

Lebanon Square Circlers celebrate 75 years

By Sarah Brown
Lebanon Local

The Lebanon Square Circlers celebrated their 75th anniversary doing what they do best: square dancing.

Held on Feb. 4 at the Lebanon Senior Center, the event drew approximately 100 people from Albany, Corvallis, Independence, Lebanon and Sweet Home clubs. They cast off, promenaded, circled left, circled right and engaged in friendly chit-chat.

Many members of the Lebanon club wore their red and white attire, complete with the strawberry insignia. Petticoat-poofted skirts twirled in feminine fashion while callers took turns leading the charge.

If one asks why these dancers enjoy this particular activity so much, they will likely hear the same reasons: the friendships they build, the physical exercise they benefit from and the mental stimulation they acquire.

The Lebanon Square Circlers formed in 1949 after the American Legion Auxiliary started offering classes. They



Photo by Sarah Brown

Square dance enthusiasts from Albany, Corvallis, Independence, Lebanon and Sweet Home engage in a spin around the room during the Square Circlers' 75th anniversary celebration.

performed their first public street dance at the 1949 Strawberry Festival, and to this day they continue the tradition by square dancing on a trailer pulled during the Grand pa-

rade. After 75 years, the club can boast they remain the second-oldest square dance club in Oregon. Square Circler Kaynor Heineck said she

heard that, back in the earlier days, dance meetings were so packed that couples spilled onto the streets and music had

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Train enthusiasts celebrate steam locomotive's 100th

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A train that was expected to last only 30 or 40 years was the subject of celebration on Feb. 3 as fans of the Santa Maria Valley 205 steam locomotive gathered for its 100th "birthday."

Though reading off a prepared statement, owner Rick Franklin spoke from the heart as he began to - almost imperceptibly - choke back tears while saying, "It is extremely important to me to tell you how much I value the people of our community, both the community of Lebanon and the community of people that are dedicated to the preservation of steam-powered antique equipment."

The Santa Maria Valley 205, a fully restored 1924 Baldwin 2-6-2 prairie steam locomotive, was constructed by Baldwin Locomotive Works in Eddystone, Pa., for the Big Creek Hydroelectric Project north of Fresno by San Joaquin & Eastern Railroad (SJ&E). After the SJ&E line was abandoned in 1933,



Photo by Sarah Brown

A banner spreads across the face of the Santa Maria 205, announcing its age of 100 years.

the Southern California Edison Company sold the locomotive to the Santa Maria Valley Railroad, where it moved freight cars until

it was retired in May 1950. The train was displayed at the Santa Maria until Yamhill resident George Lavacot ac-

quired it in 1983.

For 38 years, Lavacot and his friends restored every bit

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OBITUARIES



Donna Wood

February 14, 1932 - January 19, 2024

Albany Mennonite Home resident Donna Wood, age 91, passed away peacefully on January 19, 2024.

She was born on February 14, 1932, in Mill City, Oregon, the second of four children of Ray and Alma Plymale.

Donna graduated with honors from Lebanon High School where she was involved in variety of school ac-

tivities including the marching band. She played more than five instruments for a significant part of her life and seemed to be able to pick up and play any instrument. She obtained her first bachelor's degree from Northwest Christian College in Eugene in 1954.

Later that same year she married Elijah Criswell "Joe" Vaughan. The couple had eight children between 1955 and 1963. Twin sons Berle Jay and Merle Ray died shortly after birth. While living in Junction City and raising her children, Donna obtained a second bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon.

She worked as a substitute schoolteacher and eventually worked as the Director of Student Financial Aid at Northwest Christian College.

After retiring, Donna and Joe served at a Christian missionary center in Mexico for several years.

Joe predeceased Donna

in 1987. Her brothers John Plymale and Ben Plymale also predeceased her, as did her second son David Vaughan of Junction City.

Donna became interested in genealogy and successfully traced her family history and ancestry back more than 500 years. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War (DUV).

She actively served on national committees of the DUV and was its national president in 2004 where her son Dudley Vaughan and granddaughters Lilian and Amelia Vaughan attended and participated in the national convention. In 2014

Donna married Jay Wood. The couple lived in Fillmore, California until moving to the Mennonite Village. Jay predeceased Donna.

She is survived by her stepdaughter, Caren Baumgart of Klamath Falls, Oregon, and children Cris Vaughan

of Grass Valley, California, Christine Bell of Dallas, Daniel Vaughan of Corvallis, Dudley Vaughan of Tampa, Florida and Carol Alford of Woodland, Washington and her sister Lydia Wilson of Albany, as well as grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at 1:00 pm at the Lakeside Center, Mennonite Village, 5353 Columbus St SE, Albany, Oregon. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Crabtree Christian Church, 37650 Crabtree Dr, Crabtree, OR 97335

Death Notices

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

Charles "Chuck" Bennett - 90, of Lebanon, died January 11, 2024. Huston-Jost Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Richard Ray Carey - 93, of Lebanon, died January 26, 2024. Huston-Jost Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Paula Marie Lea Sky-les-Lutzi - 51, of Lebanon, died January 25, 2024. Huston-Jost Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Roger Dale Robinson - 74, of Lebanon, died February 7, 2024. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements.

Alvin Ray Vaughan - 69, of Lebanon, died January 15, 2024. Huston-Jost Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Esther Louise Whitney - 86, of Lebanon, died January 28, 2024. Huston-Jost Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

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.

Feb. 22, from 1:30-2:30 p.m.: Vermicomposting & Mealworms, with Melissa Selby

Feb. 29, from 4:30-5:30 p.m.: Garden Journaling, with Angela Blackburn

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.

Local authors fair

Friends of the Lebanon Library will host its first-ever Local Author Fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Feb. 24 at Lebanon Senior Center, 80 Tangent St.

Oregon writers who would like to participate may apply by Feb. 10 at <https://forms.gle/M7thCcrRTvqqsoq56>.

Space is limited. Booth space starts as low as \$10. For more information, call 541.730.3602, email FriendsLebanonORLibrary@gmail.com, or visit <https://linktr.ee/lebanonlibraryfriends>.

Chili cook-off

Meadowlark Senior Living will host their first-ever chili cook-off at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 25, at 181 S. 5th St.

The public is invited to participate by sharing their favorite chili dish for the community to sample, with a chance to win some "hot" prizes. Residents at Meadowlark and public attendees will be the judges. One "very

excited" resident of Meadowlark will bring his family recipe to the cook-off and "give everyone a run for their money."

Meadowlark will supply everything needed (except the ingredients and crockpot). Register by texting/calling Erica at 541.799.4855.

Seed swap

Santiam Food Alliance presents "Seedy Tuesday" at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 27, at the Lebanon Public Library, 55 Academy St.

This is an opportunity to swap seeds with other plant enthusiasts and glean some information. This year's Seedy Tuesday will include brief presentations on a few plants whose seeds will be on offer, a Master Gardeners' advice table, and an information table for the Lebanon Garden Club.

Bring envelopes and a pen, any seeds you want to share, as well as well-wrapped plants, tubers and bulbs. Seedy Tuesday is co-sponsored by the Lebanon Public Library, the Lebanon Garden Club, and Linn County Master Gardeners.

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 Feb. 28, March 27, April 24, and

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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 Christopher Jones, 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, Gary Forrest Schaeffer, Aaron

Carlyle Scott, Tiffani Kendra Stubblefield, Russell Dale Truedson, Paul Walter Ulm, Darnell T. Wells, Jessica Ashley Wynne.

Jackson Charles Blanshan, 57, was placed in the DUII diversion program after pleading guilty to driving with a .28% BAC.

Jennifer Rae Burton, 52, was charged Feb. 5 with second-degree sexual abuse for allegations involving a male under the age of 18, and second-degree online sexual corruption of a child.

Johnathan Michael Davis, 31, was sentenced Jan. 12 to suspension of a driver's li-

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Jan. 12

3:18 a.m. - Haven Austin Hansen, 28, was cited for driving while suspended.

1:16 p.m. - Paul Hertzberg, 36, was arrested on a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant.

3:06 p.m. - Thomas Gantt, 35, was arrested on a warrant.

3:18 p.m. - Eddie Zarr, was cited on a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for driving while suspended.

10:31 p.m. - Joshua Webb, 45, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

Jan. 13

12:39 p.m. - Matthew Benedict, 26, was cited for second degree criminal trespass.

3:12 p.m. - Conner B Provstgaard, 35, was cited on a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on criminal citations for driving while suspended and driving uninsured. Provstgaard was also cited for driving while suspended, failure to carry proof of insurance, and improper display.

5:02 p.m. - Anthony Middleton, 60, Nicklaus Glasser, 34, were arrested for warrant.

Jan. 14

2:56 p.m. - Sara Collins, 49, was arrested on a warrant and cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

4:36 p.m. - Caller reports

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Levy, OSHA top of discussion for Fire Board

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The Lebanon Fire District Board approved a referral for a local option levy for the May elections and heard a report regarding respiratory protection inspections during its Feb. 13 meeting.

The District will request a five-year levy of 75 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value to improve services to the community. If approved by voters in May, the measure would begin July 1, 2024, and expire June 30, 2029. It would provide six more firefighter medic positions, and replace aging equipment and apparatus.

The proposed ballot verbiage states, "Without the new levy funding, the Fire District will need to cut back on its level of services to the community." The District said it serves a population of more than 40,000 residents, and provides 134 square miles of fire protection and 419 square miles of ambulance service.

LFD Fire Chief Joseph Rodondi said at a campaign kick-off party on Jan. 11 that LFD needs nine more firefighter medic positions filled, but pared that number down to six to make it more digestible for voters. The 75-cent ask would cost homeowners approximately \$150-300 per year (based on a home valued between \$200,000 and \$400,000). It would also help "round out" the fleet and, ultimately, improve response times.

The District's permanent tax rate is \$2.26 per \$1,000 of assessed value. After the pandemic, the nation saw inflation rise dramatically, and costs to the LFD were no exception. The LFD is considered a "special district," meaning it is not under the government of the city or the county, but operates as its own government. Rodondi said the federal government does not recognize special districts as possible recipients of certain grants and funding, further restricting access to needed funds.



Photo by Sarah Brown

The Lebanon Fire District Board listens to Chief Rodondi speak about items on the agenda.

On a separate agenda item, Rodondi addressed a hurdle the Special Districts Association of Oregon is tackling. SDAO is a lobbying and educational organization representing many special districts of Oregon, including the LFD. Its mission is to assist special service districts in providing cost-effective and efficient public services to Oregonians (learn more at www.sdao.com).

SDAO recently reported that OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) inspections related to respiratory protections and the inspection process of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) systems at fire agencies have increased substantially this past year, as have the penalty fines. Several agencies received citations for "failing to follow the manufacturer recommendations" for the SCBA inspection process. The SDAO asked OSHA for clarification on some points and reported they received a response back that "places a heavy burden on all districts but most notably on volunteer and districts with small-

er staff."

Among a handful of concerns during a recent appeal process, Rodondi said he questioned how OSHA determined the fine for penalties because "there's no consistency across the state." A central Oregon department was fined \$185 while LFD was fined \$2,625 for a similar violation type. State law requires departments to inspect an SCBA at a minimum of monthly and in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations which, for the MSA brand, is daily.

Rodondi learned that the SCBA brand they use (MSA, which he said is used by most departments in Linn County and across the state) is "more restrictive in their inspections" than other brands. Inspecting the SCBAs on a daily basis is not realistic for volunteer and partial-volunteer departments (like LFD), Rodondi said. Volunteers respond to an emergency from their home to their assigned station, he clarified for Lebanon Local.

"Having to stop and perform a 15 to 20 minute check

on the SCBA is not realistic," he said.

He questioned OSHA and MSA about these procedures.

"MSA is at least recognizing that this could impact their pocketbook, that OSHA is putting their finger on the scales of pushing many fire districts to purchase other (less restrictive) products than their product," Rodondi said.

If OSHA continues to over-penalize districts on matters pertaining to SCBAs, LFD must consider whether it should remove the gear from their fire engines at volunteer substations, which would prevent them from doing interior firefighting, he said.

"Taking such drastic action could have a significant impact on insurance rates in the community," he said.

LFD and SDAO are continuing to meet with key local and state leaders on the matter to work out a reasonable solution, Rodondi said.

In other business, the board:

- Appointed Rodondi as budget officer and approved

the budget calendar;

- Reviewed an updated policy regarding social media and dress code for fire personnel and board members;

- Reviewed the financial report;

- Heard from the Lebanon Professional Firefighters Union representative Jason Adamson, who said he's excited about the levy that he deems is "completely fair;"

- Heard from firefighter Michael Perkins, who reported he was able to secure another volunteer for the Lacombe Station 32 site, as well as a part-time firefighter out of Jefferson;

- Heard from Rodondi who shared the administration and firefighting staff will begin moving into the new fire station;

- Heard about the District's work as staff keep an eye on the Legislative Short Session this year. Rodondi reported that fire chiefs are not in favor of a potential wildfire tax that would be distributed 20% to the districts and 80% to the state. Also, PERS benefits might change, which could raise LFD's budget expenses by about \$100,000, Rodondi estimated. He also reported that federal legislature is beginning to recognize special districts, which down the road could lead to more funding opportunities through the federal government. Division Chief John Tacy reported the District is "keeping an eye on" an EMS modernization bill which is "really focused around data collection," and a military licensing bill.

CROSSWORD KEY

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Library draws in teens with teen-led advisory group

By Sarah Brown
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The Lebanon Public Library has been enticing more teenagers to utilize the library after creating a Teen Advisory Group (TAG).

"Teens don't typically come to the library just to come," Library Assistant Julie Tibbetts said. "We've always had a very low percentage of teens using the library and coming to programs. It's easier for teens to get teens into the library."

TAG was a function the library staff had been wanting to start for a while, Tibbetts said, so they began by inviting their Summer Reading Program teen volunteers to join. The advisory group began in September 2022 starting with members Kaz Dunn, Lorelai Fosselman, Abigail Ghio, and Helen Rounsavell, and later added two more members.

"We are mainly focused on making the library more teen-focused," 15-year-old Rounsavell said. "We run different clubs, we host teen-centered events, and try and make sure the teen section of the library is super inviting and fun."

Dunn, 15, said TAG currently organizes science and craft events from time to time, but



Photo by Sarah Brown

Teen Coding Club leader Lorelai Fosselman, left, navigates coding work on a laptop while Kaz Dunn and Helen Rounsavell watch.

they also host a book club and poetry club, plus new clubs for American Sign Language (ASL) and coding.

"We've had our best numbers since the TAG has taken over and kinda had their own ideas," Tibbetts said.

In addition to hosting fun programs for teen involve-

ment, the advisory group contributes by helping with displays, shelving books and stocking personal care supplies in the youth bathroom.

"I love TAG because I get to hang out with fun people all the time and I get to just, like, do my best to do something for the community," Dunn

said. "In Lebanon, there's not a lot to do for teenagers, so it's nice to be able to do something."

Rounsavell agreed, stating they've met a lot of interesting people through the activities.

"I don't go to public school, so I don't have many opportu-

nities to socialize specifically with teenagers, and that's a lot of what we do here," Rounsavell said. "We gather teenagers with common interests, and then everybody can meet and socialize. It's really nice to get to reach out into our community and get more involved, especially with the library because Julie is just amazing."

Tibbetts is responsible for providing a Nintendo Switch at the library for teens, which has drawn some kids in, and the library has begun offering the occasional movie-and-craft night. Reese King attended the most recent movie night on Jan. 25 when the library hosted the original Disney Alice in Wonderland movie complete with tea and scones, and a terrarium craft project. King said she tends to like themed events like that, and she'd like to see more craft events.

With the library's own teen-centered project in addition to TAG events, Tibbetts said she's seen a "definite" increase in teen attendance at programs.

"The momentum keeps going," Tibbetts said. "We just hope it continues."

City Council initiates goal setting work sessions

By Sarah Brown
Lebanon Local

In the face of a strained budget and growing needs in the city, councilors initiated the first of a series of work sessions on Jan. 24 to set goals for the next few years.

At this particular meeting, the purpose was to determine how the council wanted to move forward with its goal setting structure.

"I think it's been the better part of a decade since the council has taken part in goal setting," Councilor Michelle Steinhebel noted.

Interim City Manager Ron Whitlatch told the council that, when considering goals, they should determine what goals they are interested in,

how they would achieve it, and what financial or other consequences the goals would create.

It's important for the council to set policy goals and the City's staff perform the actions that will achieve those goals, Whitlatch said. Goals for this year already included in the budget are underway, so ideally the new goals will be for the next year or two. The council should decide whether they will hire a moderator to help facilitate the goal setting process and keep the council on task. Whitlatch also suggested the council create goals based on categories (i.e., quality of life, economic development, public safety, recreation, etc.).

"Once you've established those categories and what your overarching goals are, then the management team proposes a work plan that fits those goals," he said.

He reminded the council that the budget should always be at the forefront of their minds when they are setting goals. Additionally, the council might need to consider potential added costs if a deep drawdown at Green Peter Reservoir once again requires heavy water treatment next winter.

Whitlatch mentioned a handful of ideas for possible goals they might consider, including: reopening the jail, code amendments for housing production, or starting a capital fund for the expansion of the children's room at the library.

However, in the face of the City's structural deficits, it is facing several needs, he said. These include maintenance for trails and parks, repairs at the wastewater treatment plant, continuing programs such as the library and senior center, preparing for Western University's expected expansion, development code amendments, redeveloping

the Champion Mill Site, moving into a safer City Hall, and infrastructure.

"I think that, until the structural deficit is at least in a manageable place, it's going to be hard to set goals," Whitlatch said. "It's not just 'we need more money.' We're gonna look deep inside the organization and there's gonna be some uncomfortable discussions about how we get there and what the consequences look like, what the pros and cons of them are with the number one goal still to provide service to the public."

The council agreed they preferred to focus on strategic five-year plans that would consist of achieving goals in one to two years. They also agreed they wanted to hire a moderator. There was some discussion about the Lebanon 2040 Vision, an action plan created in 2016 based on community input about how citizens want Lebanon to be (look, feel, achieve) by 2040.

Mayor Kenneth Jackola said he believes the 2040 Vision is a good document, but after a while it sort of got set aside, so this goal setting work might be an opportunity to help finish the Vision.

He did a quick survey of the council members to see where their initial interests for goals are. Councilors Carl Mann, Jeremy Salvage, Steinhebel, KJ Ullfers and Dave Workman all agreed one of their biggest goals is public safety in the form of more police staffing and/or reopening the jail. Councilor Wayne Dykstra said he is interested in more parking downtown, perhaps in the form of a parking structure, to encourage economic development downtown. Jackola said he also is interested in economic development.

"Without new growth with businesses and housing, it's really hard to pay for stuff," Jackola said.

Workman also expressed interest in a balanced budget and keeping up with infrastructure; Salvage expressed interest in economic development at Cheadle Lake Park and keeping up with infrastructure; Steinhebel specified infrastructure at the westside interceptor; Ullfers also noted infrastructure, more specifically the "ancient, almost Roman-time" sewer and water lines, and he would also like to see the roads fixed.



LHS health secretary faces charges of sexual abuse of a minor

By Kristy Tallman
Lebanon Local

On Feb. 2, Jennifer R. Burton, a 52-year-old health secretary at Lebanon High School (LHS), was arrested by the Albany Police Department (APD) on charges of second degree sexual abuse of a minor and second degree online sexual corruption of a child, both of which are classified as class 'C' felonies.

Public Information Officer Laura Hawkins cited a conflict of interest with the Lebanon Police Department (LPD). Which lead to APD taking charge of Burton's arrest.

According to court documents, the charges against Burton date back to the period between Sept. 1, 2018, and Dec. 31, 2018, in Linn County. The first charge, second degree sexual abuse of a minor, alleges that Burton, then over 21 years of age and an employee of a school with direct responsibility for student instruction, unlawfully subjected a male under the age of 18 to sexual intercourse.

The second charge, second degree online sexual corruption of a child, asserts that during the same period, Bur-

ton, being 18 years or older, knowingly used online communication to solicit a child for sexual contact or sexually explicit conduct, with the intent of gratifying her own sexual desires.

Burton was released from custody as of Feb. 5, with her next hearing scheduled for March 4. Conditions of her release include restrictions against contacting the defendant or his family, as well as prohibitions from accessing schools or parks and from interacting with minors.

School District Responds
While the case unfolds, Lebanon Community School District (LCSD) has taken steps to address concerns and ensure the safety and well-being of its students.

"Ms. Burton is currently an employee on administrative leave. Any process related to personnel matters is confidential," LCSD Director of Communications Susanne Stefani said regarding Burton's employment status since her arrest.

According to Stefani, Superintendent Jennifer Meckley became aware of the situation on Jan. 4, 2024, after receiving a tip regarding Burton.



"The superintendent immediately contacted law enforcement and put the employee on administrative leave, on which she has remained since," Stefani said.

Stefani stated that prior to this incident, there have been no other complaints or disciplinary actions against Burton of a similar nature during her tenure with Lebanon schools. However, information regarding such incidents is also protected

employee information.

"In light of these developments, LHS staff have been equipped with information to address student inquiries and emotions," Stefani explained. "Our professional school counselors and on-staff mental health therapists are also available to support students who may need assistance."

Stefani stressed the importance of community involvement, urging anyone with

information relevant to the case to come forward.

"Parents and caregivers are encouraged to report any concerns to school district administrators or the police to facilitate formal investigations aimed at ensuring the safety of students and the community," she said.

Regarding rumors circulating within the community, Stefani clarified that the District had not received prior reports of misconduct involving Burton. She underscored the legal obligation of district staff to promptly report any suspicions of child abuse or misconduct.

"LCSD adheres to state law and district protocols when handling allegations of sexual misconduct involving children," Stefani affirmed. "We follow the law (ORS 339.388), ensuring due process and compliance throughout such investigations."

As the legal process unfolds, LCSD stated they remain committed to transparency, safety and the well-being of its students. LHS is cooperating fully with law enforcement and encourages anyone with additional information to come forward.

LOCAL EVENTS

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May 22. For more information, call 541.258.4926 or email 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.

- March 1: Pub Crawl
- 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

Genealogy meeting

The next meeting of the Lebanon Genealogical Society will be at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, March 1, at the Lebanon Public Library Com-

munity Room, 55 Academy St. There will be a surprise speaker. This is a fun opportunity to learn about history and find your roots.

Teen Coding Club

Lebanon Public Library's Teen Advisory Group hosts its newest club, Teen Coding Club, from 4-5 p.m. on Monday, March 4, at the library's youth section, 55 Academy St.

Bring your own computer and join other teens who are between the ages of 12 and 18. TAG leaders will be on-hand to help teens who are already coding or would like to learn how to get started. This club is for anyone who would like to hang out with other teens who like all things related to coding. Teens can share ideas, chat and enjoy snacks. All levels are welcome to attend.

The club is held every first Monday of the month. For more information, call 541.258.4926 or email libraryinfo@ci.lebanon.or.us.

Forum on affordable housing

The League of Women Voters hosts a forum, "Affordable Housing, Here and Now," at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6, at the Lebanon Public Library, 55 Academy St.

Co-sponsored by the Rotary

Club, the forum will address how the city, the state and private agencies are addressing the shortage of affordable housing for both buyers and renters, and both moderate- and low-income residents.

Panelists will represent the City of Lebanon, DevNW, Crossroads Communities, the Linn-Benton Housing Authority, and the Farmworkers Housing Development Corporation. Each speaker will make a brief presentation, and a question-and-answer period will follow.

The forum is free of charge and open to all. For more information, contact Linda at 503.707.1539.

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Sodaville Council decides fate of water bill, driveway widths

By Sarah Brown
Lebanon Local

The Sodaville City Council at its Jan. 25 meeting questioned how it should respond to burst pipe water charges and whether they should adopt more lenient laws regarding paved driveways.

Following the ice storm that hit the state in mid-January, Public Works Director JD Burns reported a resident was unable to access his shop because it was uphill and the road was slick with ice; even City staff were unable to drive out. During the storm, a pipe in the shop had burst, causing a high loss of water and, ultimately, a high water bill.

City Administrator/Recorder Alex McHaddad offered a suggestion to cut the resident's bill in half as a sort of compromise, given the circumstances. He clarified the resident's bill usually hovers around \$60, but this incident put him at around \$373 (at the water restriction rate).

"We want people to be conserving, and they've been conserving" but now they're hit with a water bill they had little to no control over, McHaddad said. He noted there was a similar situation with a different resident this past summer where they charged only half the cost.

Councilor Adina Olivares stressed she wanted to be



Photo by Sarah Brown

The Sodaville City Council discusses water issues during its meeting on Jan. 25.

sure the council remained "consistent and fair" with everyone when they make these kinds of decisions. Councilor Joseph Parsons also noted the council addressed this issue the previous month, essentially determining that "if it's anything behind the meter, it's not our responsibility."

"Ordinarily when there's an enforcement action like this, people are responsible for mitigating it," McHaddad said. "But if they're prevented from mitigating it themselves, I think we can give them some leniency."

Olivares agreed this particular situation by an Act of God prevented the proper-

ty owner and city staff from identifying the problem, and some sort of mitigation should be considered. Parsons also wanted to take a person's history with water and water bills into consideration. After some back and forth among the councilors, they agreed to charge the property owner half the cost of his bill.

The council next addressed an issue regarding a property owner who is going to be required to install a 22-foot-wide paved driveway due to a current city ordinance; they noted Sodaville Road is only 20 feet wide. It is an ordinance that several council members said doesn't

make sense. Olivares even noted that, given the recent ice storm, a gravel driveway would be easier or safer to drive on during such weather. The council approved a motion to initiate an amendment to the ordinance to adopt Linn County pavement standards, which has less stringent requirements. The amended ordinance will be reviewed during the February council meeting.

In other business:

- McHaddad reported the City spent "a little over" \$90,000 in water hauling for the fiscal year and had "scraped together" \$104,000 for the purpose, leaving a \$14,000 surplus. However, the budget for liability insurance was short and health insurance premiums were recently raised. McHaddad recommended the council move the surplus to cover those unexpected expenses.

- McHaddad reported the Legislature made a mistake in its appropriations for Sodaville's water funding grant; he expects the error to be fixed soon. While the City waits for the funding for the new well project, it is tackling necessary paperwork and discussions with an engineer and the property owner.

- The Council appointed McHaddad as the budget officer for the 2024-25 fiscal year, and designated The

New Era/Lebanon Local as the City's paper of record.

- McHaddad shared he might be offered a different job soon. If that is the case, the Council will have about a month to hire a replacement, but he will make himself available to assist with the transition.

- Burns reported Dec. 12, 2023 was the last day the City hauled water in, and the City's reservoir hit the full mark on Jan. 4, 2024.

- The Council tabled a decision regarding a permanent rate change for water use in excess of 7,500 gallons during normal periods, charging two cents per gallon above 7,500 gallons. It is expected this would help replenish lost funding due to water hauling this past year. They opted to hold a work session Feb. 8 to discuss the matter further.

- The Council adopted a resolution transferring \$5,000 from LGIP (the State Pool Account) into the City's checking account, and moving \$496 from checking into LGIP (which comes from the \$2 base rate from water bills and is to be reserved for repairs and maintenance).

- The Council appointed Parsons as a member to the board of the Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments, and Olivares as alternate director.

Pool director reports current maintenance issues

By Sarah Brown
Lebanon Local

The Lebanon Aquatic District at its Jan. 22 meeting approved a resolution essentially transferring funds in the amount of \$95,000 to cover the expense of a new boiler for the Lebanon Community Pool.

Executive Director Lorlee Engler reported the LAD recently purchased a new two-boiler water system, which is planned to be installed some time between March and April. The resolution allows a previous transfer of \$70,000 from the general fund into the reserve fund to be reversed and put into the capital category within the general fund, and allows a total of \$25,000 to be transferred out of the personnel services category into the capital category and the materials and services/building maintenance category.

Engler reported that of the building maintenance's beginning balance fund of \$36,000, only \$12,000 remains for the rest of the fiscal



Photo by Sarah Brown

The Sodaville City Council discusses water issues during its meeting on Jan. 25.

year. The \$36,000 is a "really healthy amount," she said, but the pool is old and "stuff breaks when you least expect it to."

"I anticipate that, if things just keep kind of going the way they're going, then we might run out of that money between now and June," Engler said.

She gave an example of a recent maintenance issue with the water makeup valve,

which automatically fills the warm pool when it detects low water levels. It has been overfilling the warm pool, so staff has gotten in the habit of just turning the valve off, but they sometimes forget to turn it back on. Funds were spent to determine and fix the problem.

On a side note, the recent ice storm in mid-January caused ice to form on the heater coils in the men's locker room, En-

gler said. The boiler "conked out," which prevented the swimming pool building from having any heat, and the cold weather got into the pipes, effectively breaking the heater in the men's locker room. She's also tackling a problem with an outdated HVAC controller, which she believes has faulty coding that cannot be accessed due to the developer's proprietary code.

In other business:

- While reviewing a resolution to adopt public contracting rules, Board Director Jereme Guenther asked if a particular paragraph could be removed that indicated giving preference to people of color "and other such things"

"I don't believe that is necessary to open the door for us to discriminate against people, which I don't think we would ever do, so why are we opening the door?" Guenther said.

The board unanimously approved the resolution as amended per Guenther's request.

- Engler reported the LAD and Lebanon Community School District will be negotiating the renewal of the lease contract.

- The board approved a new contract and salary for the executive director, retroactive Nov. 1. Guenther noted he didn't agree with the salary increase, stating he believes it's more than they can afford. The contract was approved by three yes, two no votes.

School District presents first report on class sizes

By Sarah Brown
Lebanon Local

This past month, the School Board for the Lebanon Community School District awarded bids for facility projects, and regular reports were heard. One report included enrollment numbers for each class in the district, revealing where “overcrowding” may require discussions with teachers to alleviate the burden. This is the first time the District has reported on class sizes since it negotiated its recent collective bargaining agreement with licensed District staff.

In a special school board meeting held Jan. 18, the board:

- Awarded the Lacombe School roofing project to ABC Roofing to replace the main section of roof over the elementary school section of the school in the amount of \$1,644,172. Board Member Melissa Baurer asked if the other part of the roof was found to be in good condition, to which COO Will Lewis responded it is a 20-year roof that is at 20 years, so it will eventually need to be replaced as well. At this point in time, he added, the District needs to focus spending its funds on the “critical need” projects first.

- Awarded the high school Cafeteria Equipment Project to Curtis Restaurant Equipment to replace cafeteria equipment in the amount of \$347,014. They were the only bidders to respond to a request for proposal. The need is there because, Lewis said, the lunch service has “dramatically” increased since the pandemic from about 250 meals served to now about 600. Plus, some of the current equipment is failing.

- Awarded the high school Cafeteria Renovation Project to First Cascade Corporation in the amount of \$141,580. The board, as required by law, also approved an increase in the limit for immediate procurement to cover that amount.

During the regular Feb. 8 board meeting:

- Special Education Director Steve Woodcock reported on data for restraint and seclusion actions during the 2022-23 school year. There were six times when restraint was enacted and 40 times when seclusion was used. A history of incidents since the 2013-14 school year revealed the number of restraints has declined drastically, while the number of seclusion increased drastically. It was noted that only two students this past school year were among those placed

Elementary and K-8 Schools Data pulled on 2/1/2024						
	CAS	GNA	HCR	LAC	PIO	RIV
Kindergarten	17	22	20	21	22	21
Kindergarten	20	22			20	22
Kindergarten					20	23
1st Grade	21	24	16	19	21	19
1st Grade	21	22	15		22	20
1st Grade						19
2nd Grade	21	24	30	27	19	29
2nd Grade	18	23			18	30
2nd Grade						25
3rd Grade	16	27	31	28	27	24
3rd Grade	17	26			26	23
3rd Grade						22
4th Grade	20	24	31	26	28	23
4th Grade	20	25			28	22
4th Grade						24
5th Grade	24	22	18	32	23	25
5th Grade	22	22	19		22	24
5th Grade						26
6th Grade			24	30	29	
7th Grade			31	22		
8th Grade			28	19		
LIT (PIO)					11	
EGC (K-2)	4					
EGC (3-5)	7					
Lifeskills (K-2)		15				
Lifeskills (3-5)		12				
Preschool	14					
TOTAL	262	310	263	224	336	421

Highlighted data indicates which elementary classes are considered overcrowded.

in seclusion. All the students in the data this year were white, a majority were male, a majority had a disability, and two were economically disadvantaged.

- Supt. Jennifer Meckley presented the winter STAR progress for K-8 in reading and math. The numbers are in relation to “normed” numbers across the nation, she explained. By looking specifically at the average percentile rank, the District can see growth that they are “so pleased” to see, with a 53 percentile increase in reading and 40 percentile growth in math. Comparing Fall’s data with Winter’s, all schools except Hamilton Creek showed growth, ranging from +3 to +13. Hamilton Creek scored -1 in reading and +1 in math; Meckley attributed it to a high number of new teachers at the school.

- In responding to the recent collective bargaining

agreement with licensed District staff, Meckley provided a report of class sizes and case management loads. In the agenda packet on the subject, she stated, “We make every effort to keep the classes and case management loads within the recommended ranges. When they are higher, it is our goal to provide some extra support to the employee.”

For K-8, the report showed all schools but Cascades have four or five class sizes that are above the recommended enrollment, but only by one to six extra students. Riverview had the highest number of “over enrolled” students. Meckley explained there are a variety of reasons a class size might be higher than recommended, but emphasized open enrollment as one of the main reasons. “We’re working on transitioning away from open enrollment so that we

can avoid overcrowded schools and schools that have far less students,” she said.

According to the report, the school enrollment indicates the following total numbers: Cascades 262, Green Acres 310, Hamilton Creek 263, Lacombe 224, Pioneer 336, Riverview 421. At Seven Oak Middle School, 42 of its 171 classes exceed the recommended class sizes. At the high school, 40 of its 566 classes exceeded the recommended class sizes, to which Meckley explained the new block scheduling has contributed to the issue. Musical Theater Production holds the highest number of students with 60; a high school class is considered over the recommended size when it reaches 32. Board member Tom Oliver noted some Language Arts classes are under-limit while others are over, and some Spanish classes exceed numbers while French classes have very low enrollment numbers. Meckley added that timing of class electives may be contributing to some of the overcrowding.

- COO William Lewis III reported the contract with Sand Ridge Charter School is up for renewal. The Board agreed to set up a meeting time with the school to negotiate the contract terms.

- Lewis reported the roofing contract has not yet been signed by the contractor. He said the District is “working through that.” If for some reason the contract does not go through, the District is prepared with a back-up plan and will report to the Board at the time they cross that bridge, he said.

- Lewis reported the new

classroom building at Seven Oak is on its way to being finished as the roof has now been completed. The first cut on the concrete floor, HVAC and windows are installed, and the siding is currently going up. The second cut on the floor and classroom framing is next on the to-do list. He expects the building to be completed by May.

- Lewis told the board the facilities department staff are looking at ways to be more efficient. The District’s main storage facility is at the former school in Waterloo. The District received air purifiers for every school in the district, plus five years’ worth of filters, he said. All of that will be shipped and stored in Waterloo until staff need to install them, all of which essentially costs money to do (mileage, driving time, etc.). On a side note, the District is canceling its contract with the City of Lebanon, which maintains landscape for the District, and will use its own staff to continue the work. The landscape/maintenance crew will use winter months to focus more on maintenance needs.

“What we’re trying to do is get more efficient with the current staff we have, and then utilize those individuals... to do the maintenance and additional maintenance needs around the school district (during winter months),” he said.

- Oliver reported that Board Member Mike Martin submitted his resignation for the position. The board will declare the seat’s vacancy at its next meeting and begin the process of appointing a qualified resident, he said.

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Feelin' a bit Hangry - There's a solution for that

By Kristy Tallman

Lebanon Local

The story of Hangry Solutions, which some would consider a culinary gem in the heart of Lebanon, is not just about its dishes; it's a narrative woven with passion, perseverance and a profound sense of community.

The dynamic duo behind Hangry Solutions, Marcie Lindley and Ronda Vinson, sat down for an interview, offering a glimpse into their journey from dreamers to community champions.

Lindley, an executive chef with a lifelong love for culinary arts, began her journey in the restaurant business in the '90s after graduating from culinary school in 2008. The dream of Hangry Solutions took root during the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and personal loss, creating a perfect storm that propelled Lindley and Vinson into action.

"COVID happened, my husband died," Lindley reflected. "A whole bunch of things came together. And it was like, let's do this. Let's just start it. You don't know if you're gonna fail unless you start slowly. We're not failing. Right? You don't know if you're gonna fail unless you start."

Hangry Solutions initially took the form of a food truck, hitting the streets of Lebanon in September 2020. Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, the truck turned out to be a blessing in disguise.

"It was a dream and passion for us to open a food truck, and we started that venture," Vinson said. "It turned out to be a blessing for us."

However, the desire for a more personal connection with customers led Lindley and Vinson to transition to a brick-and-mortar restaurant, taking over the space where Lindley once managed the former Bigfoot Bites kitchen.

The journey of opening the food truck in the beginning of COVID-19 was not without its challenges. Lindley and Vinson vividly described the hardships faced during their time in the food truck, a space that brought unique obstacles.

"Wearing masks, operating carefully like a ballet, and it's a whole different experience," Lindley shared.

The constraints of the food truck, exacerbated by COVID-19 restrictions, cre-

ated a challenging environment, with temperatures soaring 25 to 35 degrees hotter inside the truck. Despite the difficulties, their resilience and determination shone through, propelling them to consider new horizons and eventually establish Hangry Solutions' current location. Vinson described the transition.

"We kind of weighed our options. Did we want to sweat to death in the summer and freeze in the winter? And most important for Marcie and me," Vinson said, looking at Lindley, "correct me if I'm wrong, we wanted to have that connection with our customers."

Gaining a nod of approval from Lindley she continued.

"We want them to feel like they are our family. The interaction that we got to have with them before was just through the window. Now that they can come in and sit down, we learn more about them and their families, and they learn about us. But yeah, we figured it was time to try something different. And here we are today, we've been here, open since the 13th of March, almost a year, a year!"

Lindley agreed, stating they want their customers to feel like they are their family.

Hangry Solutions stands out not just for its diverse menu with specialty hamburgers and sandwiches, as well as an array of home-style cooked dishes, but the restaurant is also known for its affordability and the owners' heartwarming commitment to the town. Lindley's dedication to ensuring that the locals can enjoy a meal without breaking the bank goes beyond the price tags on the menu.

"I did not get into this business to get rich," Lindley said. "What I want is for my local community to be able to go out to eat at least once a week, not break the bank, feed the whole family."

This commitment to accessibility is reflected in the restaurant's portion sizes, which are notably generous. Lindley and Vinson, during the interview, shared that they specifically design larger portions with the intention of promoting shared meals, making it easier for single mothers with large families and the elderly on fixed incomes to enjoy a satisfying meal without worrying about the cost.

"We like to do it for single moms who have a lot of kids.



Photo by Kristy Tallman

Above: Executive Chef Marcie Lindley, left, and co-owner Ronda Vinson pose for a photo. They will celebrate the restaurant's one year anniversary at their new location on March 13.

Below: Staff at Hangry Solutions prep for an evening dinner rush.



That's why I'm here," Lindley added.

Vinson echoed the sentiment, emphasizing their desire to extend this affordability to the elderly, who can come in, buy one meal, and share it.

The portions at Hangry Solutions are not just about satisfying appetites, but about fostering a sense of community around the dining table. By providing substantial servings, the ladies ensure that everyone at the table can enjoy a hearty meal, making it a natural gathering place for families and individuals alike.

The restaurant's generosity extends beyond the menu, especially during the holiday season. Lindley and Vinson shared how they donated meals, sometimes funded

by the community, to those in need. Whether it's a single mother with a large family or an elderly individual on a fixed income, the ladies aim to make a positive impact on the community, one meal at a time.

The day to day grind, though, is a tough one for these ladies as they both open and close the restaurant every day. One of these such challenges came with January's ice storm. The restaurant lost power for five days, but made it through with help from an anonymous community member who donated \$1,000 to help with the loss of food. Vinson noted it was a blessing and a humbling experience.

"We have had other people that have donated to us along the way," she said. "We

had family help, bonuses, and someone donated our kegerator. And then we have a customer that every once in a while leaves a card with \$100. So we feel like we're doing the right things."

Lindley agreed, adding, "I think the one that's gonna stick with me is that large donation for no reason other than they didn't want us to suffer, right? And that huge sense of community and welcoming that we've received coming into this town. It means a lot to me."

Owning and running a restaurant is no easy feat, and they've faced their share of challenges. However, Lindley and Vinson approach these hurdles with a determination to make a

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Theater students perform "Newsies, Jr."

By Sarah Brown
Lebanon Local

The Lebanon High School's Musical Theater Production class raised the curtain on its first play of the school year, "Newsies, Jr.," providing full cast entertainment on Feb. 9-10.

"It was so fun," sophomore Sami Lovely said. "I was very nervous, but once you're on stage all the adrenaline just goes away."

Lovely played two roles, that of newsgal Hazel and vaudeville performer Ada.

Disney's "Newsies Jr." is a 60-minute version of the 2012 Broadway musical based on the 1992 film. Based on a true story out of New York City at the end of the 19th century, the musical play follows charismatic leader Jack Kelly, a newsboy who wants to be an artist out west. When publisher Joseph Pulitzer raises his newspaper prices at the newsboys' expense, Kelly leads the city's newsies in a strike that ultimately teaches the kids resilience and unity.

Senior Keegan Baughman, who played the role of Kelly, said the opening night was

"amazing," even though he noticed they made errors throughout the night.

"I don't think anyone (in the audience) noticed the things that were missed because we improv-ed, which is what you do when that happens," Baughman said. "Everyone involved in this, they did a great job; I'm so proud of them."

He said the hardest part for him during the school semester was memorization of all his lines, but for the crew as a whole, he noted one of the hardest things was the ice storm in mid-January, which forced them to push forward the production a few weeks later.

The character of Katherine Plummer, Pulitzer's daughter, was played by junior Marie Wallace. She echoed Baughman's sentiment that opening night was "amazing."

"I was absolutely terrified, but it went so well," she said. "Everyone worked so good together and I'm just so happy that we all got to do this together. It was awesome."

Led by choir teacher Emma Christensen and

band teacher Aaron Smith, the class consisted of about 60 students. After the school year began on Sept. 6, 2023, they began work on the Disney production.

"We fiddle around for about the first month," Smith said.

This was the first year both Smith and Christensen took the helm of the high school's bi-annual presentation. The band teacher said he especially liked the weekend construction builds when a lot of the students come in and "just demo and build, demo and build, demo and build." They take old stage builds, tear them down and rebuild what's needed for the current play. Given that most or none of them have construction experience, they used online videos to try to "figure it out," he said.

"I think the best part was in the last few weeks, once everyone got really comfortable with their lines and memorization and everything," Christensen said. "It just really seemed to come to life on stage and see people be a lot more confident and expressive; it's fun to watch."



Photos by Sarah Brown

Above, musical theater production students at LHS end a musical score while performing "Newsies Jr." Below, Saphira Brown, left, and Abigail Ghio, right, adjust the makeup for Izabel Scott who played two roles in "Newsies Jr."



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positive impact.

"We believe in making a difference, not just through our food but also through our actions," Vinson said.

This belief is vividly displayed in their extensive involvement during Child Abuse Awareness Month in April. Lindley and Vinson actively support Dala's Blue Angels, an organization committed to promoting the well-being of children and preventing child abuse and neglect through education and advocacy.

Each year, Hangry Solutions participates in the annual "Walk a Mile for a Child" event, a Dala's Blue Angels initiative. The event, held on the first Saturday of April, serves as a fundraiser to support child abuse awareness and education.

In addition to their active participation, Hangry Solutions helps sponsor and undertakes the responsibility of "painting the town blue" in the last week of March. Volunteers, in collaboration with the restaurant, embark on a mission to adorn Main Street with blue ribbons, visually symbolizing the town's stance against child

abuse. Further exemplifying their commitment, throughout the entire month of April, Hangry Solutions donates one dollar for every hamburger sold, an effort that garnered 1,107 donations last year. The Duo also helps decorate the town during Christmas.

Lindley and Vinson also shared how they donate meals, sometimes funded by the community, to those in need. Whether it's a single mother with a large family or an elderly individual on a fixed income, they aim to make a positive impact on the community, one meal at a time, reinforcing the idea that everyone should have the opportunity to enjoy a delicious meal, regardless of their financial situation.

"We have one lady that comes in and says, 'Can I put \$10 towards so and so?' So we'll say okay, and then we'll let that person know that they have soup coming," Lindley explained. "Or they'll say they want to pay, we say don't worry about it. We got it. We just want to feed them when we can."

Vinson echoed Lindley's thoughts.

"And as long as they're respectful of our property and us when they're here and our other customers, we

don't mind."

Looking ahead, Lindley and Vinson are focused on maintaining the quality and quantity of their offerings rather than expanding to additional locations. They aim to ensure that every customer experiences the same level of excellence.

Lindley said that's why they are at the restaurant all the time.

"Yeah, I think because we cook everything, we want everything to be the same for every person, even though we give off that homestyle feel and that comfort feel. We still want our plates to be uniform. We still want everything to look the same," she said.

Vinson said they will continue to do catering events.

"We love doing that. That's the one time that she (Lindley) goes completely into heaven is working catering events."

As Hangry Solutions marks nearly a year since their March 13 opening at the new location, the owners remain deeply grateful for the overwhelming support from the community.

"There's so many things we're thankful for," Vinson said.

"And we don't take any of it for granted," Lindley added.

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Waterloo Council discusses need for more involvement

By Sarah Brown
Lebanon Local

The Waterloo City Council took some time during its Jan. 23 meeting to discuss how they might encourage more people to be involved as city councilors.

Councilor Kevin Faulk noted this topic has always "been an issue" in the city.

"People just seem to kind of want to be left alone out here," he said.

The Council consists of six seats, plus the mayor. Currently there are four councilors serving; Councilor Allen Shearer passed away after the meeting. With the possibility of two seats being empty, the City faces more pressure to weigh its remaining options.

"If you don't have community involvement, you don't have a working government," Mayor Justin Cary said.

He also said this has "always been an issue," particularly with finding someone who would serve as mayor, and in his experience there has always been at least one empty councilor seat.

When discussing the City newsletter, Cary asked if Council would be okay with

him including a "note from the mayor" wherein he could try to elicit more participation.

"We really need to stir the pot as far as getting some folks to participate in this council," he said. "Not just as part of the Council, but just in general coming to the Council meetings and be involved. I really feel like we're at a point where if we don't get involvement, we're gonna have issues having a council."

City Recorder Brandi Libra suggested going door to door to encourage more participation, but noted there are only "a handful" of residents who might respond. Council members mentioned they might know one or two people they could ask to get involved.

"If we don't get fresh blood or some interest, I don't know what we're gonna do," Cary said.

Cary said he has made the decision this will be his last year as mayor, hoping someone else will step up to participate in the process of serving as mayor or councilor. He has so far served as mayor for five years. If the City does not have enough



Photo by Sarah Brown

councilors and/or a mayor to serve, they will have to consider unincorporating the city. Cary also said there is a problem finding enough qualified citizens to serve on the budget committee. If there's not enough residents participating, the City cannot legally pass the budget, he said.

"I think this year we'll kind of have to see if the community is going to respond or not," Cary said.

In other business:

- Cary reported the City received one bid for an archaeology project that must be performed before the City can use grant funds toward a building project at

City Hall; he is waiting on a response from the tribal community. Funds distributed to Waterloo through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) (with 75% matching USDA funds) were earmarked to be used to install a bathroom and HVAC at City Hall, and potentially the addition of a community room. Tribes requested an archaeological survey first be completed to ensure no indigenous artifacts are disturbed.

- Faulk recommended the City decline the idea of drawing up an ordinance allowing use of UTVs (with restrictions) in the city. He explained his concern that

more UTVs would be used and the City does not have the resources to enforce the law.

- Street Master Adam Beskow reported he re-erected the street sign at 6th and Card streets, and staff began cleaning street signs that had been tagged. He said police reports have been filed for the tagging, and video footage has also been captured. Beskow asked Libra about a pothole on 3rd Street, to which she responded she's finding it difficult to find someone who would fix it.

- Cary reported that budget season is here and the City needs to find residents who would participate on the budget committee. He also reported election deadlines are approaching for anyone interested in running for a council seat.

- Libra reported she has been having problems with the the City's computer and printer, mostly due to a virus. Most functions are beginning to work properly since the computer has been cleaned of the virus, but Libra is still working out some bugs.

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LOCAL EVENTS

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sentation from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, March 9.

The South Shore Cheadle Lake trail walk will highlight recently completed trail sections, and major trail and park improvements planned for construction in 2024 at Cheadle Lake Park, including the extension of the existing trail system.

The estimated length of the walk is two to four miles and is expected to take one to two hours with moderate difficulty. The surface type is varied, including hard and soft surface areas. There are parts of this walk that are not wheelchair accessible; participants will cross dirt and grass fields. Dogs on-leash are welcome, but may not be allowed inside structures.

Meet at the South Shore parking lot, 37954 Weirich Drive. Please arrive 10 minutes early to receive a listening device to hear the speaker providing details about BLT, trail development and more. For more information, visit BuildLebanonTrails.com.

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.

Comedy hypnotist show

Meadowlark Senior Living will host "Cirque du Meadowlark," a comedy hypnosis show, from 3:15 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 30, at 181 S. 5th St.

A professional hypnotist will visit the building to provide fun and laughs, along with stilt walkers, jugglers and a magician. Dinner will also be available.

Admission to the show will be a donation to support the Lebanon Soup Kitchen. Register to attend by texting/calling Erica at 541.799.4855.

Walk a Mile for a Child

Dala's Blue Angels will hold its annual Walk a Mile for a Child awareness and fundraising event starting at 8:45 a.m. on Saturday, April 6, at Academy Square (next to the Lebanon library).

Participants can walk the mile or opt to run the 5K.



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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

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 to find a group that fits your needs.



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Turn to your plate for vitamins and minerals

Health is a multibillion dollar industry. People who may be short on time may look to the most efficient routes for maintaining health and wellness. For some, that could mean turning to supplements to ensure they are consuming the recommended amounts of vitamins and minerals. But is supplementation the best way to fuel the body?

According to MyProtein.com, a supplement and nutrition company, the average American spends close to \$56 per month on supplements, which include protein powders, vitamins and more. Those expenditures are in addition to their other health spending, which may include gym memberships and meal plans. However, leading health experts point healthy individuals in the direction of getting their vitamins and minerals from eating nutrient-rich foods instead of taking supplements. According to VNS Health, a New York-based home and community health care organization, people in good health are better off getting the majority of their daily nutrients from food.

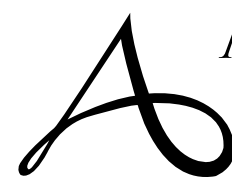
Harvard Health seconds that advice, saying vitamin and mineral supplements cannot match all of the biologically active compounds available through a varied diet. There are 13 vitamins in total, and eight belong to the B group. Together with minerals, these nutrients are essential for bodily functions like wound healing, regulating hormones and fighting infection. Nutrients that are consumed through foods are often easier for the body to absorb. Fur-

thermore, it is much less likely one will experience toxicity from getting too many vitamins and minerals through diet alone, whereas it can be easy to go over the recommended daily values when using supplements.

Although vitamins and minerals consumed via a balanced diet are generally the best bet, there are some instances when supplementation may be necessary. A health care provider can guide people as to when supplementation might be necessary. Individuals with Crohn's disease, Celiac disease or irritable bowel syndrome should know that each condition can make absorbing nutrients challenging. Those with osteoporosis or age-related macular degeneration also may find supplementation or eating fortified foods can be advantageous.

Individuals should keep in mind that many supplements are not regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration or other countries' government regulators. Such products may contain hidden ingredients or vitamins and minerals in levels not deemed safe. Also, some supplements can interact with medications. Again, it is best to consult with a healthcare provider before supplementation to find out if it is necessary.

People concerned about their vitamin and mineral intake should first turn to food to get all of the nutrients they need, and then discuss supplements with their physicians if they still have deficiencies.



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theft of tire chains. Officer responded, report taken. Valued loss \$55. 3200 South Santiam Highway.

Jan. 15

1:58 a.m - Donald Simmons, 53, was cited for driving while suspended, driving under the influence of intoxicants, refusal to take a blood alcohol test and failure to carry proof of insurance. Simmons was arrested for driving under the influence refusal, reckless driving and contempt of court.

8:41 p.m - Steven Robert Tafoya, 61, was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants, reckless driving and reckless endangering person.

11:05 p.m - Andrew Eugene Duncan, 32, was cited on a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for a probation violation, and driving while suspended.

Jan. 16

3:38 a.m - Richard David Mccollister, 67, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

7:44 p.m - Brenna Rae Candler, 53, was arrested on a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for third degree theft.

10:53 p.m - Stephen Scantlin, 50, was cited for driving while suspended and no insurance.

Jan. 17

3:19 p.m - Caller reported theft earlier in the day. Officer responded, report taken. Valued loss \$353.91. Wilco Farm Store.

3:41 p.m - Michael Branton Jr., 47, was arrested for a warrant.

5:39 p.m - Antonio Estrada Torres, 42, was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving.

6:11 p.m - Anthony Dodson, 37, was arrested for menacing.

6:20 p.m - Caller reported the theft of a green Samsung 22+. Officer responded, report taken. Valued loss \$1000.

7:33 p.m - Caleb Rusk, 51, was cited in lieu of custody on an outstanding warrant.

Jan. 18

7:51 a.m - Owen Mercier, Raquel Kelman and Kenneth Faulconer were arrested for second degree criminal trespass.

11:33 a.m - Dustin Phares, 41, was arrested for warrants.

1:48 p.m - Nathan Larkin, 36, was arrested for a warrant.

4:20 p.m - Drexel Morgan, 37, was arrested for a warrant.

7:33 p.m - Jacob Gillette, 28, was cited for driving uninsured.

Jan. 19

10:03 a.m - Christopher Arthur Mack, 39, was cited for no driver's license, driving uninsured and failure to obey traffic control device.

10:38 a.m - Bthane Renee Nicewaner, 27, was cited for improper display and failure to carry proof of insurance.

11:48 a.m - Exzavier Jamar Wright, 23, was cited on a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for harassment and interfering with a peace officer.

2:49 p.m - Molly Kesey, was cited for traffic violations.

3:37 p.m - Ivan James Robison, 26, was cited for driving while suspended, driving uninsured, and failure to register vehicle.

4:06 p.m - Jerrod Martin Pierce, 43, was cited for driving while suspended.

Jan. 20

10:08 a.m - Zachary Pekar, 43, was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device.

4:53 p.m - Male was scammed out of \$5,000. Investigation ongoing.

8:07 p.m - Quentin Quadros, 26, was cited and released on an undisclosed warrant for criminal mischief.

8:44 p.m - Aubrey Cade, 22, was cited for speeding.

10:34 p.m - Chase Davis, 32, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

11:11 p.m - Jaycee McClurg, 36, was cited for driving while suspended, and no insurance. He was also cited and released on a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for contempt of court.

Jan. 21

2:00 p.m - Stephanie Leffler, 56, of Lacombe, was cited for failure to drive within lane.

4:12 p.m - Thomas Junior Mccarthey, 60, was cited for driving uninsured and driving while suspended.

8:52 p.m - David Clinton Fox, 55, was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device.

Jan. 22

9:33 a.m - Joshua Webb, 45, was cited for driving while suspended.

10:42 a.m - Monte Lee, 52, was arrested for a warrant.

12:54 p.m - Caller reported theft of utility trailer. Officer responded, report taken. Valued loss \$11,700. 500 block of Weldwood Dr.

1:09 p.m - Caller reported a fence was cut to gain access to a three wheeler. Officer responded, report taken. Valued damage \$500. 1400 block of South Main St.

2:31 p.m - Ashley Schooley, 38, and Paula Skyles-Lutzi, 51, were arrested for warrants.

8:38 p.m - Katie Stockwell, 40, was cited for driving while suspended.

9:25 p.m - Jonathan Trisdale, 40, was arrested for warrants.

10:00 p.m - Katheryn Ann Crowell, 43, was cited on an undisclosed warrant, driving while suspended and failure to carry proof of insurance.

10:25 p.m - Rebecca Duclas, 31, was cited for a warrant.

11:39 p.m - John Payne, 69, was cited for dog as a public nuisance.

Jan. 23

9:10 p.m - Steven Charles Eaton, 27, was cited for driving while suspended.

9:19 p.m - Austin Peter Robledo, 28, was cited for speeding. 63/45.

10:07 p.m - Sophie Huss, 26, of Corvallis, was cited for driving while suspended and was arrested for a warrant.

Jan. 24

10:53 a.m - Lerae Nicholle Ruck, 22, was cited for driving while suspended, driving uninsured, Lebanon Municipal Court warrants for probation violations on two counts of no operators license, and a Linn County Circuit Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for unlawful use of a motor vehicle.

1:14 p.m - Dustin Clarneau, was cited for a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for a

probation violation and second degree criminal trespass.

3:25 p.m - Pam Smith, was cited for a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for second degree trespass.

3:30 p.m - Nicholas Duncan, was cited for a Linn County Justice Court warrant for contempt of court.

Jan. 25

4:31 p.m - Gerlinde Spring Lynch, 44, was arrested on a parole detainer for the Linn County Jail.

Jan. 28

7:56 p.m - Wyatt Coda Calkins-Gilbert, 19, was cited for reckless driving.

Jan. 29

7:59 p.m - Jordan Lee Harris, 23, was arrested on a Linn County Circuit Court warrant for a probation violation regarding second degree criminal mischief.

1:03 p.m - Christopher Gerald Coultas, 41, was cited on an Albany Municipal Court warrant for contempt of court, and a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for a probation violation.

8:40 p.m - Nicholas Orval Duncan Jr, 45, was arrested on a Linn County Justice Court warrant for contempt of court.

Jan. 30

3:10 a.m - Robert Gerold Hunter, 33, was cited for an undisclosed warrant.

10:37 a.m - Pamela Jean Smith, 63, was cited for criminal trespass.

11:35 a.m - Sean Birkholz, 39, was arrested for fourth degree domestic assault. Lodged at Linn County Jail.

Jan. 31

6:37 p.m - Travis Lee Mishler, 54, was cited for driving while suspended.

7:34 p.m - Alicia May Grazer, 45, was cited for no valid operator's license, driving uninsured, and unidentified war-

rant.

Feb. 1

5:59 p.m - Albert Grugett, 82, was cited for driving while suspended.

6:56 p.m - Caller reports items were stolen. Officer responded, report taken for theft. Valued loss \$225.41. 2900 block of South Santiam Hwy.

Feb. 2

1:51 a.m - Michelle Lee Hertz, 54, was cited on a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for a probation violation and a Lebanon Justice Court warrant for a probation violation.

9:20 a.m - Andrew Moseley, 35, of Lebanon, was arrested for first degree burglary. Transported to Linn County Jail.

9:53 a.m - Richard Leroy Ogbin, 64, was cited for a Salem Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for disorderly conduct.

12:09 p.m - Jack Eldon Thompson, was arrested on a Oregon State Parole Board warrant for a parole violation. Transported to Linn County Jail.

8:18 p.m - Anthony Middleton, 60, was cited for driving while suspended, failure to use an ignition interlock device and driving uninsured.

8:56 p.m - Caller reported three subjects stole from property. Officer responded, report taken for second degree theft. Valued loss \$912.75. Walmart.

9:47 p.m - Nicklaus Glasser, 34, was cited for an undisclosed warrant.

10:23 p.m - Christian Michael Rogers, 28, was cited on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for third degree theft.

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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 2005; 0 acres; \$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.



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CIRCUIT COURT

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cense for 90 days, 480 hours jail, 18 months bench probation and \$200 in fines after pleading no contest to second degree criminal mischief and failure to perform the duties of a driver - property damage. A reckless driving charge was dismissed. Davis was responsible for crashing a vehicle into the Lebanon Chamber of Commerce building.

Justin Taylor Fields, 32, Charges of first degree theft, identity theft, first degree forgery and first degree criminal possession of a forged instrument were dismissed with prejudice "based upon the interests of justice and the defendant has passed away."

Albert Guo, 24, of New York, was sentenced Jan. 18 to 14 days jail, five years supervised probation and a \$200 fine after pleading no contest to second degree sexual abuse of a victim under the age of 12. Guo was originally charged also with two counts of first degree sodomy and two counts of first degree sexual abuse, but the charges were later dropped. Court records reveal Guo's defense included statements and potential evidence with the following statements:

He began an online relationship with the victim who used false documents to prove she was 18 years old. When he flew to Oregon to meet her, she changed their plans and invited him to her home in Lebanon where she shared a house with roommates, whom he did not meet or see. The next morning, the victim's parents found Guo in their daughter's bed. The defendant's statement also as-

serts the mother has known of her daughter's previous attempts to form relationships with men online.

Wesley Alan Harris-Campbell, 34, was charged Feb. 14 with domestic violence strangulation and domestic violence fourth degree assault.

Jett Shae Harry, 23, was sentenced Feb. 9 to suspension of a driver's license for three years, 20 days jail, 60 months bench probation and \$2,195 in fines and fees after pleading guilty to DUI, criminal driving while suspended or revoked and refusal to take a test for intoxicants. Charges of reckless driving and violation of ignition interlocking device installation were dismissed.

Dustin Neal Herron, 46, was sentenced Jan. 30 to 30 days jail, 18 months supervised probation, \$300 in fines and \$3,843 restitution to Knothole Market after pleading guilty to first degree theft and failure to appear. A second FTA charge was dismissed.

Robert Grant Hodson, 28, was charged Jan. 17 with unauthorized use of a vehicle. Bail was set at \$25,000. In a separate case, he was charged on Feb. 2 with second degree sexual abuse and three counts of third degree rape. Allegations involve a child under the age of 16. Bail was set at \$25,000.

Wesley Alan House, 40, was sentenced Feb. 5 to 18 months with the Oregon Dept. of Corrections, 12 months post-prison supervision, and a \$200 fine after pleading no contest to first degree forgery. Charges dismissed were: first degree forgery, second degree theft, first degree failure to appear, and two counts of FTA on a

criminal citation. In a separate case, he was sentenced to 18 months with the Oregon Dept. of Corrections (concurrent with other sentence), 24 months post-prison supervision and a \$200 fine after pleading no contest to third degree robbery. Charges dismissed: fourth degree assault and second degree disorderly conduct.

Christopher Lee Hurt, 34, was charged Feb. 12 with reckless driving and fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer.

Lauren Tatum Hutsell, 24, was placed in the DUII diversion program after pleading guilty with a .13% BAC. Charges of reckless driving and driving uninsured were dismissed. Hutsell was involved in an accident on Nov. 18 that involved crashing a car into Papa's business on Main Street.

Whitney Montgomery, 37 Was Charged with mail theft, identity theft, computer crime and second degree theft against, were dismissed with prejudice "based upon the interests of justice and new information."

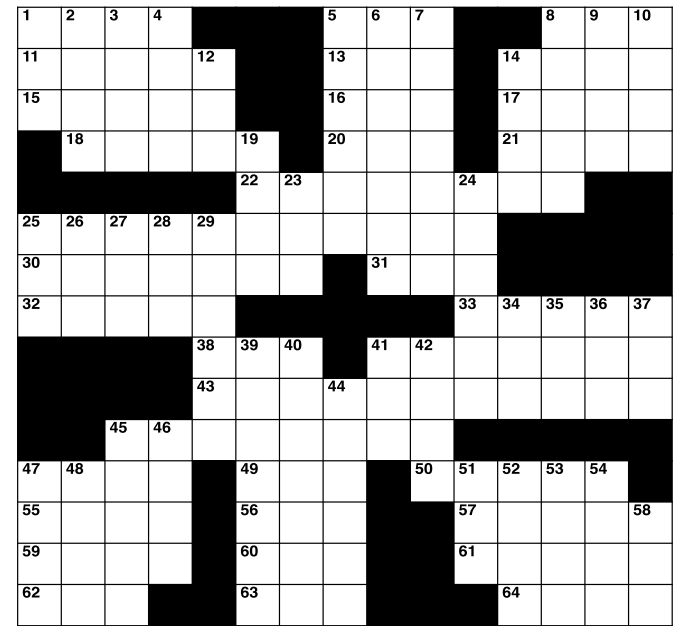
Bethanee Renee Nicewaner, 27, was charged Jan. 31 with first degree theft and first degree burglary. Allegations involve the theft of cash or merchandise from La Mota valuing \$1,000 or more.

Laurie Ann Parish, 58, was placed in the DUII diversion program after pleading guilty to driving with a .038% BAC.

Phillip Grant Passmore, 47, was charged Jan. 22 with failure to report as a sex offender.

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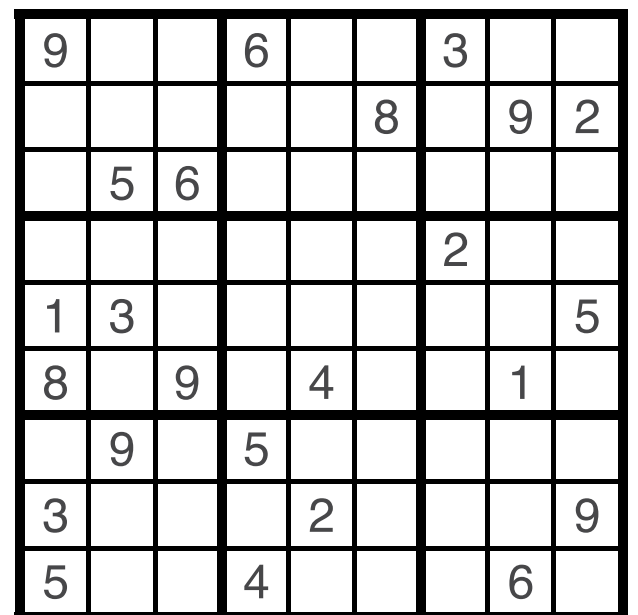
CLUES ACROSS

- 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

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

-Matthew 18:20

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SQUARE DANCE

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to be piped outside to accommodate them.

While the Square Circlers may not be seeing such crowds anymore, members express pride for its continued robust membership, though they would like to see younger generations add to the numbers.

"We're all aging," member Ben Wadlow said, "but in just this last year we had probably half a dozen young people, so that's really encouraging to see that happen."

Ben and Terry Wadlow have been square dancing for a decade now. Terry said the mental and physical benefits of the activity are nice, but she emphasized the camaraderie is the best part.

"We all love each other in these clubs," she said. "We're good friends."

Risking a creative sidestep here, to say they all love each other could also allude to the many courtships that resulted in marriage through square dancing. Among the many are the Allens, the Christensens, the Heinecks, the McKameys and an unidentified man who said he met his three wives through square dancing.

A majority of the Lebanon club members are female. When asked if there were any particular male members the girls fought over to dance with, Wanda Frenzel and Jackie Gale laughed and then decided, if anyone, it would probably be Bill Gale, though he mostly round dances.

In some cities across the states, square dancing was introduced to children at elementary and junior high schools, but that wasn't the case for Debbie Denaro, who

grew up in a big city. She said her very first (and recent) introduction to the activity was a little intimidating, but she got over it pretty quickly.

"The very first time that I tried it was a little stressful because there's moves that I never even heard of before, but it was fun," said Denaro, who is a member of the Albany Timber Twirlers. "They don't do super complex things in the very beginning. Each week you progressively learn something new."

The area clubs liven up their sets with themed nights such as silo, root beer float, circus, wild west, Disney night, under the sea and hippie dances. Aside from square dancing, Lebanon also offers waltz lessons and they like to take their dancing on campouts. In April, the Lebanon and Sweet Home clubs will gather together for a "Down by the River Dance Camp Out" at Camp Koinonia. There is also a campout planned for the Strawberry Festival, and another one on Labor Day weekend.

As colorful costumes and outfits flitted in circles across the Senior Center auditorium floor, it was observed that some dancers were quite young while others were on the other side of the age spectrum. It was learned that of the club's 82 members, 8-year-old Hannah Wiebe was the youngest (and one of the newest), while Frank Cawrse was among the longest-running members, followed by Marilyn Yorn

"It's just been lots of fun," York said. "Wonderful, wonderful people."

For more information about the Lebanon Square Circlers, visit LebanonSquareCirclers.com or call 541.401.9780.



Photo by Sarah Brown

Above, a black and white snapshot depicts graduates from the Lebanon square dance group in 1960. Below, people both young and old, novice and experienced, dance together while celebrating the Lebanon Square Circlers' 75th anniversary on Feb. 4.



LOCOMOTIVE

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of the 205 out of his shop in Independence until Lebanon resident Franklin, of the Albany & Eastern Railroad Company, acquired the final product. Franklin had met Lavacot some 30 years ago and would visit him while he worked on the steam engine. The train made its first public run out of Lebanon in November 2021 through Santiam Excursion Trains, which provides train tours on the railroad.

Reflecting on the number of decades it took to finish the restoration, Lavacot said "the first day we fired it up, the first time we blew the whistle" was the most memorable moment.

"It is my opinion that the 205 is the most flawlessly restored and beautiful locomotive anywhere in the world," Franklin said.

During the celebration,

Martin Hansen, a train historian and close friend of Lavacot, shared that diesel trains began replacing steam locomotives in the 1950s, forcing most steam engines to the scrapyard. It was a "miracle" the 205 instead landed at the fairpark, but it began to slowly deteriorate year after year as it sat exposed to the elements. It was a second "miracle" that Lavacot was able to get his hands on the train and restore it to its original, working condition. The third "miracle" was Franklin's offer to put it back on the rails for the public, he said.

"What you're going to enjoy today is the fruits of all these people saving this engine," Hansen said. "This thing's 100 years old and now stronger and better than it's ever been, and there's no reason to believe it won't run for another hundred years thanks to the fact that George had the foresight to save it and Rick's got



Photo by Sarah Brown

Nate Degerstedt and Ed Bohm wear pig noses to honor the Santa Maria locomotive and their friend George Lavacot, who restored the train and nicknamed it "Porky."

the foresight to keep it up and keep it operating for the public."

Among the speakers were also Mayor Kenneth Jackola and Linn County Commissioner Sherrie Sprenger.

Embarking out of Lebanon's Santiam Travel Station, the Santa Maria Valley 205 carried some 160 guests up to Crabtree. Steam billowed above the train's smokestack, briefly dusting the clear, sun-

ny sky. Guests witnessed the wild and manicured rural scenery along the way. Some guests braved the slightly chilly weather for a chance to stand in an open car directly behind the engine, while others remained inside for food and conversation. Santiam Excursion Trains provided champagne and cupcakes in honor of the train's 100 years.

Prior to yelling "all aboard," Franklin expressed deep appreciation for all who participated in restoring the train, and shared his vision for the future of the locomotive.

"Her journey has led us here for a reason. I believe that reason is to expose a whole new generation of children to the power of American ingenuity and possibility. Sharing this locomotive with our kids and teaching them about the power of steam is very important and our goal on this railroad is to move these generations forward."