

Strawberry Festival Filled with Circus Fun

By Sarah Brown
Lebanon Local

2024 Strawberry Festival Queen Addison Cable kicked off the 115th "Strawberry Circus" Lebanon Strawberry Festival on May 30 after being selected by a panel of judges for the honor.

The four day festival (May 30 - June 2) began on Thursday, which is reserved as All Heroes Day, honoring veterans, active military and first responders with free admission, gifts and amusement ride discounts. It's also a day for awards ceremonies for Consumers Power, Lebanon Fire District, Lebanon Police Department, Linn County Sheriff's Office and Pacific Power.

The U.S. Coast Guard Air Station North Bend performed a flyover with their HH-65 Dolphin helicopters, followed by a flyover by Civil Air Patrol's Cessna 182 aircrafts.

Thursday also marked the coronation event for



Colors and people dot the parking lot at Cheadle Lake during the Strawberry Festival carnival.

the Strawberry Festival the crowning of Cable as senior Strawberry Courts queen. Live entertainment was provided by Jessie Leigh. The Strawberry Festival, as

it has grown dramatically over the past few years, includes live entertainment

Photo by Kristine Banker

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Antique Hose Wagon Undergoes Restoration

By Jennifer Moody
For Lebanon Local

Some things haven't changed in 100 years: When fire breaks out, firefighters still have to get to a hydrant, hook up a hose and spray the blaze until it's out.

The method for getting to that hydrant isn't the same, however, and that's what Mark Fitzwater and John Tacy of the Lebanon Fire District want people to remember.

Fitzwater, division chief of training, and Tacy, division chief of operations, are working with a crew of volunteers to restore the district's antique 1921 International hose wagon to put on display at the rebuilt Station 31. The plan is to have it completed by mid-June.

"It's really the only apparatus we have left from the years past," Tacy said.

"In the fire service, there are a lot of traditions," Fitzwater said. "With this, we can look back at how far we've come."



An International hose wagon sits in a garage while Lebanon firemen work on restoring the antique vehicle.

In the first 50 years or so of Lebanon's existence as a city, firefighting still involved getting a hose to a hydrant.

Literal manpower made that work. Men pulled a

wooden hose cart - wheels from an early model sit in Tacy's shop - to the nearest hydrant, which had to be pumped by hand.

R. L. Gilson was Lebanon's

chief in 1921, and according to station records, the International was the first motorized piece of equipment the

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DEATH NOTICES

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

David Andrew Campbell - 70, of Lebanon, died May 8, 2024. Huston-Jost Funeral home is handling arrangements.

Nelita Ellis-Daily - 98, of Lebanon, died May 1, 2024. Huston-Jost Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Jimmy Lee Ellis - 75, of Lebanon, died April 26, 2024. Huston-Jost Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Mary Louise Glaser - 89, of Lebanon, died April 25, 2024. Huston-Jost Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

John Richard Green - 85, of Lebanon, died May 16, 2024. Huston-Jost Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

John E. Hainz - 84, of Lebanon, died May 2, 2024. Huston-Jost Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

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Rita Ann Martin - 79, of Lebanon, died May 18, 2024. Weddle Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Joyce Heater Nesmith - 84, of Lebanon, died May 15, 2024. Huston-Jost Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

James Edward Perez - 72, of Lebanon, died May 14, 2024. Huston-Jost Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Ronald Leo Price - 77, of Lebanon, died May 3, 2024. Huston-Jost Funeral home is handling arrangements.

Lisa Marie Stumpf - 43, of Lebanon, died April 28, 2024. Weddle Funeral Service is handling arrangements.

TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Build Lebanon Trails (BLT) extends our heartfelt gratitude to our wonderful sponsors, participants and volunteers at BLT's 15th Annual Cheadle Lake Run/Walk & Kids Dash held on May 5, 2024 in Lebanon. The event raised over \$28,000 that will be used to help build the GP Mill Race Trail in Lebanon. Special Thanks to Dr. Belozzer, and the Ruefs, who provided free registration for Kids Dash participants. Our sincere thanks to the City of Lebanon who partner with BLT to build the trails your support helps fund. Trail projects for 2024 include a trail across Gill's Landing Park and a park loop trail in River Park. All current fundraising efforts go towards

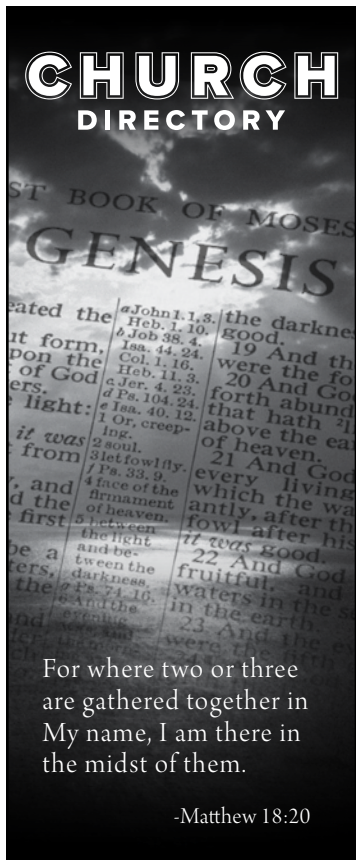
building the GP Mill Race trail slated for construction in 2024/25.

**Rodney Sell
Lebanon, OR**

Dear Editor,

Strong no on another fire tax. Like most Lebanonites I support our public servants, police and fire. However asking for tax payers to support another tax increase so soon after approving 16 million dollar increase is like a glutton asking for 5ths while his mouth is still full. How much more can we be expected to finance?...time for LFD to tighten their belts like the rest of us during this high inflation economy.

**Danny Noble
Lebanon, OR**



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EVENTS

Fourth of July Celebration

The new Lebanon's Fourth of July committee plans to reopen the celebration this year from 3-10 p.m. at Cheadle Lake Park, 37941 Weirich Drive.

The family-friendly atmosphere allows everyone to come together to celebrate the nation's independence. With different food options, live music and an amazing fireworks display, there's something for everyone.

There will be a parking fee (\$5 pre-registered, \$10 at the gate). For more information, visit LebanonFourth.com or email Lebanonfourthofjuly@gmail.com.

Suicide Bereavement Support Group

Lebanon Area Mental Health Alliance hosts a Suicide Bereavement Support Group every second Thursday of the month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Lebanon Community Hospital, 525 Santiam Hwy. in conference room 1 and 2. Park and enter at the back of the building.

For anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one by suicide, struggles with previous attempts or attempts from a loved one, or if suicide has had an impact on your life.

A licensed mental health therapist will facilitate the meetings. For more information, contact Dave Butler at 541.936.2580 or via email at dave@lamha.org.

OSWA convention

The Linn County Small Woodlands Association hosts the Oregon Family Forest Convention and Tree Farmer of the Year tour on June 13-15 at Boulder Falls Inn, 505 Mullins Drive.

The three-day event will include a Saturday tour of Oak Basin Tree Farm, a business convention, panels on various topics and a tour of the Freres mass plywood plant.

For more information, visit linncountyswa.com/events/.

Healing Garden Tour

Lebanon Community Hospital Foundation will host garden tours of the Japanese Healing Gardens on June 14, July 12, Aug. 9 and Sept. 13.

Starting at 10 a.m., the one-hour tour will include information on the history of the two gardens and how they are maintained. Meet at the gazebo located at Boulder Falls Event Center next to the hotel, 605 Mullins Drive.

For more information, contact Brandy O'Bannon at bobannon@samhealth.org.

Albany garden club presentations

The Albany Grand Prairie Garden Club will host a monthly series of garden talks at the Albany Library, 2415 14th SE Ave., Albany. The club meets on the second Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. in the library classroom.

June 14: Tataki Zome, Flower Pounding Workshop, by Susannah Prenoveau (contact Sheryl Casteen for a list of supplies needed)

For more information, contact Sheryl Casteen at casteen@aol.com

New Fire Station Open House

Lebanon Fire District invites the community to an open house for its new fire station from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, June 15, at 1050 W. Oak St.

Celebrate with LFD in their dedication ceremony of the brand new fire station. Enjoy festivities and refreshments, and take a guided tour of the facility.

Auditions at Albany Civic Theater

"Disney's The Little Mermaid Jr." open auditions on June 26-27; performances in August. Directed by Rebecca Douglas, rbbaily@hotmail.com.

Visit www.AlbanyCivic.org for more information.

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.

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

Heart Tribute Band

The Oaks at Lebanon will host a Heart tribute band benefit concert on July 27 at Academy Square Park, 55 Academy St.

The event is free, but donations will be accepted for the Mid-Valley Walk to End Alzheimer's fundraiser. More information will be updated when available.

National Night Out

Lebanon Police Department will host its annual National Night Out event at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 6, at Academy Square Park, 55 Academy St.

The free community event is meant to enhance the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. There will be music, vendors, games, law enforcement vehicles and other entertainment.

Health summit

The Linn, Benton, Lincoln Partners for Health Coalition will host the 2024 Annual Community Health Summit from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Aug. 23. Location to be announced later.

The annual community health summit has been hosted by the Partners for Health Coalition since 2011. They have focused on such topics as childhood obesity, culinary education, holistic living, chronic disease prevention, adverse childhood experiences, screen time, food insecurity, generational poverty, mental health services and more.

The community health summits have been geared for both community members as well as community organizations and historically were conducted in person. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the coalition



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ODHS Employee Sentenced 25 Years for Assault, Kidnapping

By Zeva Rosenbaum
Lebanon Local

Zakary Glover, a 30-year-old Lebanon man who sexually assaulted a disabled woman in his care in November 2021, has been sentenced to 25 years in federal prison as of April 30, 2024.

Glover, who was a Direct Support Crisis Specialist employed by the Oregon Department of Human Services at the time, used a state-owned van to take the victim to a secluded area in Aumsville, where he assaulted the victim without her consent.

"(Glover) engaged in deplorable acts of sexual misconduct and targeted a victim with severe developmental disabilities who was

entrusted to his care and could not defend herself," Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke stated in a press release issued by the Department of Justice. "The defendant breached the public's trust and violated the most basic standards of decency."

As an employee of the Office of Developmental Disabilities Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU), Glover's job was to care for the health and wellbeing of clients living in residential programs, including planned outings in vehicles equipped with child locks and partitions intended for the clients' safety. In this case, Glover took advantage of these to gain control over the victim

after a routine outing rather than returning to the residential home.

According to documents at Linn County Courthouse, Glover was charged with first degree rape, first degree sexual abuse, second degree kidnapping and first degree official misconduct. At the federal court, he pleaded guilty to one count of depriving the victim of her constitutional right to bodily integrity under color of law involving attempted aggravated sexual abuse.

It appears that Glover's only prior offense was a speeding ticket. In addition to the 25 years in prison, Glover has been sentenced to five years of supervised release.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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2:06 p.m. - Amy Christy Bronson, 46, was arrested for unlawful use of a vehicle and second degree criminal trespass. Lodged at Linn County Jail.

7:34 p.m. - Jimmy Jordan, 53, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

11:21 p.m. - Brandon Tiller, 28, of Albany, was arrested for giving false info to a peace officer, possession of cocaine over two grams, and a warrant.

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8:44 a.m. - Jack Eldon Thompson, 41, was arrested on an unidentified StateWide Felony warrant.

8:50 a.m. - Aric Cavel Simmons, 34, was cited for second degree criminal trespass.

8:30 p.m. - Holly Foster, 65, was cited on an outstanding warrant.

9:35 p.m. - Daniel Sutton, 32, was cited for a warrant.

11:06 p.m. - Billy Hatch, was cited on a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for a probation violation on an original charge for driving while suspended.

11:27 p.m. - Kevin Corrington, 25, of Lebanon, was

cited for driving uninsured, failure to install interlock ignition device, and switched plates. Corrington was arrested for driving while suspended, contempt of court, carrying a concealed weapon and unlawful possession of a firearm.

May 8

7:38 a.m. - Stephen Elam, 65, was cited for failure to appear on a criminal citation for disorderly conduct.

8:23 a.m. - Aric Simmons, was cited on a Linn County Supervisory Authority warrant.

8:43 a.m. - A deputy responded to a location where sheep were allegedly stuck on power pole guide wire. After responding, it appeared that the sheep were taking up turns using the "perfect scratching post".

9:10 a.m. - Paul Michael Lee Kelley, 29, was cited for failure to carry proof of insurance.

9:38 a.m. - Caller reports theft of multi tools. Valued loss \$400. 400 block of Milton Street.

10:47 a.m. - Roxanna Marie Beaver, 50, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

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Planning Commission Happy with LCDC Tour



A highlighted aerial picture shows property on Kees Street that will be annexed into the city.

By Zeva Rosenbaum
Lebanon Local

The Lebanon Planning Commission recapped a tour given to the Land Conservation and Development Commission, which the City of Lebanon hosted at the end of April, during its May 15 meeting.

According to Community Development Director Kelly Hart, they took the LCDC on a tour of the city, including the development of the Mill Race project and Western University's mixed use developments. They also discussed the redevelopment of downtown Lebanon, which will bring visitors to the downtown area, and the development and cultural expansion for the city.

They also had a roundtable conversation between

the commission, LCDC and Lebanon's mayor and development staff alongside representatives from Linn and Benton counties and the Community Services Consortium, among others.

"(They) are sort of the representation of our region in terms of development and movers and shakers of our area," Hart said. "We talked about the needs of our community and the way the state can help us be successful."

Hart said they also discussed infrastructure needs, wetland constraints and more.

"I think it was an incredibly positive conversation," she said. "It definitely felt like they were listening to us."

A community member mentioned concerns over continuing expansion with-

in the urban growth boundary without taking farmland away or impacting wetlands and green spaces; she also acknowledged that the LCDC took lots of notes during the meeting, which was good to see.

According to Hart, they received positive feedback on their preparation as many of these meetings in other areas are often attended only by the mayor and a couple of city employees, so it was meaningful that they had such a "presence."

"It provided weight to our statements, that we were taking it seriously," Hart said.

In other business, the commission held a public hearing for and approved the annexation of a residential mixed-use property at 810 Kees St.

RESTORATION

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station had, Fitzwater said. It was used until at least the 1930s, when the district purchased a Seagrave.

Firefighters still drove the International, however, for 1970s competitions called "musters," Fitzwater said. The statewide contests had a motorized hose cart competition, a timed event that Lebanon wanted a better shot at winning. To that end, Fitzwater said, the district had the engine redone, modernizing the motor and transmission to make it run faster.

In the early 1990s, Tacy spearheaded an effort to refurbish the International, particularly its wooden sides. The antique wagon found new service in rolling through parades and carrying toy donations at Christmas.

The district really never had a great place to store the wagon, however, and eventually it was moved into a metal shipping container. Weather took its toll, especially on the wagon's wooden sides.

When crews broke ground in February 2023 on the Station 31 rebuild, district officials decided to include a display area for the International. Tacy offered room in his shop in the meantime, and this past January he and a group of volunteers began tackling another round of refurbishment.

Tacy, Fitzwater and others have gathered at Tacy's shop every other week for the past few months, sanding and staining the wooden sides and getting the metal exterior parts ready for primer and paint. Lebanon High School students helped plane the boards.

The district budgeted a small amount for paint and sandpaper, but all tools and labor have been donated, Fitzwater said.

"We just decided we'll get a group and git'er done."

Tacy's family has a metal shop, which gave him some experience for the task. Fitzwater said he's just "looking to people who have done it before."

"That's the neat thing about the fire service," Tacy added. "There's a wide variety of people with different backgrounds and skill sets. Usually if you don't know it, the next person will."

The International's engine still runs, but the plan is to keep it on permanent display once Station 31 is complete. That means draining the fuel - no fuel in the station, Fitzwater explained - and no more parades.

The wagon will still be in service, however - as a reminder.

"This is just a great example of how far we've come in 100 years," Fitzwater said. "I think the history is so important to teach the younger folks. We've come a long way."

Story Map Captures History of Linn County Buildings, Bridges

By Alex Paul
Lebanon Local

If dozens of Linn County residents from Mill City to Albany to Sweet Home hadn't banded together in the 1980s and 1990s to save old homes, churches, business buildings and covered bridges, the county's rich list of historic places may not exist today, Associate Planner Julia Fox learned as she pored over reams of records kept by the Historic Resource Commission.

Fox has compiled a history of that group and of the many people who have helped save local landmarks and architectural treasures into a story map program available at the Linn County Planning & Building page on the Linn County website at: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/064c3205f1884aac80aab-c42c8a6bc9d>.

Fox said that in addition to the interesting stories she found, she hopes the document acts as a recruiting tool to help fill three open positions on the county's Historic Resource Commission that is charged with maintaining an inventory of historic resources, reviewing applications for alterations to historic structures, increasing public aware-

ness of historic resources and coordinating historic preservation activities with public agencies and citizen groups.

"We are fortunate that there is a lot of archival material that was compiled by the Historic Resource Commission," Fox said. "We met in April, including a representative from the city of Albany's Historic Resource Commission and we wanted to do something to celebrate Historic Resource Preservation Month, which is May."

Fox said the group decided a fitting theme would be celebrating the history of historic preservation itself.

"The people from the 1980s and 90s kept really good notes and there was a lot going on," Fox said.

She said a pleasant event for her was finding a photograph of Mary Gallagher, a member of the Historic Resource Commission in the 1990s, who was her supervisor when she worked as a student intern at the Benton County Museum.

"It's amazing how much could have been lost 40 years ago if people hadn't stepped up to save things," Fox said. "Communities rallied together."

Fox's work starts with an

acknowledgement that Linn County was once the homeland of the Kalapuya Peoples and it has grown from the county's founding in 1847.

She weaves maps and old photographs into her written history of the county, including information about settlements that no longer exist, such as the town of Orleans south of Albany, that was washed away by flooding in 1862, just 12 years after its formation.

There was much growth in the 1870s to 1890s, Fox noted, and the invention of the automobile and creation of Highway 20 were major events leading to growth of the valley.

Preservation of local buildings actually began in the 1950s, Fox noted. Congress passed the National Historic Preservation Act in 1966 and Oregon took preservation a step further in the 1970s with adoption of Statewide Planning Goals.

Fox said one of her favorite anecdotes in the document includes copies of drawings by Scio school children as the county began its efforts to save its many covered bridges. A booklet of their drawings was compiled in 1980 by a group called the Scio Bridge Brigade.

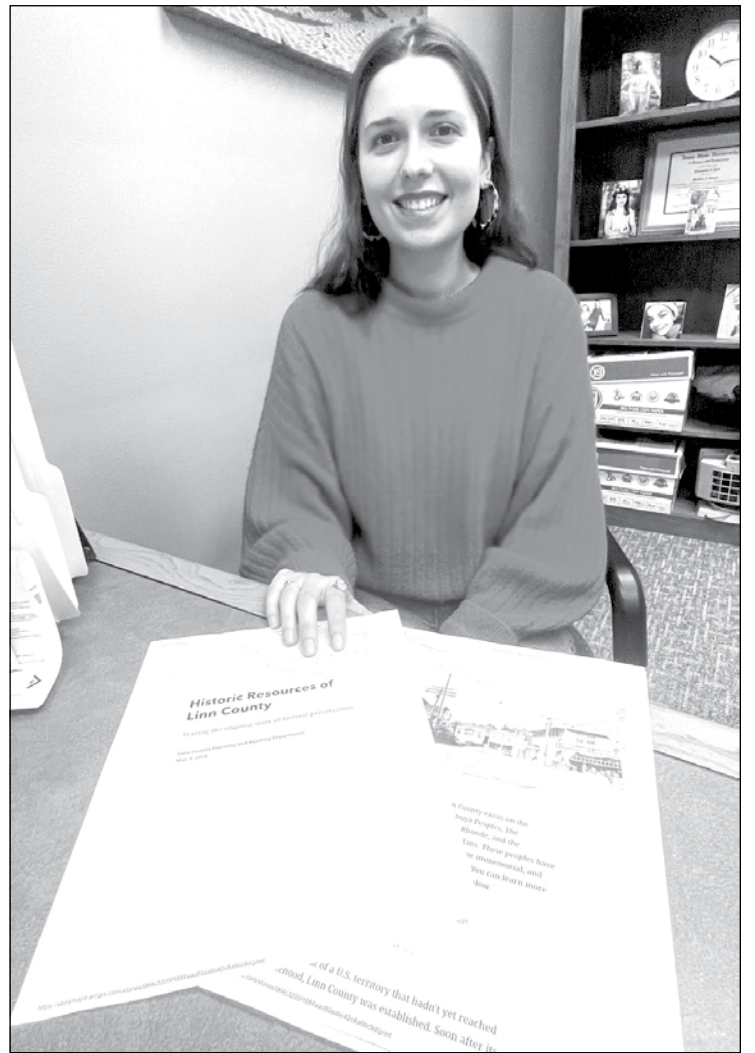


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Linn County Associate Planner Julia Fox with a printed version of the story map she compiled about buildings and bridges in Linn County.

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Initial Ballot Results Indicate “No” for Fire District Levy

By Sarah Brown
Lebanon Local

As ballot results under-go first counts, it looks like Lebanon Fire District may not receive the levy requested, receiving only 31.34% (2,436) “yes” votes against a whopping 68.66% (5,336) “no” votes.

These first results show that out of 24,772 registered voters, only 32.72% turned out for this vote. A total 8,105 ballots have been received and 330 were under-votes.

The levy would provide for six additional firefighters with the goal of, ultimately, improving response times. According to Fire Chief Joseph Rodondi, in the past decade LFD call volume increased 45%, and there’s been a 200% increase in “call overlap” (more than one call happening at the same time), causing average response times to increase three minutes, 23 seconds.

At 75-cents per \$1,000 assessed value, the tax would cost homeowners approximately \$150-300 per year (based on a home valued between \$200,000 and \$400,000).

The LFD receives funding through property taxes, service fees (inspections, permits, ambulance), and through bonds, grants and levies. Although Lebanon is said to be among one of the fastest growing communities in Oregon, the tax base in this rural community isn’t growing fast enough to keep

up with needs, Rodondi said. **In other ballot results:**

- For State Senator, 9th District, only 15 write-in votes were returned for Democrats, and Republican Fred Girod leads (99.16%, 706).

- For State Representative, 11th District, Democrat Nina Brenner leads (96.69%, 2,248), and Republican Jami Cate leads (99.21%, 6,903).

- For County Commissioner, Position 2, Democrat David Scranage leads (96.98%, 5,073), and Republican Roger Nyquist leads (98.85%, 11,005).

- For County Commissioner, Position 3, 1,329 write-in votes for Democrats were submitted, and Republican Sherrie Sprenger leads (99.15%, 11,146).

- For US Representative, 5th District, Democrat Janelle Bynum leads (67.10%, 5,146), and Republican Lori Chavez-DeRemer leads (98.01%, 11,207).

- For Circuit Court Judge, 23rd District, Position 1, Michael Wynhausen leads (98.43%, 15,817).

- For Circuit Court Judge, 23rd District, Position 3, Rachel Kittson-MaQatish leads (98.47%, 16,518).

- For District Attorney, Doug Marteeny leads (98.73%, 16,983).

- For County Assessor, Matthew Pitcher leads (98.74%, 15,894).

- For County Surveyor, Thomas Casey leads (98.78%, 15,964).

- In the presidential race,

Joseph Biden is receiving a majority of the votes for Democrats with an 82.75% lead, 6,648 votes. Donald Trump is receiving a majority of the votes for Republicans with a 93.60% lead, 12,469 votes.

- For Secretary of State, Democrat Tobias Read leads (66.27%, 4,957), and Republican Dennis Linthicum leads (60.68%, 7,245).

- For State Treasurer, Democrat Elizabeth Steiner leads (74.69%, 5,469), and Republican Brian Boquist leads (99.23%, 10,633).

- For Attorney General, Democrat Dan Rayfield leads (71.16%, 5,215), and Republican Will Lathrop leads (60.66%, 7,155).

- For Supreme Court Judge, Position 2, Rebecca Duncan leads (97.57%, 16,011).

- For Supreme Court Judge, Position 3, Meagan Flynn leads (97.61%, 15,765).

- For Supreme Court Judge, Position 5, Arunah Masih leads (97.50%, 15,493).

- For Court of Appeals Judge, Position 2, Megan Jacquot leads (97.71%, 15,647).

- For Court of Appeals Judge, Position 4, Robyn Aoyagi leads (97.61%, 15,547).

- For Court of Appeals Judge, Position 6, James Egan leads (97.39%, 16,250).

- For Court of Appeals Judge, Position 7, Steven Powers leads (97.80%, 15,590).

- For Tax Court Judge, Robert Manicke leads (98.52%, 15,745).

PUBLIC SAFETY

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12:56 p.m - Christie Lynn Ishie, 54, was cited for driving while suspended, driving uninsured, improper display and an undisclosed warrant.

2:38 p.m - Jamerson Simpson, 46, was cited for no valid operators license and failure to carry proof of insurance.

3:19 p.m - Matthew Steven Philbrick, 36, was cited for driving while suspended and an undisclosed warrant.

3:55 p.m - Matthew David Martin, 36, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

5:32 p.m - Kyle Robert Smith, 29, was cited on an undisclosed warrant.

5:34 p.m - Thomas John Bobbitt, 23, was cited for driving while suspended and failure to carry proof of insurance.

6:11 p.m - Deanna Terwilliger, 39, was cited for a warrant.

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9:34 a.m - Unidentified driv-

er was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

1:51 p.m - Christine Lynn Ishie, 54, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

3:08 p.m - Alexander Wayne Hash, 28, was cited for driving while suspended and failure to carry proof of insurance.

3:23 p.m - Caller reports an amazon package was stolen from the porch. Valued loss \$120.

3:43 p.m - Robert Neal, 74, was arrested for warrants.

4:25 p.m - Undisclosed driver was cited for speeding. 78/55.

6:20 p.m - Rick Scott Kerns, 40, was cited on an undisclosed warrant.

6:33 p.m - Caleb Rusk, 51, was cited for an outstanding warrant.

7:31 p.m - Michael Lynn Smith, 62, was cited for driving uninsured.

May 10

12:34 a.m - Justin Joseph

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City Launches Web-Based Budget Book

On April 3rd, the City of Lebanon released its proposed budget for the coming fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. The city’s annual budget is now presented online in an intuitive format after partnering with ClearGov, a leading provider of Budget Cycle Management software for local governments.

The platform’s Digital Budget Book replaces static, cumbersome PDF budget books that were traditionally difficult for citizens to navigate and comprehend. The

format includes interactive graphs and tables designed to make complex financial data easy for anyone to understand.

“The transition to ClearGov and Digital Budget Book was born out of necessity as available resources have forced the city to find cost-effective alternatives and as personnel reductions have impacted the Finance Department’s daily functions,” Finance Director Brandon Neish said. “The benefit internally is coupled with the city’s desire to present financial information with greater detail and in an easier to understand, comprehensive platform. We are looking forward to our continued partnership with ClearGov to make Lebanon’s finances easier for the community to review and understand.”

Neish said the best way to learn more about the Digital Budget Book and the City of Lebanon’s finances is to go online and explore.

“We strongly encourage constituents to visit their FY2025 Proposed Budget today to see their tax dollars at work and get involved in the process,” he said. “This is their budget, and their feedback is critical to the process.”

The FY2025 Proposed Budget can be accessed by visiting lebanonoregon.gov/finance and selecting “Budget” from the menu on the right side of the screen.



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Photo by Sarah Brown

Brian Lewis, at left, swears-in resident Peggy Bishop as budget committee chair during the May 16 council meeting.

Sodaville Well Project Back On Track

By Sarah Brown
Lebanon Local

In a turn of events, the City of Sodaville is back on track to move forward with an attempt to build a sixth well, while continuing to also revive well number five.

Mayor Brian Lewis told the council he received an email from State Representative Jami Cate's office inquiring about the council's discussion last month that indicated they will likely lose \$365,000 earmarked for the anticipated well number six.

Former City Administrator/Recorder Alex McHaddad had informed the council that the city would need to file for water rights, but that process can take a year, at minimum, to complete. By the time that process would be complete, the funding would expire, Lewis said at last month's meeting.

After talking with Cate's office, Lewis learned that the request for water rights might be able to be pushed through quicker because it's a government funded project. However, the city will be responsible for paying for the water rights, which could cost between \$2,700 to \$3,000.

The city also needs to find an engineer that would determine the amount of land needed to build the well and the cost of the project, plus they still need to have a discussion with the property owner, Ray Jackman, to negotiate a price.

Lewis also noted that the City of Lebanon's mayor and staff have offered to help.

"All of these people are jumping in to help us," Lewis said.

The council approved a motion for Lewis to sign the acceptance of the \$365,000. If, for whatever reason, the well project does not pan out, the money will be returned to the government and the city will be out maybe only \$3,000 for the water rights, Lewis said.

"Conner Booth (Cate's legislative aide) said that the other option is if we run out of money by June 15 (2025), then Jami Cate's office goes back in and starts trying to get us more money," Lewis said. "Their office is bending over backwards to help us."

Meanwhile, Public Works Director JD Burns continues to look into the possibility of restoring well number five to the system. Burns reported he is working with Oregon Health Authority, Linn County Environmental Health, Oregon Association of Water Utilities, and Waterlab to determine what needs to be done to bring well number five back into working order.

"There's a lot of controversy there because things weren't handled right when we quit using it," he said.

Burns said he took two samples of water from the well to Waterlab for bacteria

and iron bacteria tests.

In other business:

- The council reported that, based on mutual agreement, new City Administrator/Recorder Brandi Libra is no longer working for the City of Sodaville. Until a replacement can be found, responsibilities will be divided between council and staff.

- Burns said he reached out to some companies a few months ago to get bids for the restoration of the reservoir. Built in the 1960s, it's old and has some rust inside, he said. So far only one bid has been received in the amount of \$185,000, plus/minus 10% to "rehab" it. Additional costs would be incurred to pump the water into spare tanks for a couple months.

- Burns reported gallons of water produced this past month was about 490,000 and gallons sold was about 436,000 gallons.

- Lewis told the council Lebanon's finance director, Brandon Neish, agreed to be hired out to draft the budget for the City of Sodaville. The mayor swore-in Peggy Bishop as the budget committee chair, and appointed Denise Jackman to the Budget Committee.

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EVENTS

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transferred the summits to a virtual format with the 2022 summit being the first summit to be hosted in a hybrid model (both in person and over Zoom).

For more information, visit <https://cccwn.org/partners-for-health/>.

Healing Japanese Garden Presentation

Hoichi and Michiko Kuri-su will present "Japanese Gardens as Healing Spaces," from 6-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 17, at Boulder Falls Event Center, 605 Mullins Drive.

Renowned expert Hoichi and his daughter will talk about the history, philosophy and design principles of these exquisite landscapes, revealing how the elements of stone formations, plants and cascading waterfalls cultivate mindfulness and instill tranquility by engaging the senses.

The event is free to attend but requires registration due to limited seating.

To register, contact Brandy O'Bannon at bobannon@samhealth.org.

Tomatofest

Master Gardener Sheryl Casteen brings back the

second annual Tomatofest on Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Lebanon Senior Center, 80 Tangent St., Lebanon.

As many as 101 varieties of tomatoes were available to sample last year. The event includes food preservation techniques, seed swapping and vendors, as well as a Master Gardener Clinic table.

For more information, contact Sheryl Casteen via email at casteen@aol.com. Do not call the Senior Center.

Hygiene donations sought

Crowfoot Baptist Church operates a hygiene supply program for families in need. They are in need of toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, bar soap, hand soap, feminine hygiene products (tampons and pads), razors, shaving cream, dish soap, laundry detergent, bathroom cleaner, bleach, toilet paper, garbage bags.

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Two-Alarm Fire Destroys Adult Foster Home

By Zeva Rosenbaum
Lebanon Local

In the early morning of May 19, the Lebanon Fire District responded to a fire at Joella's Manor House, an adult foster care home, which was already engulfed in flame upon arrival.

Two residents, as well as owners Errol Krosman and Garry Browning, had already evacuated, though one resident was still inside the house. The victim was removed from the structure and taken to the Lebanon Community Hospital, where they tragically passed away due to smoke inhalation. Surviving residents were taken to The Oaks at Lebanon Retirement and Assisted Living for assessment and temporary shelter.

One of the evacuated residents was Ruth Lenox. Lenox, who turns 101 on June 7, had only been living at the Manor House for about a year and a half, according to her sister, Betty Adams.

"She's a very brave lady, she's always been that way," Adams said. "She's always been very active and was in her own home until her 90s. (Krosman and Brown-

ing) were very, very good to her, and the home was very interesting with lovely antiques. (Ruth) enjoyed sitting out on their patio and they had a koi pond, where she loved to watch the koi."

Adams said that she got a call around 1:30 a.m. letting her know that there had been a fire but that Ruth was alright and that she had been taken to The Oaks with the other surviving residents.

"We went over there and she was sitting up in a wheelchair, wrapped in blankets, but she was doing very well for 100, 101 in June," Adams said.

Lenox was evaluated by nurses at The Oaks, but only had a few scrapes from being dragged out of the house by her ankles, Adams explained.

"The only comment (Ruth) made was, 'It was a little cold,'" Adams said. "Lying on the grass for a little while before a neighbor gathered blankets and wrapped them (up) and wheeled them over to The Oaks, who were just wonderful to them."

Adams said that Lenox, who is the oldest surviving



Photo provided by Lebanon Fire District

A blaze consumes Joella's Manor house during the early morning hours of May 19.

Strawberry Festival Queen, wants to attend this year's festivities, specifically hoping to see the parade and watch the crowning of the new Strawberry Queen.

Lenox has been placed at a home in the countryside with a pond and patio, and

a dog to keep her company.

Another structure across the street caught fire, as well, from embers being blown across the street, but the crew was able to extinguish the secondary fire quickly before returning to the foster home where it

took several more hours to fully put out the initial fire.

As a second-alarm fire, multiple fire departments assisted the LFD in extinguishing the fire including those from Albany, Corvallis, Harrisburg, Sweet Home and Tangent.

Civil War Reenactment Draws Record School-Day Attendance

By Zeva Rosenbaum
Lebanon Local

An annual Civil War reenactment held at Cheadle Lake Park May 17-19 saw great attendance, with a record 1,000 kids attending the school day on Friday.

Manned primarily by the Northwest Civil War Council, the reenactment featured two daily battle reenactments, medical demonstrations, a fashion show, presentations and living historians available to answer questions about the way of life during the American Civil War.

Commander John Leaton said attendance "nosedived" due to COVID, so it was great to see so many people come this year.

"It's really just an opportunity to bring history to life," Leaton said. "The CWC is made up of individual clubs, so every camp you see is a different club, as it were, and we come together under the umbrella. It's an opportunity to present living history."

While the highlight is the Civil War, Leaton said there are lots of "highly educated" people who know about things like guns and munitions, soldier accouterments



Photo by Zeva Rosenbaum

Confederate soldiers fire on the Union army as they approach for close-combat.

and daily life from the time period.

Leaton, who has been taking part in reenactments for 19 years now, has made the experience a family affair as well.

"My wife and I homeschooled our four children, so they grew up in this hobby," he said.

According to Leaton, they also host a history class at Linn-Benton Community College every year so interested students can learn about the Civil War era in more depth. The CWC also keeps loaner gear on hand, so interested people can try out the experience without committing to a full mem-

bership.

Participants come from all over the state as well as from Washington, according to Leaton. They have several upcoming events, such as Powerland in Salem during the 4th of July weekend, Battle for Clatsop County in Astoria, and the Albany Veterans Day Parade, among

others.

Major Steve Stowell, who has been participating since 1991, said he took a 10-year break while his son was young, but they got back into reenactments together when he was old enough. Now his son is moving to the southern states, where he will continue taking part.

FESTIVAL

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from multiple performers. Also playing this year were Outlaw Shine, LOCASH, Rock Bottom Boys, Taken By the Sky (a Fleetwood Mac tribute act), Stone in Love (a Journey tribute) and Micah Tyler.

Alleah Mohamed, of Lebanon, said her family attends the Strawberry Festival every year.

"This is like a family tradition for us," she said. "It's something fun to do with the kids around here. There's not a lot to do around here, so it gives us a nice change of pace."

As the festival has grown recently, some in the community have noticed the cost for admission adds up quickly, but that doesn't deter most.

"I don't really like that they charge admission, but it's still something fun to get out of the house and do," Mohamed said. "It was pretty nice last year, it was a little bigger."

"It's not a lot, but it feels like a lot when you go and buy all the bracelets," noted Tesla Metzger and Nathan Adams, who both have grown up attending the Strawberry Festival.

The pair said they don't go to the festival for the live musical entertainment, which is one reason for the admission charges, but instead they go pretty much for the rides.

For those not so interested in watching live musical performances, Family Land's Washboard Willy returned for the second year, cutting through festival crowds with his one-man jamboree talents. Family Land's interactive circus performances for children were expanded with more "Circus Imagination" offerings this year.

Ticket booth vendors reported what they believe was record attendance for the Lebanon Strawberry Festival. They noted people coming from as far away as Keizer and Newport, among other outside municipalities, and Saturday's line stretched into the parking lot all day. Last year, they said, there were moments of down time for ticket sales, but that was not the case at all this year.

The festival also included line dance lessons in addition to all the traditional goodies: junior parade on Friday (Grand Marshall: FFA), run/walk and grand parade on Saturday (Grand Marshall: Former Court Royalty), free strawberry

shortcake, shortcake eating contests (still a fairly new tradition), fireworks, church service and, of course, carnival amusement rides.

The weather for Friday's junior parade was comfortably warm and cut through with a cool breeze. The parade seemed to be a shorter event than in previous years, lasting only half an hour, but the quality of floats by far made up for it.

The high school marching band roared through downtown with a powerful beat, children filled the street to represent their schools, and following them were floats souped up in circus theme. Children were decked out in clown and other circus-inspired attire, and even a dog was spotted dressed up as a lion. Balloons, bubbles and candy took control of the air space, drawing attention from the crowd on the sidelines.

Cyan Davis, 11, said the junior parade was good.

"I really liked the whole thing, the circus," she said.

Her friend, Kibby Chalkler, 11, agreed.

"I loved it."

A wet weekend forecast held out for a dry day during Saturday's grand parade, which again provided an impressive array of floats and costumes by Lebanon locals. Winners of the grand parade were: First Place: Hand in Hand; Second Place: Ixtapa; Classic: David Calentine; Antique First Place: Eugene Suing; Antique Second Place: Brandie Boyd; Mayor's Choice: Zener Farms; Courts First Place: Lamb & Wool; Courts Third Place: Int. United Court; Nonprofit First Place: Scalawags; Nonprofit Second Place: Mustangs; Nonprofit Third Place: LAMHA; Non-commercial Misc. Second Place: Enchanted Willow; Small Commercial First Place: WW Hobbies; Small Commercial Third Place: Feet Don't Fail Me; Sweepstakes: Helms family; Large Commercial First Place: Oaks; Large Commercial Second Place: Wiley Creek Assisted; Queen's Choice: ENTEK.

Winners of the junior parade were: Float: Rieka family and friends; School: Riverview; Wheels & Walkers: Zack Dixon; Animals: Party Animals; Church: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints; Business: Gillott Home Team; Junior Court Choice: Raelynn Utley on a pony; Queen's Choice: Masog family; Mayor's Choice: Cowgill Traveling Circus.



Photo by Kristine Banker

The Royal Court reacts after hearing that Princess Addison Cable was named 2024 Strawberry Festival Queen. From left are Addison Cable, Jannah Jimenez, Kealyn Aguirre, Molly Theodoroff and Stella Lang.



Photo by Sarah Brown

A float from the McQuistan family features a vibrant circus theme.



Photo by Kristine Banker

Children wait on the sidelines for free candy from the parade procession on Saturday.

Waterloo Mayor Resigns, Ordinance Talks Continue

By Zeva Rosenbaum
Lebanon Local

At the May 14 Waterloo City Council meeting, Mayor Justin Cary read a planned resignation letter following a long meeting discussing a planned subdivision and more.

Following Cary's resignation, Council President and former Street Master Adam Beskow took the role of acting mayor until another can be elected. Beskow stated he is happy to remain in the role as long as is necessary, but does not intend to run for office.

Prior to Cary's resignation, the majority of the meeting was spent discussing a subdivision. Approved for construction on Linn County land, the houses will require Waterloo city street access, and discussions regarding driveway permits have been ongoing for several months.

One community member was concerned about the one house that has been built in the development so far; the K Street driveway to this was permitted by the county, a mistake considering the permit should have been a city issue.

Thanks to the approval from the wrong entity, the unnamed homeowners have been unable to access their home for upwards of six months.

The community member cited concerns over road wear and tear from future residents of the subdivision. However, the city has been working to create an official ordinance regarding driveway permits, which would offset the cost of future road maintenance via initial and annual fees.

Per a motion from Beskow, the council voted to contact the owners of the house and

the mistakenly county-approved driveway to discuss a variance allowing access.

A special meeting will be held on May 28 to discuss approving the driveway ordinance.

While the bid to pave K Street has not yet been approved, City Recorder Brandi Libra said she is exploring a potential grant from the Oregon Department of Transportation that would help pay for the improvements.

In other business:

- There is an incoming archaeological project survey, which the city of Waterloo and the local Indigenous tribes can provide input on.

- The street master title and duties were passed on to council member Russell Tolen.

- Enforcement Officer Dennis Scott investigated a complaint about a smell coming from a local in-town chicken



Photo by Zeva Rosenbaum

coop, but found no smell or chickens upon investigation.

- A permit was denied for a lot with improper setbacks.

- Following a performance review, the mayor recommended the city recorder be placed on a three- to six-month probation.

- Minutes were also reviewed and accepted for Feb-

ruary, April and May 6 meetings, along with the current budget reconciliation. The council approved a change of banks for city accounts, electing to move from Wells Fargo to the OSU Credit Union.

The next full Waterloo City Council meeting will be on June 11.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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Rhoads, 34, was cited on a Linn County Circuit Court warrant for a probation violation.

May 12

2:26 p.m - Christian Riley, 45, was arrested on a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant.

May 13

10:08 a.m - Daniel Joseph Maurice, 58, was cited for a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for criminal driving, and a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on a criminal citation.

6:47 p.m - Adam Price White, 41, was cited for driving while

suspended and failure to carry proof of insurance.

10:26 p.m - Ivan Robinson, 27, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

10:29 p.m - Shelly M. Olsen, 50, was cited for driving while suspended.

11:14 p.m - Daniel Allen Ferguson, 30, was cited on a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for contempt of court.

May 14

12:08 p.m - Jason Blazze Bohannon, 39, was cited on a Linn County Circuit Court warrant. Transported to Linn County Jail.

3:56 p.m - Daniel Joseph Maurice, 58, was cited for second degree criminal trespass.

6:57 p.m - Joshua Lee Howard, 42, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

9:28 p.m - Allison Brown, 22, was cited for driving under the influence of intoxicants and for reckless driving.

10:53 p.m - Shawn Luke Jayne, 34, was cited on a Lebanon Municipal Court probation violation.

May 16

3:27 a.m - David Rood, 49, was cited for a warrant. Marci Rood, 49, was arrested for a warrant.

2:59 p.m - Seasons Stephens, 43, was cited for driving uninsured and driving while suspended.

May 17

12:45 p.m - Thomas Bobbitt, 23, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

1:37 p.m - Amber Nelson, 43, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

2:04 p.m - Sara Collins, 49, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

2:53 p.m - Darcie Cunningham, 61, was cited for driving while suspended.

8:11 p.m - Tre Majors, 30, of Albany, was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device, careless driving and failure to carry proof of insurance.

9:48 p.m - Joshua Webb, 46, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

10:14 p.m - Daniel Torres, 25, was cited for driving while suspended, driving uninsured and was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxi-

cants.

May 18

12:26 a.m - Christopher Hurt, 35, was arrested for eluding, reckless driving and multiple warrants.

6:29 p.m - Loyd Weatherly, 40, was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving.

8:43 p.m - Kirk Miller, 44, was arrested for first degree theft, second degree criminal mischief and second degree criminal trespass.

11:05 p.m - Amie Ferdani, 47, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

May 19

9:26 a.m - Caller reports a body on the side of the road. Deputy responded, determined body was that of an animal.

1:14 p.m - Cory Padgett, 55, was cited for operating without privileges and driving uninsured. Padgett was also cited in lieu of custody for a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant.

7:52 p.m - Justin Surplus, 39, was arrested on a warrant. Lodged at Linn County Jail.

9:17 p.m - Cheyanne Skinner, 29, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured and was arrested for felony warrants and giving false info to a police officer. Katie Wamsley, 28, of Corvallis, was arrested for warrants.

May 20

3:21 a.m - Austin Treece, 36, of Springfield, was cited for speeding. 75/55.

2:20 p.m - Paul Tooker, 53, was cited for driving uninsured.

8:15 p.m - Dillon Johnson, 36, was arrested on an Albany

Municipal Court warrant and was transported to Linn County Jail.

10:16 p.m - Stephen Scantil, 51, was arrested for two outstanding warrants.

May 21

8:56 a.m - Caller reports a broken back window. Valued loss \$200. 2100 block of Janna Court.

9:45 a.m - James Timothy Holloway Jr, 35, was arrested for a Marion County Circuit Court warrant.

1:56 p.m - Nickolas Ryan Shoulders, 34, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

May 22

1:03 p.m - Tina Ann Rood, 47, was cited on a Lebanon warrant.

4:02 p.m - Merlanda Faoa, 24, was cited for a warrant.

7:19 p.m - Stephanie Kriste Roten, was cited on warrants.

8:40 p.m - Jessica Whitney Heard, 38, was cited for driving while suspended.

9:34 p.m - Shellie Renee Elam, 61, was cited for driving uninsured.

11:03 p.m - Daniel Senecal, 45, was cited for driving while suspended, driving uninsured and a warrant.

May 23

4:39 a.m - 10:20 a.m - Monte Lee, 52, was cited for a warrant.

8:00 p.m - Forrest Fewel, 39, was arrested for third degree theft and a warrant.

May 24

12:31 a.m - Kyle Deibele, 38, was cited for warrants.

5:15 a.m - Dominic Alexander Vidal, 29, was cited for

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Lebanon's New Neighbor Program

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LBCC Dyno Days Drives Interest in Auto Tech

By Zeva Rosenbaum
Lebanon Local

Linn-Benton Community College's Automotive Technology hosted their annual Dyno Days open house on May 17 and 18.

At Dyno Days, vehicle owners could bring their cars to run on LBCC's Mustang Dynamometers, which measure the torque and rotational speed of engines, and have their specs posted up on a board for spectators to see.

Attendees toured the available programs, watched student-led demonstrations, and talked to Air Force recruiters, all fueled by food from local food trucks on-site. Kids and adults alike could also test out a stripped-down arcade-style driving simulator.

Jared Garcia, a student finishing up his first year in the Automotive Technology program, said there are multiple certifications throughout the program, such as maintenance and repair in the first year, and engines, transmissions and advanced suspension in the second year.

"I've been enjoying every



Photo by Zeva Rosenbaum

Attendees get a closer look at some cars on display and hear more from staff and students during Dyno Days.

minute of it," Garcia said. "Learning some really cool stuff."

Garcia said the first day of the event was a little chaotic as everyone familiarized themselves with the pro-

cess, and thanks to an influx of cars coming in, but things were smoother and busier on the second day.

"You can come in with no experience (or) a little bit of experience," Garcia

explained. "You'll end up learning something along the way. I would say it's focusing less on like, 'oh, let's see how much power to make.' The reality is, we're doing repairs, we're making

sure your vehicle runs efficiently and reliably. That's what we're here to do as repair technicians."

Ben Roberts said he recently took over the outreach portion of the position and had been talking to prospective students and employees, taking down information for people interested in working as technicians, service advisors or other related roles.

"We're always looking for new people to hire on," Roberts said.

Cars running on the dynamometers were chained down and revved up to test the speed and torque. Vehicles of all shapes, sizes and ages were tested, from classics and commuter cars to luxury SUVs and souped up sports cars.

The auto tech program features a "state-of-the-art" 38,000 square foot facility with 26 bays and high-end diagnostic equipment, and is an authorized National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3) training center.

Dyno Days was live-streamed on YouTube on both Friday and Saturday.

CIRCUIT COURT

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with prejudice.

Francisco Javier Rocha Ponce, 36, was sentenced May 24 to 90 days jail, 36 months supervised probation and a \$200 fine after pleading no contest to fourth degree domestic violence assault. The original charges of first degree rape and interference with making a report were amended to the assault charge on May 24.

Carter John Port, 23, was sentenced May 17 to one year suspension of a driver's license, five days jail, 24 months bench probation and \$2,255 in fines and fees after pleading guilty to DUII (controlled substance, cannabis, and/or intoxicating liquor). A reckless driving charge was dismissed.

Jacob Allan Ralston-Gillette, 28, was charged May 21 with DUII (intoxicating liquor).

Timothy William Roebuck, 41, was charged May 20 with domestic violence fourth degree assault and second degree criminal mischief. He posted 10% of a \$20,000 security.

Walter Daniel Smith, 49, was sentenced May 3 to one year suspension of a driver's license, four days jail, 24 months bench probation, and \$2,255 in fines and fees after pleading guilty to DUII (intoxicating liquor) and reckless driving. Charges of recklessly endangering another person and resisting arrest were dismissed.

Kailey Jade Tubbs, 24, was charged May 23 with two counts of identity theft and first degree theft.

Delbert Joe Tunnell II, 49, was charged May 20 with first degree failure to appear, a felony.

David Joshua Wall, 29, was charged May 20 with second degree theft, third degree robbery and two counts of fourth degree assault. A

\$2,000 security was set. On May 30 he was sentenced to 18 months with the Oregon Dept. of Corrections, 24 months post-prison supervision and a \$200 fine after pleading no contest to third degree robbery. The other charges were dismissed.

Adam Jacob Walls, 45, was charged May 17 with attempted assault of a public safety officer, first degree criminal trespass, harassment and resisting arrest. A \$25,000 security was set.

Bret Anthony Witherpoon, 23, was charged May 1 with DUII (controlled substances) and reckless driving. He is currently enrolled in the diversion program until November for DUII (intoxicating liquor) with a .04% BAC.

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HOW ROUTINE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AFFECTS MENTAL HEALTH

The physical changes people experience after committing to routine physical activity are visible to the naked eye. After making such a commitment, particularly if one is accustomed to a sedentary lifestyle, people may shed a noticeable amount of weight, move more quickly and even appear younger, a change that is perhaps related to the positive effects exercise has on sleep.

Less noticeable but no less advantageous are the mental health benefits associated with routine exercise. According to the Mental Health Foundation, physical activity releases chemicals in the brain that positively affect mood, thus making exercise a tool anyone can utilize to improve their mental health. As individuals ponder the benefits of physical activity, they can keep the following ways exercise affects mental health in mind.

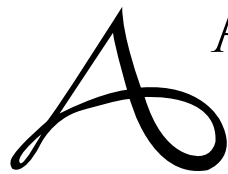
- **Exercise and stress reduction:** A 2022 Gallup poll found that 40 percent of adults worldwide experienced a lot of stress. The poll asked adults in 142 countries and areas, which underscores the significance of stress as a legitimate global health concern. The MHF notes that the most common physical signs of stress include difficulty sleeping, sweating and loss of appetite, symptoms that are triggered by a flood of the stress hormones adrenaline and noradrenaline released in the body. Those hormones increase blood pressure and heart rate. Exercise can help to alleviate stress, and the

MHF notes that adults who are highly active have been found to have lower rates of stress than those who live more sedentary lifestyles.

- **Exercise and self-esteem:** A 2022 study published in The Journal of Sports Medicine and Physical Fitness compared 352 participants between the ages of 20 and 40 who regularly exercised at least two days per week for the previous six months with 350 similarly aged sedentary individuals. The study assessed various characteristics of each group and researchers ultimately concluded that those who exercised had higher levels of self-esteem than those who did not. As a result, the authors behind the study recommended exercise as a preferred method to increase self-esteem.


- **Exercise and depression:** A systematic review and network meta-analysis of randomized control trials found that exercise is an effective treatment for depression. That review and analysis, published in the peer-reviewed medical journal The BMJ in 2024, reviewed 218 unique studies involving more than 14,000 participants. Walking, jogging, yoga, and strength training were found to be especially effective at treating depression, which the World Health Organization estimates affects about 280 million people worldwide.

The physical benefits of routine physical activity may be most noticeable. However, regular exercise also has a profound effect on individuals' mental health.



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PUBLIC SAFETY

From page 10

driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

8:48 a.m - Isaac Guerrero, 30, was cited for illegal window tinting.

9:22 a.m - Christopher Thornton, 47, was cited for not wearing a seatbelt.

9:49 a.m - Caller reports theft of a backpack and child support card were stolen from a vehicle. Valued loss \$400. 2700 block of South 11th Street.

10:02 a.m - Linn County Deputies and Search and Rescue assisted Oregon State Police with recovering the body of an 81 year old male, who died after falling off an embankment.

12:25 p.m - Kendall Cooke, 25, was cited for speeding. 48/35.

1:11 p.m - Amanda Beckler, 45, was cited for speeding. 49/35.

2:17 p.m - A 17 year old unidentified female was cited for speeding. 54/35.

9:30 p.m - Anjel Daniel Galardo, 40, was cited for driving while suspended.

May 25

1:07 a.m - Timothy Roebuck, 41, was cited for driving without a valid drivers license and driving uninsured.

12:29 p.m - Bradley Marion Pugh, 40, was cited on a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for hit and run.

10:03 p.m - Dennis Border, 42, was cited for an outstanding warrant.

10:04 p.m - Deanna Terwilliger, 39, of Washington, was cited for driving without privileges and driving uninsured.

10:59 p.m - Dallas Klahr, 41, was cited for operating a vehicle without valid driving privileges and driving uninsured.

May 26

5:53 p.m - Ethan Jordan, 35, of Albany, was cited for careless driving.

9:56 p.m - Aryan Forsythe, 20, was cited on a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for a probation violation. Mykenzie Davidson, 20, was cited on a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for contempt of court.

May 27

6:32 a.m - Carl Baxter, 66, was cited for an outstanding warrant.

7:42 a.m - Shahala Stockwell, 21, was cited for active warrants. Nickolas Nivison, 31, was cited for active warrants.

9:31 a.m - Kevin Monson, 44, was cited for driving while suspended.

10:03 a.m - Cody Hahn, 31, was cited for possession of fentanyl and possession of methamphetamine. Hahn was arrested for undisclosed war-

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PUBLIC SAFETY

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10:20 a.m - Pamela Jean Smith, 63, was cited on a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for a probation violation.

3:33 p.m - Caller reports a theft of food. Valued loss \$35-40. 7-Eleven.

4:09 p.m - William Lee McDaneil, 58, was arrested by Oregon State Police on a probation violation.

8:28 p.m - Jahcobey Tannor Kirby, 29, was cited for driving while suspended.

9:05 p.m - Jeremiah Buck Moore, 28, was cited for failure to carry proof of insurance and improper display.

11:37 p.m - Stephen Layne Elam, 65, was cited on an undisclosed warrant.

May 28

5:40 a.m - Malury Rose Martin, 22, was cited for failure to install an interlock ignition device, driving while suspended and a Sweet Home Municipal Court warrant.

9:34 a.m - Caller reported theft of bicycle. Officer responded, report taken for first degree theft. 2600 block of South 7th Street.

2:51 p.m - Javier Jesus Owens, 36, was cited for no valid drivers license.

2:57 p.m - Jessey Tenbusch, 29, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

3:52 p.m - Amado Venerosa, 63, was cited for driving without operating privileges.

5:09 p.m - Roberta Griffith, 54, was cited for a warrant.

6:14 p.m - Whitney Reen

Montgomery, 37, was cited on a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for a probation violation.

10:05 p.m - Nickolas Ryan Shoulders, 34, was cited for driving while suspended, driving uninsured and improper display.

11:04 p.m - Matthew Steven Philbrick, 36, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured. Connor Evan Jensen, 30, was cited on warrants.

May 29

4:22 a.m - Christopher J Fassler, 38, was cited for no operator's license.

8:46 a.m - Sha-Marie Lynn, was cited for a warrant.

10:21 a.m - Monica Anne Palmer, 32, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

11:57 a.m - Jaquon Isaiah

Harris, 33, was cited for driving while suspended.

2:41 p.m - Caller reports items stolen. Valued loss \$520. 36400 block of Gore Drive.

4:48 p.m - Renee Irene Weidner, 47, was cited on a Lebanon Justice Court warrant.

9:23 p.m - Nicholas Edward Cruse, 29, of Albany, was arrested for failure to perform duties of a driver causing property damage and two counts of second degree criminal trespass. Lodged at Linn County Jail.

May 30

12:27 a.m - Alexander Abshire, 29, was arrested on a Benton County warrant.

5:45 a.m - Bryan Hysell, 52, was cited for operating without valid privileges and failure to renew registration.

3:43 a.m - Micha Joseph Schulte, 43, was cited on a

Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for third degree theft, and an Albany Municipal Court warrant for contempt of court.

May 31

10:25 a.m - Tina Holt, 55, was cited on an active warrant.

10:56 a.m - Vicki Clark, 77, was cited for a dangerous left turn.

12:12 p.m - Jeffrey Bryant, 55, of Scio, was arrested on warrants and was cited for possession of a stolen vehicle, first degree theft by receiving, driving while suspended, driving uninsured and illegal window tint.

3:14 p.m - Eric Simmons, 50, of Scio, was cited for driving uninsured and was arrested for driving while suspended and a warrant.

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38318 Harrington Drive, Lebanon; one-story residence, 1023 sq. ft., two-bedrooms one-bath built in 1956; 8.09 acres; \$454,500

2903 7th Street, Lebanon; one-story residence, 1256 sq. ft., three-bedrooms two bath built in 1993; 0.2 acres; \$357,000.

788 Cheadle Lake Ct, Lebanon; one-story residence, 1402 sq. ft., three-bedroom, two-bath built in 2023; 0.18 acres; \$403,999.

1020 Airport Rd, Lebanon; one-story residence, with attic 2104 sq. ft., four-bedroom, two and a half-bath built in 1947; 0.16 acres; \$235,000.

710 8th St, Lebanon; one-story residence, 1225 sq. ft., three-bedroom, one-bath built in 1952; 1.5 acres; \$1,744,216.

690 Morton St, Lebanon; one-story residence, 1080 sq. ft., two-bedroom, one-bath built in 1930; 0.15 acres; \$188,000.

812 Garvord St, Lebanon; one-story residence, with basement 3282 sq. ft., three-bedroom, three-bath built in 1980; 0.33 acres; \$458,000.

12 Big Brother Ln, Lebanon; one-story residence, with attic 1784 sq. ft., two-bedroom, three and a half-bath built in 1947; 0.57 acres; \$367,500.

870 Rose St, Lebanon; one-story residence, 1587 sq. ft., three-bedroom, two and a half-bath built in 1964; 0.33 acres; \$400,000.

1207 43rd Ave, Sweet Home; one-story residence, 1200 sq. ft., three-bedroom, two-bath built in 1999; 0.18 acres; \$225,000.

440 6th St, Lebanon; one-story residence, 1001 sq. ft., three-bedroom, one-bath built in 1930; 0.5 acres; \$310,000.

4304 Airport Rd, Sweet Home; one-story residence, 832 sq. ft., two-bedroom, one-bath built in 1955; 0.27 acres; \$265,000.

726 Cheadle Lake Ct, Lebanon; two-story residence, 2213 sq. ft., five-bedroom, two and a half-bath built in 2023; 0.12 acres; \$439,790.

37518 Sodaville Cutoff Dr, Lebanon; two-story residence, 3170 sq. ft., five-bedroom, two and a half-bath built in 1995; 6.76 acres; \$890,000.

540 Crowfoot Rd, Lebanon; one-story residence, with attic 1746 sq. ft., four-bedroom, three-bath built in 1947; 0.45 acres; \$395,000.

40535 Comfort Ln, Sweet Home; two-story residence, 2977 sq. ft., three-bedroom, two and a half-bath built in 1998; 10.55 acres; \$920,000.

1170 3rd St, Lebanon; one-story residence, 936 sq. ft., two-bedroom one-bath built in 1969; 0.16 acres; \$325,000.

54 Weldwood Dr, Lebanon; one-story residence, 1209 sq. ft., two-bedroom, two-bath built in 2000; \$245,000.

City Council Moves Forward Placing Fluoride Decision on Ballot

By Sarah Brown
Lebanon Local

City Council at the May 8 meeting approved a resolution for a ballot title for the November election addressing the question of fluoride, and decided to table a psilocybin ballot title for next month's meeting.

The council held a public hearing on and approved a resolution for calling an election to submit the question of providing fluoridation of Public Water Supply. The question that will be posed to voters in the November election this year is, "Shall the City of Lebanon continue fluoridation of the public water supply?"

The city has been fluoridating its public water supply since 2001. Fluoridation is funded through city water fees and managed by the Director of Public Works. The use of fluoride compounds in the water system costs approximately \$25,000 annually which includes materials, chemicals, and staff time.

At the Nov. 8, 2023 City Council meeting, Public Works Director Jason Williams provided bullet points regarding the city's use of fluoride:

The City Council in April 2000 chose to enact an ordinance requiring fluoridated water in its system.

They currently dose .7 parts per million, which equates to .18 gallons of fluoride per 150,000 gallons of water.

Due to fluoride, the dosing of caustic soda must be increased to bring the pH balance back up.

The City's 2022-23 budget was \$12,800 for fluoride and \$14,715 for caustic dosing.

Staff must wear suits and respirators when handling the fluoride.

Images within the new water treatment plant compared to images within the fluoride containment room show evidence of corrosion on metallic door handles, plastic parts and pipes in the fluoride room.

The issue at hand originated from several residents who beseeched the city to discontinue putting fluoride in the water supply, stating concerns about possible health damage caused by the compound. Councilor Dave Workman took their concerns to the table, noting he was more interested in allowing the resi-

dents to make the decision rather than council. Mayor Ken Jackola and councilors Wayne Dykstra, Carl Mann and Jeremy Salvage agreed with his stance, while councilors Michelle Steinhebel and KJ Ullfers believed this was an issue best made by a council elected by its residents. Steinhebel noted there is a procedure by way of petition that residents can put the question on a ballot themselves.

The next public hearing on the agenda addressed a resolution to refer to voters a measure proposing the prohibition on psilocybin-related businesses.

State law allows for the manufacture, transportation, delivery, sale and possession of psilocybin, a psychedelic drug found in certain mushrooms. State law provides that a local government may adopt an ordinance to be referred to the voters to prohibit the establishment of licensed psilocybin product manufacturers and/or psilocybin services centers within the City of Lebanon.

Steinhebel said she'd like to see more of the city's history on the psilocybin question placed on the ballot, so the council agreed to table the discussion and vote for the next meeting.

In other business:

- The council held a public hearing for and approved an ordinance amending Chapter Eight: Transportation of the Lebanon Comprehensive Plan. Following the development of Colonia Paz apartments next to Walmart, the amendment includes changes to the adopted 2018 Lebanon Transportation System Plan (TSP) to reflect a proposed roundabout at the intersection of Weldwood and Cascade drives.
- Jackola mentioned his appreciation for a new sign at Ralston Park's rose garden that is maintained by the Lebanon Garden Club.
- The council held a public hearing for and approved a resolution amending fees and charges for building permit fees.
- The council approved a contract to lease the city's vehicles through Enterprise Fleet Management. According to Finance Director Brandon Neish, acquiring and decommissioning the city's vehicles through Enterprise creates a more ef-

cient system. It would not include police, heavy equipment or bussing vehicles. Neish explained a "significant" amount of staff hours are put into managing the fleet from procurement to end-of-use. Using the Enterprise program would shorten the life cycle of the city's vehicles from 10 years to approximately two years and save the city in costs (better fuel economy, lower maintenance, less depreciation), he said. Neish estimated a savings of about \$700,000 over 10 years. Linn County and the City of Sweet Home use Enterprise Fleet Management.

- Neish provided a demonstration on the city's new web-based budget book created by ClearGov.

- The council approved the purchase of 390 W. Maple St. for \$110,000. Situated on a corner parcel of a block largely owned by the City of Lebanon, Public Works Director said the city has been setting money aside for eight or nine years now with the intention of buying the property once it went up for sale.

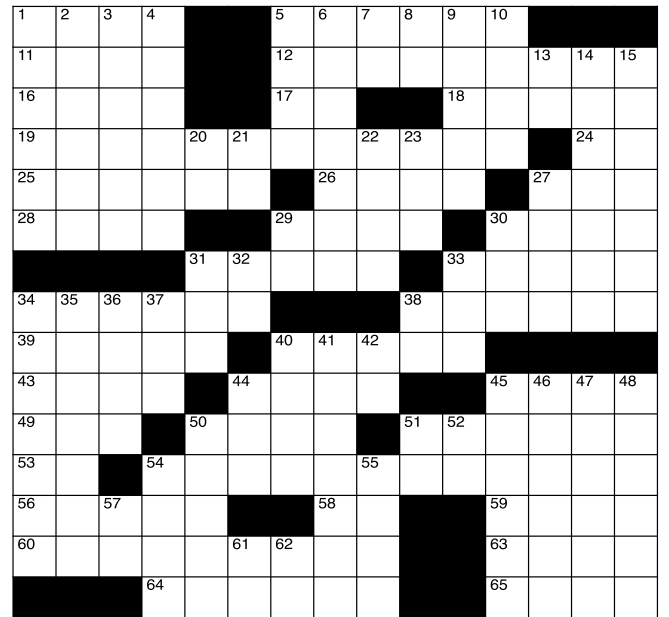
- Interim City Manager Ron Whitlatch updated the council on progress being made toward entering into a contract with Tate Public Affairs for the purpose of legislative representation and lobbying on the city's behalf. The city will also be entering into an inter-governmental agreement with Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments for grant writing services.

- Jeremy Guenther informed the council about varisistors [sic] that, according to him, are now code for all homes in America "to level out surges that come into your house and potentially damage electronics."

- Jason Christensen, owner of Sleep Trailer LLC, informed the council he was awarded a grant to park his sleep trailer at various locations in the county in something of a pilot project. Lebanon Local reported on his first test of the trailer in Lebanon last year. Now he is looking for "a corner" somewhere that he can place his trailer temporarily (three months) for service.

- The council heard an update report on Lebanon Downtown Association.

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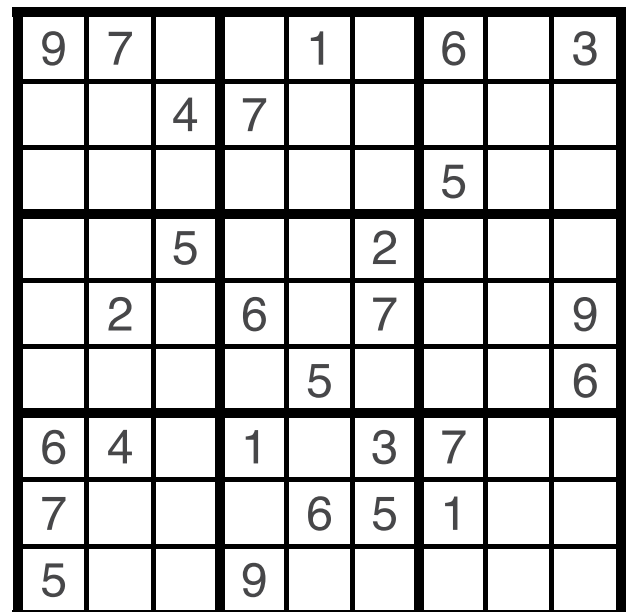
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Nocturnal S. American rodent
- 5. Requesting
- 11. Give temporarily
- 12. Happiness
- 16. Military branch
- 17. - __, denotes past
- 18. Middle Eastern city
- 19. Air hostesses
- 24. Partner to Pa
- 25. Percussion instrument
- 26. Popular computers
- 27. Decrease light
- 28. Valley in the Osh Region
- 29. "To __ his own"
- 30. Absence of difficulty
- 31. Notice announcing intended marriage read out in church
- 33. Trims by cutting
- 34. Impact
- 38. Military member
- 39. A French river
- 40. Member of prehistoric people in Mexico
- 43. Messenger ribonucleic acid
- 44. Musician Clapton
- 45. Greek sophist
- 49. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- 50. Narrow valley
- 51. A way to disentangle
- 53. Indicates not an issue (abbr.)
- 54. Recommending
- 56. Genus of legumes
- 58. Friend to Larry and Curly
- 59. Off-Broadway theater award
- 60. Fencers
- 63. Small Eurasian deer
- 64. Denoting passerine birds
- 65. Separate by category

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Colorless fluid part of blood
- 2. Of a main artery
- 3. Photographic equipment
- 4. Confirms a point
- 5. Developed over time
- 6. Not the leader
- 7. __ Lang (country singer)
- 8. Adults need one
- 9. Nests of pheasants
- 10. Antelopes
- 13. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
- 14. Japanese three-stringed lute
- 15. Type of cat
- 20. Cools your home
- 21. The ancient Egyptian sun god
- 22. Pouches
- 23. Trigraph
- 27. Form of Persian spoken in Afghanistan
- 29. __ route
- 30. Body part
- 31. Bridge building degree
- 32. Indicates position
- 33. Political action committee
- 34. Tasty snack
- 35. Part of a quadruped
- 36. Locate
- 37. Pitching statistic
- 38. Of I
- 40. City in Utah
- 41. Football players in the trenches
- 42. Hammer is one
- 44. A "nightmarish" street
- 45. Performers
- 46. Slang for cut or scrape
- 47. More breathable
- 48. Most slick
- 50. Provokes
- 51. Home to college's Flyers
- 52. Sodium
- 54. Large fish of mackerel family
- 55. Zero
- 57. __ and behold
- 61. The Palmetto State
- 62. Popular Tom Cruise movie franchise (abbr.)

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Individuals Learn New Skill for Veterans Project

By Sarah Brown
Lebanon Local

Clients at Willamette Vocational Resource Community are learning a new skill that will not only benefit them, but will also produce a nice gift for veterans and others.

WVRC is a nonprofit organization that provides vocational services to individuals with disabilities, including life skills, training and employment alternatives.

When Gae Laurance's daughter joined WVRC, Laurance began volunteering her time at the organization and asked if anyone would be interested in learning how to sew. Being familiar with Quilts of Valor – handmade quilts presented to veterans and service members – she determined pillowcases would be a good project to work on and give to residents at the Oregon Veterans Home in Lebanon.

"I presented it as kind of a give-back project," she said. "We're never going to be able to make the veterans' Quilts of Valor – there's specific requirements for those – so I thought pillowcases are kind of fun, and that was our very first project."

Using fabric mostly gleaned from her personal stash, she pre-cut fabric to make 50 "burrito" pillowcases (a sewing method for how the pillowcases are made).

"They can get one done in an hour, so it doesn't tax anybody's patience or brain," Laurance said.

The clients responded positively to the sewing project as they began, she said, noting one who was so fascinated with the machine that

he would closely inspect the movement of the needle as it went up and down.

"I think this is a good idea to do this," said Terry Diaz-Lopez, a client at WVRC.

He wanted to participate in the project because it sounded fun.

"I do like sewing," he said about the experience. "I like the part when we sew these pillowcases with this machine."

As the project progressed, other personal sewing projects began turning out of the class. Clients made quilts, aprons, bags, beanies, blankets, scarves and art projects.

Sharon Johnson made a baby blanket to donate, and Diaz-Lopez said he would like to make a blanket for the veterans and he wants it in the parade.

"It's a really good experience in this facility to have us make these for the veterans parade and the people that want to use them because even the homeless really, really, truly need a blanket," Diaz-Lopez said.

While Laurance helps guide some clients' hands during the sewing process – a skill, she noted, that is good practice for hand-eye coordination – some choose to instead participate in the activity at a minimal level by just selecting the fabric and then visiting while Laurance does the sewing.

As a side project, Laurance made a patriotic red, white and blue quilt that she'd like to raffle off as a fundraiser for the clients at WVRC. She explained that sometimes the clients don't have enough money for a trip or they for-



Photo by Sarah Brown

Gae Laurance, left, helps guide the hands of Terry Diaz-Lopez, right, as he sews a pillowcase on an electric sewing machine. Sharon Johnson, center, watches.

get to bring their money, so she'd like the fundraiser to go into a sort of "community chest fund" for those moments.

"We're trying to get enough to do the Enchanted Forest

this year with them," noted employee Jennifer Millsap. "We would love to take them to the Enchanted Forest, and some people can't afford that."

Johnson said in her entire

life she'd never learned to sew until Laurance taught her how. She likes that she can make things for herself.

"I have a doll and it feels like a real doll, and I want to make some clothes for it," Johnson said.

She also noted it's a nice opportunity to relax.

"To me it's relaxing," Johnson said. "We shut the door and I don't have to hear anybody."

WVRC Executive Director Erica Andrews expressed gratitude for Laurance's time spent with the clients.

"When Gae started volunteering to teach sewing, it began with just a few people and many curious on-lookers," Andrews said. "Fast forward to now, and several people in our program have created something through her sewing instruction. You can tell they feel a great sense of accomplishment from the pieces they complete, and it is wonderful to see the confidence it gives them. We are incredibly grateful to volunteers like Gae who share their time and talents with us."

Motorcycle Crash Injures Two



Photo by Chelly Bouferrache

Lights from first responder vehicles light up the scene of a crash site.

By Sky Chappell
Lebanon Local

Lebanon Fire District (LFD) responded to a call of a motor vehicle collision at 9:13 p.m. in the 30100 block of Santiam Highway on Sunday, May 12. Upon arriving on scene at 9:22 p.m., crews assessed that it was a motor vehicle crash with injuries involving motorcycles. The southbound lanes of Highway 20 were closed by emergency service personnel and assisting agencies including Linn County

Sheriff's Office and Oregon State Police.

"One patient was transported to Lebanon Community Hospital," LFD Division Chief of Operations John Tacy said. "One patient was transported to Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center."

According to a log entry from OSP, a trooper determined a black Yamaha attempted to make a u-turn from eastbound to westbound on Highway 20. After

the attempt, the male rider was struck by another rider.

According to OSP, drivers involved were Anthony Lee Bryant, 34, of Sweet Home, and Shawn Lezane Dawson, 60, of Salem.

It's believed the Yamaha driver was Dawson, who was taken to Lebanon Community Hospital with an arm injury, and Bryant was transported to Good Samaritan Hospital with a serious leg injury. Both motorcycles were towed due to damage.

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