph Parsons tried to recall why they combined everything into one fund, to which City Administrator/

Recorder Alex McHaddad explained he recommended they do that for two years in order to "clean things up." Going into this next fiscal year, McHaddad plans to recommend the city returns to budgeting with the three separate funds.

"There were a lot of things in the previous budgets that didn't really match up with what I was seeing in the account statements, so I figured

it was a way to clean things up nicely and get some information and get some data over a period of time so we can track things better," McHaddad said.

He was hoping to be able to continue operating the budget with the one fund, but he learned there are federal rules that prevent him from doing that.

"I think we have a lot of better data in our systems now to

be able to do that a lot more financially," he said.

Another observation Gelsler made was that he could not find any published public notices for budget committee meetings. He found one public notice for the budget hearing, he said, but it did not include the required published budget information.

Since the goal was to submit

See Sodaville, Page 7



**LINN SHUTTLE**

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

**SWEET HOME:**

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

**LEBANON:**

WALMART  
LBCC  
PARK & OAK

**ALBANY:**

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

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

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

**DIAL-A-BUS**

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



**SWEET HOME SHOPPER**

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



# Senior Center increases programs, participation for well-being

By Sarah Brown  
Lebanon Local

Almost one year after the World Health Organization declared an end to the COVID-19 pandemic, staff at the Lebanon Senior Center are finally beginning to see participation back to normal – or even better – numbers.

“After reopening it did take time for some seniors to feel comfortable returning to social/public environments; others were chomping at the bit (so to speak),” Senior Services Director Kindra Oliver said. “Some new faces became regulars and some people we hadn’t seen for a while took time to come back to their favorite educational, art/culture and social activities.”

Research shows that older adults who participate in senior center programs can learn to manage and delay the onset of chronic disease and experience measurable improvements in their economic, emotional, mental, physical, social and spiritual well-being.

“We think that the Lebanon Senior Center focus areas play a major role in developing and maintaining healthy habits, keeping seniors moving, keeping seniors learning, keeping seniors playing and helping seniors keep positive,” Oliver said.

While trying to bring the older population back into its social activities, senior center staff began revitalizing or adding new programs, such as Knit & Crochet, Lunch & Learn, Mah Jong, therapeutic garden club and line dancing, as well as more fitness classes.

Oliver said it has taken some time to get participation numbers back up since the pandemic, but they have now surpassed their pre-COVID numbers.

“During the closure, we took some time to evaluate the programming we had been offering and developed some new goals with each of our focus areas as we were able to reopen our building to the public,” she said.

One of their goals was to increase the number and diversity of available exercise programs, taking into account that many seniors had been asking for instructor-led classes. Senior Center staff looked at a variety of exercise programs that had a track record of improving the well-being of older adults, Oliver said. With some recent grant funding, they implemented a few “evidence-based” programs that are reported to improve balance, flexibility, strength, overall outlook and other health-related benefits when followed at least twice a week

for 45-60 minutes.

“The growing attendance and popularity of the exercise programming has been one of the biggest areas of growth coming out of the pandemic,” Oliver said. “They haven’t just bounced back, they have soared past pre-COVID numbers.”

Currently the Senior Center offers the following evidence-based fitness programs:

**Strength & Flex (A Geri-Fit Program):** A gentle strength training class that can help improve balance and stability. An instructor leads participants using weights, gravity and resistance in a seated or standing position. Monday and Wednesday from 1-1:45 p.m., and Friday from 10-10:45 a.m.

**Tai Ji Quan:** Moving for Better Balance (NEW): A 26-week alternative exercise training program proven to reduce falls by improving balance, ankle strength and balance recovery through controlled, repetitive movement. Class starts Feb. 27 every Tuesday and Thursday from 9-10 a.m.

**Bingocize!:** Bingo mixed with some low-impact exercise, designed to build strength, flexibility and balance. Monday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Walk with Ease:** A program proven to reduce pain and discomfort, and increase balance, strength and walking pace. Build confidence in being physically active. Improve overall health. Starts in March or April, depending on participation interest.

In addition to some of the new programs, oldies but goodies have remained and returned to normal participation numbers, including bingo, card games, secret pals, social games and wood carvers.

Wood carver Steven Walker said their group would like to encourage younger generations to join them during their weekly get-togethers (Wednesdays at 9 a.m.), noting that they will need to bring their own supplies. Al Holland, who’s been carving with the group for about 20 years now, said it’s a nice activity to do for his retirement years, but it’s also about enjoying the company of friends.

The group can be found enjoying robust conversation and laughter. They noted that they call themselves carvers or maybe even chippers, but they snubbed their nose at the term “whittling.” Sometimes what they do can be called “butchering,” one joked, while another said “sculpturing” is for more sophisticated work.

Across the hallway, the Dulcimer Group meets twice weekly (Mondays and Fridays).



Photo by Sarah Brown

Community members participate in a Strength & Flex class at the Lebanon Senior Center.

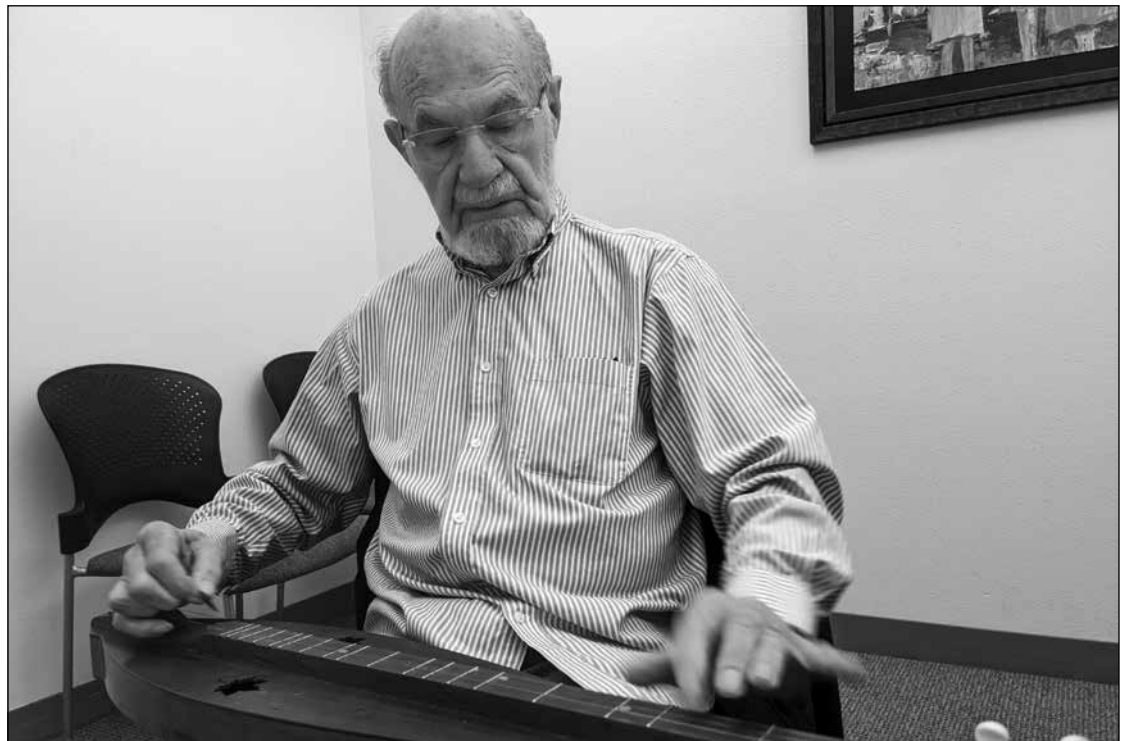


Photo by Sarah Brown

Dave Hetzler strums strings on his dulcimer. Anyone interested in learning or playing the dulcimer is invited to meet with others on Mondays and Fridays at 9 a.m. at the Lebanon Senior Center.

Dave Hetzler said he preferred the dulcimer “jam sessions,” if it can be called that, over the jam sessions at the American Legion because it’s a quieter musical form. When he first started playing the instrument, he at first “thought this was kinda weird,” but grew to enjoy it.

Donna Rose joins him regularly, and together they play songs from their music books. She said she’s been participating in the group at the Senior Center for six years, and noted the group used to be “really big,” but many have over time moved or passed away.

“I like the gentle sound of it,” Rose said of the dulcimer, adding that it’s “along the same lines as a harp” and is pretty easy to pick up.

While the Senior Center is operated under the City of Lebanon and is not member-

ship-based, Oliver noted it’s nice to see more attendance in the programs because it “reflects how well we are providing a diverse offering of activities for the growing numbers of seniors in the community.”

The programs are focused around areas such as fitness and exercise, lifelong learning, health and wellness, games, social and recreational, arts and culture, and music and theater.

“We know that not everyone likes the same activities, so we want to create a place where there is something for everyone,” Oliver said.

The Senior Center relies on its volunteers who help coordinate activities by sharing their own interests and talents with the community, she added. Those activities help combat the isolation that has been a “challenge” since COVID.

“Isolation is a detriment to the well-being of people of any age,” she said. “A lot of people combatted isolation during COVID with the aid of technology, but not all seniors were able to connect in that way.”

The primary purpose of the services available at the Senior Center is to enhance lives by encouraging physical wellness, fostering social connections, maintaining brain health, maximizing independence and connecting individuals with community resources.

“We want seniors to live their best life,” Oliver said. “Aging looks different for everyone, but there are key things that folks can do to live their best life no matter what their individual path looks like. We are here to help seniors plug into the possibility of living their best life.”



# New soup kitchen manager likes working closer to home

By Sarah Brown  
Lebanon Local

The Lebanon Soup Kitchen has a new kitchen manager, as well as 1,000 pounds of dog and cat food.

When Wyatt King of RKI Insurance heard the soup kitchen fares well on human food donations but not so well on pet food donations, the locally-owned company decided to step up and help.

"It took off," King said of his request to the community to donate. "We thought maybe at first we'd do 250 pounds and it blew past that to 500. It blew past that, so we extended it and went for 1,000 pounds, a half-ton of pet food."

After 557 pounds of dog food and 447 pounds of cat food were collected, new Soup Kitchen Manager Tony Lyman stopped by to pick it all up. At that point it seemed like a good idea to introduce him to the community.

Lyman was born in Albany and grew up in Days Creek.

"We had a real big community involvement in the schools, so I've always been into helping out the community and things like that," he said.

When he moved to Leb-

anon two years ago, Lyman worked as a power line inspector, but he found it was a job that involved him staying away from home a lot.

"Now that I have a family, I wanted to start helping out more in this community," he said.

When he saw the position open up at the soup kitchen, it made sense to Lyman to submit an application for the job. Not only does he live just three blocks from First Christian Church where the soup kitchen operates, but he and his family attend church there as well.

Lyman said he has experience managing kitchens and local bars, and he added that at home he tends to cook too much food.

"I've always had a knack for cooking for lots of people," he said.

That's the kind of experience the soup kitchen needs. Outgoing manager Christine Strawn said they cooked more than 19,000 meals in 2022. That would equate to more than 100 meals a day during their operating hours on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Strawn was the kitchen manager for four years. She



Wyatt King with his new puppy, Red, poses next to Tony Lyman and 1,000 pounds of pet food donated from the community to the Lebanon Soup Kitchen.

Photo by Sarah Brown

said after her more than 20 years working in the non-profit sector, she was ready to retire, but she gave the Soup Kitchen Board five months' notice.

"I didn't want to leave them high and dry," she said. "This is a very unique position, so trying to find that right person (takes time)."

As candidates for her position filed applications and shadowed her for a day, Strawn said she was impressed by Lyman because he

kept returning to volunteer and learn more.

"He was very much showing interest," she said. "There's a lot of things about Tony that just jumped out."

And he didn't disappoint when the ice storm hit in January. His first day hadn't even officially begun, but Strawn was stranded at home and unable to drive to the church, so she called him up to see if she could "throw him" in early.

"He pulled it off like a

champ," she said.

Lyman noted that the Lebanon Soup Kitchen has not missed a single day of serving meals since it opened in 1989.

"That's one of those big things, you gotta keep those people fed," he said.

Now officially retired, Strawn sets her sights upon serving on the soup kitchen board and running a small farm.

Lyman officially took the reins Jan. 26 and is learning how to utilize game meat (bear, deer, elk) in his menu. Sometimes, though, he receives donations from establishments such as 1847, Grocery Outlet and Papa Murphy's that have to be used right away. That means he has to alter his meal plans quickly.

"It's a real shootin' from the hips (type situation)," he said.

Though Lyman's new position is a pay cut for him, he appreciates that the schedule works around his son's preschool hours and the fact he's more connected to the church this way.

"It's morally paid through my heart, and also it keeps me at home," he said.

## SODAVILLE

From page 5

the audit to the state by Feb. 29, McHaddad asked the council if they would vote to approve the audit as-is, or would they want to hold a special meeting within the next week or so to further clear up the financials/audit.

"We have a lot to deal with as a city right now, and I think our time is better used on some other things we have pressing," McHaddad said.

Councilor Roger Perry said the budget is much better than it has been in the past, to which Gelsler agreed.

"You should be proud of Alex," Gelsler said. "He's put a lot of work into this."

Gelsler clarified for Lebanon Local that the council opted for the version wherein "the financials match fund accounting standards and show three funds."

**In other business, the council:**

- Awarded an RFP bid to Udell Engineering & Land Surveying, LLC, securing them as a firm on retainer for future projects, including adding a new well to the city's water system;

- Adopted a resolution to remove water restrictions;

- Adopted an ordinance for changes to water rates. The

recent water rates included 12 tiers of water charges based on gallons used. The new rates include only four tiers, with higher rates during water restrictions.

- Heard the water report from Public Works Director JD Burns. He said about 21,000 gallons of water was used on Feb. 1 to clean and inspect the reservoir. Burns also announced he plans to flush the system from March 18-21, the sink faucet at the park is inoperable and needs to be replaced, he will be attending an OAWU (Oregon Association of Water Utilities) conference from March 4-8, and Oregon Health Authority will conduct a water system survey on Feb. 28.

- Heard administration updates from McHaddad who reported the state legislature is being more cooperative with each other than he's ever

seen in 10 years. In his agenda notes, McHaddad said senate republicans might walk out during this session, which could jeopardize funding for the city's water system expansion, but he's feeling confident the money will come through.

He also mentioned he planned to attend the CIS (citycounty insurance services) conference at the end of the month, which could entitle the city to discounts on insurance payments. Councilor Adina Olivares expressed concern that, given McHaddad's limited work hours and the fact he might resign soon, there would be a whole week that no city business would be attended to during that time. Mayor Brian Lewis agreed that if McHaddad accepts a new job soon, they need him to be available to work as many days as possible.

**LOCAL SERVICE - POWERFUL EQUIPMENT**

OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT

**NOW FEATURING**

**HONDA**  
**Power**  
**Equipment**

541-451-5213 • 1215 W AIRWAY RD-LEBANON  
WWW.CASCADEPOWERLEBANON.COM



**DSA**

From page 1

He called Dobson a “true gentleman” who possesses empathy and love for his community, and a “shining example” for all as he supports the Lebanon Community School District, Lebanon Optimists Club and Willamette Valley Honor Flight.

The Woman of the Year award, presented by last year’s winner, Shyla Malloy, was given to Dr. Dana Kosmala for her “selfless dedication and unwavering commitment” to the community. Kosmala’s contributions for the well-being of children and families during the past 20-plus years included: free vaccine clinics for children, parenting talks at what is now Obria Medical Center, the formation of a Farmer’s Market program to encourage child interest in fresh produce, books for children, and the support of numerous nonprofits.

“Beyond her professional endeavors, this outstanding leader has demonstrated exceptional qualities of leadership, inspiring positivity and influencing lives with her unwavering optimism and strength,” Malloy said. “She is a beacon of resilience, a cheerleader and a pillar of support for those in need.”

Bill Rauch was honored as Senior First Citizen for being “devoted and dedicated to the improvement of the physical health of all Lebanon residents and visitors” as he in one manner or another contributes to Build Lebanon Trails, the Healing Gardens, Lebanon Optimists Club, Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital and Western University (aka COMP-Northwest). The Junior First Citizen award was presented to Andrea Weimer for working “tirelessly” 10 months out of the year since 2011 by serving the Strawberry Festival Court.

Boulder Falls Inn (Best Western) was honored as Large Business of the Year for its commitment to giving back and “simply being a beacon of generosity,” while Hangry Solution was presented the Small Business of the Year award.

Chamber Executive Director Rebecca Grizzle called the locally-owned business “the heart and soul of the community,” known for their “giving hearts” and “commitment to never letting anyone leave hungry,” as well as their generous portions of food. Their ded-

ication, she said, to local causes and involvement in local events makes a difference in the community and makes them “a true community leader.”

Betty Schmidt, a loan consultant at LoanDepot, was awarded Business Leader of the Year. She was described as possessing an “infectious laugh” and being the “Energizer bunny of community service.” In addition to being involved in the community, Schmidt was described as a skillful lender who has “Ninja-lending mortgage skills” so families can achieve first-time home-buyer status.

The Chamber’s office manager, Mary Carter, presented the Frankie Gray award to Dala Johnson for “showcasing her compassion and advocacy for those in need,” as well as contributing to an array of year-round events in Lebanon.

“Being described as dependable, caring and reliable shows that she’s someone our community can truly count on,” Carter said.

Umpqua Bank’s Jolene Watson presented its Non-Profit of the Year award to Crossroads Community. After sifting through what Watson described as an impressive and diverse list of nonprofits serving Lebanon, they chose Crossroads for “providing a hand up, not a hand out.”

Local nonprofit organizations presented the following awards:

- The Strawberry Festival Board gave its Business Sponsor of the Year Award to Safeway, an Appreciation Award to Dala Johnson and the Board Member of the Year award to Ralph Kleinschmit.
- The Optimist of the Year was awarded to Chris Breshears.
- The Lebanon Soup Kitchen awarded Elaine Fillmore for Volunteer of the Year.
- Dala’s Blue Angels honored Candi Cascio as Blue Angel of the Year.
- Holidays in the Park honored Dave Madarus.
- Lebanon Ambassadors awarded Jamie Eriksen.
- The Boys & Girls Club honored Heather McDaniels as Supporter of the Year, and awarded Vince Lopez as Volunteer of the Year.
- New Business Generations awarded Healthy Home Pest Control.
- Faith Community Network awarded its “Matthew 25:35-40 Award” to St. Martin’s Episcopal Church for its homeless outreach program.



Photo by Sarah Brown

Mary Carter, left, goes to hug Dala Johnson after naming Johnson as the Frankie Gray Award recipient.



Photo by Sarah Brown

Randy Dobson gets fitted with a sparkling jacket by Chris Breshears as Dobson accepts the Man of the Year award.



Photo by Sarah Brown

Dr. Dana Kosmala receives a standing ovation as she approaches the front to accept the Woman of the Year award.



## KOSMALA

From page 1

yer wrote in her email.”

Kosmala noted that she was put on administrative leave after a meeting regarding transgenderism but before a meeting about alleged policy violations.

In a statement to Lebanon Local, Samaritan said, “Samaritan employees and providers are held to a code of conduct that is centered in respect and integrity for all. Furthermore, Samaritan providers are allowed to determine their personal scope of practice. This means they are not required to provide services such as gender affirming care. If a provider does not include this service in their scope of practice, Samaritan’s commitment is to refer the patient to a provider who is better suited to meet their needs.”

According to Kosmala, the chart access charges were all defensible and nothing different than what all other doctors in Samaritan do, and though Samaritan allegedly told a group of physicians Kosmala had “hundreds” of violations, only 10 were brought to the table. She said Boysen agreed they should have shown her the “hundreds.” Of the 10, they included her accessing the Samaritan charts of adult patients, all of whom had requested and given her permission to do so. Boysen could not be reached for comment.

Samaritan stated the company uses a monitoring system to identify questionable access into patient records and “proactively investigates accesses flagged by the system.” However, Kosmala had noted the alleged offenses took place long ago and Samaritan never raised an issue until now.

“Employee access to patient health information must be limited to the minimum necessary to perform a job duty,” Samaritan stated. “The appropriateness of access is determined by the duty being fulfilled.”

Kosmala said in one case, a 91-year-old acquaintance had a health concern but didn’t know who her current primary care physician was, so she gave Kosmala permission to check her chart to find out. In another case, a colleague asked her to order a test, and a third case involved an acquaintance who needed help finding a primary care physician that was closer to home.

She reported that Samaritan didn’t agree with this because, despite being trained in internal medicine, she is working for Samaritan as a pediatrician. Her rebuttal to this idea was that doctors “practice outside the scope of their practice” all the time when they, for example, call in antibiotics for their



Photo provided by Dana Kosmala

**Dr. Dana Kosmala, right, poses for a photo with her long-time medical assistant, Rhonda Marshall, at their new office in Albany.**

medical assistants or offer medical services to an injured child during a sports game.

“It’s called being a good Samaritan,” she said, referring to the sports example.

Samaritan stated, “When an internal investigation determines that a violation of the law or a Samaritan policy or code of conduct has occurred, corrective action will be initiated, which can include employment separation.”

According to Kosmala, what essentially led to her disconnection from the valley behemoth had started because of her frustration with a lack of professionalism from staff who played on their phones, were disrespectful and talked openly about patients.

“We brought those things to our manager, who did absolutely nothing about it. Nothing,” she said. “This is not okay.

We are here to work, to be kind, respectful, all the Samaritan PRIDE.”

PRIDE is what Samaritan refers to as their values: passion, respect, integrity, dedication and excellence.

After again pressing the manager to change what Kosmala said was becoming a toxic work environment, she was told the staff reported she was difficult to work with. Then the human resources department was brought in. As meetings progressed for the next several weeks, one of the staff members involved – a social worker – brought up an instance from three years ago, claiming Kosmala refused to use pronouns.

Kosmala responded that she doesn’t use pronouns, but she does call patients by their preferred name. The social worker, according to Kosmala, also reported that Kosmala thinks

transgenderism is “trendy.”

“In my practice with junior high and high school girls, I think it is trendy,” she agreed. “I am totally okay with diversity and I do love my diverse patients, but love and approval aren’t always synonymous.”

Kosmala explained that love does not always mean affirming what someone believes. She would not, she said, throw her daughter in the ocean if she believed she was a mermaid or recommend liposuction because an anorexic patient thought they were fat. Additionally, she argued, some staff at Samaritan may not agree with her religious faith; they take a diverse view on that, but they can still get along.

Still, her transgender and homosexual patients would hug her when they left because “they know I love them

and I’m there to care for them,” she said. “I don’t have to affirm or agree with their ideology, and that’s okay.”

Kosmala said she believes the social worker – whom Kosmala noted “prides herself on writing transgender-affirming letters” for pediatric clients – used these claims as her own defense for being called out for talking about patients.

“I think she used it against me when I complained about her breaking HIPAA,” Kosmala said. “When she would go see a patient and then she would lead that patient out and come back and talk to those two MAs about the patient she just saw, that is a HIPAA violation. She did this every day, all the time. So that is why she is attacking me.”

Samaritan emphasized that the company protects patient information as required by HIPAA through a variety of methods, including auditing and monitoring access to the electronic health record.

As Kosmala forges a new path at Willamette Valley Pediatrics, she welcomes her patients to reach out. Currently she can accept First Health, PacificSource and United-Healthcare insurance. While Samaritan Health Services “took months” to release her so the insurance agencies could credential her personally, she said, they have not yet released her from their company to allow her to accept IHN, Moda and Samaritan insurance.

Kosmala can also be found at area farmer’s markets, where she and her husband sell fresh fruit from their local farm.

“Kids have been my life for almost 30 years,” Kosmala said. “They’re just my joy. It feels natural; I love them and taking care of them gives me purpose.”



## ATTENTION

**LEBANON AREA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

You are invited to compete in  
Rotary Club of Lebanon’s

## 4 WAY SPEECH CONTEST

**CASH PRIZES - \$100 / \$75 / \$50  
FOR TOP THREE WINNERS**

See your school office for  
complete contest rules & entry form.

Must register by March 11.  
Contest will take place on March 20.

visit [lebanonrotary.org](http://lebanonrotary.org) for more information



## Rotary



# Lumina

Hospice & Palliative Care

As an independent  
nonprofit, your care  
– not profit –  
is our top priority.

Supportive Care | Hospice Care | Grief Care

Care Illuminated

**541.757.9616**  
[luminahospice.org](http://luminahospice.org)



**PUBLIC SAFETY**

From page 3

while suspended and driving uninsured.

**Feb. 7**

12:02 a.m - Lisa Johnston, 49, was arrested for a warrant and cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

12:21 a.m - Jay A Axtell, 59, was cited on a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for a probation violation.

3:32 a.m - Devin Houseman, 36, was arrested for multiple warrants.

11:29 a.m - Nancy McLain, 54, was cited for no valid operator's license.

**Feb. 8**

5:43 a.m - Kayci Flaska, 23, was cited for driving uninsured.

1:44 p.m - Jason Skyles Lutzi, was cited and released on a Clackamas County Circuit Court warrant for driving while suspended, and a Linn County Circuit Court warrant for a probation violation on an original charge for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

5:38 p.m - Trevor Millikin, 29, was cited for unlawful lane change and driving without privileges.

9:18 p.m - Mario Villanueva Garcia, 51, was cited on a war-

11:23 p.m - Monte Dale Lee, 52, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

**Feb. 9**

8:48 a.m - Holly Foster, 65, and Shayanne Church, 26, were both cited for warrants.

11:51 a.m - Jerrod Schooley, 49, was arrested on three active warrants. Transported to Linn County Jail.

1:24 p.m - Caller reported theft of inheritance card. No report taken, valued loss \$500 million.

2:44 p.m - Natasha Funk, 45, was cited for a warrant.

4:46 p.m - Devin Houseman, 36, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

9:14 p.m - Jodey Lee Marshall, 46, was cited for failure to carry proof of insurance.

**Feb. 10**

2:41 a.m - Aaron Myers, 35, was arrested for multiple warrants.

9:17 a.m - Dustin Clarneau, 49, was arrested for second degree criminal trespass.

11:53 a.m - Katrina Counts, 52, was cited for driving while suspended and a warrant.

1:11 p.m - Thomas Gantt, 35, was arrested for felon in possession of a restricted weapon, second degree criminal trespass and a warrant.

8:50 p.m - Gloria Garciavega, 48, was cited for no valid driv-

er's license and driving uninsured.

9:52 p.m - Crystal Potter, 46, was cited for driving while suspended, driving uninsured and an active arrest warrant.

11:28 p.m - Katie Barr, 39, was arrested for multiple warrants.

**Feb. 11**

3:45 a.m - Skylar Walls, 33, and Brittany Ellito, 32, were arrested for warrants.

12:28 p.m - Troy Williamson, 22, was cited for a warrant.

1:18 p.m - Jerald Lynn Chasteen, 42, was cited on a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for a probation violation on an original charge for second degree criminal mischief.

5:05 p.m - Cynthia Jaeger, 59, was cited for driving uninsured.

5:23 p.m - Jazmin Butler, 21, was cited for no insurance and speeding. 79/55.

7:36 p.m - Derick Pier, 34, of Springfield, was cited for a traffic violation and undisclosed warrants.

8:02 p.m - Travis Wilmoth, 45, of Albany, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

**Feb. 12**

4:31 a.m - Nickolas R. Shoulders, 34, was cited on Linn County Justice Court warrants for failure to appear on original charges for second degree

criminal trespass, unauthorized departure and endangering welfare of a minor.

6:27 p.m - Joseph William Noel, 36, was cited for second degree criminal mischief.

**Feb. 13**

12:02 a.m - Exzavier Wright, 24, was cited in lieu of custody for driving while suspended and failure to use interlock ignition device.

7:02 a.m - Caller reports damage at the front of the building resulting in damages around \$800.

1:17 p.m - Alysha Serenity Enhaynes, 21, was cited on a Lebanon Justice Court warrant for a probation violation.

3:37 p.m - Kelly Ann Adam, 45, was cited on an Albany Municipal Court warrant for failure to comply on an original charge for reckless driving, and a Lebanon Justice Court warrant for a probation violation.

6:54 p.m - Maria Corson, 34, was cited for driving uninsured and driving while suspended.

8:00 p.m - Mark Lamb, 46, was cited for possession of methamphetamine, driving while suspended, driving uninsured, and an Albany Municipal Court warrant.

**Feb. 14**

2:18 a.m - Katherine Stark, 49, of Corvallis, was cited for driving uninsured and failure

to use ignition interlock device.

11:57 a.m - Amber Sky Lowe, 25, was cited for failure to carry proof of insurance and improper display.

11:58 a.m - Casey Christian Kostol, 36, was cited for driving while suspended.

3:13 p.m - Caller reports packages were taken. Officer responded, report taken. Valued loss \$200.

4:42 p.m - Marina Hainz, 60, was cited for careless driving and unsignaled turn.

4:44 p.m - Montana Smith, 45, was cited for driving while suspended, driving uninsured and warrants.

5:10 p.m - Timothy Middleton, 65, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured

7:56 p.m - Athena Noble, 39, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

10:51 p.m - Peggy Pitts, 36, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

11:16 p.m - Sharon Leonard, 64, was arrested for a warrant and was cited for driving while suspended.

**Feb. 15**

12:50 a.m - Axl Gallagher, 32, was arrested for a warrant.

10:04 a.m - Caller reports theft of electric scooter. Officer responded, report taken.



**BUSINESS DIRECTORY**

LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE, SHOP WHERE YOU LIVE.

**ACCOUNTING**

**DeniLass** QBTP#14708 LTC#28886-C  
Business & Tax Services

**Kari Denison Lasswell**  
Licensed Tax Consultant

Affordable Individual Income Tax Preparation, Payroll, Bookkeeping & Business Services

610 Park Street  
kari@denilass.com | www.denilass.com  
**(541) 258-4829**

**ACCOUNTING** OR CPA #10784

**RALPH E. GASTON, CPA**

**Financial and Tax Services**  
Personal - Business - Estates  
Farms - Nonprofits - Other

**Over 36 years Experience**  
ralph@gastoncpa.net  
1200 E Grant St, Ste C, Lebanon  
**(541) 405-6070**

**ART SUPPLIES**

**Camelia's Candles**  
Rubber Stamps and  
Art Supplies

Camelias.candles@gmail.com  
CameliasArtsAndCraftSupplies.weebly.com

**For Classes Contact Camelia.**  
**(503) 318-9648**

**BUILDING SUPPLIES**

**Lebanon Area**  
Habitat for Humanity  
**ReStore**

Housing: 541-405-5213  
www.lebanonoregonhabitat.com  
info@lebanonhabitat.com  
**(541) 451-1234**

**EQUIPMENT**

**CASCADE**  
OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT  
"Powerful Equipment, Local Service"  
Hours: M-F 8am-5pm  
Sat 8am-noon

1215 W Airway Road  
Lebanon OR 97355  
CascadePowerLebanon.com  
**(541) 451-5213**

**FURNITURE**

**Hometown**  
**Comfort**  
Station

2582 S. SANTIAM HWY.  
f @ G  
**(541) 259-3646**

**HOME & GARDEN**

**SUMMIT**  
HOME & GARDEN

541-258-7107  
www.summitacehg.com  
MON- FRI 7:30AM-6PM  
SATURDAY 8AM-5PM  
1055 Tangent St. Lebanon

**INSURANCE**

**Eriksen & Irwin Agency**  
Enriching The Lives In The  
Communities We Serve

**COUNTRY**  
FINANCIAL

Auto • Home • Life  
Business • Retirement  
**(541) 223-0404**

**INTERIOR DESIGN**

**BEECH HILL STUDIOS, LLC**  
"Creating your perfect living  
space so you can thrive"

Maryann Ewing, ASID  
45 E. Sherman Street  
Lebanon, Oregon  
beechhillstudios.com  
beechhillstudios@gmail.com  
**(503) 867-5534**

**JEWELRY**

**Tremi's Jewelry**

Custom Design  
Diamond Specialist

722 S. Main Street  
tremisjewelry.com  
**(541) 258-2888**

**LOANS**

**loanDepot**  
NMLS#14451

**JOLENE MULLENIX**  
Loan Consultant  
NMLS #853502  
**(541) 570-2322**

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

**REAL ESTATE**

**OREGON**  
Real Estate  
PROFESSIONALS

2345 S. Santiam Hwy.,  
Lebanon, OR 97355

oregonrealestateprofessionals.com  
**(541) 258-6100**



Valued loss \$370. 500 block of Weldwood Dr.

11:42 a.m - Caller reports shoplifting that occurred. Officer responded. Valued loss \$70. 2540 block of S Santiam Hwy.

11:57 a.m - Caller reports tires being slashed. Valued loss \$806. 2160 block of Mickie Dr.

2:23 p.m - Peggy Pitts, 36, and Tanya Indecio, 49, were both cited for warrants.

3:29 p.m - Richard Walls, 53, was cited for a warrant.

3:49 p.m - Vincent Grindel, 73, of Jefferson, was arrested for second degree arson and first degree criminal mischief. Steven Grindel, 71, was arrested for second degree arson and first degree criminal mischief.

10:10 p.m - Cyliss Hickam, 18, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

**Feb. 16**

1:10 a.m - Andrew Erickson, 53, was arrested for warrants.

**Feb. 17**

7:55 a.m - Caller reports DeWalt tools and accessories taken from an unlocked shop. Deputy responded, report taken. Valued loss \$1,600. 31700 block of Headgate Rd, Lebanon.

8:48 p.m - Rex Babb, 50, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

9:12 p.m - Steven Ballweber, 34, and Katrina Gray, 40, were arrested for warrants.

**Feb. 18**

12:39 a.m - James Munyon, 45, was cited for a warrant and driving while suspended.

1:33 a.m - Benjamin Williams, 41, was cited on a warrant, driving uninsured and driving while suspended.

3:28 a.m - Quentin Quadros, 26, was arrested for third degree theft and unauthorized entry into a motor home.

4:39 p.m - Anthony Vestal, 47, was cited for a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant and driving while suspended.

**Feb. 19**

1:21 a.m - Deanna Brown, 38, of California was cited on a warrant.

8:08 a.m - Melissa Mary Swensen, 42, of Brownsville, was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

9:26 a.m - Shain Hersey, 48, was cited for an active warrant.

10:35 a.m - Katrina Counts, 52, was cited for a warrant.

1:04 p.m - Nicklaus Glasser, 34, was cited for a warrant.

4:16 p.m - Eric Storkson, 38, was cited for operating without privileges.

4:37 p.m - Daryn Hill, 30, was arrested for a warrant.

**Feb. 20**

3:35 a.m - Benjamin Hyatt, 45 and Donald Welty, 63, were arrested for warrants.

See Public Safety, Page 13



**SCHMiZZA PUBLIC HOUSE**

- 36 BEERS ON TAP
- GROWLER FILLS
- PIZZA, BURGERS, PASTA & MORE!

Find us on Facebook   
FACEBOOK.COM/SCHMiZZALEBANON



2602 S. SANTIAM HWY, LEBANON  
**541-451-1141**



**TAQUERIA DOS ARBOLITOS**  
**GREAT MEXICAN FOOD!**

50 W. Oak St., Lebanon  
**541-258-5798**



**the POINT RESTAURANT**  
EST. 1970

DOWNLOAD OUR APP TO SEE OUR DAILY SPECIALS 

Online Ordering · Outdoor Patio Section · Oregon Lottery  
Sun- Thur: 8am- 8pm | Fri- Sat: 6am- 9pm  
(541) 367- 1560 · 6305 US 20 Foster · pointsweethome.com

**FREE McMuffin® Breakfast Sandwich**  
of equal or lesser value with purchase of any McMuffin® Breakfast Sandwich



Valid only at Lebanon, OR McDonald's®  
Not valid with any other offer, discount, coupon or meal. Limit one coupon per person per visit.  
Cash value 1/20 of 1 cent.  
Expires 12/31/24

**FREE Medium Fries and Medium Soft Drink**  
With purchase of a premium sandwich valued at \$2 or more




Valid only at Lebanon, OR McDonald's®  
Not valid with any other offer, discount, coupon or meal. Limit one coupon per person per visit.  
Cash value 1/20 of 1 cent.  
Expires 12/31/24

**JAMES GANG PIZZA**

**541-258-4040**  
1188 S MAIN ST.  
CARRY OUT | DELIVERY

**\$3 ANY GIANT OFF PIZZA** EXPIRES 4/03/2024  
CAN'T BE COMBINED WITH OTHER DEALS OR OFFERS

*IxtaPa* Mexican Restaurant



Gift Certificates Available Now!  
**\$2 OFF ANY LUNCH OR DINNER**  
Not valid with any other offer.

25 N Santiam Hwy • (541) 451-3995  
ixtapamexicanrestaurant.com

Mon. - Thurs. • 11 A.M. - 9:30 P.M. | Fri. - Sat. • 11 A.M. - 10:30 P.M. | Sunday • 11 A.M. - 9 P.M..





# HEALTHY YOU

**HAVING TROUBLE STAYING ON TOP OF YOUR HEALTH AND FITNESS?**  
Healthy You will bring you answers from local doctors, dentists and other health professionals.



## Living healthy

Community classes to keep you healthy

**Discover weight management options**

**Tuesday, March 12 | 10:30 a.m. to noon and Tuesday, March 19 | 1:30 to 3 p.m.**

Join a free virtual seminar and learn about weight loss surgery, the steps involved, program benefits, insurance coverage and more. Register by calling 541-768-4280 or visit SamaritanStories.com.

**Support for postpartum depression**

**Thursday, Feb. 22 | 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Thursday, March 14 | 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

Every new baby is unique and so is every parent. Whether postpartum depression symptoms are mild or serious, if they last longer than two weeks or affect a person's ability to enjoy their daily life, loved ones should encourage the parent to seek help. Hope for Mothers is a free virtual class. For more information, call 541-451-7872 or email HopeForMothersSupportGroup@samhealth.org.

**Advance directive workshop**

**Thursday, March 7 | 2 to 3:30 p.m. and Thursday, April 4 | 2 to 3:30 p.m.**

Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital offers a free in-person monthly class for anyone with questions about how to fill out an advance directive form. The advance directive is a set of instructions that expresses a person's health care wishes if they were ever in the hospital and unable to speak for themselves. Drop-ins are welcome, but registration is requested. Register at samhealth.org/PlanAhead or call 541-451-7129.

**Navigating cancer as a young adult**

**Tuesday, March 12 | 6:30 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday, April 9 | 6:30 to 8 p.m.**

The Young Adult Support Group is for anyone between the ages of 25 and 55 who has been diagnosed with cancer. Support groups can help those with cancer cope with the emotional aspect of cancer by providing a safe place to share feelings and challenges. They foster a sense of community for those living with a cancer diagnosis and offer opportunities to learn from others. This free support group meets virtually. To register, call the Samaritan Cancer Resource Center 541-768-2171.

**Samaritan health seminars available**

Ongoing at [samhealth.org/HealthSeminars](http://samhealth.org/HealthSeminars)  
The medical professionals of Samaritan Health Services host online health seminars on a variety of topics throughout the year. If you are unable to attend a live session, you are welcome to view a recording of past programs online.

**Don't fight cancer alone**

Samaritan offers a variety of online cancer support groups for women, men and young adults. There are groups that focus on specific types of cancer, such as breast, ovarian, blood and prostate. Visit [samhealth.org/Classes](http://samhealth.org/Classes) to find a group that fits your needs.

# Signs of potential learning disorders

Many things can affect a student's academic performance. The atmosphere in a classroom, life outside of school and interest in the material are just some of the variables that can affect how well students perform. But another variable that's sometimes hard to identify also affects the performance of millions of students each year.

The Learning Disabilities Association of America estimates that around one in five children in the United States have learning and attention issues. Based on a 2017 report from The National Center for Learning Disabilities, the estimate from LDAA equates to more than 11 million students with learning and attention issues. Those issues are not always easy to spot, but parents can learn to look for signs that suggest their children may have a learning disorder. The LDAA notes that learning disorders may manifest differently based on a child's age. The following rundown of age-based symptoms, courtesy of the LDAA, can help parents who suspect their child may have a learning disorder.

**Preschool**

- Pronunciation problems
- Difficulty finding the right word
- Difficulty rhyming words
- Trouble learning numbers, the alphabet, the days of the week, colors, and shapes
- Difficulty concentrating
- Trouble interacting with peers
- Difficulty following directions or learning routines
- Difficulty controlling pencils, crayons or scissors

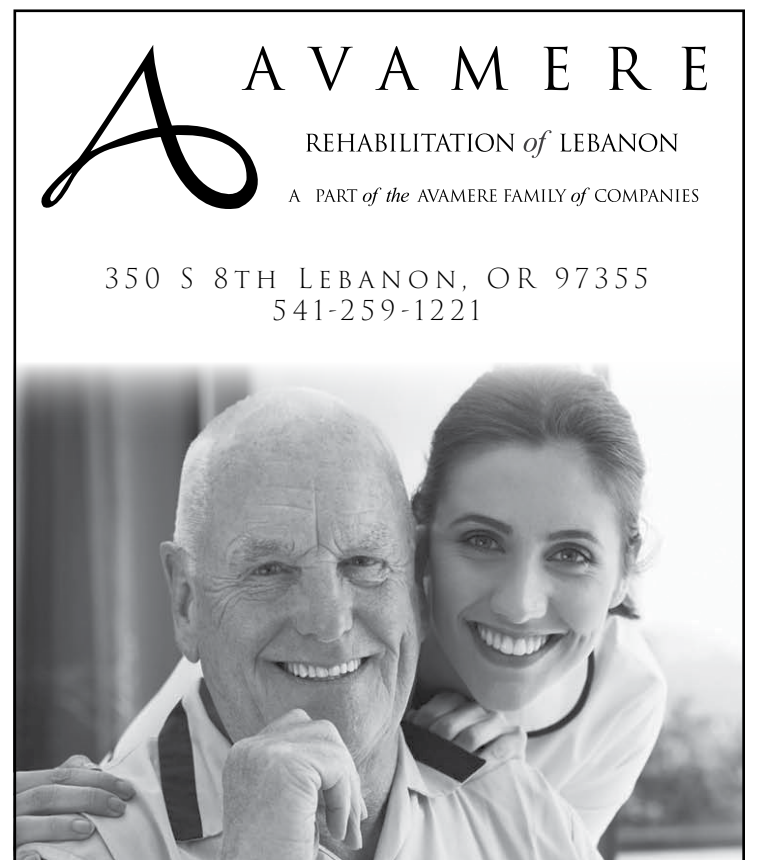
**Kindergarten through Fourth Grade**

- Trouble learning the connection between letters and sounds
- Confusion with basic words, such as "run," "eat" and "want"
- Consistent reading and spelling errors including letter reversals (b/d), inversions (m/w), transpositions (felt/left), and substitutions (house/home)
- Difficulty learning basic math concepts
- Trouble learning about time
- Difficulty learning new skills
- Trouble remembering facts

**Grades Five through Eight**

- Difficulty with reading comprehension or math skills
- Trouble with letter sequences (soiled for solid, left for felt)
- Difficulty with prefixes, suffixes, root words, and other spelling strategies
- Trouble organizing their bedroom, notebook, papers, and desk
- Difficulty keeping up with papers or assignments
- Trouble with handwriting
- Difficulty with time management
- Trouble understanding oral discussions and expressing thoughts out loud

Johns Hopkins Medicine notes that experts do not know how to prevent learning disorders in children. However, various treatments, including individual classes, speech therapy and family therapy, can ease symptoms and help children fulfill their academic potential.



**AVAMERE**  
REHABILITATION of LEBANON  
A PART of the AVAMERE FAMILY of COMPANIES

350 S 8TH LEBANON, OR 97355  
541-259-1221



Samaritan  
Lebanon Community  
Hospital  
[samhealth.org](http://samhealth.org)

Visit [samhealth.org/Classes](http://samhealth.org/Classes) for a complete list of classes and support groups in your community.



# Key trail opportunity raises concerns for future maintenance issues

By Sarah Brown  
Lebanon Local

The Parks, Trees and Trails Committee had to consider the long term effects of the city's trail system during its meeting on Feb. 21.

Build Lebanon Trails Board President Rod Sells reported they received five properties from Georgia Pacific last December. The properties will give BLT access to be able complete half of a planned trail connecting Wheeler Street to River Park. The donated properties would provide access to the southern half of that connection, extending from the eastern end of Isabella Street to the West River Trail Extension Project (which will be completed this year at River Park).

"It's probably the most important trail we've ever built," Sells said. "We've been working for 18 years now to connect the south of Lebanon with the north of Lebanon."

The whole area where this property is located is more than half a mile from any city park and has no connection to the trail system, he said.

"So this is it. This is the one that makes our city whole, that brings the north of the community with the south of the community."

Sells said BLT kept ownership of the Old Mill Trail, which allowed them to fund and maintain it themselves. It's a model they are considering replicating with the

Georgia Pacific trail. They want to build the trail to at least a gravel system and, later, help fund the paving of it.

"We really believe that model saves a lot of funding and simplifies the whole process of getting the trail built, plus it speeds it up by almost a year if not more," he said.

Sells also reported BLT has been trying to secure the right-of-way for the South Shore Trail that connects the soccer fields with Cheadle Lake. He believes BLT and the property owners are close to coming to an agreement. As with the previously stated model, BLT would keep ownership of that right-of-way as they build up the trail, after which time they will fund paving for it or donate it to the city and help the city secure funding for it.

Sells asked the committee for its recommendation and support to the City of Lebanon for the trails.

Interim City Manager Ron Whitlatch said the committee needs to consider city budget constraints, which may limit the city's ability to maintain those trails. While acknowledging there is accessible funding through grants and BLT to build trails, there is still limited staffing to continue maintaining them.

"Our committee, Build Lebanon Trails, we're all getting older and we only have a certain amount of time to



Photo by Sarah Brown

Skateboarders recreate at the Lebanon Skate Park where new fencing has been installed.

build these trails," Sells responded.

It is the goal of the organization to install a full trail system throughout the city. BLT has a map that shows current trails as well as planned/hoped-for trails. Sells also reiterated BLT will own and maintain the trails until - and if - the property is donated to the city later down the road.

Committee President Rick Barnett, while in support of BLT's efforts, expressed concern about the future of BLT and the citywide trails they've built, pointing out that the volunteer-run organization's business model is that they build trails for the city with the goal of the city eventually taking over ownership and maintenance.

"I'm very cautious about unfunded maintenance," Barnett said. "Right now we

have Build Lebanon Trails, which is really a good resource for that. The other side is you have the opportunity to get some of this stuff done."

Barnett essentially asked: Will BLT be around in 20 years and, if not, will the city be able to fund maintenance of the large trail system the organization created?

Sells said it would be nice if there were a parks district in the city, but acknowledged it's hard to get one formed. Following more discussion among the committee, they agreed to make a recommendation for support from the City of Lebanon for the Georgia Pacific trail with the acknowledgement that future maintenance needs should be considered. Regarding the South Shore Trail project, the committee agreed to express support

of BLT's acquisition and creation of the right-of-way and trail.

**In other business:**

- Public Works Operations Manager Jason Rush reported city staff are almost finished installing fencing around the skate park. He also reported there has been an "uptick" in vandalism and city staff cannot explain why there's an increase. A tree on 12th Street is scheduled for removal because it is impacting the sidewalk and street.

- Whitlatch reported that as the city goes through its budget, there will be two parks staff who will not be rehired for the season. This move ultimately leaves two parks staff remaining.

- Barnett shared about local government grant opportunities through the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. He said it's "an extremely good time" for the City of Lebanon to go after grants this year because funding through lottery purchases is much larger than normal. The committee approved a motion to provide support to the city in this endeavor.

- Rod Sell reported they were able to secure private funding for the Gill's Landing Connector Trail. The trail will cross through Gill's Landing, connecting the West River Trail at Riverside Park to the Old Mill Trail just southeast of Gill's Landing.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

From page 11

9:45 a.m. - Caller reports debit card being stolen and purchases being made. Valued loss \$8,000. Report taken.

12:31 p.m. - Jonathan Dean, 30, of Corvallis, was cited for driving without privileges.

1:51 p.m. - Amaylla Davis, 47, was cited for driving while suspended, driving uninsured, and a warrant.

2:50 p.m. - Daniel Senecal, 45, was cited for driving while suspended, driving uninsured and a warrant.

3:00 p.m. - Tana Peoples, was cited for speeding.

3:53 p.m. - Joshua Webb, 45, was cited for a warrant.

10:38 p.m. - Joshua Welch, 35, and Kayla Gambill, 39, were arrested for warrants.

**Feb. 21**

12:57 a.m. - Brandi West Parsons, 49, was cited for driving while suspended.

9:47 p.m. - Mason Beatie, 26, was cited for speeding. 76/55.

11:28 p.m. - Tina Miller, 37, was cited for a warrant.

**Feb. 22**

1:40 p.m. - Gary Coomer, 51, was arrested on outstanding warrants.

7:31 p.m. - Randy Lindgren, 58, of Albany, was arrested for three warrants. Lodged at Linn County Jail.

**Feb. 23**

3:51 a.m. - Charles Davis, 61, was cited for speeding. 59/35

9:46 a.m. - Kevin Leonel Alvarado, 19, of Redmond, was cited for unlawful tint.

10:26 a.m. - Tonia Louise Murray, 43, of Lebanon, was cited for speeding. 40/25.

10:59 a.m. - Meria Redon was cited for a warrant.

11:18 a.m. - Amaryllis Burrell, 47, cited for driving while suspended and driving while suspended.

11:27 a.m. - Shaine Alan Tyree, 21, was cited for speeding. 37/25.

8:27 p.m. - Ryan Wheeler, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

**Feb. 24**

1:47 a.m. - Zachary Ray

Speiser, 42, was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

9:43 a.m. - Lela Tong Sawdon, 18, was cited for speeding. 49/35.

10:19 a.m. - Jaiden Basham, 21, was cited for driving uninsured.

10:25 a.m. - Caden Jackson, 20, of Washington, was cited for driving uninsured.

11:18 a.m. - Sandro Hernandez Zamarron, 25, was cited for driving uninsured and speeding. 78/55.

12:00 p.m. - Eric Harvey, 51, was cited for driving without privileges and a warrant.

12:18 p.m. - Glenn Harms, 81, was cited for an active warrant.

4:31 p.m. - Marvin McGuire, 38, of McMinnville, was cited for driving while suspended.

7:15 p.m. - Silvino Brambilla, 46, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

8:25 p.m. - Keely Reynolds, 45, was cited for no valid operator's license and was arrested for a warrant.

11:46 p.m. - Liz Haltom, 26, was cited for driving while suspended.

**Feb. 25**

6:45 a.m. - Isabella R Pindela, 18, was cited for failure to obey traffic control device.

7:32 a.m. - Veronica Askew, 55, was arrested for second degree disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

9:08 a.m. - Caller reports shop was broken into and tools were stolen. Valued loss \$1,000. Report taken. 31800 block of Chestnut Ln.

3:29 p.m. - Caller reports building broken into and tools taken. Valued loss \$400. Report taken. 31800 block of Chestnut Ln.

6:50 p.m. - Katie Marie Ruiz-Gregory, 27, was cited for reckless driving.

**Feb. 26**

4:42 a.m. - Aaron Melchor Munoz, 29, of Salem, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

6:59 a.m. - Emily Wiltrout, was cited for second degree criminal trespass.

9:22 a.m. - Travis Wilmoth,

45, was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device, driving while suspended, failure to install interlock ignition device and driving uninsured.

10:49 a.m. - Deputy responded to a phone scam. Valued loss \$6,000.

3:48 p.m. - Lillian Zhong, 37, was cited for speeding.

9:26 p.m. - Kevin Denton, 35, was cited for failure to register a vehicle.

10:13 p.m. - Peggy Sue Pitts, 36, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured. Pitts was additionally arrested for failure to carry and present.

10:17 p.m. - Jermy Lakin, 41, was cited for operating a motor vehicle without the required lighting equipment.

**Feb. 27**

1:27 a.m. - Steven Blackwell Jr., 37, was cited for operating a vehicle without an interlock ignition device and failure to register.

2:14 a.m. - Andrew Dwayne McCullom, 43, was cited for an undisclosed warrant.



## REAL ESTATE SOLD

**646 Morton St, Lebanon;** one-story residence, 896 sq. ft., two-bedroom, one-bath built in 1943; 0.15 acres; \$275,000.

**585 Manor Way, Lebanon;** no additional details listed; 0.24 acres; \$405,000.

**765 Central Ave, Lebanon;** one-story residence, 1399 sq. ft., three-bedroom, one-bath built in 1960; 0.51 acres; \$295,000.

**1524 Main St, Lebanon;** no additional details listed; 0.29 acres; \$450,000.

**4430 Santiam Hwy, Lebanon;** one-story residence with attic, 2452 sq. ft., four-bedroom, two-bath built in 1950; 1.06 acres; \$75,390.

**2123 Main St, Sweet Home;** no additional details listed; 0.27 acres; \$200,000.

**4914 Mimosa Cir, Sweet Home;** one-story residence, 1848 sq. ft., three-bedroom, two-bath built in 2006; 0.18 acres; \$395,000.

**37291 Meredith Dr, Lebanon;** one-story residence, 1596 sq. ft., three-bedroom, two-bath built in 1953; 0.32 acres; \$485,000.

**906 D Street, Lebanon;** two-story residence, 1248 sq. ft., three-bedroom, two and a half-bath built in 1998; 0.12 acres; \$330,000.

**361 Jadon Dr, Lebanon;** one-story residence, 1250 sq. ft., three-bedroom, two-

bath built in 2011; 0.14 acres; \$399,900.

**34869 Ede Rd, Lebanon;** one-story residence with attic, 2148 sq. ft., three-bedroom, two-bath built in 1948; 19.66 acres; \$855,000.

**35995 Polly Farm Lane, Lebanon;** one-story residence with attic, 1485 sq. ft., three-bedroom, one-bath built in 1958; 0.5 acres; \$401,000.

**30515 Brownsville Rd, Lebanon;** no additional details listed; 484.14 acres; \$1,500,000.

**480 Ash St, Lebanon;** one-story residence, 1503 sq. ft., three-bedroom, two-bath built in 2018; 0.19 acres; \$415,000.

**201 Osage St, Sweet Home;** one-story residence, 1540 sq. ft., three-bedroom, two-bath built in 1969; 0.17 acres; \$349,000.

**26145 Teco Ln, Sweet Home;** one-story residence, 1884 sq. ft., six-bedroom, one-bath built in 1952; 3 acres; \$325,000.

**1230 49th Ave, Sweet Home;** no additional details listed; 0.26 acres; \$80,000.

**243 7th St, Lebanon;** one-story residence, 1203 sq. ft., three-bedroom, two-bath built in 1947; 0.18 acres; \$379,000.

**154 Cleveland St, Lebanon;** one-story residence, 1172 sq. ft., two-bedroom, one and a half-bath built in 1920; 0.22 acres; \$258,988.

**31597 Waterloo Rd, Lebanon;** one-story residence, 4253 sq. ft., two and two half-baths built in 1965; 25 acres; \$960,000.

**1179 46th Ave, Sweet Home;** no additional details listed; 0.22 acres; \$95,000.

**611 D Street, Lebanon;** one-story residence, 2124 sq. ft., four-bedroom, two and a half-bath built in 1964; 0.29 acres; \$250,000.

**2293 Long St, Sweet Home;** one-story residence with attic, 1562 sq. ft., three-bedroom, two-bath built in 1944; 0.21 acres; \$294,200.

**2470 7th St, Lebanon;** one-story residence, 1232 sq. ft., three-bedroom, one-bath built in 1958; 0.55 acres; \$436,600.

**1106 Mazama Ave, Lebanon;** one-story residence, 1298 sq. ft., three-bedroom, two-bath built in 2004; 0.13 acres; \$379,000.

**520 Walker Rd, Lebanon;** one-story residence, 1728 sq. ft., three-bedroom, two-bath built in 2023; 0.15 acres; \$410,000.

**599 Russell Dr, Lebanon;** no additional details listed; 3.97 acres; \$3,250,000.

**825 Airway Rd, Lebanon;** no additional details listed; 0.23 acres; \$464,000.

**3062 Long St, Sweet Home;** two-story residence, 1920 sq. ft., two-bedroom, one and a half-bath built in 1997; 0.87 acres; \$400,000

**126 Weldwood Dr, Lebanon;** one-story residence, 1186 sq. ft., two-bedroom, two-bath built in 2005SZ; \$232,000.

**1385 Poplar St, Sweet Home;** one-story residence, 1008 sq. ft., three-bedroom, one and a half-bath built in 1977; 0.21 acres; \$322,000.

**1185 Franklin St, Lebanon;** one-story residence, 1120 sq. ft., two-bedroom, two-bath built in 1940; 0.19 acres; \$320,000.

**840 Airway Rd, Lebanon;** one-story residence, 1012 sq. ft., three-bedroom, one-bath built in 1979; 0.21 acres; \$275,000.

**1454 Hiatt St, Lebanon;** one-story residence, 1276 sq. ft., three-bedroom, two-bath built in 1945; 0.16 acres; \$355,000.

**342 8th Ave, Sweet Home;** one-story residence, 1468 sq. ft., three-bedroom, one-bath built in 1947; 0.16 acres; \$315,000.

**1500 Tamarack St, Sweet Home;** no additional details listed; 22.03 acres; \$4,000,000.

**34430 Lake Creek Dr, Brownsville;** no additional details listed; 6.82 acres; \$3,700,000.

**321 Jadon Dr, Lebanon;** two-story residence, 1549 sq. ft., three-bedroom, two and a half-bath built in 2005; 0.15 acres; \$390,000.

**341 9th Ave, Sweet Home;** one-story residence, 1321 sq. ft., three-bedroom, one and a half-bath built in 1976; 0.19 acres; \$325,000.

**5191 Redwood St, Sweet Home;** one-story residence, 1508 sq. ft., one-bedroom, six-bedroom, 8 built in 1961; 0.71 acres; \$350,000.

**37910 River Dr, Lebanon;** one-story residence, 1346 sq. ft., three-bedroom, one and a half-bath built in 1957; 2.44 acres; \$315,500.

**1145 Cedar St, Sweet Home;** one-story residence, 1196 sq. ft., three-bedroom, one-bath built in 1938; 0.25 acres; \$320,000.

**323 Taylor Creek Dr, Sweet Home;** additional details are not listed; 0.2 acres; \$399,000.



2345 S. Santiam Hwy  
Lebanon, OR 97355

(541) 258-6100

OregonRealEstateProfessionals.com



Firiell Severns

REALTOR® 

Licensed in the state of Oregon

**exp**  
REALTY

I'd love to be your Realtor

541-401-9276

linncountyrealtor@gmail.com



# LFD staff move into new Fire Station 31

By Sarah Brown  
Lebanon Local

Some four years after voters approved a bond, three years after staff moved out of Fire Station 31, and one year after the Lebanon Fire District broke ground for a new building, fire staff are now reaping the rewards of the long-anticipated new facility on Oak Street.

"It has been a long road," Fire Chief Joseph Rodondi said. "It has been an exciting road. We're very happy to have this under our belt and move in and serve the community."

Administration and firefighters began moving into the new station on Feb. 22 after phase one neared completion. Phase two will begin shortly, which will involve tearing down the old workshop, building a training tower and installing a parking lot. The entire project is expected to be complete in the next couple of months, and Rodondi hopes to host a grand opening this summer.

"We're very excited to showcase this to our community," he said. "It's something everybody can be proud of."

"I've been looking forward to this place for years," Lieutenant Jason Adamson said.

Some Station 31 firefighters were relocated to other stations, while others lived in forest service trailers on-site during construction; administration staff worked out the MBVA building downtown. The new 25,000-square-foot building replaces a 50-year-old, 20,000 square-foot building.

It includes two apparatus bays separated by storage and decontamination rooms,



Photo by Sarah Brown

Lebanon Fire District Fire Chief Joseph Rodondi stands in front of the new Station 31 building facing Oak Street.

sleeping quarters next to one of the bays, a board and training room, administrative conference room, open kitchen and living space for firefighters, and even space to display historical artifacts.

The nine sleeping quarters are nicknamed with firefighting slang such as Tank to Pump Frank, Hose Dragger, Dragon Slayer and Pike, and they are set right next to the apparatus bay for quick access.

"They wake up and they will come down the hallway right to the apparatus room, so it's a streamline shot, which we didn't have before," Rodondi said.

A feature in the living quarters kitchen includes a table made from reclaimed cedar siding from the former building, made by Battalion Chief Ken Savage, retired firefighter Jon Davis and Josh Fair (whose dad is a retired fire marshall from the district). An antique fire engine restored by division chiefs John Tacy and Mark Fitzwater will be on display in the entryway foyer.

During a sneak-peek tour,

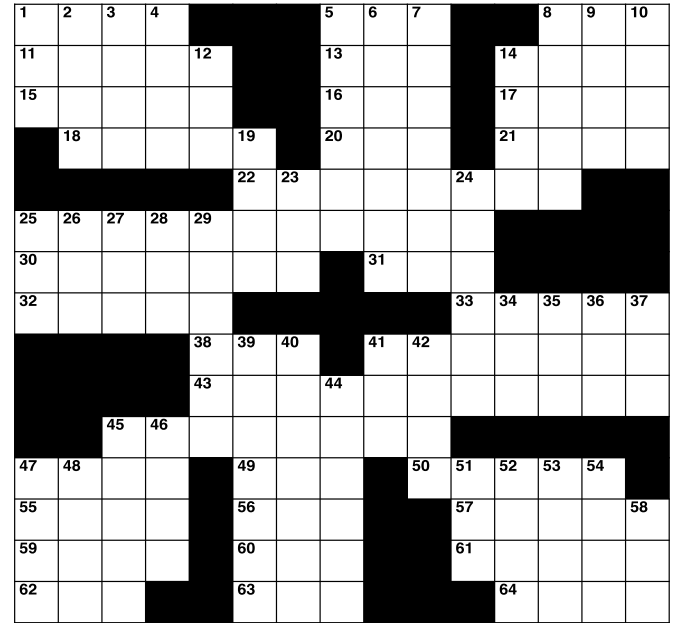
Rodondi expressed particular appreciation for the conference room.

"We're always competing for space for training because of the training requirements of firefighters," he said. "Pretty much every day they're here doing some type of training, so having a conference room for the management team will be wonderful."

Other highlights of the new building include furniture made through the Oregon prison system, a spacious crossfit gym and a sizable copy room for staff. The apparatus bays, featuring glass doors, are spacious enough to allow the primary response team to pull directly onto Oak Street, and other vehicles to pull out from the back of the station onto 12th Street.

"If you come by here at night when you drive down Oak, this is lit up," Rodondi said of the new station. "It's a beautiful, beautiful facility. We're very grateful the taxpayers passed the bond in 2019."

## CROSSWORD



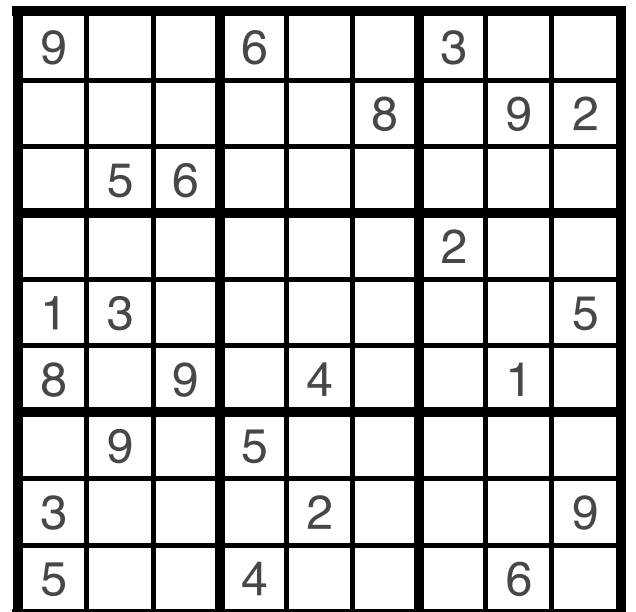
### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Golf scores
- 5. Shock therapy
- 8. Ballplayer's tool
- 11. Quench one's thirst
- 13. Female relatives of American war vets (abbr.)
- 14. Every one of two or more things
- 15. Member of Muslim people
- 16. Play
- 17. Type of cheese
- 18. Type of lounge chair
- 20. \_\_\_ King Cole, musician
- 21. Fellows
- 22. North, Central and South
- 25. In an early way
- 30. Foes
- 31. Georgia rockers
- 32. Cryptocurrency
- 33. Narrow path along a slope
- 38. Disallow
- 41. Joyousness
- 43. Inaccessible
- 45. Evoke emotions
- 47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 49. Boston Celtic punk rockers (abbr.)
- 50. Sword
- 55. Actor Idris
- 56. Affirmative (slang)
- 57. Afflicted
- 59. One point north of northeast
- 60. Born of
- 61. Arabic name
- 62. Traumatic brain injury (abbr.)
- 63. Extremity
- 64. Post

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Pacific Standard Time
- 2. Protruding ridge on nematodes
- 3. Indian king
- 4. Type of milk
- 5. One who brings home the bacon
- 6. More comprehensible
- 7. Connected with sense of touch
- 8. Red mineral
- 9. Breezed through
- 10. Therefore
- 12. Supplement with difficulty
- 14. Early kingdom of Syria
- 19. Satisfy
- 23. They confuse doctors (abbr.)
- 24. Brass instrument
- 25. Domesticated animal
- 26. Ribonucleic acid
- 27. Snakelike fish
- 28. Woman (French)
- 29. Economically-minded aircraft
- 34. When you hope to get somewhere
- 35. Tease
- 36. Actress Gretchen
- 37. Midway between northeast and east
- 39. Inoffensive
- 40. Yellowish cotton cloth
- 41. Consume
- 42. Does not tell the truth
- 44. Improved something
- 45. Spiritual leader
- 46. Abba \_\_\_, Israeli politician
- 47. Fix
- 48. Evergreen tree genus
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Prejudice
- 53. Major C. European river
- 54. Long, narrow strap
- 58. Male parent

## SUDOKU



Level: Intermediate

**CHURCH DIRECTORY**

ST BOOK OF MOSES  
**GENESIS**

ated the aJohn 1.1.3. the darkne  
it form. Heb. 1. 10. good.  
pon the Job 38. 4. 19 And th  
of God. Isa. 44. 24. 20 And fo  
ers. Heb. 11. 3. forth abund  
light: c Jer. 4. 23. that hath  
d Pa. 104. 24. above the ea  
of Isa. 40. 12. of heaven.  
it was 1 Or, creep- 21 And God  
from 2 soul. ing. every living  
3 Let slowly. 1 Pa. 33. 9. which the wa  
and the firmament antly, after hi  
d the of heaven. fowl, after hi  
first 5 between. it was good.  
be a and be- 22 And God  
ters. tween the darkness. fruitful, and  
the Ps. 74. 16. waters in the  
6 And the 23. And the

For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.

-Matthew 18:20

**Am HaSefer**  
New Testament Jews  
...finding the Messiah of the  
New Testament in the Old Testament.  
— Luke 24: 44-46 —

**SATURDAY SHABBAT SERVICE:**  
Worship: 10:00am  
Torah Study: 11:30am

Held at  
Trinity Baptist Church  
72 E Elmore St, Lebanon

For More Info Call:  
541-248-0595  
503-358-4904

**Faith Community HEALTH NETWORK**

**RNs!**  
Join us to fellowship with other nurses and to learn about Faith Community Nursing!

Contact Deb for Info at:  
faithcommunityhealthnetwork@gmail.com

**Faith Community Health Network**  
PO Box 2466, Lebanon, OR 97355  
Check Out Our Website at:  
faithcommunityhealthnetwork.org



# Author Fair highlights variety of local authors

By Sarah Brown  
Lebanon Local

When Vandy Roadifer started noticing that local authors kept donating their own books to the Friends of the Library book sales, she realized maybe it was time to host an Author Fair in Lebanon. So she did just that.

Roadifer, president of the Friends of the Lebanon Public Library, with the help of other Friends volunteers, hosted what might be the first annual Author Fair at the Lebanon Senior Center on Feb. 24. While waiting on feedback from those who participated to consider whether she should do another fair next year, it could still be called a success because approximately 175 people came to meet the 37 authors, and Roadifer even has a waiting list of more authors who wanted to come.

Through booth fees, the event raised \$500 for Friends of the Library, proceeds benefiting the Lebanon Public Library. The Teen Advisory Group held a bake sale at the event, raising almost \$340 for their own library cause.

While Roadifer has dabbled in writing her own books of high fantasy, urban fantasy and creative nonfiction during NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month, which challenges writers to complete 50,000 words in November), she has yet to publish one.

Authors from a dozen different Oregon cities joined Lebanon's own book writers, presenting a varied spread of genres. From fantasy to romance and recipes to children's books, Oregon's authors proved we live in a diverse community. Here we look at just a snapshot of a handful of the 14 Lebanon authors present.

## Nan C Ballard

Ballard, who was proxied by her husband at the fair while she attended a marketing seminar, published a trilogy of science fiction cowboy stories, "Under Carico's Moon," through Not a Pipe Publishing.

Her husband said she started writing "to stay out of trouble" after she retired from natural resources management. After self-publishing her first book, Not a Pipe accepted her second manuscript and released the entire trilogy. She also writes poems and essays, and co-hosts online coffee hours for Willamette Writers.

## Dorothy Bell

Books titled "Waltz on the Big Meadow" and "Pretty Pride" were front and center at Bell's booth, but were just a sampling of her many works



Photo by Sarah Brown

Almost 40 Oregon authors fill the Lebanon Senior Center multipurpose room during the Author Fair on Feb. 24.

of historical western romance.

When asked what it's like to be married to a romance writer, husband Mike Bell simply replied, "romantic," but Dorothy Bell is ready to defend the term "romance" in writing. She likes to remind people, men in particular, that every John Wayne movie is a romance story.

"Men shy away from the word 'romance,' but they watch every cowboy movie there was," she said.

Of her own stories, there are shades of romance; it doesn't have to be sex, she said. "Waltz on the Meadow" follows the story in the late 1800s of a woman whose husband leaves her and their child for the gold fields. She takes up work laundering for a brothel and the logging camp while her peers snub her association with those folks.

"Pretty Pride" is a story about a couple who had to get married without love and, let's presume, they end up falling in love by the end.

When asked if there are hints of her own experiences or self in her stories, Bell said readers "probably" will find a hint of Mike in her stories.

"He's kind and loving," she said. "There's kindness and loving in the men, and then there's really bad men in there."

Bell publishes through Wild Rose Press. For inspired writers who want to find a publisher, she recommends the "Writer's Market" guide, a hefty book containing a variety of publishing opportunities.

## Gloria Gardner

This children's author was featured in Lebanon Local 2021, a story that highlight-

ed her background as a preschool teacher and a handful of her books about autumn and Halloween. She has since published "Hooray for the Best Things of All," "I Know a Sunflower Secret," and "Spinner Day and Fly Pie."

## Stacy Johns

Using different pseudonyms to maintain branding of her different genres, Johns has published two books through Wild Rose Press. "Hide Your Light" is a paranormal suspense novel written under the name Penny Arrow, while "Positively Morbid" is a more traditional mystery under the pen name Cara Johns.

When asked why she was interested in writing books, she said "it's one of those things I've been doing since I was very small," adding that it dated back to the fifth grade when she tried to break her leg on some tree roots so she could write a fiction story about it.

## Alex McHaddad

McHaddad shared his fantasy books, "Sands of Jannah: Ignoble," "Sands of Jannah: Akbar Nights," and "Fallen Blades: Unwelcome Dreams" at the fair; but next to those he also had "Beaver State Confidential: A Citizen's Guide to Oregon Government."

The latter is an introductory primer to Oregon governments, including a memoir about a law he got passed in 2019. Currently the administrator/recorder for the City of Sodaville, McHaddad said it took him only 24 hours to put the first draft together. What took a bit longer to write were his two fantasy books set in the Middle East.

"I've got Middle Eastern heritage and it was a fun exercise

for me to look into my cultural heritage this way," he said.

His other fantasy book, on the other hand, was more "free flowing" since it involves common mythological tropes that were easier for him to form into a story.

## Jennifer Moody

Known widely for her bylines in local newspapers, Moody now works as a journalism advisor at Oregon State University. She shared her recently published book, "The Miracle on First Avenue," which follows the story of how one "tenacious" woman wanted to bring a carousel to Albany and gives an in-depth look at the carousel's animals themselves.

"I fell in love with the project back when I came across Salem's carving studio," she said. "When that carousel opened, I bought their book. It was a coffee table book with a ton of pictures, and it detailed their process and also gave the individual stories for each animal."

When Albany opened their own carousel, Moody knew she could do the same thing for them. Working closely with the Historic Carousel & Museum, Moody's role was to write the story of each animal, as well as provide the details about the carousel's carvers, painters, mechanism, building and other historical information.

## L.N. Reagan

Reagan is among a handful of other local authors who are learning how to market their self-published books through social media. Like her, many authors today send their works through Amazon, which prints books on demand (as they're purchased)

and ships them out.

"Social media has pretty much been 100% of my sales so far," she said, adding this was her first-ever author event.

Reagan began writing fantasy romance stories, inspired from the fact she likes to read that genre a lot.

"I really like pirate books, but I was really also into the spicy books, so I said, 'I really want spicy pirates,' and that is actually where all of this started," she said.

Her works include two interconnected standalones for "The Nights Revenge," and a duology for "Crowns of Love." Reagan is now working on a trilogy.

## Hans Schallig

Schallig presented his autobiography, "A Long Journey: From Concentration Camp to Freedom in America." The Indo-Dutchman was a child when World War II thrust his family through multiple concentration camps, and ultimately led them to find refuge in America.

A fan of Schallig approached him at the fair and mentioned that he has another, very thick book he's written, but it's much "too academic" for her taste.

## Linda Ziedrich

Formerly an editor and book designer for Harvard Common Press, Ziedrich began writing books after a coworker asked her to write "Cold Soups," a recipe book for ... cold soups. Her next book, "The Joy of Pickling," is now in its third edition and is considered her most successful work.

She also published "The Joy of Jams, Jellies and Other Sweet Preserves," which shares traditional methods of preservation without the use of pectin.

"It's organized by types of fruit and there's a lot of information on unusual kinds of fruits but things you can grow at home," Ziedrich added.

She also published "The Nursing Mother's Guide to Weaning," and has two more books on the way: "The Curious Kitchen Gardener," and "First Fruits: The Lewellings and the Birth of the Pacific Coast Fruit Industry" (a triple biography).

As she freelanced as an editor and book designer, Ziedrich eventually sloughed off those roles to focus solely on writing.

"It's harder to work on other peoples' stuff, it's more intense," she said. "We had a lot of writers who were not professionals and it was a lot of work."