

# Blazing a Trail: Girl's Drive Changes Academy Rules

**By Jennifer Moody**  
*For Lebanon Local*

Fourteen-year-old girls who sign up for firefighter training this summer through the Lebanon Fire District can thank Londyn Randall for the opportunity.

It was 2018 and Randall was just 14 when she told her mother she'd like to try Lebanon's new Linn County Young Women's Fire Academy.

Then in its first year, the academy was geared for ages 16 to 19. But Randall's mother called Lt. Erin Nunes, who was organizing the academy, to see what might be done.

"I remember asking her mom, 'Is she very mature? Do you think she can do this camp?'" Nunes said. "And she said, 'Absolutely.'"

So Nunes agreed and Randall signed up. She did so well that Nunes decided the minimum age for all subsequent camps would be lowered to 14.

"I realized, this is the age group we should be including," Nunes said.



Lt. Erin Nunes, left, and firefighter Londyn Randall outside Station 31.

Registration closes May 3 for this year's academy, which will be held July 13-14 at the fully rebuilt Station 31 at 1050 W. Oak St.

Anyone 14 to 19 who lives in Oregon and identifies as female is welcome to apply. There is no cost, and meals are included. Information and applications are available online at [lebanonfireoregon.gov](http://lebanonfireoregon.gov) or by calling 541.451.1901.

Randall has volunteered with previous camps, but this year, she will be among

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# Council Considers Monthly Fee Plus Levy to Plug Budget Deficit

**By Sarah Brown**  
*Lebanon Local*

After raising utility rates, city staff discussed the possibility of a city fee and levy, followed by a discussion on costs to move the council chambers to the library during a work session on April 24.

"I think we're definitely not going to make everybody happy, but we can at least have a good message as to why this has happened," Interim City Manager Ron Whitlatch told the council. "If you look across the state, this is happening in almost every community and every district right now."

Whitlatch said the city is currently looking at a budget that will be approximately \$2 million short by FY 2027 and the city council made it clear they don't want to reduce services (such as police and library). As such, staff are

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# Water Utility Rates Raised 3.03%

**By Sarah Brown**  
*Lebanon Local*

Following a work session and public hearing regarding the city's utility system, City Council approved a 3.03% increase in utility rates during its April 10 meeting. The new rates will be effective July 1.

Looking at the average household's use of water in Lebanon, city staff determined the current cost for five units of water is \$122.08. With the rate increase, the costs would be \$125.89, a \$3.81 monthly increase.

"This is based on inflation, based on where we think we're headed in capital," Engineering Services Director Ron Whitlatch said about the methodology for determining the rate increase.

Comparing Lebanon's rates to 20 other Oregon cities, Lebanon ranks number four, flanked between Sweet Home at number three and Newport at number five. Of the 21 cities, the average rate is \$108.43.

A staff report indicated the "rate adjustment will cover



Photo by Sarah Brown

**City councilors discuss issues regarding utility rates, property tax options for affordable housing complexes, and RV and parking problems during the April 10 City Council meeting.**

increase in operational costs and help offset the increased cost for constructing capital projects."

Approaching the council with questions regarding the increased water rates, Alicia Van Driel asked the council what is being done to make sure funding is set aside for future infrastructure given

that, according to her understanding, residents were stuck with the bill for current unplanned infrastructure.

Considering increased development in the past 10 years, she asked if the system development charges (SDC) from those developments were going toward the water

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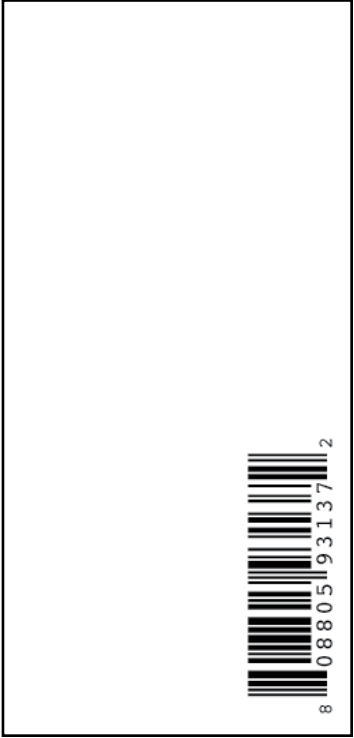
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## OBITUARIES

**Wayne Cole Houser**  
October 8, 2024 - March 7, 2024  
Friends will be saddened to hear of the passing of Wayne Cole Houser. Wayne was born on October 8, 1975 in Utah, and died on March 7, 2024 in Portland, due to injuries sustained in an accident.

Wayne was the youngest of nine children and doted on and adored by all his siblings. The family moved to Oregon, and he grew up attending Lebanon High School.

Surviving siblings include Julie Houser Lakey, David Houser, John Houser, George (Deborah) Houser, Daniel Houser, Chuck Houser, Ruth Houser, and Barbara Houser. He is also survived by his sons,

Marshall Houser and Hayden Houser, his girlfriend, Jacqueline Banta, several aunts and uncles, and numerous nieces and nephews who loved him deeply.

Wayne had an amazing talent for fixing things and was especially skilled in construction and mechanics. He was a jack of all trades and people would bring things to him that needed to be fixed, knowing that he would figure out how to do it. He was a straight shooter who never spoke badly of others and was very humble and generous.

There will be no public service. The family will be holding a private memorial to remember and honor him.

## DEATH NOTICES

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

**Verlyn Betz**, 89, died April 5, 2024. Huston-Jost Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

**Franklin Forrest Braught**, 80, died April 7, 2024. Weddle Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

**Dennis Robert Cochran**, 70, died March 30, 2024. Huston-Jost Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

**Jeanne Elizabeth Devine**, 79, died March 25, 2024. Weddle Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

**Joseph Bert Goad**, 92, died March 20, 2024. Huston-Jost Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

**Larry Duane Kearns**, 82, died April 16, 2024. Huston-Jost Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

**Marilyn Ruth Kraemer**, 70, died April 23, 2024. Huston-Jost Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

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**Jeanne Ann Lewis**, 55, died April 22, 2024. Huston-Jost Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

**Timothy J. Primasing**, 60, died March 21, 2024. Huston-Jost Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

**William Allen Ramsey**, 73, died April 19, 2024. Huston-Jost Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

**Daniel Paul Suing**, 79, died April 7, 2024. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements.

**Brice Chad Vandenberg**, 30, died April 6, 2024. Huston-Jost Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

**Janet Lee Williams**, 80, died March 22, 2024. Huston-Jost Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

## LFD Honors Mom for Heroic Act

By Sarah Brown  
Lebanon Local

The Lebanon Fire District honored a local gal for her heroism during their board meeting April 9.

Alisha Hendrickson was returning home after taking her son to his first Trailblazers game on March 9 when she saw what at first appeared to be a bonfire on River Drive.

"I was coming up past the dam and see a fire in the trees and I realized it was a car on fire," she said.

She pulled up to find two teenage boys on the side of the road in a panicked state. They told her their friend, a 17-year-old, was stuck in the car, and Hendrickson could see flames as high as six feet coming out of the engine bay.

"I jumped out of my car, headed over there, opened the front passenger door and, sure enough, a teenage boy was trapped right there in the front passenger seat," she said.

Hendrickson reported the boy had severe internal injuries and broken bones, and he was "knocked out," or in shock.

"He couldn't barely talk or move, and the car seat had him pinned forward," she said.

Hendrickson moved the seat back, unleashed the seatbelt and told the boy they needed to get him out. By then, 911 had been called.

"He said, 'I can't move,' but I had to get him out of the car because it was on fire, so I just reached in under his arms, wrapped my arms around his chest and just pulled him out."

She said she definitely had an adrenaline rush, but also attributed her CrossFit exercise as a reason for being able to act swiftly.

"With my strength and my adrenaline, I just (carefully) yanked him right out of there."

Afterward, Hendrikson said her body shook for about an hour.

"I was really emotional and pretty traumatized for a couple weeks afterwards," she said. "As a mother, seeing teenage boys like that, so broken physically, was really



Photo by Sarah Brown

The fire board stands with Alisha Hendrickson, center, for photos. They are, from left, Tim Mueller, Dale White, (Hendrickson), Fire Chief Joseph Rodondi, Allen Forster and Robert Taylor. Board member Wyatt King was present via Zoom.

challenging. I definitely have a new respect for first responders that do this all the time. It's gotta be hard to see that all the time."

Lieutenant Erin Nunes said that while cars almost never blow up after a crash, there was significant risk to the young man's life, including to Hendrickson.

"Fires can spread incredibly fast in cars and he was in grave danger of being burned in the next few minutes," she said. "The area where he was sitting was hot already from the heat and flames were getting closer to him."

Fire Chief Joseph Rodondi presented Hendrickson with a fire chief challenge coin designed by former city manager Gary Marks.

"A lot of folks, when they see an incident, they will freeze or they will not want to get involved," Rodondi said.

As the fire engulfed the engine compartment and began to move into the passenger compartment, Hendrickson jumped in to help, he said, adding that she told news media she did it because she's a mom.

After rescuing the boy, whose identity is concealed because he's a minor, Hendrickson then went over to the other boys and comforted them, "and did what a mom should do to give them some

solace," Rodondi said.

"Her heroism, her courage, and just the good old-fashioned, 'I'm a mom, I know what to do,' that's pretty special," he said.

**In other business, the board:**

- Heard an update on the new fire station on Oak Street from Rodondi. Construction and landscape is expected to be completed by the end of May. The kitchen table was put together by Battalion Chief Ken Savage and retiree firefighter Jon Davis using cedar salvaged from the former building. This fire board meeting was the first in the new facility. The district will host an open house for the community on June 15.

- Heard from Rodondi about upcoming meetings where he will share with the community information about the upcoming levy.

- Heard updates on legislative movements. A resolution at the house (HR 7525) would provide recognition of special districts by the government that could help districts such as LFD receive federal funding. Also "pretty much everybody" is opposed to proposed changes to federal OSHA requirements, Rodondi said. One of those changes would include making districts do fire safety analyses on abandoned buildings, which Rodondi said could be a costly expense in addition to questioning the constitutionality of going onto private property to conduct the surveys. Chief John Tacy reported on an EMS Modernization Bill and a Balance Billing Act.

- Heard from union representatives on what they're doing to promote the levy.

- Heard from Michael Perkins, who reported on new volunteer recruits.

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March 29

1:01 a.m - Tunisha Coleman, 42, was cited for driving uninsured.  
1:11 a.m - Sophie Huss, 26, of Bend, was arrested for multiple warrants.  
4:01 a.m - Heather Kelly, 44, was arrested for a warrant.  
4:37 p.m - Ryan Owen Nelson, 24, was cited on a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for contempt of court  
11:48 p.m - Sky Silva, 34, of Salem, was taken into custody

by the Marion County Sheriff's Office for multiple undisclosed crimes.  
**March 30**  
12:40 p.m - Jack Eldon Thompson, 41, was cited on a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for second degree theft.  
4:05 p.m - Kagen Cowart, was cited on a Benton County Circuit Court warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for menacing and a StateWide Felony warrant from Linn County Sheriff's Office for a probation violation. Transported to Linn County Jail.  
5:25 p.m - Michael Stewart, 61, was cited for failure to register a vehicle.  
5:49 p.m - Dante Ortiz-Bryan, 19, of Albany, was cited for speeding. 78/55.  
6:57 p.m - Austin Hickman, 24, of Albany, was arrested for unlawful use of a weapon, menacing, disorderly conduct, furnishing alcohol to a minor.  
7:03 p.m - Caller reports many tools were taken. Report taken. Valued loss \$3200. 700 N 5th Street.  
10:59 p.m - Michael Scott Branton Jr, 48, was cited on a Lebanon Municipal Court

warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for second degree failure to appear.  
11:50 p.m - Leanna Smith, 37, of Albany, was arrested for two undisclosed warrants. Smith was cited for driving while suspended, driving uninsured and failure to carry registration.  
11:51 p.m - Scott Darin Green, 25, was arrested for harassment constituting domestic violence. Transported to Linn County Jail.  
**March 31**  
1:46 p.m - Lesa Cathcart, 61, was arrested on undisclosed warrants.  
8:11 p.m - Leonard Curtis, 65, was cited for driving uninsured.  
8:56 p.m - Nickolas Shoulders, 34, was arrested on an undisclosed warrant.  
9:05 p.m - Carson Riley Loeven, 20, was cited for improper display.  
9:39 p.m - Joshua Welch, 35, was cited for driving while suspended and an undisclosed warrant.  
9:51 p.m - Joshua Welch, 35, was arrested for driving while suspended. This charge was the second in one night. Welch was also cited for driving uninsured and failure to register a vehicle.

**April 1**  
3:40 a.m - Coby Emmitt, 29, was cited for driving while suspended.  
3:39 p.m - Christina Watts, 35, was arrested for a warrant.  
3:56 a.m - Spencer Garcia, 25, was cited for an undisclosed Linn County Circuit Court warrant.  
9:49 a.m - Brennen Tyler Seplocha, 32, was cited on an undisclosed Albany Municipal Court warrant, an undisclosed Lebanon Municipal Court warrant and an undisclosed Linn County Supervisory Authority warrant.  
4:37 p.m - Richard Howe, 61, was arrested for a warrant.  
6:39 p.m - Travis Ray Wilmoth, 45, was cited for driving while suspended, failure to carry proof of insurance and failure to install an interlock ignition device.  
7:25 p.m - Raven Fara Sismore, 20, was cited for failure to carry proof of insurance.  
9:07 p.m - Scott Citro, 48, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.  
10:25 p.m - Fawn Burleson, 38, of Waterloo, was cited for her two active warrants.  
10:45 p.m - Jamie Sloat, 40, was arrested for a warrant.  
10:52 p.m - Darryl Gandy,

43, was cited for speeding. 76/55.  
**April 2**  
2:16 a.m - Richard Thomas, 59, was cited for speeding. 76/55.  
2:30 p.m - Peggy Pitts, 36, was arrested for multiple undisclosed warrants, driving while suspended and driving uninsured.  
2:02 p.m - Bradley Pugh, 40, was arrested for a warrant.  
2:49 p.m - Thomas Bradley, 43, of Sweet Home, was arrested for reckless driving and reckless endangering. Bradley was arrested after operating his motorcycle at extremely high rates of speed between Lebanon and Sweet Home.  
**April 3**  
12:26 a.m - Martin Deveney, 51, was arrested for driving while revoked and was subsequently transported to Linn County Jail.  
**April 4**  
4:19 p.m - Sarah Jean Kalina, 43, was cited for careless driving.  
**April 5**  
11:18 a.m - Cassandra Tadlock, was cited for traffic violations.  
2:04 p.m - Sara Collins, 49, was cited for driving while  
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CIRCUIT COURT

**Warrants are out on the following individuals:** *Austin Shane Conner, Steven Michael Cooley, Rose Joann Ellison, Michael Travis Flanigan, Selina Renee Ford-Blackburn, Melissa Nicole Fox, Shellie Raeann Gilbert, Keely Minnie Lilli Gomez, Steven Edward Grimm, Matthew David Griner, Aaron Thomas Halvorson, Robert Edwin Hoskinson, Christopher Lee Hurt, Bruce Clifton Kelly, Andrew Donald LeGore, Mikel Vincent Lizama, Rick Jordan Maas, John Andrew Mance, Zachary John Marshall, Andrew Dwayne McCullom, Jeremy Allen Moore, Keoni Martin Murray, Cary Nathan Pedigo, Taylor Ray Plummer, Jeremy Scott Rowan, Rosemary O. Savioir, Aaron Carlyle Scott, Tifani Kendra Stubblefield, Russell Dale Truedson, Paul Walter Ulm, Darnell T. Wells, Jessica Ashley Wynne.*

**Herman J. Barawis**, 56, was charged April 22 with second degree assault, unlawful use of a weapon (hammer), menacing and two counts of fourth degree assault. The charges were dismissed after the defendant died.

**Gerald Edwin Boehme**, 60, was sentenced March 27 to 240 hours jail and 24 months supervised probation after pleading no contest to first de-

gree forgery. A charge of first degree possession of a forged instrument was dismissed.

A charge against **Gabriel Bruce Buckner**, 26, of domestic violence strangulation was dismissed by a grand jury as not a true bill.

**Kevin Austin Corrington Jr.**, 25, was charged April 3 with fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, reckless driving, criminal driving while suspended or revoked, and unlawful possession of firearms. He posted 10% of a \$15,000 security.

**Steven Forest Crosman**, 42, was charged March 28 with domestic violence fourth degree assault and second degree theft. Bail was set at \$25,000. He was charged March 29 with domestic violence fourth degree assault, harassment and interfering with making a report. He posted 10% of a \$25,000 security.

**Courtney Meagan Fell**, 35, was sentenced April 25 to 10 days jail, 36 months bench probation, and \$1,314.64 in fines and restitution after pleading no contest to fourth degree assault and strangulation.

**Austin Connor Ghere**, 28,

was charged April 22 with second degree burglary. Bail was set at \$15,000.

**Shellie Raeann Gilbert**, 35, was charged April 22 with DUII (liquor) and third degree theft.

**Wesley Alan Harris-Campbell**, 35, was sentenced April 12 to five days jail, 12 months bench probation and a \$100 fine after pleading no contest to fourth degree assault. A strangulation charge was dismissed.

**Cody Dean Hildebrandt**, 32, was sentenced April 4 to suspension of a driver's license for one year, 10 months with the Oregon Dept. of Corrections, 12 months post-prison supervision and a \$200 fine after pleading no contest to unauthorized use of a vehicle.

**Robert Grant Hodson**, 29, was sentenced April 5 to one year revocation of a driver's license, 18 months with the Oregon Dept. of Corrections, 12 months post-prison supervision and a \$200 fine after pleading guilty to unauthorized use of a vehicle. On April 9 he was charged with conspiracy to commit tampering with a witness.

**Devin Michael Houseman**, 36, was sentenced March 25 to one year revocation of a driver's license, 10 days jail, 18 months supervised probation and a \$200 fine after pleading no contest to unauthorized use of a vehicle. Two counts of failure to appear were dismissed.

**Richard Allen Howe**, 61, was charged April 2 with first degree failure to appear. He

posted 10% of a \$60,000 bail.

**Jesse Wayne Ice**, 36, was charged April 1 with unlawful use of a weapon, menacing and second degree disorderly conduct.

**Christopher Allen Jackson**, 30, was found guilty by jury  
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CROSSWORD KEY  
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# LOCAL EVENTS

## Genealogy Society Meeting

The Lebanon Genealogical Society invites interested people to join their regular meeting at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, May 3, at the Lebanon Public Library's community room, 55 Academy. Elaine, a memmer, speaking about the Mountain Home- Gundersen- Norwegian cemetery.

Also be aware the Lebanon Genealogical Society has a room at the library and there are volunteers available Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For other days and times or to make an appointment, contact the library to leave a message.

## Garden Club Plant Sale

The Lebanon Garden Club's 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.

## Healing Garden Tour

Lebanon Community Hospital Foundation will host garden tours of the Japanese Healing Gardens on May 10, 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.

## Fashion Show and Talk

After 5 Connection (Stonecroft) will present "April Showers Bring May Fashions," a fashion show hosted by 1st Hand Seconds Unique Boutique, from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, at Lebanon Foursquare Church, 470 W. C St., Lebanon.

The upscale Albany resale boutique is the financial support of a nonprofit providing help to women and their children at risk. Pianist Judy Stevens will accompany soloist Janet Nortune to perform background music for the style show.

Nancy Gabert from Bend will be a guest speaker for, "What's in Your Backpack?" a highly humorous drama. She talks about the steps one must take to let go of the past and move forward in life with freedom and passion.

Cost for dinner and the program is \$18 (no credit cards please). RSVP by contacting Madel at 541.451.2586, or Nancy at 541.259.1396 (or email NancyPinzino@comcast.net). If unable to attend, please cancel your reservation.

## Wellness Fair

The annual Sources of Strength Wellness Fair will be held on Wednesday, May 15, at the Boys & Girls Club.

## Contest for younguns

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

Students may submit art-

work, 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](mailto:santiam.chapter@oregondar.org).

## Dyno Days

Linn-Benton Community College will host "Dyno Days" from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, May 17-18, at the LBCC automotive technology training center, 2000 Oak St.

The two-day event will include booths, food vendors, tours, games and industry-related opportunity information, as well as the opportunity to run your vehicle on a dynamometer (a "vehicle treadmill").

For \$50, have your front or rear-wheel drive vehicle tested three times on the dynamometer to find out its torque and horsepower output. No motorcycles or all-wheel drives; semis are okay.

Reservations are not necessary, but are encouraged. To reserve a run on the dynamometer or for more information, call 541.917.4506.

## 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](http://www.nwcwc.net).

## Pool Seeks Swimmers for Funds

The Lebanon Aquatic District is hosting a "Splash for Cash" fundraiser on May 18 in the community pool at the high school, 1800 S 5th St.

The fundraising committee for the district is looking for people who would be interested in participating in the event to help raise money for pool renovations. Participants would solicit pledges for every lap they swim

(they can opt instead to jog in the warm pool or walk around the deck), or straight donations could also be accepted.

For more information on how to participate or donate, contact Rose or Lorlee at the Lebanon Community Pool at 541.451.8551.

## Pioneer Cemetery Workday

Friends of Pioneer Cemetery in partnership with SOLVE Oregon will be holding a workday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, May 25, for weeding and general maintenance of Pioneer Cemetery at Dodge and Grove streets.

Anyone interested in helping weed around gravestones and inside family plots is encouraged to participate. Bring gloves and hand tools (no power tools allowed). Trash bags, water and snacks will be provided.

## Breakfast for Habitat

Lebanon Habitat for Humanity will host a fundraising 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](mailto:info@lebanonhabitat.com).

## Flower & Quilt Show

Lebanon Garden Club hosts its 115th annual Flower & Quilt Show on May 31 (1-4 p.m.) and June 1 (12-4 p.m.), at the former Wells Fargo building in downtown Lebanon, 809 S. Main St.

Area residents are encouraged to enter their best plant clippings and/or flower designs for free. Quilts will also be on display, and one will be raffled off. To learn more about the raffle or how to submit clippings and designs, contact Lynne at 541.990.3894.

## 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

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## BLAZING A TRAIL

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the full-fledged firefighters helping to run the academy. A resident volunteer for the Lebanon Fire District for the past year and a half, she started her job as a paid staff member on April 1.

The academy sold her on firefighting, she said.

Randall hadn't really considered the academy until her best friend's father, Lt. Brent Gaskey, suggested joining.

"I was so little," marveled Randall, now 20. But she remembers thinking, "OK. That sounds fun."

She enjoyed everything about that first academy, from handling hoses to practicing forced entries. But what really sold her was the 108-foot aerial ladder.

"I got all the way to the top and I thought, this is really cool," Randall said.

She came back for a second academy the following year, but couldn't continue after that because of shutdowns from the global coronavirus pandemic.

As a high school senior, she talked to a recruiting officer about becoming a volunteer, and went through the formal volunteer academy in fall 2022. Now she's taking



Photo courtesy of Erin Nunes

### Crenshaw poses at the base of an aerial ladder during the 2019 academy.

paramedic classes at Chemeketa Community College in Salem and hopes to have her license this summer.

Women still make up only a small percentage of firefighters nationwide: 9% in 2020, according to estimates from the National Fire Protection Association. Of those, more than 80 percent were volunteers.

That's something Nunes said she's hoping the Young Women's Fire Academy will help to change. It's already starting to: one of Randall's co-campers, McKenzie Crenshaw, is also part of Leba-

non's paid firefighting crew. (Five women in all are part of the paid team.)

Unlike Randall, Crenshaw already was planning to be a firefighter when she joined the academy.

"I was already sold," she said, "but it did justify that this was what I wanted to do for sure."

Crenshaw went to the full firefighter academy as a senior in high school, then served as a resident volunteer for six months while getting EMT certification at Chemeketa. She was hired in Lebanon in January 2022

and also continues to help with the women's academy.

The academy is important for young women's self-confidence, Crenshaw said. A huge part is simply offering the opportunity to try something they may not have considered.

Nunes agreed. She invites women police officers and National Guard service folks to the academies to share the same message. She also points out the fire service careers that exist alongside firefighting.

"My goal is that every little girl knows this is an option for her," Nunes said. "It doesn't have to be, but it could be."

Women are critical to fire service for several reasons, the three said: Diversity strengthens teams because men and women bring different backgrounds, perspectives and approaches to the job. Also, a large percentage of emergency calls are related to assault or to medical or mental health crises, and women firefighters may be more quick to gain the trust of women and child patients.

Further, the nation is suffering a severe firefighter shortage, particularly when it comes to volunteers. The National Volunteer Fire Council estimated there

were close to 898,000 volunteer firefighters in 1984, handling 11,890,000 fire service calls that year. By 2020, the number of volunteers had dropped to 676,900 - but calls had more than tripled, to 36,416,000.

"Every single department is facing this," Nunes said. "We need to broaden our view of, what is a firefighter?"

Nunes said when she was pursuing her career, she didn't know of any other women firefighters, not even ones portrayed in movies or on television. It's more common now, but she still gets the occasional puzzled comment from strangers who assume she works strictly as a paramedic and doesn't actually fight a blaze.

Crenshaw said she used to get comments from people who asked, "Are you sure you don't want to be a nurse?"

"There's always that push-back of, 'Are you sure that's what you want to do?'" she said, but added she never felt anything but support from the Lebanon station.

It's that support the three women said they want to share with their younger counterparts who take this summer's academy.

Said Randall: "I think it's great to show you can be whatever you want to be."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

In a recent article in the Albany Democrat Herald, Lebanon Fire Chief Rondondi told reporters that the "Lebanon Fire District is hemorrhaging." I think the fire district is short sighted in not recognizing that the tax payers in Lebanon are hemorrhaging from our state and local property taxes. Look back at our support for the LRFD over the years. In 2019 we passed a bond to build a new fire station. That bond was in the amount of 16 million dollars. That will be paid back by the community over a 26 year period. We will pay off that bond in or around 2045. If we look at our annual property tax statement in the right column you will see that what we pay in taxes is broken down into three areas, Education, General Government and Bonds/Other. Education and General Government are limited by Measure 5 to a term called compression. The Bonds/Other category is not limited by Measure 5. Bonds and Levies are voted on by the taxpayers and must have voter approval. The LRFD Levy will appear on the May ballot. The LRFD is asking \$ .75 per \$1,000 of assessed value. This will cost tax payers an additional \$250 - \$500 annually in property taxes. In my case it is roughly \$350. The taxpayers in Lebanon are hemorrhaging money through high property taxes.

I suggest everyone in the community review their 2023 Property Tax Statement. While reviewing my statement (Education-Government and Bonds/Levies) I discovered in the Government section line 4, I am already funding the LRFD for operations in the amount of \$467.72. After adding in the amount on my statement from the \$16 million bond passed in 2019 in the amount of \$73.63, I am paying a total of \$540.65 to the LRFD. Keep in mind we have roughly 7,200 homes in Lebanon also paying these taxes. Do the math! If I add the proposed levy costs of \$350, I will pay \$890.85 annually, pushing my property taxes to well over \$5,000 annually. The proposed levy is a

five-year levy generating \$10 million for the Lebanon Fire District. This levy will return on the ballot in five years at a higher tax rate requesting voter approval once again.

The taxpayers in Lebanon are hemorrhaging money in taxes. When I spoke to the Linn County Assessors Office their first comment was made in references to the already high property taxes in Lebanon. We as taxpayers need to keep in mind that the city is also eyeing a levy/bond for a new City Hall and the Lebanon Community School District will be looking at a bond before 2030. It is my opinion, that the LRFD pay attention to the high inflation rates and rising costs of living and live within their means (as we all do), tighten their belts and look at how they can reallocate funds within the department in order to maintain great service to the community.

- Michael Martin, Lebanon

Dear Editor:

I was saddened to read that someone wrote in favor of infamous grifter Jamie McLeod-Skinner. It seems that the writer is in favor of socialism, which is a way of everyone having access to the same privileges without working or paying for them. I had to pause for a minute so I could stop laughing and compose myself. This is the same Democrat who has a staff that filed complaints against her; it's public information and not something that I as a voter would like to see. This is the same Democrat whose wife goes on social media and cuts down those that don't share their own lifestyle or agenda. Quite frankly, it's pathetic. I'm very passionate about our great State of Oregon and all it has to offer - but nothing is free, nor should it be.

Today, I am writing in support of working Representative Lori Chavez-DeRemer.

Lori has personally helped me understand the political landscape of Oregon and I consider her an ally and a friend. I thoroughly enjoy her Town Hall Meetings; I'm always happy to get that phone

call. Whether I am only listening or actively participating, I know that Lori has our best interests in hand. Lori also happily works on bi-partisan bills and projects (so, not exactly the "extremist" that Ms. Nilsen paints a picture of). Lori advocates for our Veterans. Also, from Jan 2023 to Apr 2024, Mrs. Chavez-DeRemer missed 3 of 847 roll call votes, which is 0.4%. That is amazing. She is present.

In closing, I hope that Mrs. Chavez DeRemer defeats Mrs. McLeod Skinner, again, because it's best for Oregon. We have got to stop voting for Democrats who make empty promises and enable bad behavior.

-Josh Bacher, Lebanon

Dear Editor,

I urge our community to vote YES on Measure 22-202 on the May 21st ballot. As President of the Lebanon Fire District board, I've witnessed firsthand the strains on our resources and the growing demands placed on our firefighters. Our non-recognition as a government agency poses a significant challenge, limiting our access to critical funds necessary for sustaining essential services.

If Measure 22-202 does not pass, we will be forced to make difficult decisions that will impact the level and scope of emergency services we can provide. Prolonged budget strain, workforce reductions, delayed responses to low-acuity calls, and service cutbacks are all on the table.

However, there is hope. Measure 22-202 authorizes the allocation of tax revenue to fund six additional firefighters and necessary equipment. This measure is aimed at improving response times, enhancing operational capacity, and broadening non-emergency services, ultimately ensuring a safer community for all residents.

Recent investments by taxpayers in a new fire station represent significant progress, but our commitment to safety must remain a top priority. Voting YES on Measure 22-202 is not merely a vote; it's a pledge to invest in the safety and well-being of our community, ensuring that Lebanon remains a safe and thriving place for generations to come.

We urge every member of our community to stand with us in support of Measure 22-202. Let us spread the word, rally our friends and neighbors, and make our voices heard on May 21st.

- Duane Taylor  
President, Lebanon Fire District Board

LOCAL EVENTS

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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.

Adult Book Club

Lebanon Public Library hosts a monthly Adult Book Club (18+) at 5:30 p.m. at 55 Academy St. The next meeting will be on 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.

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.

- 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

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/.

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.

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.

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# COUNCIL

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tasked with finding new revenue streams to fund budget needs.

“Our target amount, whether that’s through reductions, whether it’s through a combination of levy, fee and reductions, it’s gonna be that \$2-\$2.5 million range,” he said. “That gets us to even. That doesn’t allow for any growth in the future as we move through because this is a five-year forecast, so that leaves us very stagnant. That is what the dollar amount is that we need to break even at that point.”

Looking at 15 other Oregon cities, Whitlatch showed fees they use to supplement their revenue, including city service, transportation, parks, public safety and street maintenance fees that range between \$4.50 and \$17 a month. The City of McMinnville’s city service fee offers a \$1.30 charge for low income accounts.

He also reviewed 13 cities that are using levies to fund their needs for libraries, police, swim centers and city operations.

Using a general term of “city service fees” for Lebanon Council’s consideration, Whitlatch presented different monthly charge options in addition to the possibility of doing both fees and a levy. There are a variety of ways the city could determine how to charge the fees, so he used a methodology based on water meter size.

If the city charged \$5 a month, single family homes in the city would contribute an estimated \$23,660 a month, apartment complexes would contribute about \$16,430, and commercial properties \$5,650, providing the city about \$548,800 a year.

If the city charged \$20 a month, single family homes in the city would contribute an estimated \$94,640 a month, apartment complexes would contribute about \$65,720, and commercial properties \$22,600, providing the city almost \$2.2 million a year.

The city service fee would not require a vote by the people, and would likely go up every year according to the Consumer Price Index.

Finance Director Brandon Neish presented levy options with examples of how they might impact taxpayers. To generate \$1 million a year at 70-cents per \$1,000 assessed value, a \$221,000 home valuation would contribute approximately \$155.68 per year (or \$12.98 per month). To generate \$3 million a year

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Commercial/Industrial	1"	142	\$37.50	\$5,325.00	\$63,900.00
Commercial/Industrial	1.5"	55	\$75.00	\$4,125.00	\$49,500.00
Commercial/Industrial	2"	30	\$120.00	\$3,600.00	\$43,200.00
Commercial/Industrial	3"	10	\$240.00	\$2,400.00	\$28,800.00
Commercial/Industrial	4"	4	\$375.00	\$1,500.00	\$18,000.00
Totals				\$137,220.00	\$1,646,640.00

Data presented by staff shows how much revenue the city could expect if it tacks on a “city service fee” to monthly utility bills.

at \$2.19 per \$1,000, the same home would contribute approximately \$484.89 per year (or \$40.41 per month).

He noted that the downside to levies is that taxpayers might vote it down and, if they don’t, the city would still be reliant on voters to continue approving a levy about every five years. He also mentioned the city is starting to see a reduction in homeowners paying their property taxes.

Whitlatch told the council the library and justice obligation bond will come off in FY 2028, freeing up about \$1.6 million. As such, that might create a potential strategy to perhaps go up for a levy at that time, he said, adding that the city fee could be dropped at that time or they could keep the fees and go out for a smaller levy.

Councilor Dave Workman said he doesn’t think the community will “buy off” on a \$20 city service fee, but regardless, none of the fee and/or levy strategies will even cover what he believes the council wants; namely, for him at least, the reopening of

the city jail.

Whitlatch responded it’s the \$3 million levy that will get them to be able to open the jail.

“Yeah, it’s gonna be an uphill climb,” Whitlatch said.

Councilor Michelle Steinhel said she appreciates the city’s recent move to make reductions in costs, but she doesn’t see how they will satisfy the budget without a combination of both fees and a levy. Whitlatch told Lebanon Local that staff have reduced 9.75 full time equivalent positions for the upcoming fiscal year.

The council seemed to agree that both a monthly fee and a levy are warranted.

Whitlatch said there are some ideas as to how to present messaging to the community, including perhaps town hall meetings.

“I’ll just be honest with you,” he added. “It’s not going to be a fun process, but we’re at that crossroad.”

The council directed staff to consider a \$15 city service fee and in addition to a levy. Councilors and Mayor Ken Jackola noted this is not a

viewed options for how to set up immovable council tables that would take up about 11 feet.

“With a move like this, there would be some initial cost up front, but I think the benefits outweigh any concerns in that we would have maintenance cost savings on this building (the travel station),” Jackola said.

He also said by leasing out the travel station or vacating it altogether, the city is consolidating its assets and also “updating the city image.” It also provides more seating and parking for the community to attend city council meetings.

Whitlatch told Lebanon Local there are currently no maintenance needs with the building, but noted Jackola was referring to future costs such as roof, painting, etc. He also noted at the meeting that the travel station was paid for with a grant, so staff have to determine if they would need to repay that grant if the city sells the property.

“Kelly (Hart) and I are of the opinion that it was kind of intended for a travel hub and, if we could give it to somebody or sell it to somebody that was going to use it as that, then that would be more of a use and we shouldn’t have to pay it back,” Whitlatch said.



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# 2024 Junior Court Presented in Tiara Ceremony

By Sarah Brown  
Lebanon Local

Lights beaming from chandeliers at River Center provided a dazzling display of sparkling tiaras as the 115th Lebanon Strawberry Festival Junior Court was presented on April 3.

This was the second year the Junior Court tiara-crowning ceremony was held at River Center. Previously it had been held at Santiam Place and Lebanon High School. According to Junior Court Co-Chair Kimberly McGuigan, a scheduling conflict at the high school prompted the move to River Center last year.

"The acoustics and the intimacy in the River Center was very nice, so we opted to have it here again," McGuigan said.

"This is their first big event specifically geared towards them," added Junior Court Chair Tayah Storkson. "It's nice that they literally get the spotlight right on them, so it kind of breaks the ice for them."

2024 Strawberry Festival Queen Libby Jorgensen emceed the ceremony, which consisted of introducing each junior princess and formalizing their position with a tiara, sash and bouquet of

roses.

Each young girl, outfitted in a green tulle dress and red cardigan, represented one of the elementary schools of Lebanon and answered questions posed by Jorgensen.

First up was Abigail Briden, of Green Acres. She likes drawing and art, and her favorite part of the Strawberry Festival is "having fun." Next presented was Princess Ahnjess Gunnett, of Pioneer. Her favorite animals are the red panda and racoons. She likes the rides at the festival.

Princess Alicia Nunez-Aikin, of Cascades, likes pandas. Her favorite part of the festival is the floats in the parades Princess AnnaLyn Grove, who is home-schooled, said she likes cheetahs and "having fun" at the festival.

Next up was Princess Audriana Torres, of East Linn Christian Academy. Her favorite activity is puzzles, and she said her favorite part of the Strawberry Festival is "being kind to others." Princess Ava Luebke, of Riverview, likes turtles and the festival parades. Princess Bristol Davis, of Hamilton Creek, said she likes art and her favorite part about the festival is being on the floats. Princess Kodie Hilchey, of Sand Ridge



Photo by Sarah Brown

**Princess Alicia Nunez-Aikin answers questions about her favorite animal and favorite part of the Strawberry Festival.**

Charter, likes tumbling and the festival parade. Princess Million Swensen, of Lacombe, said her favorite activity is drawing and reading. Her favorite part of the Strawberry Festival is the rides.

Storkson sat in the front row of the audience and could be seen using hand gestures to remind the young girls to wave and curtsy during their introduction.

"Besides our meeting, they don't really know how to do any of this, so this is really nerve-racking for them coming in and seeing a big crowd," Storkson said, adding that she sits front and center so they have a familiar face to look at for hand cues.

"It's been a great opportunity to be a positive influence in these little girls' lives," she said. "Being a positive in-

fluence for them, teaching them how to be ladies, it's so rewarding."

The junior court is randomly chosen from a pool of second-grade applicants. The 2024 Senior Strawberry Festival Court was also introduced at the ceremony, and the junior court was escorted by the Lady Strawberryrians.

# Garden Club Hosts Flower Design Classes

By Sarah Brown  
Lebanon Local

Ahead of the annual Strawberry Festival Flower Show, Lebanon Garden Club members offered flower design classes to encourage more submissions this year.

Every year, most of the design submissions in the flower show are from club members, but the flower show is supposed to be a community event, member Merrie Wales said. She suggested flower design classes as a way to encourage more engagement in the flower show.

"As you can see, it's apparently a good thing," she said, noting the large turnout at the first class.

On April 18 Club member Renata Stenko presented the first of a series of four classes held at the senior center. Stenko demonstrated some designs showing water and stones, which is one of the categories in the flower show.

"What is really important is your vase or container," she told the crowd.



Photo by Sarah Brown

**Garden Club member Renata Stenko works on a flower design during the first in a series of four classes.**

She presented some of her favorite vases of various shapes and colors, but mentioned that people can use other items such as baskets or anything unusual that can, essentially, hold water (or hide a jar). In fact, she used a pink colander for one of her designs, utilizing water-holding containers inside the colander to hold the flowers.

Using flowers and foliage found in her garden, on hikes and at floral shops,

Stenko created six different designs based on categories in this year's flower show that require the use of stones or showing water.

Each year, the flower show theme is based on the Strawberry Festival theme. For this year's "Strawberry Circus" theme, the flower design categories have titles such as "rock candy," "water ring toss," "flea circus," and "the show must go on." Category titles suggest what a design might depict, but

technically the interpretation of a design title is mostly subjective.

The "rock candy" category requires the design to include stones, so Stenko placed stones next to her vase as part of the design. For "water ring toss," she used ring-shaped objects in her design.

Stenko has been entering flower designs at the flower show for about 10 years and has won many blue ribbons for her entries. She said one of the first design tips she learned was to keep her flower combinations at around three colors.

"You can build in threes, fives, an uneven number," she recommended. "Uneven numbers just work a little better for artsy design, but if you use four or six it can still look pretty."

Also, she's often heard people suggest building the design up by one-and-a-half the size of the container.

There are certain guidelines that must be followed for a chance to win a ribbon, such as measurement max-

imums and no use of artificial flowers. A handful of judges, usually from outside of the area, select winners for each category.

"Nobody should be discouraged if they don't get a ribbon," Stenko said. "At least you have a design you can take home later."

The other weekly flower design classes offered by the club included: teacup design (using a teacup), green and petite design (May 2), and miniatures and dried design (May 9).

In addition to the design division, the annual flower show includes a horticultural division and special exhibit. This year, the flower and quilt show will be held in the former Wells Fargo building on the corner of Main and Grant streets.

Entering horticulture and design submissions in the flower show is free of charge. To learn more about how to submit entries in the horticulture or design divisions, contact Merrie Wales at 530.936.7464 or email happycelts@att.net.



# Jannah Jimenez Empowers Lebanon's Girls Through Representation

By Zeva Rosenbaum  
Lebanon Local

Jannah Jimenez sees beyond the tiaras and gowns that come with being a Strawberry Festival Princess; she looks at the role as a chance to empower girls.

"The five princesses (bring) something like women's empowerment," Jimenez said. "To me, like, it's just like I said growing up, 'Wow, I want to be just like them.'"

Jimenez, who was born in Salem and raised in Lebanon and Scio, grew up going to the Strawberry Festival and parade with her parents and two brothers every year. Now she gets to keep the traditions alive as part of the newest era of Strawberry Princesses.

"It's different once you grow up, you know, because you get to be part of it to recreate that memory for kids or for the community," Jimenez explained. "I think a memory that stuck for me, too, was in the third or like fifth grade; (the Strawberry Princesses) would come to our school, and sign the cards like we do now. I think I still have those cards too."

Jimenez said it's inspiring to see five teen girls have an impact on their community and she's enjoyed getting to know the other girls better. She went to school with all but one of the other princesses and they've connected over sports and class senator positions.

"I think my most favorite thing is probably getting to



know every single one of us," Jimenez said.

As someone who grew up speaking Spanish at home, Jimenez said a big part of the reason she wanted to be a princess in the first place was to provide representation.

"(The reason) I want to become a princess is also to inspire other Hispanics, or any culture, to be a princess," Jimenez said. "You can be from any culture, you can be any ethnicity, and you can be part of it; I feel like I can impact a lot of little girls."

Jimenez told the story of a little boy she met on one of her visits to a school as Strawberry Festival Princess who accidentally greeted her in Spanish.

"He said, 'Oh, sorry, I meant to say hi,'" Jimenez reminisced. "Then I spoke to him in Spanish like, 'Don't worry. I speak Spanish too.' And he's like, 'Oh my gosh, really?' in Spanish. He was like, in awe, and it was the cutest thing ever."

Despite the Hispanic com-

munity in Lebanon being small, Jimenez said residents have been very accepting and the community is growing as well.

"Recently, we just got a young Hispanic couple of neighbors who moved in," Jimenez said. "They came over like, oh my gosh, we speak Spanish. It was kind of a bonding moment."

Outside of princess duties, Jimenez said she loves playing softball for an organization in Portland, where she competes against teams from all over the US. She also enjoys reading and walking her dogs, including 15-year-old childhood dog (Mariposa), who Jimenez named at age three.

"24/7, if I'm not doing anything, I'm probably practicing (softball)," Jimenez said. "I live on a little farm so I like to be around to help my mom, like with her garden, feed the cows, things like that."

After graduating, Jimenez plans to pursue a diagnostic imaging degree at Oregon Institute of Technology. As her brothers decided not to go to college, she will be the first in her family to get a degree and she's excited to make her parents proud.

"I think it's a blessing, and it's amazing because I get to represent not only my (immediate) family, but my entire family, because there's only a few family members," Jimenez said. "My cousins have been in college. I think going into the medical field is also a huge step."

According to Jimenez, one of her heroes is Samantha Show, a pro softball player who said it's important to surround yourself with people who believe in you to help you achieve your goal. Another hero is her mom, Ana Jimenez, who keeps things running while Jimenez's dad, José, is gone at work. Ana taught her patience as well as how to overcome challenges even if it takes a long time.

"She has to keep it together for her kids, you know?" Jimenez said. "I think she has to have a lot of patience with everything."

Jimenez said her dad's work ethic inspires her too. As a dad in a first-generation family, he works incredibly hard to provide for the family. Beyond her plans to study imaging, she wants to go back to school for business and finance.

"I think long term I want to take over my dad's business, so that would be nice," Jimenez said, "and then on the side maybe do some real estate on a couple duplexes or something like that (and) rent them out. And maybe in 10 years have a little family of five or so; I've always been family-oriented."

On top of being a youth minister at her church, Jimenez works as a senior senator in a leadership class at school where she helps keep things running smoothly, especially around events like graduation, and is also in the National Honor Society.

Jimenez has lots of things on her bucket list, including going skydiving and bungee jumping, learning to snowboard, riding in a hot air balloon, buying a house, and traveling to places like Japan and Europe.

"I haven't had an opportunity (to snowboard) because if I get hurt I'll be out for a season or two and then there's my future," Jimenez mused.

Jimenez suggested a retro theme for the next Strawberry Festival, "Bring out the denim (and) colors; I think it'd be super fun!"

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# Stella Lang: Accomplished Early Grad, Legacy Strawberry Festival Princess

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Stella Lang, one of this year's Strawberry Festival Princesses, was born and raised in Lebanon and grew up admiring the princesses who came before; now it's her turn.

Lang, whose mother Becky Lang was a Strawberry Festival Princess in 1998, said she wanted to be a princess since she was little, as she grew up playing dress-up in her mom's princess dresses and tiaras. She said other princesses inspired her too, including babysitters and friends from church. Lang packed on extracurriculars like debate team and teaching herself to play both piano and guitar, building a substantial resume while also graduating at 16 to get a head start on her nursing career.

"When I decided to take the opportunity of graduating early, I thought that (being a princess) would completely be off the table because I wouldn't be a senior anymore," Lang said. "I was pretty upset. I was like, 'I feel like I've kind of been working my whole life for this.'"

The committee made an exception for Lang though, given her age, accomplishments and unique circumstances as a homeschooler who graduated early. Now she gets to see kids' "eyes light up" when Princess Stella walks into the room.

"I'm always excited when I meet little kids that are homeschooled and I'm like, 'I'm homeschooled too!' because there haven't been very many homeschooled princesses," Lang said. "It's very exciting



to give representation."

At Linn-Benton Community College, where Lang is already working on her nursing degree, she takes part in the a cappella group as a singer and social media manager, the Alpha Club where people can have coffee and conversations, and Campus 180, a Christian discipleship club.

"I'm very proud of my ability to be able to talk to adults and have engaging conversations; I consider myself to be a good public speaker," Lang admitted. "I'm also very proud of singing and where I've gone with music, so it's definitely an area of my life that I put a lot of effort into that brings me a lot of joy."

In addition to clubs and extracurriculars, Lang was a staff member at a leadership school where she learned about communications and how government works. Lang also has her CNA license and works several days per week at a long term care and hospice center in Lebanon.

"Healthcare is something that I'm super passionate about; I really like getting to take care of people right now," Lang explained. "My

role is loving on people's grandmas and grandpas, and I think that's so special that I get to do that."

Lang was also trained as a dental assistant at Adam Kirkpatrick Family Dentistry and had the opportunity to travel to Tanzania with Dr. Kirkpatrick. She said she would love to return someday and hopefully climb Mount Kilimanjaro.

"I definitely could see myself going back there. Being in East Africa two years ago with Dr. Adam was a really cool experience," Lang said. "The village that we stayed in for 10 days is in the foothills of Mount Kilimanjaro."

Lang hopes to complete her bachelor's degree in nursing at the University of Phoenix (and potentially a doctorate). Lang would like to be a mother someday, and said she feels called to work on YWAM (Youth With A Mission) ships, which are cruise ships that have been converted to hospitals.

"That's one of the main pushes for me to become a nurse; what really inspired me was the idea of getting to work on a boat and get to travel around the world and help people for free," Lang explained. "Especially because those ships go to places that can't be reached by plane or foot. And being a mom...I'd love to make more little humans who can be good in the community and do good things for the world."

Lang said her parents are her heroes; her dad, Jonah Lang, is a captain firefighter in Clackamas County, and her mom homeschooled Lang and her siblings, older sister Adrienne, who works

at a Bible school in Amsterdam, and younger sister Charlotte, who loves graphic design and art. Lang said she grew up hiking and surfing all over the world and she and her family have traveled extensively, including a visit to Australia, where Lang had the chance to visit the Steve Irwin Zoo, and Italy.

"My family has been very nomadic throughout my life; I've been to eight different countries and that's definitely something that I like to continue to do," Lang said. "And I also am very passionate about Lebanon and my community and being active in my community. I do a lot with my church, like the toy distribution every year and Christmas, Sunday school, food bank, that kind of stuff as well."

According to Lang, she got to see her dad in action when someone got into a car accident on their property and had to be flown out by helicopter.

"Seeing my dad in action as a firefighter and a paramedic was super inspirational, especially as someone who's in the healthcare field myself as a nursing assistant, and just seeing him made me feel so safe," Lang explained. "The fact that he was willing to put his safety at risk and thinking about how he would literally give his life for me, but not even just for me he would for you and anybody else. That's the heart of the fire service and it's very inspirational to me and I really aspire to be like him as a healthcare provider."

According to Lang, some of her favorite parts of being a part of the Strawberry Festi-

val court are visiting nursing facilities and schools, and giving back to the community. She described Lebanon as "close-knit" and the perfect size, even as the city has begun to grow.

"I am just so grateful to be here; I feel like I am making my five-year-old self so happy, really fulfilling a lot of dreams," Lang said. "I feel like the court has evolved a lot recently and the role of strawberry princess is getting a lot more meaningful. And so it's really amazing to get to be a part of something that's so dynamic."

Some of Lang's favorite parts of the festival include the community-wide church service, and the parade, where her dad drives his classic cars and, this year, she will get to ride on the official float.

"It's the city that friendliness built, right? I feel like I always go back around to that when people ask me about Lebanon," Lang said. "And the festival is 115 years old, so I think something special about the Strawberry Festival is that it's really stood the test of time."

Lang said it's "surreal" and an "honor" to be a princess and, as much as she enjoyed the tiaras and pretty dresses, it's important to her to be "approachable" and deserving of the title regardless of whether or not she's wearing the tiara.

"I really want to give people the very best experience and represent the court and Lebanon to the very best of my ability," Lang explained. "As happy as the role makes me, I really do take it seriously and I don't take it lightly."

# Kaelyn Aguirre Connects to Lebanon Through Sports, Community

By Zeva Rosenbaum  
Lebanon Local

Kaelyn Aguirre first saw the Strawberry Festival Princesses in sixth grade, when they visited her school and sparked her interest in the court.

Aguirre said she's enjoyed visiting schools the most, often finding kids who recognized her from coaching. Her favorite part of the festival itself is the rides and treats such as funnel cake.

"I actually have never been to a coronation," Aguirre admitted. "I think that's so weird because now I kind of wish I did so I could see what I'm getting myself into!"

Aguirre is friends with former Princess Elizabeth Baker, who gave her a breakdown about interviewing and what she would be doing as a prin-



cess.

"Something I would say to future princesses (and) the younger generation is to really be involved in your community," Aguirre suggested, "and not to be afraid to take big steps even though they are scary."

Aguirre is also passionate about volleyball, which she plays in school in addition to coaching and refereeing games outside of school. In fact, Aguirre's whole family is into sports; respectively, her five younger siblings play soccer, swim, run track, dance and do gymnastics, and their dad used to coach soccer for the middle school.

"(My biggest inspiration is) probably both of my parents because they've gone through different paths throughout their lives," Aguirre added, "and they still come out being the most confident and being the most uplifting people."

Currently, Aguirre is working on getting a pharmacy technician certification, then she plans to work for Samaritan as a pharmacy tech before

heading to college for a medical assistant license and a nursing degree. She said she loves kids and hopes to specialize in pediatrics or the newborn intensive care unit.

In school, Aguirre said she especially enjoys language arts and history, as well as the health career course offered by her high school, which is what "pushed" her to want to be a nurse. After several health classes, she started job shadowing and eventually found out about the option of working as a pharmacy technician.

According to Aguirre, she's also passionate about suicide prevention, especially having lost a friend to suicide, and she's worked with the local suicide prevention community.

"I have been working with Boys and Girls Club for three years and I have recently just started working with the athletics department; that's one of my ambitions," Aguirre said. "One of the things that I love the most is working with the kids in this community, it's really inspired me to be a princess."

Aguirre said she loves how close-knit the Lebanon community is, although moving here from Southern California was a bit of a culture shock.

"You can go to Walmart and see everybody that you know. Then other times, it's like, oh, I'm in my pajamas," Aguirre laughed.

Later this year, Aguirre plans to travel to Greece for four weeks, her first adventure outside of the US.



# Addison Cable Dreams of Entrepreneurship, Connection, World Travel

By Zeva Rosenbaum  
Lebanon Local

Addison Cable, one of this year's Strawberry Festival Princesses, is good at getting things done, from being a senior senator and event coordinator at school, to her planned degree in business administration.

Cable and her family moved from California to Lebanon, where her father's family had lived for generations, just in time for the 100th Strawberry Festival. After watching other Strawberry Princesses take the stage and cut the shortcake since preschool, now at 17, she gets her chance.

"I just really want to meet people," Cable said. "I feel like it's cool to see how many people there are and how many are willing to talk to you about their life story."



Cable said one of her favorite parts of being a Strawberry Princess is going to schools to visit the kids, including homeschooled kids this year, and nursing homes; she also loves how close the community is in Lebanon.

"(I love) how well everyone

just comes together," Cable added. "It's not a doubt in anyone's mind that, if someone needs something, they'll just all join together to help."

Cable – who lives on a farm with her parents, three brothers, her sister-in-law, and a menagerie of animals – said they often travel back to California. After getting her degree, likely with a specialization in hospitality management, she is considering multiple paths including starting an event planning company with her mom or getting a job at a "dream" company like Disney; Cable hopes to travel the world too.

"My mom and I have a plan to go to every Disneyland in the world," Cable said. "(We had) family in Norway, that's where (our family) is from."

In the meantime, Cable

said she's often with her brothers and tends to pick up their hobbies, like skateboarding.

"I'm best friends with all my family," Cable added.

Cable's parents, Jennifer and Joe Cable, work for the Linn County Juvenile Center and the City of Albany, respectively, and Cable says her mom is one of her biggest inspirations.

"She's just always had an 'I'm gonna do exactly what I'm going to do' (attitude) and is always determined and won't have anyone else set her back," Cable praised her mother. "So she's always like, 'I'm going to do exactly this and you're not telling me otherwise.'"

While she loves all of the activities involved, getting to know the other princesses is one of Cable's favorite

aspects of being part of the Strawberry Court.

"I've known some of (the princesses) outside of (the court), but I've never really got the chance to actually be so in depth with them," Cable explained. "And I'm very excited to go to the parades and everything and meet more people."

Cable said her parents have taught her not to take life too seriously and not to worry about things.

"Just go forward without thinking too much about what could go wrong and have fun."

Next year, Cable thinks a rock and roll Strawberry Festival theme would be a good idea.

"I think any neon colors and everything would be really cool," she said.

# Molly Theodoroff: Strawberry Princess, Robotics Buff, Future Scientist

By Zeva Rosenbaum  
Lebanon Local

When Molly Theodoroff moved to Oregon from California, she didn't know anyone, so when the Strawberry Princesses came to her school, they left a lasting impact.

"Seeing that these girls were so competent and passionate about what they do and how excited the (kids) were to see them," Theodoroff said, "I was like, 'I wish people were that excited to see me.'"

Theodoroff's favorite part of being part of the court is forming deep community connections, and now Theodoroff has the chance to inspire a new generation of little girls to be Strawberry Princesses.

"If you look (in detail), a lot of (them) are the girls who sit alone and aren't really sitting in those giant groups of people," she said. "But you can see that spark in those specific people."

When Theodoroff's friend Mariah Dahlgren was a Strawberry Princess, she gave Theodoroff the support she needed to be one too.

"Throughout everything, she's just supported me with who I am and helped me with my confidence," Theodoroff said. "I joined the robotics team because of her, I applied for Strawberry Princess because of her; she's kind of been my backbone with all of it."

As for the Strawberry Festival, Theodoroff's favorite part is the rides and the snacks.

Outside of her duties as a Strawberry Princess, The-



odoroff works at Cafe Rock and has an interest in robotics. She has been on her school's robotics team for six years now and plans to pursue bachelor degrees in marine biology and engineering at Oregon State University, where she ultimately hopes to get a doctorate degree.

"I want to go for two (degrees), marine biology and mechanical engineering so I find out that maybe is not my cup of tea, I always have that backup plan," Theodoroff explained. "I've known I wanted to be a marine biologist for about four years now, but you never really know till it happens."

OSU offers highly ranked programs in both biology – sending doctoral students to study a species of choice – and engineering, which Theodoroff said she's had a connection with the school through the robotics team already.

Theodoroff wants to specialize in studying sharks, or possibly other often overlooked marine life like the octopi, squids, sharks and other small sea creatures that live

in the kelp forests. She pointed out that people tend to think about what's in front of them, and the ocean can be "out of sight out of mind" at times.

"There's always that percentage that makes it worth it, being able to go down (into the ocean), being able to connect with the ocean creatures and whatnot," Theodoroff said. "Not (a lot of) people stick their heads in the water. We see the forest fires, but we don't really see the ocean and the pollution and even (what we do see) is only like 2% of what's happening."

Theodoroff's dad, TJ Theodoroff, who proposed to her mom with a juice box, is one of her favorite people. Even though he was in the Air Force and Army and often busy with work, he would always make time for her and take her on daddy-daughter dates and dances.

Following some health issues, Theodoroff's dad retired and moved the family to the Lebanon area. Though he was dealing with his illness, she said he still became a mentor for the robotics team so she could join early. Despite losing multiple family members, Theodoroff said he never let anything bring him down and still manages to "lift everybody else up."

"He's always been my biggest supporter," Theodoroff said. "He's been my backbone. He's always supported me and what I want to do rather than trying to make me somebody that I'm not... And then with everything he's been through, he still manages to be his best self and to be

a good, kind person; he's my best friend."

Theodoroff has lots of things on her bucket list, including going on an Alaskan cruise with her dad to see the northern lights; she also wants to go bungee jumping and skydiving and hike huge mountains. For now, she likes to travel within the US to see her family members, and brings her boyfriend along on hikes and visits to the aquarium.

"I want to go to Hawaii so bad, for the marine life specifically," Theodoroff added. "Even Florida's waters, I don't want to go to Florida for Florida, I want to go to Florida for the water, for the little creatures."

Mom Brooklynn Theodoroff, who runs Feral & Free Creations – a design business – out of their home and went to school for graphic design, is helping design the Strawberry Princess parade float.

While there's a lot Theodoroff likes about Lebanon, she likes the safety and connection of the small town environment, especially having come from the Sacramento area in California with her parents and two younger siblings.

"It's so cool, just the support of everybody and the positiveness of it all," Theodoroff said. "But also, downtown is my favorite because of the history. There's so much personality in those buildings."



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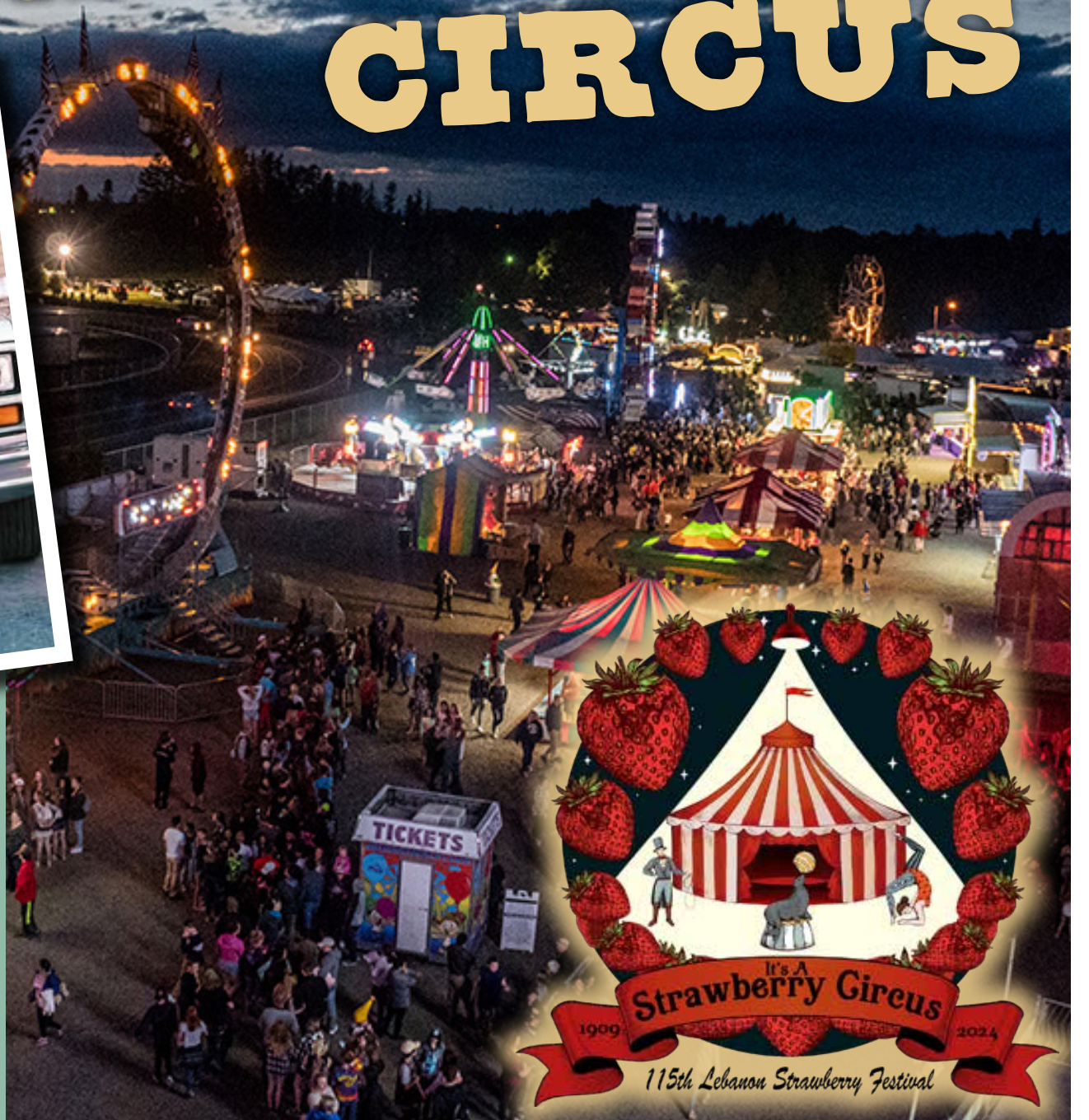
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and sentenced April 23 to 70 months with the Oregon Dept. of Corrections, 120 days jail, 36 months post-prison supervision, 36 months supervised probation for second degree assault, second degree assault attempt to commit a Class B felony and two counts of assaulting a public safety officer. Charges merged with the second degree assault charge are: unlawful use of a weapon and attempt to commit a Class B felony. Acquitted charges are: attempt to commit a Class A misdemeanor, menacing, fourth degree assault, aggravated harassment, attempt to commit a Class C/Unclassified felony, and aggravated harassment.

**Andrew Christopher Jones**, 28, was sentenced April 15 to 30 days jail, 24 months supervised probation and \$400 in fines after pleading guilty to unauthorized use of a vehicle and first degree failure to appear. A charge of possession of a burglary tool or theft device was dismissed.

**Ustin Ray Jones**, 20, was placed in the diversion program for allegedly driving a vehicle while under the influence of a controlled substance. He was also sentenced to fines that were waived after pleading guilty to unlawful possession of oxycodone and unlaw-

ful possession of a schedule IV controlled substance. For this case, charges dismissed are: possession of hydrocodone, unlawful possession of cocaine, violating a speed limit, and person under 21 possessing marijuana while operating a motor vehicle.

**Michael Alexander Lugo**, 34, was charged April 16 with theft of services and second degree burglary.

**Robert Harold Mayfield**, 39, was charged April 2 with domestic violence menacing and domestic violence unlawful use of a weapon. Bail was set at \$25,000.

**Andrew Dwayne McCullom**, 43, was charged March 28 with strangulation and fourth degree assault.

**Kasey Wayne Miller**, 34, was sentenced March 25 to 18 months with the Oregon Dept. of Corrections, 24 months post-prison supervision and a \$200 fine based on after pleading guilty to second degree escape. A separate case for charges of unlawful possession of heroin, unlawful possession of methamphetamine, interfering with an officer, and failures to appear were dismissed. In yet another case, charges of unlawful possession of heroin and failure to appear were also dismissed.

**Shawn David Miller**, 38, was sentenced April 22 to 150

months with the Oregon Dept. of Corrections and 10 years post-prison supervision after pleading no contest to two counts of first degree sexual abuse of a female under the age of 14. Two more counts of the same charge were dismissed. In a separate case, he was charged on April 19 with first degree sexual abuse of a female under the age of 14 and pleaded no contest. He was sentenced April 22 to an additional 30 months with the Oregon Dept. of Corrections along with the 10 years of supervised probation.

**Tyler James Nofziger**, 23, was charged April 22 with first degree online sexual corruption of a child. He posted 10% of a \$25,000 bail.

**Robert Nicholas Polequin**, 43, was sentenced March 27 to 15 days jail, 36 months supervised probation and a \$200 fine based on a plea of guilty to unlawful use of a firearm weapon.

**Sharon Renee Prior**, 47, who appealed a lower court's decision on a DUII conviction, was found guilty by jury on Feb. 9, 2024, and sentenced to revocation of a driver's license for life, 60 days jail, 16 months bench probation and \$2,255 in fines and fees. Prior was found guilty by a jury in Lebanon in December 2021 with a .15% BAC for a citation of the offense issued on June 28, 2020.

**Darwyn Dwayne Thomas Reimann**, 23, was charged April 12 with felon in possession of a firearm, improper use of an emergency reporting system (calling 911), and recklessly endangering another person.

**David L. Rood**, 49, was sentenced April 5 to 10 days jail after pleading no contest to first degree theft attempt to commit a Class C/Unclassified felony and second degree criminal mischief. A second degree criminal trespass charge was dismissed.

**Lerae Nicholle Ruck**, 23, was sentenced March 29 to revocation of a driver's license for one year, 15 days jail, 24 months supervised probation and \$327.82 compensation to a victim after pleading no contest to unauthorized use of a vehicle and first degree failure to appear. Other charges of unauthorized use of a vehicle and failure to appear were dismissed.

**Michael Devon Stokesbary**, 37, was charged April 17 with DUII (liquor and/or cannabis).

**Steven Robert Tafoya**, 61, was sentenced April 15 to one year suspension of a driver's license and a \$650 fine after pleading guilty to refusal to take a test for intoxicants. A reckless driving charge was dismissed. He was also placed in the diversion program after pleading guilty to DUII (alcohol).

**Loki Niklas Thompson**, 19, was sentenced April 19 to one year suspension of a driver's license, 48 hours jail, 24 months bench probation and a \$2,000 fine after pleading guilty to DUII (liquor) with a .15% BAC.

**Antonia Estrada Torres**, 43, was sentenced April 12 to one year suspension of a driver's license, 48 hours jail, 18 months bench probation and \$2,255 in fines and fees after pleading guilty to DUII (liquor). A reckless driving charge was dismissed.

**Alisia Ilene Vance**, 27, was sentenced April 25 to 10 days jail and 36 months supervised probation after pleading no contest to third degree assault of a child. A charge of first degree criminal mistreatment was dismissed.

**Michael Robert Van Houte**, 35, was charged April 24 with strangulation, second degree attempted assault, menacing, first degree theft, unauthorized use of a vehicle and second degree theft. In a separate case, he was charged with two counts of fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, failure to perform the duties of a driver when property is damaged, third degree escape and resisting arrest. In both cases a \$250,000 bail was set.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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suspended, driving uninsured and was arrested for a warrant.

5:47 p.m - Thomas Joshua Gnat, 35, was cited on a Linn County Circuit Court warrant for second degree failure to appear and a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on an original criminal citation.

9:27 p.m - Jameson Lee Mires, 54, was cited for driving uninsured and driving while suspended.

April 6

3:46 a.m - Tawni Peterman, 51, was cited for a warrant.

4:14 a.m - Anthony Middleton, 60, was cited for a warrant.

10:57 a.m - Wren Wright, 44, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

4:24 p.m - Jason Sylvester, 48, was arrested for a warrant.

8:21 p.m - Frank Coelho, 68, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

9:22 p.m - Whitney Rafanna Hurt, 26, was cited for driving while suspended, failure to carry proof of insurance and

undisclosed warrant.

11:17 p.m - Brandy Lee Clark, 50, was cited for no valid operators license and driving uninsured.

April 7

12:33 a.m - Veronica Askew, 55, was arrested for an active warrant.

4:00 p.m - Roy Jean Bohm, 41, was cited on a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear.

6:51 p.m - Brian Anthony Johnson, 40, was cited for driving while suspended.

7:37 p.m - James Francis Hilton, 34, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

8:05 p.m - Joel Wayne Carper, 28, was cited for no valid operator's license and driving uninsured.

8:22 p.m - Shain Hersey, 48, was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants, failure to carry and present, reckless driving and a warrant. Hersey was also cited for driving while suspended. Tanya Indecio, 49, was cited for a warrant.

9:46 p.m - Melissa Jill Whitmore, 35, was cited for driving while suspended and failure to carry proof of insurance.

11:11 p.m - Phillip Leon Lu-

cas, 66, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

April 8

12:20 p.m - Kathy Ann Clark, 74, was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device.

4:09 p.m - Austin Jones, 27, was cited on an Albany Municipal Court warrant, a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant and a Linn County Circuit Court warrant.

4:59 p.m - Fawn Marie Burleson, 39, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

10:13 p.m - Michael Devon Stokesbary, 37, was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

10:35 p.m - Jenny Biggs, 50, was cited for failure to carry proof of insurance.

April 9

10:48 a.m - Nicholas Brady, 36, was cited for driving while suspended.

6:42 p.m - Von Montgomery, 49, was cited for speeding. 75/55.

April 10

4:34 a.m - Gavin Joshua Worrell, 22, was cited for driving while suspended, careless driving, and failure to provide proof of insurance.

9:07 a.m - Daniel Joseph Maurice, 58, was cited for warrants.

10:47 a.m - Randi Jo Goodwin, 39, was cited on undisclosed warrants.

10:50 p.m - Michael Lynn Smith, 62, was cited for improper display and failure to carry proof of insurance.

April 11

2:16 a.m - Sean Birkholz, 40, was arrested for a warrant.

10:33 a.m - Katie Stockwell, 40, was arrested for fourth degree assault constituting domestic violence. Lodged in Linn County Jail.

8:07 p.m - Carl Baxter, 66, was arrested for improper use of an emergency communication system.

9:36 p.m - Dale Page, 56, was arrested on a Linn County Justice Court warrant and was cited for a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant.

10:23 p.m - Devin Houseman, 36, was cited for a warrant.

11:29 p.m - Baylee Taylor, 19, was cited for driving without driving privileges.

April 12

3:06 a.m - Kayla Brady, 36, was cited for careless driving and failure to drive within lane.

4:56 a.m - Monte Lee, 52, was cited for a warrant.

8:15 a.m - Jack Michael Taylor, 21, was arrested for contempt of court.

10:04 a.m - Zackary Louis Linville, 20, was cited for failure to obey traffic control device and driving uninsured.

11:34 a.m - Shaun Larsen, 27, was cited for driving uninsured.

12:43 p.m - Deputies investigated theft of building material. Lumber was stolen. Report taken, valued loss \$1,500. 300 block of Russell St.

9:36 p.m - Tracy Lee Randolph, 45, was cited for driving while suspended, driving uninsured and improper display.

April 13

8:16 a.m - Maitland Joseph Moore, 41, was cited for driving while suspended.

9:41 a.m - Nicholas Orval Dincan Jr, 45, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

1:04 p.m - Donald Ames Jr., 34, was arrested for driving while suspended, failure to perform duties of a driver when property is damaged, obstructing governmental or

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judicial administration, attempted assault of a public safety officer and resisting arrest.

3:04 p.m - James Keith Mortensen, 24, was cited for driving while suspended and undisclosed warrants.

3:36 p.m - Loa Ann Louise Branton, 34, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

4:56 p.m - Deborah Lynn Vickrey, 68, was cited and released on his warrants.

11:29 p.m - Derek Sisemore, 46, was cited for failure to drive within lane.

## April 14

7:54 a.m - Anthony Eden Middleton, 61, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

2:45 p.m - Justin Curtis Gilmore, 37, was cited on an undisclosed warrant.

3:37 p.m - Cyliss Hickman, 18, was cited for driving uninsured, driving while suspended and failure to register vehicle.

8:32 p.m - Noel Joseph, was cited and released for criminal mischief.

9:25 p.m - Noel Joseph was cited on an undisclosed warrant.

9:51 p.m - Damion Garner, 44, was cited for driving while uninsured.

## April 15

12:00 p.m - Rebekah Brianne Summers, 26, was cited for driving while suspended and using a cell phone while driving.

2:53 p.m - George Earl Scott Dunn, 21, was cited on a Linn County Supervisory Authority warrant. Lodged in Linn County Jail.

3:13 p.m - Alyssa Snow Naf-taniel, 34, was cited for improper display and failure to carry proof of insurance.

11:34 p.m - Benjamin Philip Hyatt, 45, was cited on a Lebanon Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear.

## April 16

7:43 a.m - Caller reports theft of tools. Valued loss \$500. No report. 800 block of Academy St.

12:22 p.m - Renee Cheri Godell, 62, was cited for improper display.

7:47 p.m - Kaitlyn Rae Carpenter, 25, was cited on an undisclosed warrant.

8:05 p.m - Fawn Burleson, 39, was cited for driving while suspended, driving uninsured, failure to renew registration and failure to carry and present.

8:27 p.m - Ashley Schooley, 39, was cited for driving while suspended, and driving uninsured.

8:54 p.m - Joshua Webb,

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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.

**890 Mazama Ave, Lebanon;** double-wide residence, 1440 sq. ft., three-bedroom, two-bath built in 1980; 0.13 acres; \$179,510.

**903 6th Ave, Sweet Home;** one-story residence, 1402 sq. ft., three-bedroom, two-bath built in 1965; 0.17 acres; \$362,000.

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

**5401 Poplar St, Sweet Home;** one-story residence, with attic 1852 sq. ft., four-bedroom, two-bath built in 1935;
- 0.67 acres; \$190,000.

**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.

**855 8th Ave, Sweet Home;** two-story residence, 2924 sq. ft., five-bedroom, three-bath built in 1975; 0.29 acres; \$502,000.

**2221 Kalmia St, Sweet Home;** one-story residence, 1008 sq. ft., three-bedroom, one-bath built in 1975; 0.16 acres; \$270,000.
- 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.

**1418 45th Ave, Sweet Home;** two-story residence, 1675 sq. ft., three-bedroom, two-bath built in 2022; 0.13 acres; \$389,000.

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

**195 21st Ave, Sweet Home;** two-story residence, 1496 sq. ft., four-bedroom, three-bath built in 2004; 0.46 acres; \$421,500.

**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.

**839 Northpoint Lp, Brownsville;** two-story residence, 2137 sq. ft., four-bedroom, three and a half-bath built in 2023; 0.16 acres; \$510,000.

**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.

**38020 Courtney Creek Dr, Brownsville;** two-story residence, 2019 sq. ft., three-bedroom, two-bath built in 1980; 6.5 acres; \$665,000.

**591 B St, Lebanon;** one-story residence, 1372 sq. ft., four-bedroom, two-bath built in 1930; 0.19 acres; \$305,000.

**1980 22nd Ave, Sweet Home;** additional details not listed; 0.67 acres; \$100,000.

**1827 12th Ave, Sweet Home;** one-story residence, 836 sq. ft., two-bedroom, one-bath built in 1930; 0.21 acres; \$316,500.

**28451 Pleasant Valley Rd, Sweet Home;** one-story residence, with basement 1344 sq. ft., two-bedroom, one-bath built in 1976; 7 acres; \$485,000.

**1118 Oak St, Brownsville;** one-story residence, 1296 sq. ft., two-bedroom, two-bath built in 1926; 0.19 acres; \$375,000.

**41744 Clark Smith Dr, Lebanon;** one-story resi-
- dence, 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.

**808 River Ave, Brownsville;** two-story residence, 2442 sq. ft., five-bedroom, two and a half-bath built in 2021; 0.11 acres; \$445,000.

**39155 Highway 228, Sweet Home;** one-story residence, 1807 sq. ft., three-bedroom, two-bath built in 1947; 0.5 acres; \$350,000.

**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.

**112 E St, Halsey;** one-story residence, 1047 sq. ft., two-bedroom, one-bath built in 1910; 0.9 acres; \$270,000.

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

**29192 Santiam Hwy, Sweet Home;** double-wide residence, 1000 sq. ft., 1964; 4.91 acres; \$120,000.

**30115 Berlin Rd, Lebanon;** one-story residence, 1740 sq. ft., two-bedroom, two-bath 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.

**1226 49th Ave, Sweet Home;** one-story residence, 1344 sq. ft., three-bedroom, two-bath built in 2023; 0.31 acres; \$371,614.



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46, was cited for driving while suspended. Shayanne Church, 28, was cited for warrants.

9:17 p.m - Shane Archibek, 59, was cited for driving uninsured. Archibek was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving.

9:48 p.m - Caller reports allegedly being harassed by the owner of Chewy's Bar in Sweet Home.

10:57 p.m - Cassidy Was-kom, 52, of Corvallis, was arrested for three active warrants. Transported to Linn County Jail.

11:04 p.m - Joshua J Koenig, 23, was cited for no valid operator's license.

April 17

4:07 a.m - Bryan Watts, 49, was arrested for possession of methamphetamine over two grams and an undisclosed warrant.

4:42 a.m - Amaryllis Davis Burrell, 47, of Medford, was arrested for an active warrant. Transported to Linn County Jail.

11:31 a.m - Roberta Griffiths, 54, was cited and released on an undisclosed Lebanon warrant.

12:12 p.m - Caller reports theft of trailer. Valued loss \$2500. 800 block of Isabella St.

12:38 p.m - Caller reports theft of vehicle battery. Valued loss \$280. AutoZone Auto Parts.

12:59 p.m - Damion Grid-dith, 18, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

3:21 p.m - Rikki N Bettely-oun, 39, was cited for driving while suspended.

April 18

7:45 a.m - Richard Rodri-guez, 57, was cited for operat-ing without privileges.

8:29 a.m - Earl Dodge, 30, was cited for warrants.

1:42 p.m - Heather Dawn Meeks, 35, was arrested on two undisclosed warrants. Transported to Linn County Jail.

7:15 p.m - Wren Logan Wright, 44, was cited for driv-ing while suspended, driving uninsured and an undis-closed warrant.

April 19

10:24 a.m - Antonio Sun-seri, 45, of Albany, was cited for driving while suspended.

12:53 p.m - Silvino Bram-bila, 46, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

3:17 p.m - Heather Alyssa MacKay, 53, was cited for im-proper display.

3:54 p.m - Levi Joseph Mc-Cutchen, 29, was cited on a Philomath Municipal Court warrant for failure to com-

ply on an original charge for driving under the influence of intoxicants and a Canyon County, Idaho, warrant for a probation violation. Trans-ported to Linn County Jail.

5:12 p.m - Aaron James Lo-vik, 38, was cited on a Leba-non Justice Court warrant for contempt of court, and a Leb-anon Municipal Court war-rant for failure to appear on a criminal citation.

7:44 p.m - Bryer Thompson, 33, was cited in lieu of custo-dy for a probation violation.

8:41 p.m - Joshua Webb, 46, was cited for driving while suspended and an undis-closed warrant.

9:30 p.m - Brittny Gibson, 35, was cited for driving while suspended, driving unin-sured and a warrant.

9:58 p.m - Seth Tolleson, 29, was cited for driving without a license, driving uninsured and driving without an igni-tion interlock device.

April 20

1:02 a.m - Christopher Mack, 29, was cited for speed-ing. 43/25.

3:14 a.m - Deputy attempt-ed to stop a motorcycle with no plate. Rider eluded deputy who terminated due to safety concerns.

3:51 a.m - Alexander Ab-shere, 29, was cited for driv-ing while suspended, failure to register vehicle and an ac-tive warrant.

4:55 a.m - Caller reports theft of '97 Harley Davidson. Report taken. 200 block of Hobbs St.

6:18 p.m - Devin Michael Houseman, 36, was cited for driving while suspended, and driving uninsured.

7:45 p.m - Sandra Hendrix, 50, was cited for driving while suspended, driving uninsured and an undisclosed warrant.

8:10 p.m - Natalie Murphy, 35, was cited for driving unin-sured.

10:35 p.m - Joseph Salley, 51, was cited for a warrant.

April 21

9:42 a.m - Terri Ann Lat-tymer, 54, was cited for driv-ing uninsured.

12:16 p.m - Tasha Bow-ers-Curtis, 39, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

2:27 p.m - Christina Good-enough, 41, was arrested for second degree disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and multiple warrants.

3:52 p.m - Walter Warren Ruck, 43, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

4:28 p.m - Shain Nicho-las Hersey, 48, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

10:06 p.m - Nikolas Izatt, 25, was cited for driving with-out an operator's permit.

11:38 p.m - Tyrese Pechar, 25, was cited for speeding and

driving uninsured. 63/45.

April 22

8:23 a.m - Brady Richard Lawrence, 57, was arrested for first degree theft after stealing his neighbor's dog. Lodged in Linn County Jail.

8:58 a.m - Sarah Ann Loeks, 33, was cited for driving while suspended.

9:09 a.m - David William Ewing, 49, was arrested for an undisclosed Albany Mu-nicipal Court warrant and an undisclosed Lebanon Munic-ipal Court warrant. Cited in lieu of custody.

11:26 a.m - Jason Lee Key, 48, was cited for failure to use a seatbelt.

11:56 a.m - Connor Bart Provstgaard, 35, was cited for driving while suspended, driving uninsured, improper display and an undisclosed Lebanon Municipal Court warrant.

12:52 p.m - Micah K Jones, 50, was cited for failure to obey traffic control device.

1:06 p.m - John Laverne Mc-Dougall, 44, was cited for fail-ure to use a seatbelt.

1:34 p.m - Ryan Michael Lehto, 47, was cited for driving while suspended, failure to carry proof of insurance and failure to use a seatbelt.

2:09 p.m - Kaden Phillip Lantis, 22, was cited for driv-ing while suspended and driving uninsured

2:26 p.m - Terry Cardin, 68, was cited for driving unin-sured.

2:35 p.m - Christopher Thomas Meehan, 55, was cit-ed for failure to use a seatbelt.

4:33 p.m - Theodore Stanley Harry, 60, was cited for failure to use a seatbelt.

7:11 p.m - Joshua Jamal Ponzio, 23, was cited for driv-ing while suspended and driving without insurance.

10:03 p.m - Wren Wright, 44, was cited for driving while suspended and driving unin-sured.

April 23

11:27 a.m - Rhonda Jeanene Oliver, 61, was cited for fail-ure to obey a traffic control device.

1:37 p.m - Lauren Marie Snyder, 37, was cited for driv-ing while suspended.

2:06 p.m - Daniel Wayne Williams, 29, was cited for failure to carry proof of in-surance.

2:50 p.m - Austin Davis, 20, was cited for operating a mo-tor vehicle while using a cell phone.

April 25

12:21 a.m - Nicklaus Glass-er, 34, was cited for an active warrant.

4:51 a.m - Timothy Full-ford, 66, was cited for failure to drive within lane.

10:45 p.m - James Daven-port, 20, was cited for speed-ing and failure to obey a traf-fic control device. 90/55.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Information

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8. Agricultural disease (abbr.)

11. Riding horses

13. Boxing's GOAT

14. Hurt or discomfort

15. A small sharp knife to trim vegetables

16. A beaver builds one

17. Horizontal passage into a mine

18. Self-immolation by fire rituals

20. Chain bar with lots of games (abbr.)

21. Goo Goo Dolls' hit

22. Agreeable

25. In an early way

30. In a way, struck

31. It's there in the morning

32. County in the S. Pacific
33. Central Florida city

38. Numbers cruncher

41. Mexican beers

43. Lawyers say you can indict one

45. Capital of South Australia

47. Wings

49. Drug used to treat HIV/AIDS

50. Fencing sword

55. Capital of Qatar

56. Portable bed

57. Afflicted

59. Lying down

60. Midway between northeast and east

61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation

62. Inflamed

63. Soviet Socialist Republic

64. Impudence

CLUES DOWN

1. A way to fish

2. Greek mythological figure

3. Scarlett's home

4. Assist

5. More doleful

6. Premeditated

7. Dish featuring minced food

8. San Diego ballplayer

9. Eight

10. Unwelcome picnic guests

12. Human gene

14. Bucket

19. Make full

23. Dirt

24. Person cited as ideal example

25. A part of (abbr.)

26. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet

27. Very long period of time

28. Gas usage measurement
29. North American native people

34. It says "moo"

35. Folk singer Di Franco

36. Resinlike substance of certain insects

37. Residue

39. Grand homes

40. Popinjays

41. Man who behaves dishonorably

42. Figures

44. One who watches over children

45. Expressed pleasure

46. No longer living

47. Hebrew calendar month

48. Part of the ear

51. Swiss river

52. Prejudice

53. Italian Island

54. Resist authority (slang)

58. Criticize

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Join Lebanon Community Hospital Foundation for a free summer garden tour where you can unwind while exploring the beautiful Japanese Healing Gardens located in Lebanon. The one-hour tour will guide visitors through the two gardens located on the Samaritan Health Sciences Campus. Learn about their history and how they're cared for, all while enjoying the tranquil atmosphere. Tours begin at the gazebo located at the Boulder Falls Event Center located at 605 Mullins Drive in Lebanon. No registration is required, so come and experience the beauty for yourself! For more information, please contact Brandy O'Bannon, Lebanon Community Hospital Foundation executive director, at bobannon@samhealth.org.

**Get your child ready for summer**

Saturday, May 18 | 9 a.m. to noon

Ensure your child is ready for upcoming activities such as sports and/or summer camp with a free sports physical clinic. This walk-in clinic is held at the Samaritan Family Medicine Resident Clinic in Lebanon and is open to the community. Children and youth must be accompanied by their parent or guardian.

**Craft a heartfelt bouquet**

Thursday, May 23 | 2 to 5 p.m.

Samaritan Evergreen Hospice invites you to honor a loved one this Memorial Day by crafting a heartfelt, handmade bouquet at Samaritan Evergreen Hospice House in Albany. Make a bouquet to honor a loved one as a way to remember those who are always on your mind and forever in your heart. This event is free, and no registration is required.

**Honoring cancer survivors**

Sunday, June 2 | 1 to 3 p.m.

On National Cancer Survivors Day, honor those touched by cancer and their loved ones. Join the Samaritan Cancer Program for good food, great company, art activities, talks from the cancer care team and fellow survivors, plus connect with community resources. This event is free for all attendees. For details and to register, visit [samhealth.org/CelebrateSurvivors](https://samhealth.org/CelebrateSurvivors) or call 541-768-2171.

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**Don't fight cancer alone**

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

Samaritan offers virtual support groups for several types of cancer including breast, ovarian and other gynecological cancers and men's cancers, and patient groups such as young adults with cancer. Visit [samhealth.org/Classes](https://samhealth.org/Classes) to find a group that fits your needs.

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# What to know about pinched nerves

Few medical conditions can be as uncomfortable as radiculopathy, commonly referred to as a pinched nerve. Anyone can suffer from a pinched nerve, which is why it behooves people from all walks of life to understand this painful yet often preventable condition.

**What is a pinched nerve?**

The medical experts at Cedars Sinai note that the spine is made up of bones called vertebrae. The spinal cord runs downward through the center of these bones, and nerve roots branch off the cord and go between each vertebra. A pinched nerve occurs when problems affect those nerve roots.

**Where do pinched nerves occur?**

Cedars Sinai notes that a pinched nerve is most likely to occur in the lower back. However, pinched nerves can affect other areas of the body, including the neck, arms and legs.

**What are the symptoms of a pinched nerve?**

People who have experienced radiculopathy may identify pain as the most notable symptom of a pinched nerve. Cedars Sinai notes such pain may manifest in different ways depending on which part of the body is affected. Pain-related signs of a pinched nerve in the lower back include:

- Sharp pain in the back that may travel down to the feet
  - Pain that worsens when sitting or coughing
- A pinched nerve in the neck may produce:**

- Sharp pain in the arm
- Pain in the shoulder
- Feelings of numbness or pins and needles in the arm
- Worsening pain when the neck moves or the head turns

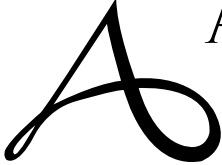
Additional symptoms of a pinched nerve include numbness of the skin and weakness in the leg or arm.

**Are there risk factors for pinched nerves?**

Though anyone can experience a pinched nerve, various conditions can increase a person's risk for radiculopathy. Such factors include, but are not limited to:

- Poor posture
- Poor body position: Crossing the legs when seated can pressure the spine and increase risk for a pinched nerve
- Herniated disc
- Slipped disc
- Arthritis in the spine: Rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis can contribute to a narrowing of nerve openings and stiffness in the spine. Each of those conditions can increase pressure on the nerves, potentially leading to a pinched nerve
- Weight gain
- Pregnancy
- Post-surgery scar tissue: People who have previously had spinal injury might be at greater risk for a pinched nerve due to the formation of scar tissue that affects a nerve root along the spinal cord.

Pinched nerves are painful but treatable. Individuals who suspect they are experiencing a pinched nerve are urged to contact a physician immediately.




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# Sodaville Faces Setback on New Well Project

By Sarah Brown  
Lebanon Local

Sodaville city councilors during their April 18 meeting expressed frustration over a years-long process to build a sixth well that now faces a hurdle, setting them back.

For nearly a decade the City of Sodaville has been "chipping away" at a water expansion project on resident Ray Jackman's property, and they were expecting \$365,000 in funding to help with the project.

Mayor Brian Lewis told the council that shortly before former City Administrator/Recorder Alex McHaddad left last month, he was told the city would need to file for water rights for the well on Jackman's property. To receive the funding, the project would have to be completed by June 2025 and the council sees no way to get that done now that they have this new hurdle regarding water rights.

"In the future, we can try to work things out and try to get back into it, see if we can't get that money again, but right now it's pretty much gone," Lewis said.

A study was done on Jackman's property about seven to 10 years ago, and again about two years ago on a September day, which council said was the worst time of year to find

water, and yet the property showed a healthy amount available. Council alluded that the previous administration in the past decade moved too slowly and now they find themselves at this point.

The council agreed the whole situation has been "very discouraging."

A \$60,000 grant from the state is still on the table for Sodaville that will assist in the cost of trucking water in from Lebanon next season. City Administrator/Recorder Brandi Libra said she will keep an eye out for new grants that can help with water projects.

Meanwhile, the council is working on trying to get well number five back online.

Council told Lebanon Local that a former water master said the well could no longer be used, but they cannot find any reports to indicate why that was the case. They believe it's because of a possibility of iron bacteria in the well. It has been offline for a few years now.

Lewis noted that when well five was functioning, it produced as much water as all the other wells and they only had to truck in water one or two months out of the year.

Jackman, speaking from the audience at the meeting, said he contacted Star Water



Photo by Sarah Brown

Mayor Brian Lewis, left, swears in Brandi Libra for her new position as city administrator and recorder.

Systems who said treating iron bacteria is not a big deal. They suggested getting the well pump reconnected and pumped for a few hours, then bringing in a sample for testing.

"That will tell him what he needs to do in order to treat that well," Jackman said.

There will be some trial and error during treatment until they find the right treatment balance.

"If we can get that cleared up and get it back online, I think it's gonna help," Lewis said.

Public Works Director JD Burns suggested the possibility of bringing in a witcher

for a new well near well number two. Currently well two is producing less than 1,000 gallons a day, he said.

Also, Lewis reported the mayor of Lebanon invited Sodaville to discuss the possibility of bringing water lines from their new Crowfoot Road project into Sodaville. After some discussion on the matter, the general consensus was the Sodaville council was not interested in connecting to Lebanon's water system. While some said they didn't like the taste of Lebanon's water, Councilor Joseph Parsons noted doing so would remove the only operating revenue Sodaville has.

"We need to try to keep our water resources here in the city of Sodaville," Councilor Jeff Hensley said. "Our water's better than theirs; it's untreated right now and it's better water."

**In other business, the council:**

- Swore-in Brandi Libra as city administrator/recorder.

- Burns reported a water loss of a little more than 11%, the second month in a row he's seen that happen. Looking further into the matter, he and Libra found a discrepancy with accounts between Quickbooks and READY Manager (software used for the city meters). It might be that some residents haven't been billed for the last few months, he said. He is still working through the situation to figure out what happened.

- Discussed during public comment how they might read meters and manage other needs while Burns is away on vacation. Lewis said he usually takes over the tasks in Burns' absence, but the two both have planned vacations at the same time this year.

- Approved a motion to hire Mannix Law Firm.

## Two-Motorcycle Crash Sends One to Hospital



By Sky Chappell  
Lebanon Local

A Lebanon man who was recently arrested for eluding police from Lebanon to Upper Calapooia on April 2 is allegedly a suspect in a two-motorcycle collision in Sweet Home on April 12.

Sweet Home Ambulance and Fire District responded to calls of a motor vehicle collision in the 40800 block of Highway 228 on April 12. Upon arrival, crews got to work assessing and giving aid to those who were involved.

According to Battalion Chief, Randy Whitfield, the rider of the motorcycle was

taken to a hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Oregon State Police (OSP) reported that they responded to a two-vehicle crash involving two motorcycles and determined one of the riders fled the scene before police arrived.

OSP further reported they suspect Kevin Austin Corrington, 25, of Lebanon, was the rider that fled the scene. The other motorcyclist, Eric Daniel Malcom Frost, 45, of Salem, was transported to a hospital with a broken ankle. Both vehicles were towed and there is a current ongoing investigation.



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## WITH LOCAL OPTION LEVY

- 1. Additional Personnel:** The levy enables the addition of essential personnel, including an initial increment of 6 firefighters, ensuring a more robust and capable emergency response team.
- 2. Enhancing Emergency Response Times:** Passage of the levy is instrumental in addressing declining response times to emergencies, allowing us to deliver swift and efficient assistance when our community needs it the most.
- 3. Sustaining a Growing Community:** A local option levy will provide vital support to accommodate the needs of our growing community, ensuring that our emergency services align with the expanding demands.
- 4. Expansion of Community Outreach:** Through the levy, we can expand non-emergency services such as community outreach initiatives encompassing public education, disaster preparedness, and wildfire preparedness.
- 5. Sustaining Mutual Aid and Conflagration Responses:** Passage of the levy ensures that we can maintain our ability to provide crucial mutual aid to local partners and respond effectively to state conflagrations, fortifying our emergency support network.
- 6. Addressing Ambulance Revenue Gaps:** The levy serves as a solution to offset the revenue gaps from insurance companies related to ambulance services, securing the financial stability of this critical aspect of our emergency response system.
- 7. Augmented Emergency Response Capacity:** With the local option levy, we can significantly enhance our capacity to respond to emergencies, bolstering our ability to manage a broad spectrum of critical situations.
- 8. Apparatus Replacement:** The local option levy provides crucial funding to replace aging equipment, including fire engines and ambulances, ensuring our apparatus remains modern, reliable, and ready for service.

## WITHOUT LOCAL OPTION LEVY

- 1. Workforce Reduction:** The absence of additional funding may necessitate a reduction in our workforce, impacting our capacity to respond effectively to the needs of the community.
- 2. Delayed Response to Low-Acuity Calls:** Without the support from a local option levy, response times to low-acuity calls could be delayed, affecting the overall efficiency of our emergency services.
- 3. Service Cutbacks:** Service reductions to the community would be inevitable, affecting the level and scope of emergency services we can provide.
- 4. Prolonged Budget Strain:** Without a local option levy, the persistent pressure of escalating costs coupled with stagnant revenue will continue to strain our budget, hindering our ability to maintain essential services.
- 5. Mutual Aid Limitations:** Our reduced ability to provide mutual aid to local partners and respond to state conflagrations may compromise the broader emergency support network.
- 6. Stricter Ambulance Transfer Limitations:** Further restrictions to ambulance transfers may be imposed, limiting our ability to seamlessly transport patients for necessary medical care.
- 7. Emergency Service Reprioritization:** The need to reprioritize emergency services may arise, potentially diverting resources away from critical areas of need.
- 8. Evaluation of Non-Response to Some Call Types:** The absence of adequate funding might necessitate a critical evaluation of non-response to certain call types, impacting the spectrum of emergencies we can effectively address.
- 9. Impact on Specific Emergency Responses:** Key emergency responses, including but not limited to odor investigations, burn complaints, fire alarm activations, and public assistance, may face limitations in their timely and thorough execution.