

Second car crashes into Chamber one year later

By Sarah Brown
Lebanon Local

Skid marks reveal the path taken of a truck that rammed into the Lebanon Chamber of Commerce building on the evening of March 22, 2024. Just one year and three weeks earlier, on March 1, 2023, Johnathan M. Davis, of Salem, crashed into the Chamber, ultimately moving two walls within the building and displacing staff for a year. He was sentenced in January 2024 for second degree criminal mischief and failure to perform the duties of a driver for property damage, but the charge of reckless driving was dismissed.

In addition to insurance coverage, the Chamber very recently obtained funding through the county and city to fix the old building and update the space for a more modern and practical use. Construction workers started renovating the building about a month ago.

Staff at Lebanon Police Department reported Jesus Hilario Cabuto, 18, was un-



Photo by Sarah Brown

der the influence of alcohol when he was traveling north on Park Avenue and lost control when he negotiated the corner near Elmore Street too fast. He crashed into the building at 8:03 p.m. Cabuto

is being charged with a misdemeanor DUII.

Chamber Director Rebecca Grizzle said she was called at 8:24 p.m. on March 22 about the recent incident. She watched as police arrest-

ed the driver and said there's suspicion he was impaired. Given that the building has been struck twice in a year, Grizzle said she will consider placing boulders in front of the building to protect it.

Lake Town Academy ready to expand

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Closing in on the completion of their first year operating a new private school for Lebanon and Sweet Home, Lake Town Academy's founder, Ashley Knight, said it went "smoothly" and now they're ready to expand.

Knight, of Sweet Home, and Molly Haselip, of Lebanon, started the faith-based school in an effort to provide an alternative option for children who do not thrive in public schools. While working in public schools and, later, homeschooling her own children, Knight said she learned there can be different approaches to teaching other than the standard federally-funded education system.

Knight also realized that kids learn differently from one another and there's no one-size-fits-all solution.

"It just didn't make sense to me having kids sit in a desk for so long and doing worksheets, and then you've got



Photo by Sarah Brown

Director and teacher Ashley Knight sits at the front of her three through eighth grade classroom.

kids that are either behind and they feel discouraged and they have no idea what's going on, and then you have kids that are ahead and they're bored out of their mind but you expect them to sit still and be quiet," she

said last year. "Kids need to be moving, and they need to be learning and exploring things that they're interested in, so then learning is fun. Once they start learning things, then you see their confidence boost."

And that appears to be just the environment she and Haselip are providing. In the mornings, the kids do a devotional and pray, followed by Socratic discussion

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LOCAL EVENTS

Adult Book Club

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

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

Genealogical Society meeting

The Lebanon Genealogical Society will meet on Friday, April 5, at the Lebanon Public Library, 55 Academy Square, in the community room. The meeting will start at 12:30 p.m. and the speaker will be Don Lyon, friend of Thompson's Mill State Park in Shedd, Ore. He will talk on its history and becoming a state park. This is free to all. Anyone in need of help finding their ancestors, see one of the members or come to the genealogy room in the library on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday for help.

Annual Benefit Auction

East Linn Christian Academy will hold its annual benefit dinner and auction at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 5, at 36883 Victory Dr, Lebanon.

East Linn Christian has served the Linn County community by providing quality Christian education to students from preschool to grade 12 since 1982. Our classrooms, athletics and extracurricular activities provide opportunities for students to develop leadership skills, identify their God-given gifts, and practice serving others. The Annual Spring Auction is the school's primary fundraiser.

The event includes a silent auction from 4:30-6:45 p.m., dinner by Forks and Corks at 6 p.m., Dessert Frenzy auction, and live auction. Cost to attend is \$75 per person.

Funds generated from the auction allow us to keep our tuition prices affordable,

promote access to Christian education for a socio-economically diverse student body, and also help us provide an up to date curriculum.

Register at <https://bit.ly/3TXdMFS>.

First Fridays downtown

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

April 5: Spring Fling Farm to Table

May 3: Cinco de Mayo

June 7: Strawberries

July 5: Red, White and Boozy

Aug. 2: Food & Drinks from Around the World

Sept. 6: Crafters Night

Oct. 4: Harvest Festival

Nov. 1: Chili Cookoff, Shop Small

Dec. 6: Christmas in the Park

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.

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. Speakers include Dr. Dana Kosmala, Police Chief Frank Stevenson and CASA Director Leslee Mayers.

Hall of Fame Nominations

The Lebanon Alumni Association seeks nominations for this year's Bud & Dorothy Page Lebanon High School Alumni Hall of Fame. Nominations due April 12. The event will be held Oct 26.

Nomination forms can be found online via Google Docs at <https://bit.ly/3VDwQKp>. For more information, email lebanon.hall.of.fame@gmail.com.

After 5 Connection

The After 5 Connection (Stonecroft) will present "Everything Old is New Again," by speaker Joan Vidlak, from 6-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, at Ma's Restaurant, 2416 S. Santiam Hwy.

Vidlak, from Colorado, will share a message about overcoming sorrow after many tragedies in her life. She speaks of how Stonecroft friends helped her through hard times, and uses humor even in the face of serious topics. She also shows us how she takes an item and turns it into a new creation, something it was not originally meant to be. Watch how she has turned overalls into a hobo bag and embellished denim jackets.

Cost for dinner and the program is \$18 (no credit cards please). RSVP by contacting Sherri at 541.258.6414, or Nancy at 541.259.1396 (or email NancyPinzino@comcast.net).

Medicine in the Civil War

Keith Menk and Ashley Wendell, Civil War reenactors who specialize in happenings within the medical tent, will give a talk on Civil War medicine at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, at the Lebanon Public Library, 55 Academy St.

Sponsored by the Lebanon Museum Foundation and the Lebanon Public Library, this program is open to the public and free for all.

For more information about this program or about the Lebanon Museum Foundation, call Linda at 503.707.1539, find "Lebanon Museum" on Facebook, or visit the website at lebanon-museum.org.

DEATH NOTICES

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

Leroy Dean Pruitt - 83, of Lebanon, died March 15, 2024. Huston-Jost Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Terry Neil Walls - 74, of Lebanon, died February 26, 2024. Huston-Jost Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Paul G. Young - 96, of Lebanon, died December 27, 2023. Huston-Jost Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Betty Lillis - 74, of Lebanon, died February 29, 2024. Huston-Jost Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Kathleen Candi Beasley - 77, of Lebanon, died February 25, 2024. Huston-Jost Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Brian Lee Powell - 64, of Albany, died March 1, 2024. Aasum-dufour funeral home is handling arrangements.

Garden Club flower show

The Lebanon Garden Club will host some flower design classes at the Lebanon Senior Center from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the following dates: April 18, April 25, May 2, May 9. This will be in anticipation of the club's upcoming annual flower show to be held on Friday, May 31, and Saturday, June 1. More information will be forthcoming.

FFA Plant Sale

The Lebanon Future Farmers of America (FFA) class will begin selling plants from their greenhouse starting Friday, April 19, at 9 a.m. Follow them on Facebook for upcoming information about the event.

Trail Work Day

In commemoration of Earth Day, Build Lebanon Trails will hold a trail work day at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 20, at Ralston Park.

Volunteers will be mulching various park locations around town. If able, please bring a wheelbarrow to assist in moving mulch from large dump piles to distribution areas. Other tools needed are scoop shovels and garden rakes. Mark your tools for identification. We will also have loaner tools available.

Rain or shine, wear appropriate clothing and shoes. Sorry no dogs on work days. Visit buildlebanontrails.com for more information.

Dinner, Silent Auction Fundraiser

Lake Town Academy will host a pizza dinner, movie and silent auction at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 26, at House of Glory church, 30337 Fairview Road, between Lebanon and Sweet Home.

Cost is \$25 per person. Childcare is available for \$5 per child. Silent auction donations are sought. To purchase tickets, visit LakeTownAcademy.com/

store. For more information, contact Ashley Knight at 541.224.6828 or email laketownacademy@gmail.com.

The funds raised through the auction help enhance the educational experience for the students, provide resources that may not be covered by the school's regular budget, and support scholarships. This year Lake Town is specifically trying to raise funds for a school van/bus that would allow them to get out and do more field learning, community service, and have an increased access to resources.

Kids Planting Event

Summit Ace Home & Garden will host a free kids planting event at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 27, at 1055 Tangent St.

Kids are invited to participate in planting a small potted flower to take home.

Sponsored by Espoma Organic, Summit will have some deals on their products and we offer samples of some of their products while the kids plant.

This is a first-come, first-served event. There is no registration. The event will end at 12 p.m. or until supplies are gone.

For more information, email Kristin at kristin@summitacehg.com.

Kids Obstacle Dash

Build Lebanon Trail will host its 15th annual Cheadle Lake 5K/10K Fun Run/Walk and Kids Obstacle Dash on Saturday, May 4.

Find the link to register at BuildLebanonTrails.com/events/. The first 200 children ages 10 and under get free registration using the secret password, "DASH." Proceeds benefit "The Mill Race Trail," to be built in 2025. Goal for the projects is \$350,000.

Garden Club Plant Sale

The Lebanon Garden Club's

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March 13

2:47 a.m - Christian Rogers, 29, was cited on a warrant.
11:22 a.m - Rex Babb, 50, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.
1:30 p.m - Melissa Colburn, 46, was cited for careless driving, driving while suspended and driving uninsured.
3:27 p.m - John Turner, 55, was cited for driving while suspended, failure to carry and present and driving un-

insured.
3:46 p.m - Jason Gustus, 33, was cited for driving while suspended and violation of the basic rule.
4:03 p.m - Frank Coelho, 68, was arrested for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.
4:33 p.m - Darin Hill, 48 was cited for a warrant. Tanya Idencio, 49, was cited for a warrant.
March 14
8:42 a.m - Joshua Shoat, 54, was cited for an active warrant.
8:58 a.m - Eric Branton, 35, was cited for driving uninsured.
11:09 a.m - Bodie Gibson, 44, and Christopher Coultas, 41, were both cited on active warrants.
11:22 a.m - Dustin Hockema, of Siletz, was arrested for driving while suspended and cited for undisclosed traffic violations.
12:08 p.m - Bryan Watts, 49, was arrested for warrants.
12:17 p.m - Christina Watts, 35, was arrested for second and third degree theft.
4:44 p.m - Thomas Chohan, 52, was cited for his warrant.
9:34 p.m - Nicholas Edward Cruse, 28, was cited for driving while suspended.

March 15

5:25 a.m - Richard Leroy Ogbin, 64, was cited for an Albany Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for third degree theft
9:51 a.m - Richard Robb, was cited for a traffic violation.
10:20 a.m - Carmen Lee Mattarolo, 37, was cited for driving while suspended.
3:07 p.m - Stefani Brown, was cited for a traffic violation.
9:33 p.m - Michael Simmons, 37, was cited for failure to drive within lane.
March 16
1:53 a.m - Billy Hatch, 47, was cited for driving while suspended.
2:16 a.m - Billy Hatch, 47, was arrested on warrants.
11:03 p.m - Gabriel Bruce Buckner, 26, was arrested for a Lebanon Justice Court warrant, a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant and an Albany Municipal Court warrant.
March 17
1:56 p.m - Trevor Wayne Jose, 31, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.
5:39 p.m - Christopher Michael Gannon, 42, was cited

for third degree theft.
7:50 p.m - Stephanie Ann Omnik, 45, was arrested on an Oregon State Parole Board warrant for a parole violation. Transported to Linn County Jail.
9:03 p.m - Rachele Joann Rictor, 33, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.
9:51 p.m - Travis Phillip Bennett, 30, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured. Kennedy Duran Gonzales, 28, was cited for an Albany Municipal Court Warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for obstructing a police officer and a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on a criminal citation.
March 18
1:33 a.m - Jeremy Moore, 46, was arrested after he eluded Albany PD and crashed at 7-11.
7:59 a.m - Esther Marit Piety, 53, was cited for speeding. 51/35.
8:22 a.m - Stacey Teixeria, 58, was cited for a warrant.
8:44 a.m - Amy Lynn Reyn- ders, 47, was cited for speeding. 60/30.
9:01 a.m - Joshua Welch, 35, was cited for driving while suspended and driving unin-

sured.
10:13 a.m - Brandi Lynn Trelsdad, 35, was cited on a Benton County Circuit Court warrant for driving while suspended and a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original criminal citation for driving while suspended.
10:37 a.m - Stephen Layne Elam, 65, was cited on a Lebanon Justice Court warrant for contempt of court.
10:59 a.m - Daniel Joseph Maurice, 58, was cited for second degree criminal trespass.
12:51 p.m - Carlos Barahona, 19, was cited for illegal window tint, driving without a license and driving uninsured.
1:41 p.m - Wren Wright, 44, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured. Wright was additionally arrested for failure to carry and present and warrants.
2:05 p.m - Alexander Burrell, 44, was cited for an active warrant.
2:07 p.m - Riley Brandon, 21, was cited for speeding.
2:24 p.m - Scott Tryon, 61, was cited for driving without a seatbelt. Earl Gillott, 59, was cited for not wearing a seat-

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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, Rose Joann Ellison, Michael Travis Flanigan, Selina Renee Ford-Blackburn, Melissa Nicole Fox, Steven Edward Grimm, Matthew David Griner, Aaron Thomas Halvorson, Robert Edwin Hoskinson, Christopher Lee Hurt, Andrew Christopher Jones, Bruce Clifton Kelly, Andrew Donald LeGore, James Andrew Linder, Mikel Vincent Lizama, Rick Jordan Maas, Zachary John Marshall, Kurtis R. McClurg, Keoni Martin Murray, Cary Nathan Pedigo, Taylor Ray Plummer, Jeremy Scott Rowan, Rosemary O. Saviour, Aaron Carlyle Scott, Tiffani Kendra Stubblefield, Russell Dale Truedson, Paul Walter Ulm, Adam Jacob Walls, Darnell T. Wells, Jessica Ashley Wynne.

Arely Esperanza Acosta-Santana, 30, was sentenced March 8 to suspension of a driver's license for one year, seven days jail, 24 months bench probation and \$2,255 in fines after pleading guilty to DUII (liquor) and recklessly endangering another person. A charge of reckless driving was dismissed.

Randy Orwin Baldwin, 37, was sentenced March 13 to 36 months supervised probation and a \$100 fine after pleading no contest to fourth degree domestic violence assault. A charge of strangulation was dismissed.

Alyssa Marie Barrette, 32, was sentenced March 1 to a \$100 fine on a no-contest plea to harassment. A charge of third degree assault was dismissed.

Mark Duane Budd, 58, was sentenced to five days jail and a \$100 fine after pleading guilty to failure to report as a sex offender.

Jose Francisco Cabuto, 21, was sentenced March 14 to 60 days jail, 60 months supervised probation and a \$200 fine after pleading guilty to second degree attempt to commit a Class B felony domestic violence assault. A charge of fourth degree assault was dismissed.

Devon Lee Clement, 22, was sentenced Feb. 28 to revocation of a driver's license for one year, 240 hours jail, 18 months supervised probation and \$2,455 in fines after pleading no contest to fleeing or attempting to elude a po-

lice officer and DUII (liquor). A charge of reckless driving was dismissed.

Rose Joann Ellison, 44, was charged March 26 with DUII (controlled substance) and unlawful possession of controlled substance (fentanyl).

Forrest Chistian Fewel, aka Gary Forrest Schaeffer, 39, was sentenced March 7 to 360 hours jail and 18 months bench probation after pleading no contest to failure to report as a sex offender and failure to appear on a criminal citation.

Ethan Joel Goins, 22, was sentenced March 21 to an \$800 fine after pleading guilty to practicing veterinary medicine, surgery or dentistry without a license. A second degree animal abuse charge was dismissed.

Julianne Marie Goins, 21, was sentenced March 21 to an \$800 fine after pleading guilty to practicing veterinary medicine, surgery or dentistry without a license. A second degree animal abuse charge was dismissed.

Robert Grant Hodson, 28, was charged Feb. 28 with third degree rape involving a

female under the age of 16. Bail was set at \$10,000.

Theodore J. Ingram, 60, was charged March 22 with first degree online sexual corruption of a child. Bail was set at \$25,000.

Joshua Dwayne Johnson, 35, was charged Feb. 28 with unlawful possession of marijuana, endangering the welfare of a minor, unlawful manufacture of marijuana item, unlawful export of marijuana item, and unlawful delivery of marijuana item. Court documents indicate allegations involving more than eight pounds of the marijuana and more than 12 plants. He posted 10% of a \$20,000 bail.

Caleb Ray Lybarger, 20, charges of luring a minor and second degree online sexual corruption of a child were dismissed without prejudice Feb. 28. He has a separate ongoing case for the same charges in addition to three counts of first degree sexual abuse.

Bryan Alan Marceau, 28, was charged March 20 with domestic violence strangulation and domestic violence fourth degree assault.

Earl Elijah Moffet, 32, was sentenced Feb. 28 to 240 hours jail, 24 month supervised probation and \$200 in fines after pleading no contest to fourth degree domestic violence assault and failure to appear on a criminal citation.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

This letter is aimed at the younger generation. Please take time to really think. The following took place in the 1930s. I speak from experience.

When I was 2, I had mumps. In first grade I caught chicken pox. Oh, how that itched! Oatmeal baths were a flop. Scratching off a scab left scars. Then I got whooping cough. I could not stop coughing until I finally vomited, then I could catch my breath. What a mess! That was scary. It hung on for weeks.

Next was German measles. Well, that wasn't so bad. In second grade I was isolated to my dark bedroom for three weeks with red measles... the one that could leave me blind, or with meningitis or dead. I was very sick with that one. At age 8 I was vaccinated against smallpox at school.

Why this tale? We had no vaccines for these diseases. MMR prevents those terrible measles, mumps, and German measles.

Why bother with the mumps? That's not so deadly. But my teen cousin had mumps, and later a delightful wife... but no kids.

DPT was the first shots my kids got: diphtheria was deadly, pertussis is whooping cough, and tetanus was everywhere. Protect your toddlers.

The 1950s were a panic with infantile paralysis everywhere and no one knew how it spread. Then Sabin and Salk provided polio vaccines. I lined up with my kids at the first opportunity for those doses.

All my kids got chicken pox. No vaccine I was aware of then.

Why am I compelled to tell you this? I am on the autistic scale, at the Asperger end. My point is that no vaccine caused my Aspie syndrome. That was recognized before I was 2 1/2, but I had had no vaccines. I was different, but it just wasn't identified and named for a few more decades.

Autism appears about the same time as vaccines are given, but there is no more causal connection than teething causing autism.

All of my six kids went to college and are good citizens. No drugs, no dropouts. Those old vaccines did no damage to their brains.

I plead with you, vaccinate your kids with the ones I have listed above, at the minimum. You don't have to get multiple shots at each doctor visit. Get one at a time if you don't want to overload, although the combos I mentioned are trusted and they do work. If anyone must have two separate shots at the same time, at least put them in opposite arms, not the same spot.

Other things we didn't know way back then:

For burns, no salve! Use a warm wet used black-tea bag laid on gently... whether stove or sunburn. This works better than anything you can buy. Or vinegar or aloe juice.

If you use nose drops, bend your head waaay down forward to get it to the sinuses. If you bend back, it just goes down your throat, bypassing the upper nose where you want it.

I am so grateful for Bac-tine and Neosporin. Dad swabbed our cuts with iodine. Owwww!

Now please, will you get your kids vaccinated? Don't take a chance on measles, polio, or whooping cough, which are trying to come back.

I am not dealing with the level of truth or deceit in government, medical or media here. Some old inventions are still useful, like shovels or wagons. History has verified the effectiveness and safety of these old vaccines. Don't throw out the baby with the bathwater. Be grateful, use them, protect your kids from these miseries.

- Joan Scofield, Sweet Home

Dear Editor,

The essential feature of capitalism is the motive to make a profit. But both parties must voluntarily exchange transactions and have their own interest in the outcome, but neither can obtain what he or she wants without addressing what the other wants. It is this rational self-interest that can lead to economic prosperity.

But it feels like we have reverted to the Middle Ages and Serfdom, putting us in a position of dependence and limiting our freedoms. Our landlord (at Twin Cedars manufactured home park) Legacy Communities LLC benefits the most from this system.

That being said, many Oregonians have been placed in a situation where our exchange is not voluntary. When the rent goes up to an unaffordable level, a person can move to another apartment at a lower rent because of a capitalist free market economy. When renting an apartment or home from a particular landlord, a renter can choose another landlord, community, larger or smaller home.

Families with children owning a home in a manufactured home park don't have that option.

Manufactured homeowners

living in a mobile home park cannot choose to be a part of a free

market economy. We have no choice not to "purchase" or pay rent because we have no option to choose another park or home. It would be like your mortgage provider increasing your

mortgage payment 10% every 12 months. You didn't expect it, you wouldn't have chosen that

mortgage provider if you knew they would change the rules on you. If you can't afford it, they

repossess your home. We're trapped. We can't move the homes we own to another location.

My home was built in the late 70's. It's nearly 1700 square feet. I have no choice but to pay whatever rent my landlord chooses. Most of us moved to manufactured home parks when mom and pops owned them. History showed the rent increased \$25 annually. We never anticipated large greedy corporations would be our landlords. We wouldn't have bought a mobile home in a park if we knew we'd be forced to accept this change. We appreciate it won't go over 10% but for new move ins the rent is now \$1,170 and some change. Up 41.6% in 12 months. Oregonians on a fixed income or low income can't afford \$1,170 a month and maintain their home and yards. New roof, new windows, siding, plumbing, electrical, heating and so on. Most of the tenants living at Twin Cedars Mobile Home Park are on fixed incomes. They are in their 70's, 80's, 90's. Many are widows, widowers, veterans, and disabled. Our social security incomes are not increasing at a rate to sustain a 10% lot rent increase annually. If we can't afford the increases we're evicted. We can't sell because in a capitalist economy the potential buyer can choose to buy in a park where it's not owned by a large greedy corporation like Legacy Communities LLC. We can't sell, we can't move, and Legacy takes

possession of our homes and our equity, and most everything we've worked for. They can then turn around and sell our homes, charge a lower rent to entice buyers. And they have nothing to lose. Can you as a republican support this in the name of capitalism?

This shouldn't be a republican or democrat issue. It should be everyone's issue. We need to keep families, children, and elderly people in the homes they own. Owning a manufactured home in a park is a completely different issue than renting an apartment. Setting limits on how much a landlord can charge a homeowner is far different than a structure they own and must maintain. Our incomes don't provide us with the finances to maintain our homes and pay unjustified lot rent.

- Judy Annin, Lebanon

Dear Editor,

This is in response to the "Letter to the Editor - Disgusted by Nomination."

The writer expressed their disgust and concern, which is their right. I'm going to express my disgust and concern with their letter, which is my right.

Immediately, I see an issue with this letter. How did the writer know why or how Dr. Kosmala was terminated? The details weren't publicly released, however, what Dr. Kosmala believes she was fired for was her stance on transgenderism. That's a policy discussion.

The writer goes on to elaborate that there were many other deserving women. Who? Name one.

I nominated Dr. Kosmala due to all of the hard work she has done for the wellness of children in my community for YEARS and YEARS. I do not know her; I know of her. She has helped members of my family immensely. That's good enough for me.

The writer's letter is reverse discrimination, plain and simple, because someone hurt their feelings.

In closing, if I were Dr. Kosmala, I would subpoena this "Newspaper" and sue the letter writer immediately. Calling someone a bigot in a public forum is not only unwise, but grounds for libel.

- Josh Bacher, Lebanon

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New Neighbor Program

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Dairy Queen still on the menu



By Sarah Brown
Lebanon Local

Two and a half years after the Planning Commission approved a conditional use permit for the construction of a Dairy Queen across from Walmart, Community Director Kelly Hart said she still gets asked on a regular basis when the franchise will be built.

The applicant, Dara Dejbakhsh, out of California, said he still plans to put a Dairy Queen at that location, but he's waiting for construction costs to decline.

"We're ready to go, but timing is an issue," he said. "We've been ready to go, but unfortunately it has become cost-prohibitive."

Indeed, Dejbakhsh received his permit from the city right at the time costs skyrocketed. The soaring costs of construction in a mid- to post-COVID economy have been reported across the nation. Bold Construction wrote that costs increased 35% from 2020 to 2022, citing disrupted supply chains, labor shortages, increased demand and decreased supplies as some factors in high costs.

The Washington Post also reported rising gasoline costs (due to Russia invading Ukraine) and drops in immigration (labor pool), and hinted at the "historic levels of government stimulus" (which feeds inflation).

"Cost of construction is so high these days that we've had to put it on hold and see if things will change," Dejbakhsh said. "That's the unfortunate thing that most everybody's facing. It's becoming very expensive to

develop these things and it no longer makes sense."

But Dejbakhsh also noted that the city's fees are also unsavory to new businesses that want to develop.

"I don't know if the city's intention is 'no new development,' but they're making it very expensive. I think the fee's almost \$200,000. It's a substantial amount," he said.

In fact, it's more than that. Hart shared the system development charges hovering over Dairy Queen's basket. The parks System Development Charges are \$2,004, storm drainage fee is \$2,109, sewer fee is \$12,149, water fees total \$14,434, and street fees is a whopping \$216,044.

"This is based on the correlation that fast food restaurants with drive-through windows produce a significant amount of traffic and trips on city streets," Hart said. "The SDC fees help pay for the system improvements associated with the increase in traffic generation and future projects that will need to be constructed for traffic flow and level of service on city streets."

Based on a calculation that includes expected growth within the city, the full impact of traffic associated with Dairy Queen is expected to cost the city \$800,164, she explained, but the city takes into account that a person's trip to the restaurant may also include trips to other locations, so a 73% reduction is applied to the fee.

The city allows all SDCs to be financed and paid over a 10-year period, Hart said.

"It is important to note that System Development Charges are an important

funding mechanism for the city to be able to pay for infrastructure improvements and a developer's contribution to the city's system," she added.

Dejbakhsh said he has multiple other Dairy Queens and other brands in progress in Oregon and other states, though he's had to scrap some of them due to costs. While he's able to afford his current build in Oklahoma, there are a couple Oregon projects he's waiting on until costs decrease, including Lebanon. The overall message he's getting from the state of Oregon, he said, is that the state doesn't want people to develop new businesses.

"If their intention is to stop development, I think they are achieving that," he said.

Stuck with what he's given, though, the city fees don't seem to hold a candle to what he expects construction costs to be. He quickly threw out a \$3 million number when explaining it's not good business sense to build at that cost.

But he owns the land and has the permit, so he waits. Dejbakhsh mentioned he has other brands (he did not identify what those are) he is considering bringing to Lebanon in an effort to somehow share and alleviate costs.

The business owner is starting to see a slight downturn on costs, though, so he plans to get a new bid in the fourth quarter to see where it lands.

"We are going to develop it. The only question is, we're just waiting for market adjustments in cost of doing this."

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Fire District anticipates increased billing revenue through new billing service

By Sarah Brown
Lebanon Local

The Lebanon Fire District Board approved a contract to outsource its EMS billing service, and heard an update on “fights” with OSHA and the federal government during its meeting on March 12.

Fire Chief Joseph Rodondi told the board that as the Fire District “deals with some financial crises,” including stagnant revenue and increased expenses, the district wanted to make a move to outsource its EMS billing services to Tactical Business Group in Medford. This, he said, will free up staff time to focus on their other responsibilities, but TBG will also be able to process more billing that is expected to result in increased revenue.

Rodondi reported that “seasoned ambulance coders” can process up to 5,000 billable trips per year. LFD currently processes more than 4,000 ambulance transports per year, and an increase of 44% in calls is projected in the next 10 years, he said.

TBG’s founder and CEO, Blake Jamison, helped LFD in a lawsuit to retrieve \$80,000 in potential revenue loss from Oregon Health Authority in

2019. Jamison told the LFD Board that, for billing, he uses a system that allows him to better track down patients for payment and capture deductibles through the hospital.

The board approved a contract with TBG to begin in July. TBG charges \$30 per claim, and LFD projects to pay for its services at about \$121,440 this year. Rodondi reported LFD has been paying nearly the same amount for staffing and supplies, but TBG is better equipped to navigate the complex laws and coding requirements. A position at LFD will be laid off due to the move. LFD anticipates an elevated revenue of \$500,000 or more through TBG.

Rodondi gave an update on appeals regarding reported increases in citations and fines issued by OSHA, particularly involving self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) systems. At last month’s meeting, Rodondi shared that several area agencies were fined for “failing to follow the manufacturer recommendations” for the SCBA inspection process that “places a heavy burden on all districts but most notably on volunteer departments and districts with smaller staff.”

Rodondi said that MSA, one of the more popular brands of SCBAs, had stricter recommendations. If agencies continue to be fined for not adhering to every minutiae of the manufacturer’s brand, they may just change brands.

The fire chief told Lebanon Local that the Eugene OSHA office filed citations against LFD for failing to carry a number total over to the annual injury log summary from the year (no fine), a required sticker placed by a third party SCBA inspector was not placed correctly (no fine), and LFD’s process to inspect daily the SCBAs.

“We have an internal SCBA policy and training curriculum, which aligns with the manufacturer’s recommendation,” Rodondi explained. “However, we use a computer program to document the daily inspections. The OSHA inspector felt the abridged check list did not suffice for our daily inspections.”

Rodondi told the board the goal in the appeals process was never about fighting for a win.

“What this was about is the historical perspective of the Eugene-Springfield OSHA office being overzealous in their

inspection methodologies for fire districts in Benton and Linn counties. This one inspector has quite a reputation for just being overzealous in his interpretations. This, for me, was a fight for the Oregon fire service, at least our partners.”

While OSHA refuses to settle, believing they would win in court, Rodondi has been able to communicate with MSA, who agreed to change their protocols.

Rodondi also gave an update about the fight for special districts to be recognized by the federal government. Now there are a couple of congressmen who are beginning to recognize special districts as deserving of access to certain grants and they will seek co-signers for a proposal saying as much, he said.

During COVID, LFD as a special district (an independent taxing district rather than a city department) was not able to receive federal funding from CARES Act, ARPA Act and opioid class action lawsuit settlement funds, despite the fact they were on the front lines of COVID and opioid responses. Rodondi urged the board to reach out to their congressmen and rep-

resentatives to help solidify the push for recognition.

In other business:

- Rodondi shared that the district is in the process of updating its website;
- Rodondi shared that Measure 22-202 for the levy has been submitted for this year’s ballot;
- Chief Administrative Officer Desiree Barker provided answers for the board regarding last month’s financial statements;
- Rodondi reported a bill affecting PERS benefits has passed in the legislature this year, which is expected to raise LFD’s expenses by \$100,000;
- Michael Perkins said five volunteers are moving into the academy through the Resident Volunteer Program;
- Rodondi shared the district is changing its badge design to a more traditional fire badge;
- Rodondi reported staff held a private flag-raising at the new Station 31 on Oak Street. Staff have begun moving in, but the station will remain operating under a modified response system as they continue to share the space with construction workers.

School facility improvements underway

By Sarah Brown
Lebanon Local

As the Lebanon Community School District works toward fixing a leaky roof at Lacombe Elementary and erecting an expansion at Seven Oak for sixth graders, COO William Lewis presented the board a proposal to build a maintenance facility.

He shared at the March 14 board meeting that Maintenance Supervisor Bryan Eilers plans to build a pole building at Seven Oak for that purpose. Measuring 48’ x 144’, it will store new landscaping equipment and serve as a “delivery and warehouse spot.” He said this addition will allow the district to move its storage space from Waterloo to Lebanon and improve efficiencies.

In other business, the board:

- Heard from Supt. Jennifer Meckley shared highlights from the data, which included an increase of freshmen who are on-track for graduation, an 85% teacher retention rate, and retaining a principal for three years.
- She praised Ralston Academy for its participation in helping the district increase its graduation rates. Ralston



Photo by Sarah Brown

School staff and the school district Board of Directors discuss the roofing project for Lacombe School.

currently has 61 students enrolled in the program.

- Heard a presentation by the director and board of Sand Ridge Charter School, who are seeking to renew a contract with the LCSD for a longer term.

Mary Northern, founder and director of operations of Sand Ridge, told the board her school started as a private alternative school in Brownsville in 1992, then moved to Lebanon and Sodaville as a charter. Operated by People Involved in Education, Inc.

(PIE), a nonprofit organization, they also operate Sweet Home Charter School.

- Heard an update about the Lacombe School roofing project from Lewis. The district is currently going through the bid process from contractors and is considering a TPO (thermoplastic polyolefin) single-ply roof, as opposed to a built-up roof system. Some discussion surrounded a legal hurdle the district is working through regarding the bidding process and a contractor, which might delay the project

another year.

- Announced a seat vacancy for zone 3, and appointed Nichole Piland as vice chair.
- Approved a service plan with Linn Benton Lincoln Education Service District.
- Approved the superintendent’s recommendation for renewal and non-renewal of probationary teachers and administrators, and for extension and non-extension of contract to contract teachers and administrators.
- Approved certified calendars for the next two school

years.

- Agreed to not make up two missed school days from a storm in January.
- Discussed the possibility of forming a committee to review and update district policies.
- Heard from Meckley about the district’s efforts to support the formation of “Indian Education” for the purpose of “improving academic achievement of Native American students and preserving their cultural heritage.”
- Heard from parents, former staff and concerned citizens during a public comment period about a Hamilton Creek teacher who stated he was “forced to resign” based on alleged false allegations. The citizens praised the former teacher’s work with the children while raising concerns about the school principal. Stephani Breshears stated other educators are also leaving, and she is pulling her children from the school.
- One staff member spoke on behalf of other staff at the school, stating the environment at the school has improved over the past few years.

5 foods that promote eye health

A nutritious diet is often touted in relation to its link to maintaining a healthy weight and reducing risk for chronic disease. Though healthy foods certainly provide each of those benefits, a nutritious diet also can protect vision.

The World Health Organization estimates that at least 2.2 billion people have a near or distance vision impairment, and roughly half of those instances could have been prevented or have yet to be addressed. Vision loss is often characterized as a natural byproduct of aging, and the National Institute on Aging notes that it's normal for individuals to notice changes in their vision as they age. But it's a mistake to think there's little people can do to protect their long-term vision. In fact, a nutritious diet can be a great ally as individuals aspire to protect their long-term eye health. According to the Optometrists Network, a collective that includes clinical optometrists and respected researchers, the following are five foods that can help people protect their eyes.

1. Fish high in omega-3 fatty acids: Omega-3 fatty acids help with vision development and can reduce a person's risk of developing dry eye, a condition marked by chronically dry eyes that either don't produce enough tears or produce tears that cannot adequately lubricate the eyes. Various types of fish, including salmon, anchovies, herring, and trout, among others, are high in omega-3 fatty acids. Individuals who don't like eating fish can consider various nuts and legumes, such as walnuts, lentils and peanuts, which all contain omega-3 fatty acids as well.
2. Seeds: Flax seeds, chia

seeds, hemp seeds, and sunflower seeds contain either omega-3 fatty acids or vitamin E, which the Optometrists Network notes can help to prevent age-related macular degeneration and cataracts.

3. Leafy green vegetables: WebMD reports that lutein and zeaxanthin are potent antioxidants that can help to prevent age-related eye disease and protect the eyes from the harmful effects of exposure to ultraviolet rays in sunlight. Leafy green vegetables such as collards, kale and spinach are high in lutein and zeaxanthin.

4. Sweet potatoes: Though their popularity spikes in fall, sweet potatoes are available year-round. That's good news for sweet potato aficionados hoping to use diet to protect their eyes, as the Optometrists Network reports that sweet potatoes are high in beta carotene, which helps the eyes adjust to darkness. Sweet potatoes also are high in vitamin C, which may help individuals reduce their risk for cataracts.

5. Eggs: Like leafy green vegetables, eggs are high in lutein and zeaxanthin. The Optometrists Network also reports that eggs are rich in vitamins C and E and a good source of zinc. The presence of zinc is notable in relation to eye health, as it's been shown to help the body utilize lutein and zeaxanthin found in the yolk. Zinc also has been found to protect the retina from potentially harmful blue light and helps to increase the amount of protective pigment in the macula.

Many benefits associated with a nutritious diet are widely known. But even the most devoted healthy eaters may not recognize how much certain foods are helping to maintain their long-term eye health.



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Tuesday, April 30 | 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Albany General Hospital Foundation invites you to the Samaritan Evergreen Hospice benefit luncheon featuring keynote speaker Barb Hansen, CEO of Oregon Hospice & Palliative Care Association. This special fundraising event celebrates the importance of compassionate end-of-life care in our community. All proceeds will support care and needed services for hospice patients and families. Tickets are \$35 per person. RSVP by Monday, April 15, by visiting samhealth.org/HospiceLuncheon or call 541-812-4819.

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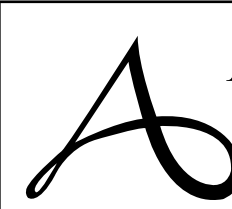
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New Sodaville administrator takes the helm

By Sarah Brown
Lebanon Local

The Sodaville City Council hired a new city administrator/recorder during its March 21 meeting.

Brandi Libra, of Lebanon, will replace Alex McHaddad, who's served the city for the past two years.

During his time in Sodaville, McHaddad updated the city's resolutions and ordinances dating as far back as the 1950s, and made all of them available digitally online. According to him, some of the ordinances that were updated during his term included amending the administrator's pay structure (which was still on record as \$6 a month), removing a ban on skateboarding and obliterating a law that criminalized offenses against "public morals," which, McHaddad said, alludes to racial and sexual biases.

"That kind of decay in our order was (because) you have all these laws on the books since the 1950s, nobody's taking care to read them, (so) you wind up with all sorts of things happening," he said.

After former administrator Judy Smith, who was in the position for a number of years, moved away in 2021, four dif-



Photo by Sarah Brown

Brandi Libra poses for a photo after accepting her new position as city administrator/recorder for Sodaville on March 21.

ferent people filled the role until McHaddad was hired in March 2022. Prior to Sodaville, he managed a special district ("the only television translator district in Oregon"), and has worked in government and public policy "in one form or fashion" since 2011.

"Alex has been a really good asset to the city," said Councilor Roger Perry, who's served on the council in a number of capacities since the 1980s.

He helped straighten out the city's water fund deficits, Perry said, and even reduced his work hours this year to help

reduce costs to the city.

McHaddad will be moving to Elgin, Ore., to serve as the city's administrator/recorder for a population of approximately 1,700.

Libra was born and raised in Lebanon, with a brief stint in central Oregon. Her experience includes working with Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services, operating her own rental cleaning business, property management, realty, store owner and city recorder for the City of Waterloo. She participated in the Lebanon Optimist Club, New

Business Generation and Lebanon Strawberry Festival, and is a Lebanon Chamber Ambassador.

Libra continues to work as Waterloo's city recorder, as a realtor and as owner of Waterloo Country Store. She has five children.

In other business:

- The council approved a three percent raise for Public Works Director JD Burns;

- McHaddad updated the council on the process to install a new well;

- Burns reported an 11.86% loss of water for the past month. He doesn't know why there was such a big loss, but suspects it might be related to the recent cleaning of the system.

- Burns informed the council of an opportunity for the city to join ORWARN (Oregon Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network), a no-cost partnership with other municipal members that would assist Sodaville with water and wastewater issues in emergencies. For more information, visit <https://orwarn.org/about.aspx>.

- The council agreed to donate \$200 to Sand Ridge Charter School for supplies to the

school's new emergency supply cache, which will be made available to city residents in a city-wide emergency. The cache will have items such as a generator, food, water, water cleaning systems, toilet paper and more.

- McHaddad informed the council the city attorney is closing their business and the city will begin looking for a replacement. The council approved a motion to issue a request for proposal.

- McHaddad reported the Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments (OCWCOG) asked for a donation for the Meals on Wheels program. The council decided to decline the invitation for the time-being, given the state of the city finances and the fact only one Sodaville resident uses the program.

- The council approved a resolution to transfer the bi-monthly LGIP reserve funds into the city's reserve account, and transfer \$5,031.34 in ODOT funding from the reserve account into the operating account to pay for expenses in the streets program.

- The council adopted a corrective action plan for the city's audit.

Waterloo appoints two new city council members

By Sarah Brown
Lebanon Local

There was a full house at Waterloo City Hall on March 12 when residents attended the City Council meeting to express interest in filling vacant seats on the council.

Granted, the "house" is pretty small, but five residents attended the meeting after hearing there was a need for council members when a second seat became vacant following the passing of Councilor Allen Shearer last month.

Two of those in attendance said they would be willing to step up immediately, and they were duly sworn in. They are Bill Young and Chad Wolfe.

Bill Young was born and raised in Lebanon, and has lived in Waterloo the past two years. He is retired from the U.S. Army after serving 28 years. He said he wanted to be more involved with the neighbors and the community.

"I want to be involved with our tight knit little community and hopefully make some improvements around here," he said.

Chad Wolfe was also born



Photo by Sarah Brown

Bill Young, at left, and Chad Wolfe stand for a photo after completing their first meeting as city council members.

and raised in Lebanon, and has lived in Waterloo for almost four years. He works for the City of Corvallis.

"I just want to help the community," Wolfe said.

Mayor Justin Cary said the two were able to fill the va-

cant seats immediately according to city bylaws, but three seats will be open for election later this year.

In other business:

- The council approved the bank reconciliation report for February;

- The council briefly discussed a city ordinance regarding chickens;

- City Recorder Brandi Libra informed the council a property near the old school that has a history of excess garbage is once again build-

ing up nuisance junk, and she would like a letter to be sent to the property owners regarding city code ordinances.

Cary provided more information on the matter for the benefit of the new councilors. He said the property has people living in RVs and unregistered cars that violate city ordinances.

- Cary updated the council on plans to expand City Hall. An archaeological survey must be conducted before the city can use grant and ARPA funds for the project. So far the city has received two responses for the survey work, and those archaeological firms must be vetted by the tribes before moving forward.

Cary said he's reached out to firms for bids between Eugene and Portland with very little response. If the current two proposals do not work out, he might have to look outside of Oregon.

- Cary announced the city needs six non-council members for the budget committee. Libra said it would be two meetings that are expected to last about 15 minutes each.

Fiddlers return to Lebanon for annual contest

By Sarah Brown
Lebanon Local

The halls of the Mennonite Church were abuzz with activity for at least 12 hours on a warm Saturday as out-of-towners found corners in the building to perfect a song on their musical instruments.

Throughout the church a range of tones in tweedles and twangs bumped up against each other as fiddlers warmed up for their time on the stage to compete in the 58th annual Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest on March 16.

For the third year in a row, Lebanon was the site for fiddlin' fiddlers to compete in the contest organized by the Oregon Old-Time Fiddlers Association (OOTFA).

Lebanites Jerry Parks and Saxon Ropp were among the approximate five dozen musicians who participated for a chance to win cash prizes and certification for the national contest. Parks did not make the top five this year, citing a home remodeling project as cause for a less than stellar performance, but Ropp earned a \$75 prize for fourth place in the young adult division.

All the other competitors came from as near as Albany and as far away as all surrounding neighboring states.

This was Cat McClintock's first year chairing the contest. She started playing the fiddle when she lived in Colorado at the turn of the century, and then found herself in a "fiddle desert" when she moved to North Dakota. Now she resides in California.

"When I came to the Pacific Northwest, I came to my first contest last year (here in Lebanon). That's the first time I met many of these people," she said.

Yet she was already familiar with many of them because she'd been watching them compete at the national contest for years. She calls herself a "fiddle contest super-fan," so meeting the musicians at the Oregon contest in Lebanon was like meeting famous people.

The burning question which always makes its round is among the curious – or those looking to elicit some sort of good-natured ribbing – is, "What is the difference between a fiddle and a violin?"

McClintock said "there's so many answers to that question," but it comes down to how the instrument is played. It's a different art to play the violin versus the fid-

dle, she explained, but the standard answer is that the violin sings and the fiddle makes you dance.

While the instrument is exactly the same, the music is very different, fiddler Andy Emmert added. Violinists are led by a conductor and spend "massive amounts" of time on technique, but fiddlers spend more time choosing their songs, and they "hang out and get to go play in barns and they get to go play in contests."

The violin/fiddle is ranked the hardest instrument to play, Parks said.

"All of the other instruments either have frets or they've got keys; the fiddle has nothing," he said. "You've got to put your finger in the right spot and then you gotta operate the bow, too. It's a very difficult instrument to play and make sound good."

Plus they don't perform off sheet music but, rather, off memory, which adds another degree of difficulty. And like many things, fiddling is a craft that seems to be slowly dying out, he said.

Yet among the range of age categories for the contest, there were far more children signed up to compete than adults. Despite districts sloughing off music classes from their schools, kids have found skilled fiddlers who will teach them how to play and, Parks said, the contest acts as a sort of recital for them.

"We've got a lot of kids that play, but they don't come to our functions," Parks said before half-jokingly adding, "If you come to one of our jams, we're all old people."



Photo by Sarah Brown

Leah Fewkes, 7, of Meridian, Idaho, plays "Rye Whiskey" in the small fry division.



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At left, Saxon Ropp, of Lebanon, performs three songs on the fiddle in round one of the young adult division. Linda and Jerry Parks, also of Lebanon, provide accompaniment.

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2:58 p.m. - Raymond Lyle Tressel, 28, was cited on Sweet Home Municipal Court warrants for failure to appear on charges for second degree criminal trespass and unlawful entry into a motor vehicle.

11:07 a.m - Justin Surplus,

7:17 a.m. - Caller reports a possible theft of a comic book. Report taken, valued loss \$6,000-\$10,000. 29800 block of Santiam Terrace Rd.

11:57 a.m - Bret Samuel Jones, 54, was cited for speeding. 59/35.

2:27 p.m - Caleb Rusk, 51,
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4:14 a.m - Jarrod Schooley, 49, was arrested for warrants. Transported to Linn County Jail.

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was charged March 20 with two counts of fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, reckless driving and second degree animal abuse.

Janie Mae Prescott, 25, was sentenced March 6 to 90 hours jail, 18 months supervised probation and a \$200 fine after pleading guilty to tampering with drug records. Charges of computer crime and second degree theft were dismissed.

Darwin Darlin Melgar Ramos, 38, was charged March 14 with DUII (liquor) and reckless driving.

Tad Edward Sharp, 37, was sentenced Feb. 8 to 36 month supervised probation, a \$100 fine and \$1,122.36 in restitution to InterCommunity Health Network CCO after pleading guilty to fourth degree domestic violence assault.

Steven Robert Tafoya, 61, charges for refusal to take a test for intoxicants and operating a vehicle without driving privileges were dismissed without prejudice. In a separate case, he is being charged with the same, in addition to DUII (liquor) and reckless driving.

Antonio Estrada Torres, 43, A charge for refusal to take a test for intoxicants was dismissed without prejudice. In a separate case, he is being charged with DUII (liquor) and reckless driving.

Adam Jacob Walls, 45, was charged March 20 with first degree criminal mischief. Court documents indicate allegations involve the destruction or damage of a bus stop in Sweet Home.

Jerry Thomas Warnock, 39, was charged March 6 with first degree sexual abuse and two counts of third degree sexual abuse. Allegations involve a female under the age of 14. Bail was set at \$150,000.

Nathan Mark Wickersham, 29, was sentenced Dec. 1, 2023, to 10 days jail and 24 months bench probation after pleading guilty to domestic violence menacing. A charge of unlawful use of a weapon was dismissed.

Ryan Andrew Wilson, 35, was charged March 26 with second degree criminal trespass, second degree theft, menacing, unlawful use of a weapon and second degree attempted assault. Bail was set at \$10,000.



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LAKE TOWN

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(practicing critical thinking through dialogue).

"They have things they really want to share and be heard about," Knight said. "They have ideas and they have views on things."

Core classes are taught throughout the day, restless kids are given the opportunity to burn some energy, and students have more control over the projects they want to do.

The younger classes this year have been through an array of lesson-building activities. Students explored owl pellets, built an outdoor fort, examined a composting jar, designed models of their dream house, did a group project on Egypt, interviewed people in careers (including pilot, lawyer, architect, farmer, realtor, store manager), and took turns teaching the class about something they're interested in (such as how to build a keyboard, sign language, the history of rockets, and chickens).

When they return from spring break this year, they will start a garden, hatch chickens and learn how to start a business selling chicken eggs.

Talking about the kindergarteners who built a fort with tarps and tree branches, Knight noted how they figured it all out on their own.



Photo provided by Ashley Knight

Ryder Cooley, fifth grade, shows off a model of his dream home built from cardboard.

"They're so smart," she said. "If you just let them be kids and figure it out, they do it and it's good for them to figure it out. Like, the whole engineering aspect of that little fort out there has been pretty good."

For the first year, Lake Town offered part-time preschool, a kindergarten through second grade class, a third through eighth grade class, and a high school program. Next fall, the school will offer part-time and full-time preschool, kindergarten through second, third through fifth, sixth

through eighth, and a part-time or full-time hybrid high school program. Each class is capped at 20 students.

"I think our most challenging program this year was the high school program," Knight said. "It's just so much different with high schoolers, so we kind of remodeled that for next year."

Ninth through 12th graders will be able to go through an online accredited program at Lake Town or do home school, with an option to attend workshops on campus, or even take classes through the Sweet Home School Dis-

trict. The workshops at Lake Town will be two days a week and consist of people from the community sharing the trades they're skilled in.

"We're kind of excited about that because it gives families flexibility with their high schoolers," Knight said. "They can either come two days a week, four days a week, half-day, full-day. They can come just for the workshops that we're offering or extra tutoring."

When Knight and Haselip first got the ball rolling for Lake Town Academy, Knight felt like some people in the community couldn't grasp the concept of alternative education.

"I feel like when we started this school, there were a lot of misconceptions on what we're trying to achieve with it," Knight said. "I think some people were afraid that their kids wouldn't actually learn something. You could sit and discuss different forms of education until you're blue in the face, but really our goal is just to love and teach kids in a way that best serves them."

She noted that her oldest son attends public high school because that system works better for him. She also reported that some parents were able to take their kids off medication for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder while attending Lake Town.

Seeing those kids who were once on meds and didn't look

forward to school but are now off meds and excited about school is one of the highlights for Knight's first year as a school founder and teacher. She also appreciates the "huge growth" in many of her other students.

"It's been really cool to see mixed ages intermingle and seeing older kids come alongside the younger ones and help them," Knight added.

Though Lake Town is expanding and has had a waiting list this year, Knight isn't certain yet if she'd ever want the school to get as big as, say, East Linn Christian Academy.

"There's something special about a smaller school community, and it does feel like family here," she said.

Lake Town's last day of the school year is May 30. In June, the school will host a three-day camp to teach skills such as gardening, homesteading, canning and outdoor survival. In July, another three-day camp will focus on "sciency," STEM-like projects.

The school is hosting a fundraiser on April 26 to raise money for tuition scholarships. The administrators would also like to acquire a van or bus that could transport 20 kids or more for field trips.

"It's been a whirlwind year, but I think it has been really good and exciting," Knight said.

Councilors consider how to fix \$2 million deficit

By Sarah Brown
Lebanon Local

City staff asked for direction from the City Council regarding how the city should fix its budget shortfalls during a work session on March 20.

After providing an overview of the city's projected general fund for the next five years, Finance Director Brandon Neish said the budget is expected to be about \$2 million short each year.

"As a body, we really need to establish what our priorities look like moving forward," Neish said. "What is it that is essential in the minds of the council and the community? What is it that is important as far as funding is concerned?"

Interim City Manager Ron Whitlatch outlined some options, which included "substantial" reduction in services (police, library, senior center, etc.), a local option levy and utility bill fees. Other options that he believes are less likely include local payroll, sales and restaurant taxes.

The obvious reason for the deficit, Whitlatch said, is that

expenditures are outpacing revenue. Inflation is another big factor. Main revenue streams for the city include franchise fees and property taxes, which are limited to a three percent year over year growth.

In his five-year forecast, Neish showed that the fiscal year 2025 (beginning this July) general fund's beginning balance is \$4,618,286. For fiscal year 2029, at this point in time the beginning balance would be expected to be in a \$4,748,132 deficit.

Projected property tax revenue is expected to be \$6,747,743, which are affected by Urban Renewal District debts, and franchise fees \$3,034,948. In FY 2029, projected property tax revenue is \$8,535,120. With the addition of all other revenue streams, the city expects \$12,337,614 in total revenue for FY 2025, and \$14,225,450 in FY 2029.

For expenditures, assuming all existing city positions are filled for the entire fiscal year, total payroll expenses (which include taxes, PERS, insurance, etc.) total \$8,175,454

for FY 2025. Assuming an average 4.6% growth in salary and associated payroll expenses over the next five years, the total for FY 2029 would be \$10,882,491.

Neish noted the city is trying to pay off debt services faster in order to free up cash in the coming years. Yet, in addition to materials, services, capital projects, transfers and contingencies, the city is looking at an 8% increase in expenditures over the next five years. Total projected expenditures for FY 2025 are \$14,214,358, and for FY 2029 \$16,499,463. According to Neish, the city is looking at approximately an average of \$2 million spent beyond the city's revenue each year for the next five years.

Adding to the problem is a city policy that requires the city hold a 17% reserve in the fund balance, meaning the ending fund balance that can be used is actually much lower, or the deficits are much bigger.

"Additional expenditure reductions or alternative sourc-

es of funding are on the table at this point," Neish said. "Whichever way you slice it, one of those things, or a mix of both, has to occur in order for us to change the fact that we are dragging on that fund balance about \$2 million a year. We just don't have it. Something structurally has to change for us in order to make that bottom line meet and to comply with state law."

During council discussion on the matter, councilors Wayne Dykstra and David Workman, and Mayor Ken Jackola agreed they would not want to reduce city services. Councilor KJ Ullfers said he'd like to look into the possibility of another debt obligation bond on PERS.

"The way I see it, we can't cut our way out of \$2 million," Councilor Michelle Steinhebel said. "It's impossible. I don't want to know what that looks like because it would be wholesale slashing of very important and critical departments for our city."

Though she recognizes revenue generation through utility fees and taxes is an

unpopular move, it's a move other nearby cities have established to stay afloat. Steinhebel wanted to establish what the most critical services are to, essentially, protect them from facing financial cuts.

Some discussion revolved around a local option levy, what service(s) it would fund, and when funding for that (if approved by voters) would come in. Neish said a rough estimate of income from a levy would be about \$200 per year per property owner. Whitlatch said a utility fee might be a doable option as well, but he believes trying to do both a fee and a levy would be a difficult ask.

The council directed staff to bring to a future meeting what some levy options might look like. Councilor Steinhebel also asked to see how similar-size cities are using levies and fees to supplement a budget.

The next work session to discuss the matter is expected to be at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24.

Nonprofit seeks waiver of property taxes

By Sarah Brown

Lebanon Local

Crossroads Community Executive Director Michael Couch asked the council to consider waiving property taxes for nonprofit organizations that operate affordable housing units during the council's March 13 meeting.

Crossroads, located at the Applegate Landing apartment complex, provides a wide range of support services for low income and transitional housing families. Last year, the nonprofit purchased a 20-unit complex for the chronically homeless and those with severe mental illness.

As they work toward their goal of providing affordable housing for the most in need, a hurdle they face is the cost to do so. Oregon statutes allow cities to waive property taxes on affordable housing properties owned by nonprofits.

Property taxes pay for police, library, senior center and

municipal court services. They also help fund community development planning services, City Hall utilities, general office expenses and emergency management. Taxes from properties in an Urban Renewal District also fund infrastructure in their area.

"Allowing nonprofit organizations to save the money they would have otherwise paid in taxes allows them to put that right back into the vulnerable members of the community," Couch said.

In his presentation, Couch said "the benefits to the community outweigh the costs (perceived and fiscal) of adopting" the tax waiver.

Councilor David Workman asked how the city would see a return, so to speak, on the waived property taxes. Couch replied that the city ends up saving money over the long run because families in stable housing are able to get better jobs, and are less likely to

be involved in crime or rely on social and health care services. Ultimately, urgent care services for the homeless and police expenses are expected to be reduced, he said, both of which are paid for by taxpayers.

Couch said Crossroads as well as Colonia Paz would benefit from the tax waiver, but he had noted that more developers might build more affordable housing units if property taxes were off the table.

Councilor Michelle Steinhel said she would like city staff to produce a report about the impact a tax waiver would have on the city.

In other business, the council:

- Heard an update from the Parks, Trees and Trails Advisory Committee.

- Heard from Derek LeBlanc, of Kids S.A.F.E. Foundation in Eugene, which teaches firearm safety to kids. He asked for the city's permis-

sion to set up a blowup BB gun range downtown during the Strawberry Festival, since city ordinances prevent shooting within city limits.

Interim City Manager Ron Whitlatch said this opportunity might be possible if LeBlanc goes through an event permit process and obtains the police chief's blessing.

- Heard from Karyann Lane, owner of The Beauty Temple Salon downtown, who requested the Farmer's Market be moved from a downtown parking lot to Ralston Park, citing parking limitations as a hurdle to downtown merchants.

Councilors said they'd like to start a conversation with the organizer of the Farmer's Market to see if anything could be done, but they also noted that if they prevent one organization from using the parking lot, then they should prevent other organizations from using it as well.

- Heard from Shellie Jackola, executive director of Lebanon Downtown Association, who provided an update on LDA activities.

- Agreed to provide \$100,000 in tourism funds for the remodeling of the city's Chamber of Commerce, which was destroyed by a car crash last year. They also directed staff to draft a policy for any future case that someone might ask for tourism funds. Tourism funds are only allowed to be used for tourism-related activities and promotions.

- Passed a resolution to update policy and guidelines for the private sewer lateral replacement assistance program.

- Amended an ordinance that allows City Council to agree on meeting times for work sessions. Originally, the ordinance specifically stated work sessions must meet at noon.

Remains of Lebanon man found near Foster Lake

By Sarah Brown

Lebanon Local

The body of a Lebanon man who was reported missing four years ago was found Monday, March 4, east of Foster Lake.

Holden Reed Kinsey, who was 25 at the time of his disappearance, was found near milepost 34 on Highway 20 when a tree trimming company was clearing limbs along the highway.

Kinsey was reported missing on Jan. 11, 2020, by his mother after an apparent dispute earlier that month. Reports indicate she reported he left their Lebanon residence on Jan. 2 and she hadn't seen him since. She also told police her son had mental health issues that he wasn't treating, he had no friends, he rarely left home, and he'd made statements that caused her to be concerned he would harm himself. He was last seen wearing a black hoodie, black long sleeve shirt, black pants and black shoes, and he might be in possession of a firearm and knife.

During investigations a month later, Sweet Home police learned Kinsey had used the bathroom at Steelhead Fitness a few times in January, and on Jan. 31 he was staying at the Sun Motel. He had paid for his own room, as well as two nights for the room of 77-year-old Louis Ennis. Police were called to the motel on Feb. 4, 2020, when Ennis' body was found in his room. An autopsy revealed Ennis died from natural causes. Ennis was last seen alive on the afternoon of

Feb. 3 when he walked his dog. Witnesses described a male likely to be Kinsey leaving Ennis' room late that same night and taking off in Ennis' truck.

The truck was found not an hour later on Highway 20 near milepost 33, just east of the intersection of Santiam Highway and Quartzville Road. It had been crashed and left abandoned, with Kinsey's backpack left inside.

More than a year later, in April 2021, a new case officer took over Kinsey's missing person case and, on Aug. 9, 2021, Linn County Search and Rescue conducted a search

around Kinsey's last known location, but no further leads were found. A report indicated Kinsey's last known location was about a mile east of where the truck was located more than a year earlier, but it's unclear how that location was determined.

Three Type 2 search assignments were requested. This would be a grid search wherein searchers space out at approximately double-arm intervals and slowly traverse the terrain in front of them.

- Conduct a five-person Type 2 search of the area to the north of Santiam Highway

around Kinsey's last known position. The terrain was described as a near-vertical drop from the highway down several hundred feet to Foster Lake and was covered with heavy trees and undergrowth. The search was to be conducted using high-angle rope equipment with specially-trained rope rescue SAR members. The SAR members were picked up at the water's edge and dropped back off at the starting point for another pass.

- Conduct a Type 2 search with 11 rescuers along the south side of Santiam Highway from the last known position

to Cascade Timber Consulting Company road, South Santiam 200.

- Conduct a Type 2 search with 11 rescuers along the south of Santiam Highway from the South Santiam 200 road, east approximately 100 yards.

Furthermore, Linn County Sheriff's Office conducted multiple flights over the search areas using a drone.

While Lebanon Local obtained an official report that the human remains were identified as Kinsey, an investigation to determine absolute identity is still underway.



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- 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.

1056 Mazama Ave, Lebanon; one-story residence, 1082 sq. ft., three-bedroom, two-bath built in 2003; 0.17 acres; \$380,000.

1020 Franklin St, Lebanon; one-story residence, with basement 2388 sq. ft., three-bedroom, two and a half-bath built in 1977; 0.5 acres; \$525,000.

890 Mazama Ave, Lebanon; double-wide residence, 1440 sq. ft., three-bedroom, two-bath built in 1980; 0.13 acres; \$230,000.

552 C St, Lebanon; one-story residence, 988 sq. ft., two-bedroom, one-bath built in 1938; 0.12 acres; \$300,000.

38731 Elk Ln, Lebanon; one-story residence, 2264 sq. ft., three-bedroom, two-bath built in 2009; 1.32 acres; \$475,900.

25643 Gap Rd, Brownsville; two-story residence, 3324 sq. ft., four-bedroom, two-bath built in 1970; 22.52 acres; \$600,000.

2479 Roll Tide Ct, Lebanon; additional details not listed; 0.19 acres; \$681,025.
- 776 Cheadle Lake Ct, Lebanon; two-story residence, 2213 sq. ft., five-bedroom, two and a half-bath built in 2023; 0.12 acres; \$453,490.

37591 River Dr, Lebanon; one-story residence, 1460 sq. ft., two-bedroom, one-bath built in 1960; 1 acres; \$445,000.

34827 Meridian Rd, Lebanon; one-story residence, 2068 sq. ft., three-bedroom, two and a half-bath built in 1982; 6.49 acres; \$627,650.

1045 Antioch St, Lebanon; two-story residence, 1472 sq. ft., three-bedroom, two and a half-bath built in 2003; 0.14 acres; \$385,000.
- 591 B St, Lebanon; one-story residence, 1372 sq. ft., four-bedroom, two-bath built in 1930; 0.19 acres; \$305,000.

41744 Clark Smith Dr, Lebanon; one-story residence, with attic 2432 sq. ft., three-bedroom, two-bath built in 2019; 2.5 acres; \$740,000.

305 Airport Rd, Lebanon; one-story residence, 816 sq. ft., three-bedroom, two and two half-baths built in 1950; 4.29 acres; \$526,665.

360 Milton St, Lebanon; one-story residence, 960 sq. ft., two-bedroom, one and a half-bath built in 1944; 0.12 acres; \$267,500.

91 Elmore St, Lebanon; additional details not listed; 0.14 acres; \$335,000.

2551 Porter St, Lebanon; one-story residence, 1538 sq. ft., three-bedroom, two-bath built in 1940; 0.16 acres; \$90,000.

30924 Pineway Rd, Lebanon; one-story residence, with basement 2384 sq. ft., three-bedroom, two-bath built in 1960; 1.7 acres; \$460,000.

30115 Berlin Rd, Lebanon; one-story residence, 1740 sq. ft., two-bedroom, two-bath built in 1981; 7.42 acres; \$885,000.

1009 Antioch St, Lebanon; one-story residence, 1026 sq. ft., three-bedroom, one and a half-bath 2004; 0.14 acres; \$338,500.

30356 Butte Creek Rd, Lebanon; two-story residence, 2012 sq. ft., three-bedroom, two-bath built in 1984; 5.91 acres; \$725,000.

785 Kees St, Lebanon; one-story residence, 1016 sq. ft., three-bedroom, one-bath built in 1940; 0.79 acres; \$358,000.

36283 Blueberry Dr, Lebanon; one-story residence, with basement 3261 sq. ft., three-bedroom, two and a half-bath built in 2000; 3.18 acres; \$930,000.

627 D St, Lebanon; one-story residence, 1164 sq. ft., three-bedroom, two-bath built in 2002; 0.14 acres; \$357,000.

2737 10th St, Lebanon; one-story residence, 1024 sq. ft., three-bedroom, one-bath built in 1979; 0.18 acres; \$327,000.
- 36060 Cold Springs Rd, Lebanon; one-story residence, 1439 sq. ft., three-bedroom, two-bath built in 1920; 17.32 acres; \$428,473.

33509 Millview Way, Lebanon; one-story residence, 1364 sq. ft., four-bedroom, one and a half-bath built in 1969; 0.55 acres; \$485,000.

34204 Lacombe Rd, Lebanon; one-story residence, 1839 sq. ft., two-bedroom, two-bath built in 1965; 8.58 acres; \$525,000.

766 Elmore St, Lebanon; one-story residence, with basement 1576 sq. ft., three-bedroom, two-bath built in 1948; 0.23 acres; \$175,000.

88 Cedar St, Lebanon; one-story residence, 864 sq. ft., two-bedroom, one-bath built in 1940; 0.13 acres; \$280,000.

73 Grace St, Lebanon; two-story residence, 1741 sq. ft., four-bedroom, two-bath built in 2007; 0.12 acres; \$390,000.

37041 Rock Hill Dr, Lebanon; triple-wide residence, 2496 sq. ft., three-bedroom, three-bath built in 1997; 5 acres; \$595,000.

860 Sugarberry Ln, Lebanon; one-story residence, 1104 sq. ft., three-bedroom, one-bath built in 1994; 0.16 acres; \$310,000.

41630 Cut Off Dr, Lebanon; double-wide residence, 1296 sq. ft., three-bedroom, two-bath built in 1998; 20.98 acres; \$654,900.

3461 Hawk Arrow Dr, Lebanon; one-story residence, with attic 1953 sq. ft., five-bedroom, two-bath built in 2014; 0.14 acres; \$420,000.

132 Weldwood Dr, Lebanon; one-story residence, 781 sq. ft., one-bedroom, one-bath built in 2005; \$179,900.

138 Weldwood Dr, Lebanon; one-story residence, 781 sq. ft., one-bedroom, one-bath built in 2005; \$201,000.

36310 Hillside Ln, Lebanon; one-story residence, with basement 1952 sq. ft., five-bedroom, two and a half-bath built in 1981; 1.8 acres; \$555,000.

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LOCAL EVENTS

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annual plant sale this year will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, May 10, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 11, at 880 Tangent St., on the corner of 10th Street. Plants for sale will include perennials, annuals, veggies, trees, shrubs and gardening supplies. For more information, contact Lynne at 541.990.3894.

Contest for youngins

The Santiam Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution encourages kids in grades 3-12 to participate in the America's Field Trip contest.

In 2026, the United States will mark our Semiquincentennial: the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Today's young people are the leaders, innovators and thinkers who will shape the next 250 years, and it's important their voices are heard as we commemorate this historic milestone.

America's Field Trip is a new contest that invites students across the country in grades 3-12 to be part of America's 250th anniversary by sharing their perspectives on what America means to them, and earning the opportunity to participate in unforgettable field trip experiences at some of the nation's most iconic historic and cultural landmarks.

Students may submit artwork, videos or essays in response to the contest's prompt: "What does America mean to you?" There will be 25 first-place winners in each grade who will win a three-day, two-night trip to one of America's historical

or cultural sites with a parent/guardian. Three teachers associated with the top three winners will be awarded with \$1,000 cash. Also, 25 second-place winners in each grade will receive a \$500 cash award.

For more information and to submit entries, visit <https://america250.org/fieldtrip/>. Contest ends May 17. The local Daughters can also help answer questions via email at santiam.chapter@oregondar.org.

Civil War at Cheadle Park

The Northwest Civil War Council (NCWC) will host a "Living History" Civil War reenactment from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, May 17 (school day), and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, May 18-19, at Cheadle Lake Park, 37941 Weirich Drive.

A donation of \$3 per student and \$5 per adult is requested, but not required, to help cover costs to put on the event. The American Legion will also host a benefit breakfast for veterans on Saturday.

The nonprofit organization works to educate the public about the American Civil War through reenactments. Members wear authentically-reproduced clothing, use black powder weapons, cook over open fires and sleep in canvas tents as they participate in battle reenactments and live the military and civilian life. The reenactments across Oregon are a small sampling of what members do to share about the history and people during the Civil War era. For more information, visit www.nwcwc.net.

Breakfast for Habitat

Lebanon Habitat for Humanity will host a fundrais-

ing breakfast at 8 a.m. on Thursday, May 30, at Boulder Falls Inn Event Center, 605 Mullins Drive.

Did you know that Habitat builds homes for aging in place to make sure individuals can remain in their communities? Join the nonprofit for breakfast "on the house" as they share their plans to expand services in East Linn County. All donations go toward the two current home builds in Sodaville.

RSVP by May 17 at <https://bit.ly/3xojibB>. For more information, call 541.405.5213 or email info@lebanonhabitat.com.

Fourth of July Celebration

The new Lebanon's Fourth of July group 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.

For more information, visit LebanonFourth.com or email Lebanonfourthofjuly@gmail.com.

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/.

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5. Footwear

10. A way to disfigure

14. Exchange rate

15. Hawaiian wreaths

16. North-central Indian city

17. Bungle

18. Extremely angry

19. A short note of what's owed

20. Criminal organization

22. Mimic

23. Try to grab

24. U.S.-born individuals

27. Some are covert

30. Order of the British Empire

31. Don't know when yet

32. Payment (abbr.)

35. Winged angelic being

37. Variety of Chinese

38. A way to be anxious

39. Famed wrestler Hulk

40. Partner to cheese
41. Slang for sergeant

42. Canadian flyers

43. Actress Ryan

44. Highly unpleasant vapor

45. Body part

46. Halfway

47. Cool!

48. Consume

49. Salts

52. Upper bract of a floret of grass

55. Housepet

56. Cavalry-sword

60. Symbol of a nation

61. Frocks

63. Used to carry food

64. Portuguese folk song

65. Sharp mountain ridge

66. Ireland

67. Where golfers begin

68. Greek mythological sorceress

69. Fluid suspensions

CLUES DOWN

1. "Mad Men" leading man

2. Water (Spanish)

3. Annoy

4. Bulgarian capital

5. Japanese title

6. Capital of Zimbabwe

7. Giraffe

8. A mixture of substances

9. Midway between south and southeast

10. Staffs

11. Turkish title

12. Type of acid

13. Thin, flat strip of wood

21. Russian river

23. Ribonucleic acid

25. Partner to flow

26. Airborne (abbr.)

27. Earthy pigment

28. Genus of earless seals

29. "Key to the Highway" bluesman

32. By or in itself
33. Hot fluid below the earth's surface

34. Partner to trick

36. British Air Aces

37. Ammunition

38. Supervises flying

40. Health care for the aged

41. Flanks

43. Millimeters

44. Where wrestlers perform

46. Not around

47. Flightless bird

49. Bell-shaped flowers of the lily family

50. Expressed concern for

51. Satisfies

52. Flew off!

53. Wings

54. Load a ship

57. Vigor

58. British title

59. Whiskys

61. _ Adams: founding father

62. Body of water

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Isa. 44. 24.
Col. 1. 16.
Heb. 11. 3.
c Jer. 4. 23.
d Ps. 104. 24
e Isa. 40. 12.
f Or, creep-
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3 Let fowl fly.
/ Ps. 33. 9.
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My name, I am there in
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-Matthew 18:20

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— Luke 24: 44-46 —

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Lebanon firefighters battle early morning blaze

A fire broke out in a two-story building in Lebanon early Thursday morning, prompting a swift response from multiple fire departments, officials said.

The Lebanon Fire District reported that the blaze occurred near Dodge and Main streets around 4:17 a.m. on March 14, 2024. Firefighters arriving at the scene encountered flames erupting from the second-story window of the structure.

After ensuring that no one was inside, firefighters shifted to a defensive strategy to combat the fire, citing the building's compromised structural integrity and various extensions. The operation to extinguish the fire lasted approximately two hours.

To tackle the fire, the Lebanon Fire District deployed eight pieces of apparatus and 14 personnel. Assistance came from the Albany and Sweet Home fire departments in fighting the flames, while crews from the Brownsville and Tangent fire departments were called in to provide additional support within the Lebanon Fire District.

Officials took the opportunity to underscore the critical role of working smoke alarms in home safety. The Lebanon Fire District encourages residents to reach out to their Fire & Life Safety Division at (541) 451-1901 for smoke alarm assistance.



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Above: Flames pour from a window during an early morning fire on Dodge St. in Lebanon, Thursday. Left: Firefighter atop a ladder battles the blaze from above.



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