

Pioneer descendants celebrate 100th family reunion

By Sarah Brown
Lebanon Local

A steady stream of people flowed into the room at Santiam Place, stopping briefly at a table to check in and grab a name tag.

On the back side of each tag was a list of names identifying how their lineage connected them to a Lebanon-area pioneer. The lanyard holding their tag read, "100th Parker-Umphrey Reunion 1925-2025."

In the dining hall, genealogy charts were displayed throughout, and a section was reserved for old family photos, a century's worth of related articles and other mementos, such as an antique shotgun that may have been used in a Linn County murder (not by a relative).

As the building filled with more people on this cool Aug. 16 day, more embraces could be seen and the chatter began to get louder. The back yard of the event center began providing entertainment for the kids who played with games, blew soapy bubbles and ran around the gar-

den.

Under a tent, a young Parker-Umphrey descendant and journalism student, Leif Olsen, spent his time recording oral histories from the family members.

More than 100 people attended the 100th anniversary of the Parker-Umphrey reunion, a tradition dating back to a warm June day in 1925 when some of Linn County's earliest pioneers gathered together en masse for the first time.

On that day, 133 family members gathered together for a photo, surrounding the remaining eldest living members from whom today's Parker family descended. They were Julia Ann (Umphrey) Parker and her sister, Mary Catherine (Umphrey) Parker, along with their brother Albert Umphrey.

The Umphrey sisters, you see, married brothers Allen and Moses Parker right about the same time both families moved to Linn County from Iowa in the



Photo by Sarah Brown

See Reunion, Page 9 Chammy Ott looks over a book containing old family photos.

Anticipated new state wastewater regulations may cost city millions

By Sarah Brown
Lebanon Local

Lebanon city staff are looking ahead to new regulations they anticipate will hit Oregon soon as they work toward completing the city's wastewater treatment plant capital improvement project.

The City Council held a work session in conjunction with its regular meeting on July 23 to hear updates on the project, which staff anticipates will also affect the way Lebanon disposes of its waste.

It should be noted the work session on the matter is just the beginning of a discussion that may evolve over time as the project moves forward, and the cost for capital improvements might be over-estimated at this meeting. Expected state regulation changes in addition to the city's current need to update

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Photo by Sarah Brown

Fire Chief Joseph Rodondi, at left, presents a flag to Ken Savage, right.

BC Savage retires after 38 years of fighting fires

By Sarah Brown
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Members and retired members of the Lebanon Fire District, Sweet Home Fire District, Brownsville Rural Fire District and Lebanon Police Department joined friends and family in a warm send off during a retirement party for LFD Battalion Chief Ken Savage on July 25.

Savage started his 38-year career in 1987 when he joined

LFD as a volunteer firefighter. For the next 10 years, he moved through the Resident Volunteer Program and became a volunteer lieutenant, apprentice firefighter, EMT firefighter and lieutenant before taking the post as Battalion Chief, where he remained 10 years until his retirement.

According to him, it was a friend and a driven curiosity to know more about what was going on that encouraged

Savage to consider firefighting as a career. On one particular day, his friend took him to see what was left behind from a fire, and that moment burned any other options he might have been considering.

"I decided that's what I want to do to help serve the community," he said.

Friends who make up Savage's "fire department fami-

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OBITUARIES

Marland Koker

Sept. 30, 1944 – Aug. 9, 2025

Marland Gene Koker, 80, passed away at his home in Lebanon on Aug. 9, 2025.

Marland was born Sept. 30, 1944, in Lebanon to Della Scheler and Osker Koker.

He grew up primarily in Sweet Home and lived in the Willamette Valley most of his life.

While growing up, he worked with his family tending to the family property at Ames Creek.

Marland worked in various mills in the Willamette Valley, on ranches in central and eastern Oregon, and retired from Burlington Northern Railroad in Albany after 20 years.

Marland had six children: Tracy Koker, Teresa Koker, L. Osker Koker, and Tony Koker

with former wife Lynda Valentine, Gary Koker with Linda Troite, and Casey Tessen with Kristine Powell.

Marland loved the outdoors and remained active until his final weeks. He was an avid hunter and fisherman, a pastime he shared with many family members and friends.

He enjoyed walking the beach of the Oregon Coast searching for agates, walking trails and wildlife refuges, and just being outside enjoying scenery and wildlife.

He was known for his daily walks and bike rides.

Marland spent many sunny days working in the yard and helping other family members with theirs.

In his last months he spent time sitting on the porch watching birds, doing word

finds, and walking his dog Toby, who was by his side always for the last five years.

Marland enjoyed watching Oregon Ducks sports, old westerns, and turning up the classic rock in the car.

In Marland's younger years he was known for being a guy most wouldn't want to tangle with. To his many grandchildren he was known as "Papa Koker."

He had a huge sense of humor and loved spending time with his children and grandchildren. He was a father figure to anyone who needed one.

Marland is survived by children Teresa Koker, Tony Koker, Gary Koker and Casey Tessen; siblings Donald Koker, Joyce Young and Michael Koker; as well as many grandchildren, great-grand-

children, great-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and his French bulldog Toby.

Marland was preceded in death by his parents, Osker Koker and Della Heseman; stepparents Dorothy Koker and Rey Heseman; children L. Osker Koker and Tracy Koker; siblings Roland Koker, Raymond Koker and Linda Horstman, and long-time companion Kristine Powell.

Donations on Marland's behalf can be made to Samaritan Evergreen Hospice or Safe Haven Humane Society. Celebration of life to be held Sept. 27, 2025, at 2 p.m. at Waterloo County Park.

Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements.

Paid Obituary

DEATH NOTICES

Richard Allen Byrd, 61, of Sweet Home, passed away Wednesday, July 23, 2025. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements.

Barbara Jeane Hickman, 81, of Lebanon, died August 6, 2025. A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, August 30, 2025, at 1:00 PM at Santiam Place, 139 Main Street, Lebanon. Huston-Jost Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Scot Robert Noss, 47, formerly of Lebanon, died July 20, 2025.

Funeral services were held July 31. Burial, with full military honors was held at Franklin Butte Cemetery.

Huston-Jost Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Information for the Public Safety report and Courts in Lebanon Local is sourced from local law enforcement and fire agencies. Addresses provided generally denote the location of the incident or arrest, occasionally indicating the origin of the call. Incident details, which may not always be available from agencies in time for publication in our weekly paper edition, are often updated online at lebanonlocalnews.com as information becomes available. Also, due to space limitations in our paper editions, content may be restricted to the most recent information, and a more extensive version of the Public Safety Report will be available at lebanonlocalnews.com.

It is crucial to emphasize that our reporting of an individual's arrest or citation for a crime does not imply guilt. Determination of guilt can only be established through legal proceedings in court. We commit significant effort to following through as cases move through the judicial process.

Following is a list of abbreviations that may appear in our log reports: LCSO (Linn County Sheriff's Office); LPD (Lebanon Police Department); SHPD (Sweet Home Police Department); OSP (Oregon State Police); LMC (Lebanon Municipal Court); LCCC (Linn County Circuit Court); LCJC (Linn County Justice Court); SHMC (Sweet Home Municipal Court); AMC (Albany Municipal Court); FTA (failure to appear); FTC (failure to comply). A Roman numeral listed after a charge means that the charge is that numbered-degree: theft I (first-degree theft).

Aug. 13

3:56 a.m. - Raymond Lyle Tressel, 29, cited on LMC warrant for probation violation.

7:58 a.m. - Caller reported theft of coins and chapstick from car, 1100 block Walker

Rd.

9:26 a.m. - Simmie Cabe, 65, cited for failure to obey traffic control device, E Elmore/S Williams Sts.

10:57 a.m. - Juvenile cited for failure to use seatbelt, S

2nd/Kees Sts.

10:57 a.m. - Deputy conducted investigation into live-stock at large in 38000 block Titeca Lane. Report taken.

11:15 a.m. - Savannah West, 30, of Lebanon, cited for unlawful lane change, Park/Carolina streets.

11:40 a.m. - Kerry Skelton, 54, cited for failure to obey traffic control device, Primrose St./Russell Dr.

12:20 p.m. - Jessiah Bleige, 22, cited for failure to carry proof of insurance, 2200 block S Santiam Hwy.

2:06 p.m. - Tosha Miskey, 34, cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured, 1900 block S Main St.

3:19 p.m. - Nicole Bernardi, 34, cited for cell phone use, S Main/Dodge Sts.

3:40 p.m. - Unidentified subject cited on SHMC warrant for contempt of court and theft III, and LMC warrant for probation violation, theft III and larceny.

3:56 p.m. - Officer responded to complaints about adult neighbors cussing at children and children harassing the adults, 1200 block Ashwood Ct.

4:16 p.m. - Michelle Titeca-Stidsen, 55, of Lebanon, arrested for attempted assault II, assaulting police officer, escape II and resisting arrest 37700 block Titeca Lane. Report taken.

4:49 p.m. - Neve Ackley, 27, cited for cell phone use, 1200 block S Main St.

4:49 p.m. - Blanca Patricia Monico-Nolasco, 35, cited for driving while suspended, cell phone use and AMC warrant for contempt of court.

7:33 p.m. - Caller reported disabled vehicles on proper-

ty in 38400 block Griggs Dr. damaged within past week. Five windows broken out; damage estimated at \$1,000. Investigation ongoing. Report taken for criminal mischief.

11:08 p.m. - Jeffrey Gene Major, 60, arrested on LMC warrant for contempt of court.

Aug. 12

10:27 a.m. - Arthur Yoder, 43, of Sweet Home, cited for careless driving, failure to obey traffic control device, failure to carry proof of insurance and failure to carry vehicle registration, Rock Hill/Sodaville Cutoff drives.

12:05 p.m. - Rustem Ildarovich Faskhutdinov, 28, cited for speeding 39/25, S 12th St./Turtledove Lp.

12:36 p.m. - Aiden Daniel Read, 18, cited for speeding 42/25, S 12th/W Oak Sts.

1:20 p.m. - Quarantine order issued to dog owner, who was not identified, in 39900 block Lacombe Dr. following dog bite incident. Report taken.

1:31 p.m. - Deana Renee Paul, 55, cited on AMC warrant for contempt of court and LMC warrant for probation violation.

2:14 p.m. - Stolen car reported in 31000 block 3rd St., Waterloo. According to LCSO, 1992 dark blue Honda Civic parked on 3rd St in Lebanon was stolen. Under investigation. Report taken.

3:11 p.m. - Steven David Willert, 59, cited on LJC warrant for giving false info to police, and OSPB warrant for parole violation.

4:00 p.m. - Brandon Ray Horn-Miller, 27, cited for failure to register and cell phone use, 2400 block S Santiam

Hwy.

4:45 p.m. - Joel John Adkins, 38, cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured, S 2nd/W Elmore Sts.

5:13 p.m. - Caller reported cats in car with windows rolled up, 2200 block S Main Rd. Owner found someone to care for the cats temporarily.

6:04 p.m. - Caller reported subject being loud and obnoxious, and asking people for money and bottles during concert at Academy Square Park.

9:30 p.m. - Officer checked on subject with blood on her face at River Park. Subject said she had heat stroke and collapsed on pavement.

10:20 p.m. - Caller reported theft of pressure washer and shopping cart at Walmart. Loss valued at \$478 and damage to fencing estimated at \$5,000.

11:55 p.m. - Timothy Pepperling, 41, of Lebanon, cited on LMC warrant, 39900 block McDowell Creek Dr. Report taken.

Aug. 11

7:06 a.m. - Caleb Bartimeo Guerrero, 26, cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured, S Santiam Hwy./Crowfoot Rd.

7:52 a.m. - Callers reported large boulder in middle of road, E Carolina/S Main Sts.

9:18 a.m. - Caller reported theft of tools from locked tool trailer, 000 block E Ash St. Loss valued at \$2,000.

10:24 a.m. - Deputy responded to report of fire in brush in area of Brewster Rd./Grant St. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

11:33 a.m. - Caller reported hit and run on parked car at

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Lebanon's New Neighbor Program

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

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New Neighbor Packet

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"Welcome!"



School Board approves naming Pioneer library after Scot Noss

By Scott Swanson
Lebanon Local

The Lebanon School Board, at its Aug. 14 meeting, approved the renaming of the Pioneer Elementary School Library as the Scot R. Noss Memorial Honorary Library in honor of a Lebanon alumnus who recently died of injury sustained while he was an Army Ranger.

Ryan Noss, brother of the late Sgt. 1st Class Scot Noss, thanked the district for its support of his brother, who died July 20 at the age of 47.

He noted that a number of school district representatives attended Scot Noss's memorial and that, on the last day of summer school at Pioneer, Ryan King shared Scot Noss's story with the students.

"As we think about community, what community is, how community shows up, you have done that repeatedly for our family and we appreciate it," Ryan Noss said.

Scot and his siblings attended Lebanon schools throughout their elementary through high school years and their mother taught at Green Acres, Pioneer and "a couple of other schools over the years," said Ryan, who also worked in the

district for 14 years, including as principal at Pioneer.

"I have lots of connection to that space and that school," he said.

Ryan Noss that he was principal at Pioneer when Scot was injured in a military helicopter crash during a combat operation and now-Supt. Jennifer Meckley stood in for him for a couple of weeks during that time.

Scot Noss SFC Noss, was a multi-sport athlete for Lebanon, who went on to serve in the elite 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. His military awards include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, and an FBI commendation for his work with the Hostage Rescue Team.

Meckley told the board that the Noss family has put together an album for the library that tells the story of Scot Noss's life.

Board members also discussed a draft policy banning student use of cellphones by students, as required by an executive order issued by Gov. Tina Kotek in July.

The draft policy would ban the use, during the entire "regular instructional hours of the school day, including passing

periods, recess and lunch," of "any portable, electrical-powered device capable of calling, texting, or accessing the internet independently of the district network. This includes, but is not limited to, smartphones, flip phones, smartwatches, tablets, and wireless earbuds."

The policy would also restrict students from accessing social media platforms "using personal or district devices while on school grounds or at district-sponsored events unless authorized by a school administrator for educational purposes." It also includes restrictions on content posted without permission of the subject, or that violates existing district policies.

It provides exemptions for health needs (such as diabetes management) or "unique educational or family circumstances" and provides processes for emergency communication.

Violators would be subject progressive steps, ranging from verbal reminders to seizure of their communication devices and a meeting with parents. The draft policy also includes disciplinary measures for academic dishonesty,

illegal activity, violation of privacy and disruption of school activities.

Meckley said all the principals had had a chance to look through the draft policy, which resulted in some wording changes and that more specific descriptions would be providing to students within their schools, such as the fact that the phones of repeat violators will have their phones secured in a cellphone locker.

"That will be more specific at the building level," she said. The lockers will be present in every classroom at the high school and middle school, and in the administrative offices at elementary schools.

"They don't have too much of a problem at the elementary schools like some of the upper grades," Meckley said. "So having one or two cellphone lockers was all that they wanted."

She said training would be provided.

She said the district is aiming to implement the policy in September, even though full implementation is not required by the state until January.

"Even without a policy, we are going to implement 'no phones,'" she said.

Board Member Mike Martin expressed concerns about making sure wording in the policy is very specific, noting that "exemptions" and "exceptions" are used interchangeably.

"I don't even like having this minutiae in there, because it just opens this door," Martin added.

"That's good feedback," Meckley responded.

Martin also noted that the draft policy forbade the use of cellphones "during the school day, but also on school property. That means that at a football game you can't use your cell phone," he said.

"That's up to the school," Meckley said. "They probably would let them use them at a football game."

Martin said the policy should be "pretty detailed," but said the board needed to be able to support it.

"I would want to know exactly what we're going to sign our name to," he said.

Martin also said he believed that any cellphone use should occur in a "designated place" so that phones wouldn't be used in front of other students

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CIRCUIT COURT

Warrants are out on the following individuals:

Omar Edgar Arroyo, Elias Nicolas Azar, Kiah Brooke Bearden-Coxen, Jonathan Edward Betar, Christina Marie Cash, Austin Shane Conner, Steven Michael Cooley, Nicholas Orval Duncan Jr, Selina Renee Ford-Blackburn, Kraig James Fox, Steven Edward Grimm, Aaron Thomas Halvorson, Aaron Marten Heintzman, Robert Edwin Hoskinson, Devin Michael Houseman, Bruce Clifton Kelly, Alan Kenneth Kilmer, Caden Jason Scotty King, Brent Jay Klient, Adam Christien Knoll, Andrew Donald LeGore, Mikel Vincent Lizama, Christopher James Lloyd, Mainor Misael Lucas-Velasquez, John Andrew Mance, Heather Dawn Meeks, Matthew Kincaid Nelson, Dustin James Phares, Allen Jess Russell, Daniel Ryan Salo, Rosemary O. Saviour, Shingy Robert Shineachi, Donald Shane Simmons, April Lee Springer, Brandi Lynn Trelstad, Russell Dale Truedson, Wyatt Linn Vaughan, Joshua Webb, Darnell T. Wells, Jessica Ashley Wynne

Aryan Allen Barr, 46, charged Aug. 1 with unlawful delivery of controlled substance, unlawful possession of controlled substance, un-

lawful possession of methamphetamine, felon in possession of restricted weapon and two counts of felon in possession of firearm.

Carolyn Louise Coleman, 49, charged Aug. 7 with fleeing or attempting to elude, and failure to carry or present license.

Jack Edward Counts II, 35, charged Aug. 5 with unauthorized use of a vehicle, offensive littering and disorderly conduct II.

Jordan Eathan Davis, 26, charged Aug. 8 with unlawful use of a weapon (brass knuckles), menacing, and endangering a person protected by a Family Abuse Prevention Act order. Bail set at \$5,000.

Donald Kay Flanigan Jr., 36, sentenced July 25 to one year suspension of a driver's license and 240 hours with the Oregon Dept. of Justice after pleading no contest to fleeing or attempting to elude. A reckless driving charge was dismissed.

Kraig James Fox, 38, charged Aug. 11 with fleeing or attempting to elude, and reckless driving.

Melissa Nicole Fox, 52, sentenced July 25 to 26 mos. with the Oregon Dept. of Corrections, 12 mos. post-prison supervision and a \$200 fine

after pleading no contest to three counts of identity theft and two counts of giving false info to officer in connection with a citation/warrant.

Jessica Chari Gregorich, 40, sentenced July 28 to 50 days jail and 36 mos. supervised probation after pleading no contest to unlawful use of a weapon and two counts of criminal mischief I. Charges of menacing and felon in possession of a restricted weapon dismissed.

Delores Eileen Higgins, 62, charged July 29 with DUII (liquor), reckless driving, criminal driving while suspended or revoked, and refusal to take test for intoxicants.

Kevin Ray Holt, 58, sentenced July 30 to one year suspension of driver's license, 48 hours jail, 24 mos. bench probation and a \$1,000 fine

after pleading guilty to DUII (alcohol) with a .10% BAC. Reckless driving charge dismissed.

Devin Michael Houseman, 37, charged Aug. 11 with unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Joshua Dwayne Johnson, 36, sentenced Aug. 13 to 10 days jail, five days compensatory service in lieu of jail, 18 mos. bench probation after pleading no contest to attempt to commit a Class C/unclassified felony - unlawful possession of a marijuana item, endangering the welfare of a minor, and attempt to commit a Class C/unclassified felony - unlawful manufacture of a marijuana item. Charges of unlawful import or export of a marijuana item, and unlawful delivery of a marijuana item dismissed.

Raymond Clarence Kim-

berlin Sr., 56, charged July 21 with failure to report as a sex offender. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to a \$100 fine.

Jason L. Knapp, 45, charged Aug. 5 with DV strangulation and DV assault IV.

Autumn Jean Ann Macklin, 23, charged July 21 with flee-

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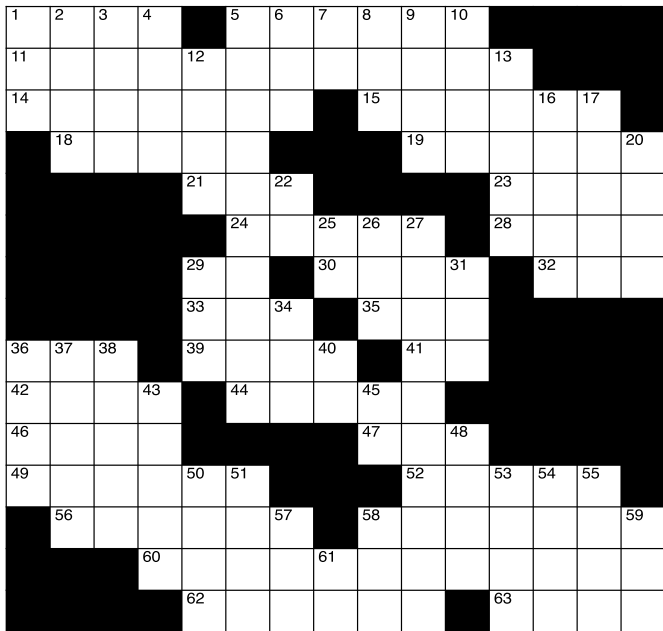
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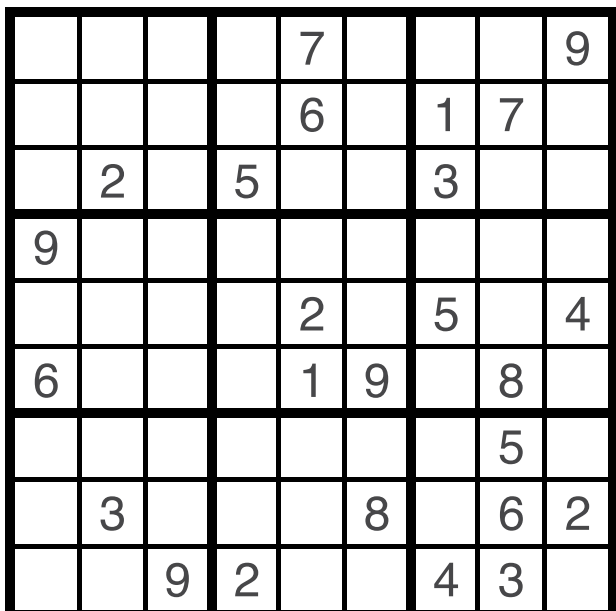
CLUES ACROSS

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- 5. Abounding in rocks
- 11. Increase in speed
- 14. Music app
- 15. Not nice
- 18. Tables (Span.)
- 19. Decomposes
- 21. ___ student: learns healing
- 23. Nursemaid
- 24. Joke-teller
- 28. Male parent
- 29. Group of countries (abbr.)
- 30. "Rambling Rose" actor Lukas
- 32. Midway between south and southwest
- 33. Cartoon Network (abbr.)
- 35. Peacock network
- 36. Principal ethnic group of China
- 39. Made of honey and water
- 41. Exclamation of surprise
- 42. Evaluates skill or knowledge
- 44. Stage in ecological succession
- 46. Ethnic group of SE Asia
- 47. Not small
- 49. A cat is one
- 52. Broken piece
- 56. French president
- 58. Artist's workroom
- 60. Ability to apply knowledge and skills
- 62. Visually stunning
- 63. Ancient region south of Dead Sea

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Used to pour beer
- 2. Con game
- 3. Skin disorder
- 4. Communists (slang)
- 5. Subjects to hostility
- 6. A major division of geological time
- 7. Hitting statistic (abbr.)
- 8. British thermal unit
- 9. Influential envoy to Woodrow Wilson
- 10. Goes on neck of animals
- 12. Fertile soil
- 13. Type of battery
- 16. Khoikhoi peoples
- 17. Consist of two parts
- 20. Small group of trees
- 22. Execute or perform
- 25. Millinery
- 26. 007's creator
- 27. Associated with esoteric doctrine
- 29. Electronic countermeasures
- 31. Schenectady County Airport
- 34. No (Scottish)
- 36. Position of leadership
- 37. Statement
- 38. Raccoons belong to this genus
- 40. One who diagnoses
- 43. True mosses
- 45. Blood type
- 48. Albanian
- 50. Emergency response notification system
- 51. College reservists
- 53. Away from wind
- 54. Tough outer layer
- 55. Art ___, around 1920
- 57. Born of
- 58. The greatest of all time
- 59. Georgia rockers
- 61. Natural logarithm

SUDOKU



Level: Intermediate

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Community leaders say birth center must stay

Editor:
Our community cannot afford to lose the birth center at Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital.

Doctors, nurses, our local fire chiefs, U.S. senators and representative, City Council president and current and former patients all agree: Linn County residents need essential services like labor and delivery and pre-and post-birth care in a central location that's accessible.

It isn't a luxury. This is life-or-death for moms and newborns and our community.

At the Girod Birth Center at Samaritan Lebanon, we do so

much more than deliver babies.

We are a labor, delivery, postpartum, neonatal care, triage, and women's health post-operative recovery unit.

We provide special community services including child-birth classes, lactation support, testing for moms and babies with significant health risks, care up to a month after delivery and ambulance support for hospital transfers.

Put simply: We are a lifeline for local women, mothers, and babies. Our doors are open for them before, during and after birth and our care keeps them out of the emergency room—which means faster treatment for everyone

else in our community.

Thousands of people have already called on Samaritan executives to do the right thing and save essential local services like our birth center and emergency surgery team.

It's time for Samaritan executives and the board of directors to listen to the providers at the bedside, the patients we care for, our fire chiefs and elected officials and save our birth center. You can help send a message to Samaritan executives at www.SaveOurBirthCenters.com.

Amanda Vinson, RN, is an Oregon Nurses Association member and a nurse at the Girod Birth Center at Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital.

WASTEWATER

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its wastewater system are topics city staff wanted City Council to be aware of for future discussions and decisions.

"We will probably be proposing an incremental rate increase to waste water," City Manager Ron Whitlatch told the council.

"We know we're gonna do something. We're not gonna go, 'Hey, we need \$50 million,' because we don't have that answer right now. But we know, hard fact, that we're going to have to do something.

"We've got \$20 million set aside, and what's that number look like? It's just in preparation and getting everybody up to speed, answering questions and continuing the discussion as we move through it."

City staff are currently applying for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, mandated by the Clean Water Act of 1972. Combing through the application, staff noted about two pages worth of changes they will have to "navigate" through to become compliant with all the new regulations.

"Some of these are really heavy lifts," Williams said. "They change what we do in our lab; they add a considerable amount of more sam-

pling. Some parameters are tighter."

The Clean Water Act limits the amount of effluent released, increases the amount of biochemical oxygen demand, nutrient parameters, and requirements limiting removal of suspended solids.

A current rule being discussed by the EPA and DEQ revolves around PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances), which would be considered hazardous substances in Oregon, allowing DEQ to investigate contaminations and require clean up.

"As a result of discussions, DEQ has begun to really drill down on our land application for our Class B biosolids, which is where this would come into effect," Williams said.

Class B biosolids are processed sewage sludge often used as fertilizer. The City of Lebanon used to haul its "neutralized" Class B sludge to a rye field, but is currently dumping it in a landfill at a cost of \$6,300 per dump.

Whitlatch told Lebanon Local the city dumps the waste one or two times a week.

The new rule would also affect landfills, putting Lebanon in a position to figure out what to do with the waste once it can no longer dump it.

The current wastewater treatment plant is facing a problem with being near or at capacity with its liquid

stream (fluid waste). Williams said staff have been looking at ways to "buy time" without a major capital investment on the matter, but solid waste is moving up on the priority list due to the expected new rule with DEQ.

One consideration is to create a Class A product - treated sewage sludge that meets stringent standards and is safe enough to be placed on any public land. In fact, Williams said, many cities sell their Class A sludge.

Staff recently took a tour of a plant in Camas that uses a dryer to reduce the amount of liquid in their sludge. Lebanon's biosolid waste is currently 16-24% solid, making it as much as 84% liquid. The dryer, Williams said, would remove 90-90% of that liquid, making it much easier to get rid of.

As Williams put it, the city would be better off if it prepares ahead of time for the expected ruling that will ultimately prohibit Class B waste. To address the changes and fix current problems at the plant, construction project priorities would cost an estimated \$70 million for liquid stream, solid waste and operations issues.

Liquid stream - The city is looking at replacing three small clarifiers with one large clarifier and oxidation ditch. The larger clarifier would put the city in compliance with the amount of liquid waste it manages. However, the cost may be "drastically lower" if the city can instead add more oxygen to its aeration basins to meet permit requirements.

Solid stream - A centrifuge would separate solid waste from liquid, and reduce the amount of PFAS in the liquid effluent. A biosolids dry-

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Life jacket loaner program receives boost

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Photo courtesy of LFD
Life jackets in various sizes fill a loaner kiosk at Gill's Landing. When this year's supply began thinning out and the district began reconsidering its continuation, Boating Safety Education Coordinator MariAnn McKenzie from the Oregon State Marine Board delivered a donation of life jackets to support the program. Retired U.S. Navy Construction Battalion member Butch Alexander drove down from Portland to donate 30 new life jackets and add a monetary contribution to the program.
 Photo courtesy of LFD



ing or attempting to elude, reckless driving and DUII (liquor or controlled substance). She posted 10% of a \$10,000 bail.

Charges against **Jeffery James McCorkhill**, 36, of kidnapping II, DV strangulation, DV assault IV and harassment were dismissed with prejudice Aug. 12.

Keoni Martin Murray, 66, sentenced Aug. 8 to three years suspension of driver's license, 30 days jail, 24 mos. bench probation and a \$1,500 fine after pleading no contest to DUII (controlled substance) and two counts of FTA. Another FTA charge dismissed.

James Michael Nordahl, 37, sentenced Aug. 12 to 60 mos. with the Oregon Dept. of Corrections after pleading guilty to unlawful use of a firearm. Dismissed charges: assault I, two counts of assault II, unlawful use of a weapon, recklessly endangering another person and criminal mischief II.

David Harry Peter Johnson, 48, sentenced Aug. 14 to five days jail, 36 mos. supervised probation and \$300 in fines after pleading no contest to disorderly conduct II and possession of a weapon

in a public building.
Arthur Diego Romero, 52, was placed in the diversion program after pleading no contest to DUII (liquor) with a .03% BAC plus controlled substance.

Armando Garcia Suarez, 34, placed in the diversion program after pleading guilty to DUII (liquor) with a .08% BAC.

Michelle Titeca-Stidsen, 55, charged Aug. 14 with livestock at large, attempted assault II, escape II, assaulting a public safety officer, resisting arrest and menacing. Bail set at \$75,000.

Kailey Jade Tubbs, 26, sentenced July 30 to 18 mos. supervised probation after pleading no contest to three counts of identity theft. Theft I and three counts of identity theft dismissed.

A charge against **Donald Ray Watkins**, 81, of DUII (liquor and/or controlled substance) was dismissed with prejudice July 13.

Jimmie Watkins, 69, sentenced Aug. 4 to 364 days jail, five years with the Oregon Dept. of Corrections, five years post-prison supervision and \$1,000 in fines after a jury verdict of guilty of two counts of unlawful use of a firearm, two counts menacing and two counts pointing firearm at another.

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who are not allowed to.
 Meckley said that an "exception" or "exemption" does not mean students have free access to a communication device.
 "It should be for a specific reason," she said. "Is it because you need to check your blood sugar? Well, that's pretty obvious. Or is it because you have anxiety and need to listen to music? That's going to come up a lot.
 "There are some doctors who are writing notes in our state that that's OK."
 Martin also expressed concerns about the burdens posed on administrators by

"1,000 cellphones at the high school" and by students wanting to use school phones to make calls.

"They're going to have people coming and asking all the time," he said. "Now you're talking about secretaries' time, monitoring."

"These things need to be really, really clear."

Board Member Nichole Piland asked about Individual Education Plan students' use of phones.

Meckley and Rachel Hampton, director of special education, responded that those decisions are made by IEP staffers.

"Anything in an IEP is an IEP team decision," Meckley said. "It can't be made by a parent,

by us. It has to be an IEP team (decision).

After further back-and-forth on the policy, Board Member Clyde Rood stated he'd like to see some town halls, polling, and listening held "because this is going to be a painful situation going forward."

Meckley said the district has a plan in place to implement the policy. She told board members that the district can implement the plan without the policy being in place.

Members voted unanimously to approve the first reading of the policy with wording changes that had been suggested.

To view the entire board meeting, visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=oTo_DUValZg.

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er would reduce the volume of solid waste, and produce Class A biosolids. The dryer can easily be expanded, which could be beneficial if other municipalities want to pay the city for use of the dryer.

An idea staff have on the table is to be a "regional solution." Lebanon is one of many cities facing wastewater management problems and suffocation from state regulations. If Lebanon installs a dryer system, other cities might pay to use the dryer too.

Operations building – The current building for staff operations has a tank of raw sewage above it, which sometimes leaks inside.

Money saved for wastewater treatment plant capital projects is currently at \$20 million, leaving approximately \$50 million needed. Staff are "looking under every stone" for funding options, Williams said.

"This dollar amount is completely driven by regulation," he said. "These aren't things we wanna do to make our life easier or less complicated. These are things that we're being told (to do)."

Whitlatch said he roughed out an estimate of what it might look like to fund the project with a loan: about a 28.5% increase on the utility bill and a 60% increase in sewer fees.

"What we're saying is we don't have the answer to what that dollar figure is – we know it's something, we know that we're gonna have to spend some money out there. So we should probably look at incrementally raising rates as we move through the next couple of years."

Councilor Dave McClain suggested the possibility of drafting one resolution within which rates are automatically raised every six months.

"I think that every time that issue (raising rates) comes up before the public, they all get up in arms and they get mad about it," McClain said. "So maybe we should start talking

about a resolution that states that we should have a 1- or 2% increase every six months without coming to the council or whatever."

That idea could possibly be discussed during an upcoming goal setting meeting, Whitlatch said. He added he's not opposed to the idea of an inflationary rate process every year, but noted the importance of reminding the public why their rates are going up regularly.


"I think it's really important that we have the communication so the public knows why the rates are being raised," Whitlatch said. "I would feel awkward, I think, if we didn't come before this body and at least explain why we were raising rates. I think it's really important for you all and the public to know each time – even if it's repetitive – that we put that in front of you."

In other business:

- The council approved an amendment to the ordinance regarding the new City Ser-


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St. Martin's recognizes local Good Samaritan

George Hamilton and Sara Jameson, at left, members of St. Martin's Episcopal Church, awarded Paul Napper, right, a certificate of appreciation and grant money for his volunteer efforts to the homeless community. On a daily basis, Napper goes throughout town handing out snacks, meals, water and essentials to houseless individuals, funded by his own money. Once a year near wintertime, he hands out sleeping bags. "We are told to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and show compassion," Napper told the congregation. He said his goal is to get a shelter in Lebanon. Hamilton described Napper as a compassionate person who loves people and those who are down and out. He said the certificate "is a bit of encouragement, a bit of an acknowledgement of his endeavors that should be recognized."

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vices fee, which helps fund police, code enforcement, planning and municipal court operations. The original ordinance stated the fee is assessed only on developed properties. The amended ordinance states the fee applies to all properties, developed or not.

- The council awarded a Cheadle Lake Park Improvement project for pre-construction services to Knife River Corporation in the amount of \$34,900. If the Guaranteed Maximum Price can be negotiated to construct the project within the allocated budget of \$5.5 to \$6 million, an amendment to the contract will be recommended for approval. Whitlatch said there is more than \$2 million remaining from

a 2022 state grant, \$1 million from a large government grant, and a remainder of funds from Park System Development charges that will fund the Cheadle Lake project.

- McClain expressed frustration regarding the council's decision last year to put a moratorium on stipends paid to the council.

- During the April 30, 2024 Budget Committee meeting, faced with an approaching \$2 million deficit, council members present voted unanimously to opt out of receiving their stipends for FY 2024-2025, totalling \$36,000.

- Councilors' discussions during that meeting included comments that they aren't in the position for money but for service to the community, and that the small payment they receive doesn't even cover the amount of time

they put into the work. Additionally, city staff were asked to reduce their work hours, and residents were about to be charged a monthly \$18 City Services fee. Mayor Ken Jackola agreed with the comments, adding that "it's leadership by example."

- McClain said he feels they are being "demeaned and devalued," adding that if city employees were asked to forego some of their salary, they'd be angry. "It's not about the money, to me; it's the principal of it," he said. He went on to say that each councilor should be spending more than two or three hours a month in the position because they should be doing research, and going out and talking to the public about issues of the city.

"I think that anybody that cheats me or cheats me just sticks in my craw."

LOCAL EVENTS

Spend time at Healing Garden

Lebanon Community Hospital is hosting a series of monthly cultural events at the Boulder Falls Event Center and patio, 605 Mullins Dr. through the summer.

Healing Garden Lecture: Thursday, Sept. 18, at 6 p.m. - Diane Durston, curator emeritus from the Portland Japanese Garden, will discuss Japanese philosophies of Wabi Sabi and forest bathing. Registration is required.

For more information or to register, visit samhealth.org/LebanonHealingGardens or contact Brandy O'Bannon at bobannon@samhealth.org.

Wolthuis sisters to perform Aug. 23

René Wolthuis Johnson and Dr. Carmen Wolthuis Hall will present a piano and organ concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1155 22nd Ave., Sweet Home.

Johnson is a pianist and organist based in Arlington, Va. Hall is a pianist, educator, and founder of Timpanogos Chamber Music. She also directs Young Pianists International, teaches at Utah Valley University and currently serves as president of the Utah Music Teachers Association.

The concert will feature a diverse program that will include works by Widor, Kapustin, Brahms, Gounod, Mascagni and Bédard.

Hands on History back in Brownsville

Hands on History returns to Brownsville from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 23, at Library Park, 101 Park Avenue. It's a fun-filled day in the

park, featuring traditional pioneer and Native American skills, activities and crafts.

It's free, fun and for the whole family.

Hands on History includes activities like beeswax candle dipping, cornhusk doll making and washing clothes in an old galvanized tub on a washboard, which is especially fun on a hot day.

Attendees can listen to old-time fiddlers, watch a mountain man load a flintlock rifle, hear authentic Kalapuyan stories, enjoy wagon rides and pan for gold.

Hands on History is sponsored by the Linn County Museum Friends. The Linn County Historical Museum is at 101 Park Ave. in downtown Brownsville. Library Park is next door to the museum.

For details, visit Linnparks.com or email: lchm@co.linn.or.us.

Learn about Indoor gardening

Master Gardeners will host free monthly lectures on indoor gardening at the Lebanon Senior Center, 80 Tangent St.

Last lecture will be about seed starting for winter; Aug. 23 - tips for seed saving and identifying peak produce ripeness.

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

Taste and buy tomatoes

The Lebanon Downtown Farmers Market and the Santiam Food Alliance invite the public to Tomato Day from 2-6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 28, at the Lebanon Downtown

Farmers Market, 971 Park St., next to Ralston Park.

Visitors may admire, taste, and stock up on tomatoes. There will be tastings available of dozens of unusual and often beautiful tomato varieties from the market farmers and other gardens. An Oregon State University Extension Master Food Preserver will offer information on drying and canning tomatoes, a Master Gardener will provide advice on growing them, and volunteers will offer free samples of tomato-based foods.

The Lebanon Downtown Farmers Market happens every Thursday from 2 to 6 p.m. between late May and late October at Ralston Park. For more information, visit SweetHomeFarmersMarket.org/lebanon-thursday-market, and santiamfood.org.

Rehearsal for Rutter's "Requiem"

Lebanon Community Chorus invites singers to register for rehearsals for John Rutter's "Requiem" at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 4 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Days Saints, 1955 S 5th St.

LCC is an auditioned, mixed-voice chorus of volunteer members. For more information, visit LebanonCommunityChorus.org.

Trails work day

Build Lebanon Trails will host a work day from 9-11 a.m. on Sept. 13 at River Park. Visit BuildLebanonTrails.com for more information.

Albany Mushroom Festival

Cap and Stem Northwest will host its second annual Al-

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Lebanon firefighters tackle brush fire on Champion Mill site

Firefighters with Lebanon Fire District tackled a small brush fire on the old Champion Mill site on Sunday, July 20.

The fire, which came in as a burning tree located on an old mill property in the 3000 block of Burdell Blvd., turned into a quarter-acre fire quickly due to the dry, tall brush and grass.

According to a press release, the battalion chief immediately upgraded to a first alarm upon his arrival in order to get more brush equipment en route. Crews on the first arriving engine worked on knocking down the head of the fire and felling a tree that would help aid in the mop up phase to completely extinguish the blaze. Firefighters were on scene for more than 90 minutes extinguishing and mopping up the hotspots and getting a cold trail around the area. No injuries were reported, and the cause is under investigation.

During the incident, Lebanon's fire/medic units were busy responding to multiple 911 calls in the district, significantly



Photo provided by LFD

A fire burns up dry brush on the old Champion Mill site on July 20.

cantly reducing the amount of personnel needed to safely extinguish the blaze.

LFD responded with one engine, two single staffed brush units, one pumper-tender and two chief officers. The district was assisted by Albany Fire Department's medic unit by responding to multiple medical calls going at the same

time.

Lebanon firefighters remind the public to be cautious with open flames, discarded cigarettes and recreational fires due to the summertime dryness. All burning - including backyard barrel burning - is currently prohibited, while small recreational fires in fire pits are allowed.

Former WesternU professor joins pool board

By Sarah Brown
Lebanon Local

In a special meeting, the Lebanon Aquatic District interviewed three candidates on Aug. 7 to fill former board member Mark McAllister's seat.

Applying for the position were Robert Waterhouse, Elaine Wilder and Ross Dewberry. After asking questions about how the candidates' background could be beneficial to the pool and how they could help bring funding for pool repairs, the board unanimously chose Wilder to fill the seat.

Waterhouse, a user of the Lebanon pool for 25 years, is a chemical engineer with research, technical and project management experience. He has served on various boards, committees and councils over the years.

Dewberry has experience with water purification while he served in the Marine Corps.

Wilder, a retired physical therapist and professor, has an extensive background in education, publications and presentations related to physical therapy, children's health and women's health. She helped acquire several grants, served on multiple boards and committees, and has volunteered with many organizations. She recently joined the LAD Bud-



Photo by Sarah Brown

After incoming board member Elaine Wilder takes her seat, at left, the Lebanon Aquatic Board wraps up its business for the evening.

get Committee.

Board Member Darla Bulmer commended Wilder for her passion for community outreach, adding that is a "gap" in the board she would like to see fulfilled.

When asked by the board about needed repairs at the pool, Wilder said, "I think we have to raise money for renovations. I believe we have to have the pool."

She suggested seeking out mini grants that could add funds to the pot for repairs, and also offered fundraising ideas such as swim lessons and special events. Wild-

er, who taught at Lebanon's Western University of Health Sciences, said she is working with the college to rally student volunteers for Lebanon Community Pool.

As for going to voters for a bond, that is one route Wilder is not interested in taking.

"I am not in favor of a bond issue because I think that is not a workable solution, but I think we have to work with the community," she said. "There are groups in this community to whom we could go to ask for funds, starting with the mini grants and moving from there."

EVENTS

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bany Mushroom Festival from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sept. 21 at Timber Linn Park, 900 Price Rd. SE, Albany.

This free, family-friendly event will celebrate the wonderful world of fungi with food, activities, live music, workshops from mycology experts, and local artists and vendors.

Cap and Stem's mission is education and awareness on the benefits of gourmet and medicinal mushrooms. Cap and Stem hosts activities teaching how to identify and forage mushrooms, presentations on the benefits of medicinal mushrooms, and workshops with topics ranging from growing your own mushrooms to incorporating medicinal mushrooms into daily life.

For more information, visit AlbanyMushroomFestival.com, Facebook and Instagram - @AlbanyMushroomFestival or email albanymushroomfestival@gmail.com.

Brownsville Farmers Market

The Brownsville Farmer's Market is looking for vendors for the 2025 season. The market is held from 3-6 p.m. on Thursdays at 185 Main St., Brownsville (across from Dari Mart). For more information,

contact Melissa Selby at 541-223-4980 or info@gocfa.org.

Japanese Healing Garden tours

The Lebanon Community Hospital Foundation will host free monthly tours of Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital's Healing Gardens this spring and summer.

The gardens offer serene spaces for quiet walks, reflection and a chance to escape everyday distractions and stresses. Brandy O'Bannon, Lebanon Community Hospital Foundation executive director, invites all community members to join her for these special tours. The one-hour tours will guide visitors through the Samaritan Health Sciences Campus Entrance Garden and Campus Garden, providing insights into their history and maintenance while allowing guests to soak in the peaceful atmosphere.

Tours will take place at 10 a.m. on the second Friday of each month at the gazebo located at the Boulder Falls Event Center, 605 Mullins Drive. No registration is required. Upcoming tour dates: Sept. 12.

For more information, contact Brandy at bobannon@samhealth.org or visit samhealth.org/LebanonHealingGardens.

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LFD Board Member Dale White, left, thanks Ken Savage for his 38 years of service.

SAVAGE

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ly” shared their appreciation for his parenting advice, late night talks, fishing adventures and all the ways he made them a better person, summed up best by Lebanon Professional Firefighters Union President Jason Carroll, who said, “I think everyone in this room is a better person and a better firefighter for having the opportunity to work with you.”

During the six years Fire Chief Joseph Rodondi worked with Savage, he noted Savage’s ability to communicate and get things done, particularly using his skills to make the new fire station a reality.

“Ken has made a lasting impression on me in a lot of ways,” Rodondi said. “Part of that is his desire to be part of the team, to be part of something bigger than himself, and always understanding

that relationship with the community.”

Rodondi presented Savage with an American flag and a copper challenge coin.

“You were loved and respected by many,” he said.

Others gave more personalized gifts, including one from his wife, Diana Savage, and daughter, Jordan Weaver, who presented him with a wood-carved American flag.

It appears Savage’s dance card is already full for at least the first few years of his retirement, as he has plans to go on fishing trips, work on house projects and visit national parks with his wife. But those who remain working the field at LFD told Savage they expect him to drop in from time to time.

“The people are what make this place what it is, and it’s the people that make me want to get up again and come back, and that’s the piece I’ll miss the most,” he said.



Burgers, Barbecue, and a Big Donation

Photo provided by Jeff Gainer

Jeff “Cheffry” Gainer, of Sweet Home, took his food truck to the annual National Night Out on Aug. 5 to serve up some of his savory dishes, such as a double smashburger, Vietnamese chicken salad and barbecue pork sandwich. All of his profits that night were donated to Lebanon Fire Community Assistance and Initial Relief Service (LFCAIRS) in the amount of \$1,531. In the photo are, from left, Yari Scofield of Key Bank, Rockie Wilkins of LFCAIRS, and Jeff Gainer.

Specializing in a variety of international cuisine, Cheffry’s Gourmet Grub can be found at Moore Family Vineyard in Sweet Home.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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Walmart. Video shows driver look at damage and park further away.

1:33 p.m. - Caller reported theft of license plate from car. Report taken.

2:10 p.m. - Kelly Rydz, 50, of Lebanon, cited for driving while suspended, driving uninsured, 1100 block E. Grant St.

3:55 p.m. - Caller reported employees stole money

from lottery register at Lebanon Market. Loss valued at \$1,300. Report taken.

4:27 p.m. - Caller reported young kids riding electric scooters on street and pulling in front of cars, Dodge St.

4:33 p.m. - Caller reported cats inside car parked at hospital for four hours and showing signs of lethargy while owner is inside the hospital.

5:35 p.m. - Caller reported theft purse and backpack at Ralston Park. Victim said she left items with someone while she went down the street to use wi-fi, he left the items unattended and someone else is believed to have stolen them.

10:10 p.m. - Report taken for theft II of items from Walmart. Loss valued at \$447.76.

10:44 p.m. - Report taken for two-car crash, N 5th St./Reeves Pkwy. Paige Mary Goodwin, 24, taken into custody for DUII and reckless

driving; also cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

10:45 p.m. - Caller reported hit and run on parked car at Walmart. Witnesses said metallic orange-red Ford F250 backed into the car.

11:32 p.m. - Tammy Reta, 44, of Lebanon, cited for driving while suspended. Nakota Mullins, 23, of Albany, arrested on probation, parole violation warrants, 43300 block North River Dr. Report taken.

11:58 p.m. - Caller reported trespass of home while away, 100 block S 5th St. Back door was cracked open; neighbor identified two subjects who were rummaging through items on back porch.

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2:22 a.m. - Caller reported white truck driven by young male with shaggy blonde hair crashed into fence and drove away, 300 block Kees St. Car

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The first Parker-Umphrey family reunion in 1925 celebrated the occasion with a professional photograph.

REUNION

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1850s. They first settled in Tallman, a now-defunct tiny town just northwest of Lebanon's current city boundary. Family members later dispersed to other areas, such as Sand Ridge and Albany.

That first reunion was held at Hiram Parker's home in North Albany - Hiram is Moses and Mary Catherine's son. It was reported that an "old-fashioned dinner" of fried chicken was served under a large tree, and entertainment was conducted by members of the family.

Today, the Parker-Umphrey reunion dinners consist of more modern fare (including fried chicken), but there is one particular family recipe they've been eating since the 1930s: homemade chicken and noodles.

"In the past, my grandmother Jessie Parker always brought her chicken and noodles, which she was kind of famous for," explained Janna Wilson, great-great granddaughter of Moses Parker.

This year, Wilson and her brother, Dan Wilson-Fey, made the recipe from scratch, just as their grandmother did, using bone broth and handmade egg noodles cut according to how Jessie did it.

"She cut them on the bias a little bit; she had a particular way and a particular thickness," Wilson said.

Reunion meals made lasting impressions for some of the family members who, now in their 60s, tried to recall their earliest memories of Parker-Umphrey family reunions. They remember when the reunions were held at the Fairmont Grange in Albany in the mid-1900s.

"In the basement we would have the potluck dinner," said Nancy Tropic, one of the reunion organizers. "People would bring food and we would be all lined up, and the dessert table would be just groaning with all these delicious desserts. The kids were very excited about the

dessert table."

Robin Olsen, great-great grandson of Moses Parker, also remembers the dessert table. He was about 5 years old at the time.

"I remember walking along as a kid seeing all these sumptuous desserts - cakes and pies and (the like). I thought, 'God, I want those. I hope somebody offers them.'"

But nobody gave him direct permission to partake of the delights. Weeks later, as he joined his parents for a trip to the coast, Olsen said they were having a nice time until suddenly his face "clouded up" and he was upset. His parents asked what was wrong and he bawled, "I didn't get any cake at the Parker reunion!"

It's a memory he describes as "vivid," but he also recalls there being a lot of "wonderful, interesting, eccentric relatives."

Trotic recalled the grange hall as a fun location for the kids, such as herself at the time, to run around at.

"There were four sets of stairs, one at each corner of the building, and there were two levels. So the fun thing was to run around and around and up and down the stairs," she said.

After the potluck dinner, the family would display their talents with music, dancing, readings and the like. But, being the large family that they are, they also reserved some time to hold their "business meeting."

The business meeting, explained reunion organizer and "secretary" Beverly Price, is a time for the family to announce births, deaths, marriages, engagements, those serving in the military, oldest attendee, youngest attendee, and to determine who drove the furthest to attend the reunion.

This year, attendees came from Norway, Alaska, Texas, Washington, California and Oregon. Over the decades, the gatherings have taken place throughout Linn County, including Albany, Waterloo, Lebanon and the



Contributed photo

The Parker-Umphrey family gathered in 1952 to celebrate 100 years after their pioneer ancestors settled in Linn County.



Photo provided by Dan Wilson-Fey

More than 100 Parker-Umphrey family members gather for a group photo celebrating 100 years of reunions.

Sand Ridge School.

The date of the reunions also moved.

"It used to be in June, but there's so many farmers in the Parker family that the guys couldn't come, so we moved it to later in the year," Price said.

"When we were little, we had a lot of relatives that came from the Portland area, so we would have our family reunion, and then as soon as it was over, all the city kids would go out to the Parker farms in Tangent to see the cows and the chickens and the horses and all of that stuff," she said.

But over the years, Tropic

said, attendance began to decline, dwindling from an average of 100 to about 20 or so.

"The core of the reunion-goers are the ones who stayed in the Lebanon area because this was where the Parkers started farming when they came across the Oregon Trail," Tropic said. "This 100th anniversary was, I think, an opportunity to try to get people to come back, maybe people who hadn't been to the reunion ever or who hadn't been for a long time, and it worked."

Jessie Anderson, now in her 40s and a sixth generation from Moses Parker, is

one of them.

She said the last time she attended was about 14 years ago. She first started going when she was a toddler.

"I remember the ones that were at Uncle Jack Parker's tree farm," she said. "Those ones were my favorite. They had so much to do. We'd go play in the trees and chase the geese and tip over the swing set. We had a blast."

Her grandmother, Jean Parker, and Jean's twin brother Jack, were babies when the first 1925 reunion took place. They made it into that first reunion photo.

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Flashback to the Classics in Downtown Lebanon

As many as 112 car enthusiasts parked their trophy cars along Main Street on Aug. 9 during the Classic Car Show presented by Lebanon Downtown Association and Kristi's 50s Cafe. The annual event drew spectators to the downtown corridor where they looked at restored vintage vehicles, shopped vendor booths, listened to live music and stopped into locally owned businesses. Kristi's 50s Cafe bustled that day with activity, presenting an appropriate backdrop to the theme's era.



Man arrested for allegedly lighting hayfield on fire

A Lebanon man was arrested late Friday, July 18, after allegedly throwing things at vehicles and then lighting harvested hay on fire.

Linn County Sheriff Michelle Duncan said deputies responded at 11:15 p.m. to a report of a man walking in the middle of Brownsville Road, north of Brownsville, striking vehicles with rocks, causing damage.

Additional calls were received reporting that the man was continuing his disorderly behavior and, at one point, threw a bicycle into a vehicle. The man then ran into a

field near the intersection of Brownsville Road and Harrison Road where he lit harvested hay on fire before fleeing into the field.

The fire was extinguished by the Brownsville Rural Fire Protection District as deputies and Oregon State Police troopers began searching for the suspect with assistance from a Corvallis Police Department K9 unit and an Albany Police Department drone operator.

The male, identified as Kenneth Helfrich, 44, of Lebanon, was located hiding in a nearby field.

Helfrich was lodged at the Linn County Sheriff's Office jail on multiple charges related to damaging vehicles, including unlawful use of a weapon, first-degree criminal mischief, second-degree criminal trespassing, reckless endangering, giving false information to a police officer, and on multiple warrants. Additional charges are expected relating to the fire, Duncan said.

Anyone with additional information on the case is encouraged to contact the Linn County Sheriff's Office at (541) 967-3950.

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fluid, liquor bottle and black hat found at scene.

2:49 p.m. - Caller reported hit and run on parked car, 800 block Tangent St.

8:04 p.m. - Mark Doty, 66, of Lebanon, arrested for driving while suspended and for active arrest warrant. 2000 block S. Santiam Hwy. Cited and released. Report taken.

8:45 p.m. - Caller reported theft of oxycodone and celebrex from house while on vacation, 100 block Shannon Pl.

8:54 p.m. - Zachery Shinall, 27, of Corvallis, cited for driving while suspended, Santiam Hwy./Horseshoe Loop. Report taken.

9:59 p.m. - Joseph Castleman, 34, of Lebanon, cited for warrant, 13400 block River Rd. Report taken.

10:26 p.m. - Jack Thompson, 42, of Lebanon, cited on LMC warrant, 13400 block River Rd. Report taken.

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12:34 a.m. - Officer responded to fight, 800 block S

12th St.

4:44 a.m. - Caller reported theft from 38000 block Weirich Dr. Suspect was not located. Value of stolen items estimated at \$70. Report taken.

7:38 a.m. - Zachary M. Johnson, 32, cited for driving while suspended, driving uninsured and LMC warrant for probation violation - theft III.

8:21 a.m. - Officer responded to fight between two males, S 7th St./W Airport Td.

10:26 a.m. - Caller reported someone sprayed insulation into car tailpipe, 2400 block S 3rd St.

2:04 p.m. - Harley DVader, 20, cited on LCCC warrant for FTA on original charge of criminal trespass II.

3:15 p.m. - Caller upset by bees flying onto her property from "numerous" bee hives on neighbor's property in 2800 block Cascade Dr. LCSO documented information, referred caller to Department of Agriculture.

4:19 p.m. - Holly Foster, 66, of Lebanon, cited for warrants, 2200 block McKinney

Lane. Report taken.

4:41 p.m. - Caller reported theft of alcohol by juveniles at 7-11.

5:43 p.m. - Caller reported a service dog was attacked by another dog at Wilco.

6:51 p.m. - Cherene Brawnner, 46, of Sweet Home, arrested for outstanding warrant, 30200 block Bates Lane. Cited and released. Report taken.

8:22 p.m. - Jayden R. Tribet, 18, cited for failure to obey traffic control device and improper display, Tangent/S 12th Sts.

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8:12 a.m. - Caller reported subject joined public zoom meeting for Lebanon Aquatic District and played porn video on the live feed.

8:17 a.m. - Gabriel Vincent Eckhold, 44, of Lacombe, arrested on two counts of improper use of emergency communications system and contempt of court. 41300 block Baptist Church Dr. According to LCSO, Eckhold frequently calls Sheriff's

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dispatchers and had been told many times not to call 911 when there is clearly no emergency. He continued to do so. Lodged at Linn County Jail. Report taken.

9:04 a.m. - Crash reported in 31700 block Berlin Rd. Non-injury. Teenage male cited for failure to maintain lane. Report taken.

10:01 a.m. - Residential burglary reported in 400 block Minnesota St. According to LCSO, missing items were computer-related and case may end up being a civil issue. Investigation ongoing. Report taken.

12:32 p.m. - Truck lost tire while driving, causing gash in concrete on Oak between Main/Park Sts. Driver just had his tire fixed and suspects service station forgot to put on or tighten lug nuts.

12:48 p.m. - Caller reported fraud involving their banking account over previous 48 hours, 1600 block Cascade Dr. Total loss \$653. Report taken.

1:34 p.m. - Nicholas Duncan, 47, taken into custody on LCCC warrants for FTAs on original charges of possession of methamphetamine, felon in possession of methamphetamine, felon in possession of weapon and possession of psilocybin; LJC warrant for contempt and probation violation and driving while suspended; and

LMC warrant.

3:06 p.m. - Officer advised subject to move travel trailer with expired tags off entrance of River Park.

3:45 p.m. - Unidentified subject taken into custody on Marion County Circuit Court warrant for attempted escape III, Polk County Community Corrections warrant for probation violation - attempt to elude, and SHMC warrant for disorderly conduct II.

4:44 p.m. - Unidentified subject cited for theft III, Walmart.

9:00 p.m. - Firearm located at Waterloo County Park, 31200 block 1st St. Described as 9 mm pistol, but LCSO declined to provide further information as it is seeking owner, who needs to verify ownership.

Report taken.

9:39 p.m. - Heather Mae Kelly, 45, cited on LMC warrant for FTA, AMC warrant for FTA, and SHMC warrants for FTAs on original charges of theft II, theft III, trespassing I, trespassing II and harassment.

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1:42 a.m. - Kimberly Hopper, 41, of Lebanon, cited for failure to provide proof of insurance, 30600 block Old Santiam Hwy.

8:15 a.m. - Austin Bottcher, 34, of Lebanon, arrested for outstanding warrant, 800 E. St. Report taken.

9:54 a.m. - Nicholas Wil-

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Waterloo picnic brings neighbors together

Photo provided by Sabrina Beskow

Waterloo County Park Playground hosted 30 residents for the city's annual community picnic on Aug. 16. Only two of them dared to compete for best homemade chili (above), landing 9-year-old Eli Beskow with first place and Justin Sawdon with second. Holly Mason won honors for the best dish with her homemade Oreo cookies-n-cream and Reese's peanut butter cupcakes.

When Eli's family first moved to Waterloo in 2016, they had an idea of what they wanted their community to be, said Eli's mom, Sabrina Beskow. They stepped in to serve on the City Council (Sabrina's husband, Adam, is a city councilor) and events like the annual picnic. Although they added carnival games, prizes and food competitions to the event, Beskow hopes to see it evolve bigger into the vision she has to build that sense of a close-knit community.

"My favorite thing about the picnic is fostering the meaning of community with my kiddos," Beskow said. "Because every year they both look forward to the picnic, the cook-off and getting to see specific community members."

Waterloo ADU decision tabled to next meeting

By Sarah Brown
Lebanon Local

The Waterloo City Council reviewed two requests to install fencing and tabled a decision on a proposed ordinance for accessory dwelling units during its meeting Aug. 12.

Jason Nelmark applied for a permit to replace an existing fence at 30937 7th St. After reviewing the application, the council unanimously approved the request.

Mark Kropf requested to install fencing at 39426 Klum St. He informed the council his contractor already installed a fence and gate off 7th Street without a permit from the city. Staff and council discussed the possibility of a building permit being issued after the fact as an addendum to a formerly-submitted permit for work he's doing on the property. The council unanimously approved the amendment pending confirmation of proper setbacks.

The council reviewed a draft ordinance establishing standards for accessory

dwelling units (ADUs).

The ordinance would allow for attached, detached or home conversion ADUs. To gain approval for an ADU, the parcel size must be at least .45 acres, the ADU must be no more than 16 feet high and 800 square feet, nor exceed 50% of the square footage of the primary residence. It must have setbacks of 20-30 feet and comply with Linn County building code requirements. They cannot be used for short-term rentals.

Currently two residents - Jason Cripe and Mark Kropf - want to add ADUs to their properties. Cripe, present at this meeting, expressed frustration about the minimum parcel size, saying someone has to own half or more of a block to be able to have an ADU.

"After compiling all the information from council, the agreement was that more than one home per quarter-block is too dense for this area," City Recorder Justin Cary said.

"We have to put an ordi-

nance in place that would make sure we stayed consistent across the board for any other ADUs," said Councilor Adam Beskow, who was sitting in for the mayor, who was absent. "So we had to create an ordinance that would allow ADUs within our city limits."

Cripe, who said he's on a quarter-block parcel, argued that at least half the population would not be able to meet those parcel size requirements. Cary said Linn County's minimum requirement for parcel size in this matter is two acres.

Councilor Bill Young motioned to approve the ordinance; it was not seconded. The council then approved a motion to table the discussion and decision until the next City Council meeting.

In other business:

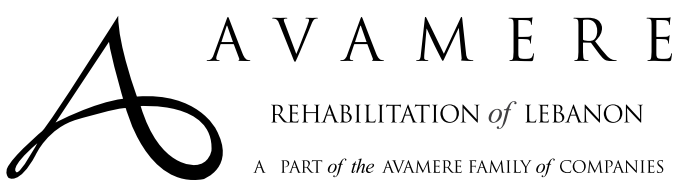
• Cary informed the council he was able to receive reissued checks from PacifiCorp.

• Street Master Chad Wolfe briefly pointed out vegetation overgrowth issues at 6th and Card streets and 5th and Card

streets. The council noted the homeowner has made quite a bit of progress clearing out overgrowth.

• Enforcement Officer Dennis Scott told the council let-


ters are going out at 3rd and Gross streets for vegetation, junk and RV inhabitants; and at 7th and Card streets for RV inhabitants.



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Jaywalking is for the birds

Artist Gary Marks began adding his blue jay “jaywalkers” crosswalk art on the street at the intersection of Sherman and Main streets this month. Lebanon Downtown Association Executive Director Shellie Jackola asked Marks to be the first to add color to one of Lebanon’s downtown crosswalks, and expects more designs in other downtown crosswalks by various artists over time. Marks’ artwork will be done after he finishes painting five birds and adds a colorful background. “This is the kind of stuff that gets people excited about where they live,” Marks said. “Stuff like this I really believe contributes to keeping vibrancy in downtown.”



REUNION

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“She was super important, and these (reunions) were really important to her,” Anderson said.

And for that reason, Anderson determined herself to travel the distance from Pullman, Wash., to attend the centennial celebration.

Trotic explained that most of the attendees came from Moses’ line, likely because Allen Parker’s family moved to the Toledo area early on while Moses’ family stayed closer to Lebanon. This year, four descendants of Allen attended.

A more notable attendee was 6-month-old Parker MacHugh, one of the few seventh-generation descendants and the youngest one to carry the Parker name as his forename.

“It’s exciting to see some younger generation folks today,” Wilson commented about the attendance.

With the way society functions today, it’s understandable that continuing the Parker-Umphrey reunions for another 100 years could be at question.

Price remembers her mother doing genealogy, a hobby Price had no interest in as a child. But now in her 70s and having helped organize the reunions for 15 years, she wonders if the gatherings could go another 100 years.

“I don’t know if we’re gonna have enough younger kids the next generation to keep it going,” she said.

However, she was pleased to meet a young relative who is eager to learn about her roots.

“There’s a lady that came out from Texas that is just so



Photo by Sarah Brown

Cindy Parker shows a genealogical collage of her descendants’ lineage.

excited to be here because her grandpa and her mom used to come when they were little,” Price said. “She’s really into the genealogy and that’s why she came. She wanted to find out about it.”

Another young gal, 15-year-old Amity Parker and great-great-great-great granddaughter to Moses Parker, has attended every reunion since her birth.

“I really enjoy seeing some family that I kind of know but I don’t know them a lot,” she said.

Though she doesn’t anticipate taking over reunion organization in the future, she does recognize its value.

“I do think it is important to have this reunion keep going every year, but it’s a lot of work for the people who put it on,” she said. “Not everyone can make it every year; that’s the downside.”

Trotic, often lauded as the family’s historian and reunion pillar, also believes in the importance of family gatherings.

“It’s a chance to reconnect with roots, reconnect with cousins,” Trotic said. “And for those who haven’t attended or haven’t attended in a long time, it’s a chance to learn more about your family history.”

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liams, 35, arrested on outstanding warrant, Mountain Home Dr./Kingsbury Rd. Cited for failure to wear a seat-belt. Report taken.

2:26 p.m. - Caller reported fraudulent charges on an account. Total loss \$29.98. 31000 block 6th St. Report taken.

3:00 p.m. - Ryan Newton, 31, of Lebanon, cited and released on outstanding warrant, 37300 block Fawn Dr. Report taken.

3:57 p.m. - Ryan Newton, 31, identified as a transient, arrested for trespass II, unlawful possession of controlled substance - meth, and probation violation, 37100 block Dogwood Dr. Report taken.

5:17 p.m. - Hannah Brownell cited for speeding, 30500 block Mountain Home Rd.

10:45 p.m. - Alyana Bolton, 18, of Lebanon, cited for speeding (11-20 mph over limit), 30800 block Santiam Hwy.

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7:52 a.m. - Rikki-Lee Califf, 34, of Lebanon, cited for operating vehicle without driving privileges, driving uninsured and failure to renew vehicle registration, Fish Hatchery Dr./Ede Rd.

4:38 p.m. - Kady Hillsman, 19, of Brownsville, cited for following too close in area of Sand Ridge/Rock Hill roads.

7:42 p.m. - Darin Hill, 50, of Lebanon, cited for driving while suspended, driving uninsured, 1400 block S. Main St.

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2:59 a.m. - Caller reported subject pulling trash out of dumpster and making a mess, 2200 block S Main Rd.

7:53 a.m. - Caller reported theft of hydrocodone, muscle relaxers, glucagon shot, piercing ointment and \$16 in quarters from car either while at Safeway or Cheadle Lake.

8:06 a.m. - Nicklaus James Glasser, 35, cited on LMC warrant for FTA and LCJC warrant for criminal trespass II.

9:12 a.m. - Shannon Nichole Ballengee, 25, cited for speeding 38/25, S 12th/W D Sts.

9:33 a.m. - Suzanne Ishie, 71, of Lebanon, cited for failing to renew registration, Walnut/Grant streets.

9:37 a.m. - Hit and run reported in 3800 block S. Santiam Hwy. Victim was mailbox. Investigation ongoing, Report taken.

10:05 a.m. - Caller reported neighbor's RV hitch blocking sidewalk on S 9th St. near W Oak St. Officer couldn't find anything.

10:22 a.m. - Officer tagged travel trailer with expired tags parked at Marks Slough trail parking lot.

10:37 a.m. - Caller reported motorhome on street with heavy foot and bike traffic, S 9th/W D Sts. Officer found no motorhome.

10:38 a.m. - Caller reported camper and motorhome parked on gravel turnout at E Grant St./Berlin Rd. Owners said they would leave.

10:50 a.m. - Officer tagged RV parked on city street with expired tags, Hiatt/E Grant Sts.

11:08 a.m. - Caller reported tow-along trailer parked on street for weeks, 100 block Eaton St.

11:45 a.m. - Rene Uriel Camacho, 26, cited for speeding 59/45, Weldwood Dr./S Santiam Hwy.

See more at lebanonlocalnews.com.



Movies move to the Mill

Lebanon Downtown Association moved its summertime Movies in the Park to Scroggins Mill (Grant and 3rd streets) and renamed it Movies at the Mill this year.

Santiam Excursion Trains Director Nancy Randall, who is also an at-large board member for Lebanon Downtown Association, offered Scroggins Mill as a location for the summer movie nights in conjunction with their Friday Nights at the Mill bar events. LDA Executive Director Shellie Jackola called it a win-win opportunity, adding that Santiam also paid half the cost of the movies (which are licensed for \$500 each). Grant funding covers the other half of the cost.

"I think it's a great way to spend a summer night," said Hannah Ashton, who came from Albany with her husband, Alex, and dog, Polo, to watch "The Goonies" on Aug. 8.

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REAL ESTATE SOLD

Following are Lebanon, Sweet Home, and Brownsville area real estate transactions recorded with the county during late July and August 2025. These are not properties for sale, and some transactions may represent a change in ownership within a family or corporation. Properties are listed by address, property/residence size and purchase price:

2300 Main Rd., Lebanon; additional details not listed; 1.14 acres; \$475,000.

280 Sherman St., Lebanon; additional details not listed; 0.26 acres; \$470,700.

1117 Ash St., Brownsville; 1040 sq.ft., One story, three bedroom, one-bath built in 1980; 0.17 acres; \$300,000.

33919 Brewster Rd., Lebanon; 1329 sq.ft., One story,

three bedroom, one-bath built in 1959; 3.59 acres; \$539,900.

225 5th St., Lebanon; 1008 sq.ft., One story, three bedroom, one-bath built in 1978; 0.18 acres; \$325,000.

835 Rose St., Lebanon; 1152 sq.ft., One story, three bedroom, 1 ½ bath built in 1969; 0.25 acres; \$365,000.

205 Pine St., Lebanon; 2361 sq.ft., Two story, six bedroom, two-bath built in 1920; 0.3 acres; \$325,000.

37835 River Dr., Lebanon; 2895 sq.ft., One story, three bedroom, two-bath built in 2023; 1.41 acres; \$569,246.

25843 Brush Creek Rd., Sweet Home; 1838 sq.ft., One story with attic, three bedroom, 1 ½ bath built in 1930; 1 acre; \$465,000.

273 Larkspur St., Leba-

non; 1040 sq.ft., One story, three bedroom, one-bath built in 1977; 0.17 acres; \$365,000.

3248 Joseph St., Lebanon; 1825 sq.ft., Two story, three bedroom, 2 ½ bath built in 2007; 0.27 acres; \$435,000.

1125 4th St., Lebanon; 1056 sq.ft., One story, three bedroom, one-bath built in 1968; 0.17 acres; \$152,300.

605 14th Ave., Sweet Home; 1558 sq.ft., One story with attic, four bedroom, two-bath built in 1938; 0.26 acres; \$359,000.

3234 Highway 20., Sweet Home; 1244 sq.ft., One story, five bedroom, three bath built in 1946; 0.6 acres; \$320,000.

344 Seven Oaks Ln., Lebanon; additional details not listed; 0.35 acres; \$410,000.

502 Luna Way., Lebanon;

1513 sq.ft., One story, four bedroom, two-bath built in 2024; 0.13 acres; \$433,700.

784 Pebble St., Brownsville; 1755 sq.ft., Two story, three bedroom, 2 ½ bath built in 2024; 0.11 acres; \$399,000.

30528 Ty Valley Rd., Lebanon; 2028 sq.ft., One story with basement, three bedroom, two-bath built in 1976; 0.99 acres; \$532,000.

30652 Spring St., Lebanon; 804 sq.ft., One story, three bedroom, one-bath built in 1950; 0.3 acres; \$200,000.

2223 Main St., Sweet Home; 644 sq.ft., One story, two bedroom, one-bath built in 1935; 0.34 acres; \$250,000.

40121 Baptist Church Dr., Lebanon; 2080 sq.ft., Two story, three bedroom, 2 ½ bath built in 2008; 9.7 acres; \$784,000.

44682 River Dr., Foster; 1392 sq.ft., One story, one-bath built in 1974; 3.17 acres; \$275,000.

2987 Harding Ct., Sweet Home; 1390 sq.ft., One story, three bedroom, two-bath built in 1992; 0.23 acres; \$340,000.

557 Isabella St., Lebanon; 892 sq.ft., One story with attic and basement, three bedroom, two-bath built in 1900; 0.15 acres; \$393,000.

30383 Butte Creek Rd., Lebanon; 1506 sq.ft., One story, three bedroom, two-bath built in 1998; 1 acre; \$637,500.

2469 Kokanee Way., Lebanon; 2200 sq.ft., Two story, five bedroom, 2 ½ bath built in 2007; 0.12 acres; \$489,500.

38697 Weirich Dr., Lebanon; additional details not listed; 2.93 acres; \$235,000.

1860 Kalmia St., Sweet Home; 915 sq.ft., One story, two bedroom, one-bath built in 1950; 0.17 acres; \$268,000.

525 Angelee Ct., Lebanon; 1241 sq.ft., One story, three bedroom, two-bath built in 1993; 0.14 acres; \$367,000.

2340 4th St., Lebanon; 1056 sq.ft., One story, three bedroom, one-bath built in 1970; 0.46 acres; \$379,900.

358 Seven Oaks Ln., Lebanon; additional details not listed; 0.16 acres; \$500,000.

1883 Kalmia St., Sweet Home; 1398 sq.ft., One story, three bedroom, one-bath built in 1952; 0.26 acres; \$285,000.

551 B St., Lebanon; 2163 sq.ft., One story with attic, two bedroom, two-bath built in 1930; 0.19 acres; \$410,000.

4151 Osage St., Sweet Home; 1188 sq.ft., Double wide manufactured home, three bedroom, two-bath built in 1993; 0.14 acres;

\$300,000.

311 13th St., Lebanon; 1626 sq.ft., One story, three bedroom, one-bath built in 1946; 0.57 acres; \$335,000.

30723 Aspen Ln., Lebanon; 4000 sq.ft., One story with attic and basement, two bedroom, two-bath built in 1981; 5.15 acres; \$700,000.

1800 Airway Rd., Lebanon; additional details not listed; 0.22 acres; \$185,000.

46452 Santiam Hwy., Foster; 1653 sq.ft., Two story, two-bath built in 1950; 1 acre; \$290,000.

2634 9th St., Lebanon; 1067 sq.ft., One story, three bedroom, one-bath built in 1977; 0.18 acres; \$315,000.

695 Hiatt St., Lebanon; 2136 sq.ft., One story with attic and basement, three bedroom, 2 ½ bath built in 1931; 0.36 acres; \$560,000.

2240 Mckinney Ln., Lebanon; 1688 sq.ft., One story with attic, three bedroom, two-bath built in 1940; 0.14 acres; \$362,000.

5326 Poplar St., Sweet Home; 1426 sq.ft., One story with attic, two bedroom, one-bath built in 1950; 0.21 acres; \$212,000.

35586 Northern Dr., Brownsville; 1405 sq.ft., One story, two bedroom, 1 ½ bath built in 1972; 0.78 acres; \$371,000. 44237 North River Dr, Foster; 4550 sq.ft., Two story, eight bedroom, 3 ½ bath built in 2018; 5.18 acres; \$895,000.

1331 Poplar St., Sweet Home; 784 sq.ft., Single wide manufactured home, two bedroom, one-bath built in 1971; 0.16 acres; \$115,000.

535 A St., Lebanon; 1693 sq.ft., One story with attic, two bedroom, two-bath built in 1941; 0.19 acres; \$369,900.

958 13th Ave., Sweet Home; 576 sq.ft., One story, two bedroom, one-bath built in 1930; 0.22 acres; \$141,000.

3118 12th St., Lebanon; 1300 sq.ft., One story, three bedroom, two-bath built in 2007; 0.12 acres; \$381,900.

473 Juniper St., Sweet Home; 1180 sq.ft., One story, two bedroom, one-bath built in 1948; 0.23 acres; \$337,500.

33001 Sand Ridge Rd., Lebanon; 1307 sq.ft., One story, three bedroom, two-bath built in 1963; 1.52 acres; \$327,500.

1681 Franklin St., Lebanon; 1544 sq.ft., One story, two bedroom, one-bath built in 1915; 0.22 acres; \$279,500.



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Local shop owner's embroidery kits land in Magnolia Market

By Sarah Brown
Lebanon Local

In a boutique where vintage treasures meet modern trends, one local entrepreneur is stitching her way into the big leagues by gaining the attention of TV stars Chip and Joanna Gaines' Magnolia Market.

Rachael and Mike Folger, owners of The HNB House located at 585 S Main St., opened their brick and mortar business in 2022 after several years of running in the craft and bazaar circuit. HNB, it should be noted, is the acronym for one of Rachael's other professions, a paint party business called Hammers, Nails and Band-Aids.

The HNB House is a boutique featuring their own inventory of home decor and fashion, and housing more than 30 local vendors selling vintage elements and handmade products.

But another of Rachael's businesses is selling her handmade embroidery kits on the wholesale market. She offers about 45 different designs,

mostly spring and Christmas themed, through a wholesale sourcing market.

"We ship all over the world," she said.

That's where the Gaineses' Magnolia Market found Rachael's embroidery kits. The home renovation and lifestyle power couple, based out of Texas, garnered nationwide recognition through their multifaceted brand, which includes interior design, publishing, the television show "Fixer Upper," entertainment events and retail sales.

Early last year, Magnolia Market purchased about 1,100 kits from Rachael for their Christmas shop, and returned this year to purchase another 300 of the most popular kit, the Nutcracker Ballerina and Soldier set.

What makes Rachael's kits unique is the fact they're made of a very thin wood material with a wood-burned pattern.

"It's just like a normal embroidery pattern, but instead of using fabric to go in and out to do your different stitches,

you're just doing them on the wood," Rachael explained.

The kits are suitable for ages 10 and up, while some kits are available for children as young as 4 years old.

"I wanna open up a couple different lines because we have a lot of florals, we have a lot of frilly stuff, which is great and super popular, but I kinda wanna do a whole gothic line," she said before adding more embroidery ideas such as bookmarks and earrings.

Rachael also attended her first wholesale show at the Las Vegas Market last month, giving The HNB House an opportunity to expand its worldwide reach.

"It was definitely more of a networking event and getting our name out there, because we're really, really popular online," she said about the experience.

In July alone, HNB shipped out more than 1,600 embroidery kits.

"I actually can't keep them stocked in my store because they sell online so fast," she said.



Photo provided by Rachael Folger
Rachael Folger shows one of her many kits on the shelves at Magnolia Market in Texas.

Site dean named for COMP-NW

By Emily Campbell
WesternU Communications

Western University of Health Sciences has selected Dr. Heather Phipps, DO, MBA, as site dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific-Northwest (COMP-Northwest), effective Aug. 18.



Phipps

Phipps earned her Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Ohio University's Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine and holds an MBA from Washington State University.

"Dr. Heather Phipps is an exceptional leader who brings deep clinical experience, an unwavering commitment to osteopathic principles, and a strong vision for the future of medical education," said WesternU Provost and Chief Academic Officer Paula M. Crone, DO '92.

Phipps is a dedicated leader in medical education and orthopedic surgery. She was selected following a nationwide search.



Photo courtesy of Western U / Jeff Malet

White Coat Ceremony for new DPT students

WesternU's College of Health Sciences-Northwest held its white coat ceremony for new DPT students Aug. 1 in Lebanon. The students began their three-year program in early July, so this ceremony provided an opportunity to pause and reflect on their journey to date. The white coat symbolizes the beginning of a coveted, special educational journey in which academic excellence and humanism, professionalism, caring and trust are the focus, WesternU President Dr. Robin Farias-Eisner told the incoming students.



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Lebanon trail builders celebrate two decades of giving

By Sarah Brown
Lebanon Local

In an age of instant gratification, some of the best things in life are built one trail at a time.

That's what volunteers of nonprofit organization Build Lebanon Trails have literally been doing for 20 years. On Aug. 16, they gathered together at River Park to celebrate two decades of expanding Lebanon's trail system.

In 2005, current BLT President Rod Sell had a vision that the community could start with its one or two miles of trails and turn it into 30 miles (today they're envisioning 50). At the time, the only trails Lebanon had included a paved one off 12th Street and an "Eagle Scout Trail" along the Santiam River at Gill's Landing.

"We are sharing the vision, and the exciting thing is that we can do it," he told a local paper when BLT began forming.

According to Sell, BLT was born out of the "vision and unrelenting commitment" of Dr. Rick Wopat, who believed in the health benefits of outdoor activity. After meeting to do something about it, like-minded individuals – including Sell – took hold of the vision and made it reality.

Using grants, generous do-



Photo by Sarah Brown

BLT President Rod Sell, center, shares how the trail-building organization started 20 years ago. Sitting with him are Secretary Thad Nelson, left, and Board Member Jan Diamantine, right.

nations and innumerable hours of labor, volunteers have since built more than 12 miles of trails. The first trail built in 2006 was the Marks Slough Trail off Tennessee Road.

"It's always been our goal to do (at least) one trail segment a year," Sell said. "There's 61 trail segments in our plan."

Today, the trail system is interspersed throughout Lebanon and Sell is getting eager to see one of their biggest goals come closer to existence – connecting the trails in the north with those in the south.

"It's probably the most important trail we've ever built," Sell told the Parks, Trees and Trails Committee earlier last year. "We've been working for 18 years now to connect the south of Lebanon with the north of Lebanon."

When BLT completes its West River Trail Extension at River Park this year, they will turn their focus to the Georgia Pacific Mill Race Trail, a 1,300-foot connection linking Wheeler Street to River Park. More importantly to them, it's linking north to south.

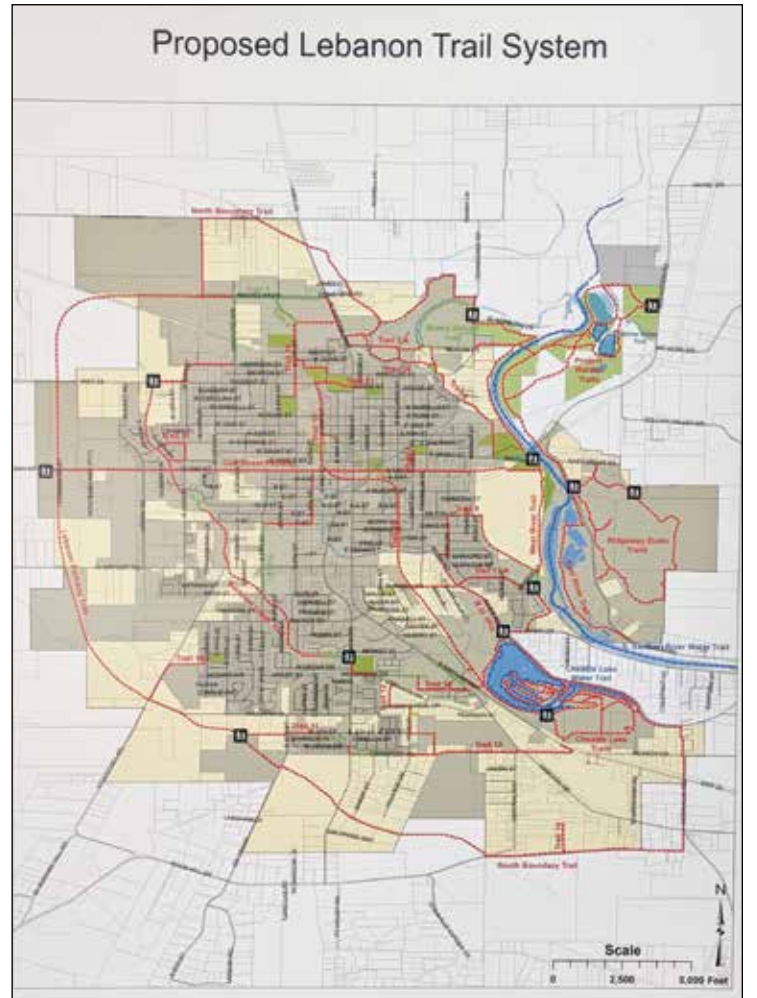


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Build Lebanon Trail's proposed trail system for the city.

But the group does more than build trails. They make trails beautiful and find ways to fund maintenance. Brambles are removed; benches, kiosks and trees are installed; and graffiti is promptly erased.

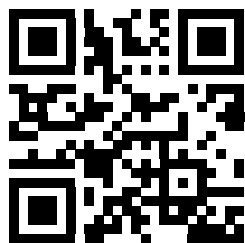
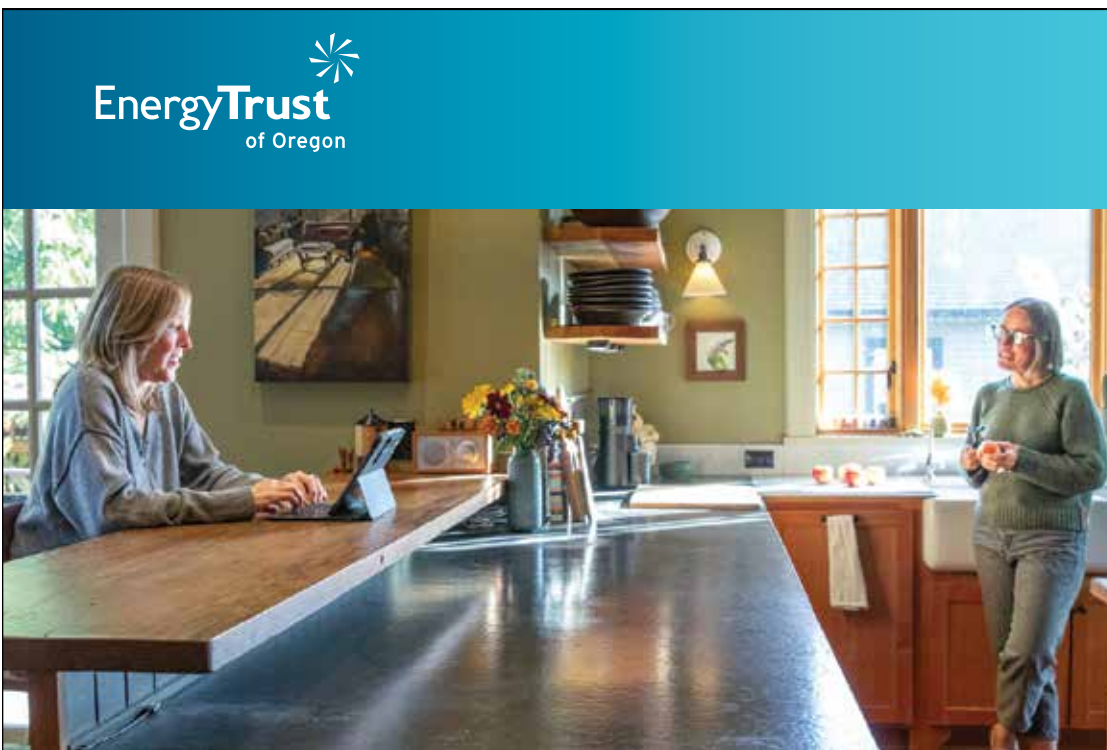
"The Wipeouts," something of a BLT sub-committee, immediately respond to reports of vandalism on their trails. And by year's end, they will have planted 360 trees, with a "Bucket Brigade" nurturing the newly-planted trees with fresh water for several weeks.

This group of trailblazers, so to speak, are building a gift for

the community, having already invested 20 years of their life walking, sweating, nurturing, cleaning and raising funds so Lebanon can be a place where people can safely enjoy a stroll (or a pedal) through the beautiful parts of the city.

Sell said committing to help BLT with its goals really isn't asking much. Yes, you have to be there and participate, but part of that includes going for walks where there's going to be a trail.

"When that trail's built, you'll go, 'Wow, I started this,'" he said.



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