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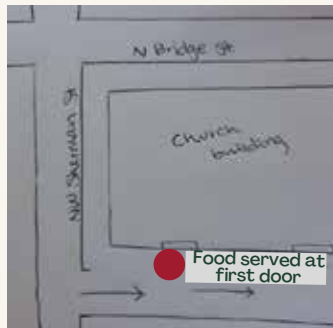
Inside this issue: **Grand Ronde Christmas Parade Photos**

Free Christmas Dinner To-Go

December 25th, 2021 10:30am to 12:30pm

Sheridan United Methodist Church
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Menu:

Slice of ham | Scalloped potatoes | Corn casserole |
Roll with butter | Christmas cookies

Willamina Decorating Contest Deadline Dec. 17

The Willamina Chamber of Commerce and the City of Willamina are hosting a holiday decorating contest. They are in search of illuminated and decorated homes and businesses within the city of Willamina.

Prizes will be awarded. To enter, decorate and illuminate your home or business and register as a participant. To register, email your name and address to Mardette@ci.willamina.or.us by Dec. 17. Remember to have your lights on for viewing and voting from Dec. 19 through Dec. 24.

Congratulations, Marilyn Levy!

Marilyn is the winner of the Sheridan Christmas Committee drawing for the

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I have lived in Oregon longer than my birthplace, Vancouver, Canada, and Southern California, where I grew up.

I am married to Arcelia, and we have four daughters. My daughter Rio attends the Sheridan Japanese school. We also have two adopted kids, Alexander and Isabella. Alexander works at Myer's Woodline in Sheridan.

Darrell Vittone launched Techtonics Tuning in 1981. He retired in 2014. I continue to operate the company with Randy Roth. Techtonics manufactures high-performance VW/Audi parts and exhaust systems and ships worldwide.

I joined Sheridan Chamber in 2014 and was active for a few years. I rejoined in 2020. I'm also an active member of the Sheridan Rotary Club, which works to serve Sheridan and the West Valley. I enjoy helping people and giving back to the community. I have made lifetime friends in both groups.

-- Collin Gyenes



Deck the House • Main Event 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18

Pick up maps and ballots at Hurricane Coffee. Hurricane staff will be serving hot cocoa SPECIALS!

Drive the route, enjoy the lights, create wonderful family memories!

Vote for your favorite houses and turn your ballot in at The Bulletin Board no later than Dec. 20.

This year's winners will be announced in the Dec. 22 issue of The Bulletin Board.

Voting is open from Dec. 13-20.

We appreciate the contestants going all out for this event and ask that everyone be respectful of their property.

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Memories:

Souvenirs our hearts collect throughout the years.

Contributed by a Bulletin Board Guest Writer

When I was born, I weighed 4 pounds. When they brought me home, they placed me in a shoebox and put me next to the woodstove. When company came to visit, they told the story about my head fitting in a teacup. Growing up, sitting around our big round table, telling stories, talking, whatever, someone would tell the story about a lady who lived up the hill from us, being four pounds when she was born. She now weighs 400 pounds. I put that in my head and wondered about it for years. I wasn't happy with myself because I was all bones. My mind told me I had a lot of years to reach 400 pounds, But I had to find out how not to do that. My grandmother took care of that. I had to bring in the cows. That meant walking around 800 acres listening for cowbells, up and down the fields of oats, through the timber, over fallen logs, through blackberry patches, then drive them to the barn, then milk one and get ready for school by 8 o'clock. Then walk the half-mile to school. Thankfully, I never ever came close to the 400 pounds.

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to the West Valley.

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Obituaries

Alan D. Porter

July 15, 1956 - Dec. 3, 2021

Alan D. Porter, 65, of McMinnville, passed away on Dec. 3, 2021. His wife, Marilyn, and daughters, Jennifer and Jamie, were at his bedside.

Alan was born to parents Howard "Dean" and Laura (Billings) Porter, on July 15, 1956, in McMinnville. Alan graduated from Sheridan High School and received a certificate from the Automotive Institute in Arizona. He was known for having several hobbies during his life, including racing, music, cooking, paintball, and riding ATVs.

He married Marilyn, the love of his life, in 1977, who survives him. Alan is also survived by daughter Jennifer (Porter) and husband Joe Bell, daughter Jamie, grandchildren Kaylee, Jackson, Mya, and Murphy, mother Laura Porter, sister Cindy Porter, and brother Duane Porter.

Alan was predeceased by his father, Dean.

In 1990 Alan gave his life to the Lord while attending the Sheridan Nazarene Church. Over the years, Alan dedicated much of his time to the church and its members. He was part of the worship team for many years. A self-taught bass guitarist, he



enjoyed singing and playing with his fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. His new love for the Lord, as well as singing and playing, led him to join a traveling gospel quartet, several Celebrate Recovery worship teams in the area, and many of the local Christmas Cantatas.

Alan's celebration of life is planned for 11 a.m. on Dec. 18, at the Dayton Christian Church, 520 Church Street in Dayton. Please note masks will be required. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Freedom House Church, P.O. Box 544, Dayton, OR 97114.

Dave P. Leavitt

June 5, 1951-Nov. 25, 2021

On Thursday, Nov. 5, 2021, Dave P. Leavitt, loving husband and father of one son, passed away at age 70 in Willamina.

He was born in Santa Monica, Calif., to Van Ness Hoover and Patricia Leavitt. Dave's grandmother was Mae Hoover Leavitt, President Herbert Hoover's sister.

Dave worked as an electrician for several years and later at Hughes Aircraft (became Raytheon Aerospace).

He had a passion for automobiles and loved the outdoors. He loved to attend antique auctions and, at one time, opened an antique store in Santa Monica. He loved to collect tools of all kinds, especially antique ones.

He was known for his long mustache, which he kept most of his life. Dave had a quick wit but mostly was a quiet man with a passion for animals. So many cats and dogs had his heart.

He married Linda in 1986, and they spent 35 years together. He leaves behind his beloved wife and son Jesse.

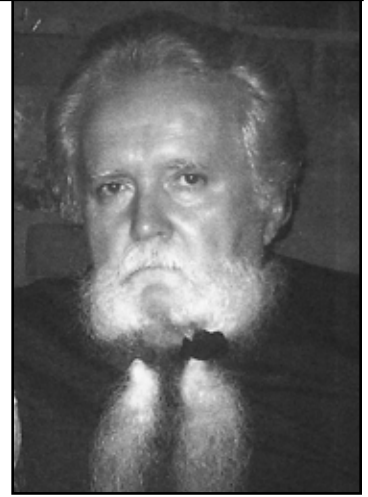
He was preceded in death by his mother, father, and only sibling, his brother Mike.

Dave's last 19 years were extremely difficult as he had Parkinson's and arthritis. However, he always dreamed of living in the country, so when he became disabled, he and Linda decided to move to Oregon and live in the country. He loved to spend hours in his power chair just enjoying the view of the mountains and the wildlife.

He also could spend time in his shop/garage tinkering around until his disease would no longer allow him to use his hands.

At his request, no service will be held.

"Many of his friends have reached out to us with their love and caring words. We also received beautiful flowers from many friends. All of this sure



helps ease the pain of our loss of this compassionate and loving man.

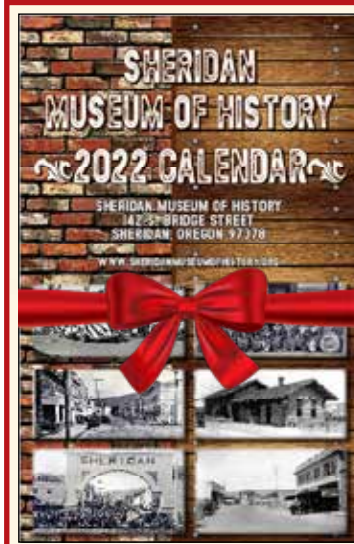


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November 29th - December 20th

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



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HUGE PRICE REDUCTION! Ranch in established McMinnville neighborhood. 2 BDS, 2.5 BA, bath & WIC in the master, huge living room has a wood burning fireplace, ramps for easy access. Oversized lot has a small, but usable shop, fenced yard, large covered back patio, apple & cherry trees, raspberries, strawberries, rose bushes, Sharon & snowball trees and raised garden beds. Seller will give a \$5000 carpet allowance. Brand new roof this year! \$350,000.

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Grand Ronde Parade Captures the Christmas Spirit Friday



A multitude of festive floats, vehicles, and equipment participated in the Grand Ronde Christmas Parade last Friday evening.



Could the passenger in the back seat be "Clark Griswold"?



Giant Santa is fastened to the car for a ride through the community.



The Youth Enrichment program was well-represented in the parade with three entries, including this well-lit van manned by Jerold Harris and Josh Sherwood.



The Brewer family, Talisha, Jazmine, Talon, Lance, Carson, Jennifer and Riley's float features a monkey, snowman and a Dachshund. (Pictured below is their dog, "Chevy.")

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A wonderful parade turn out included several first responders from Polk County Sheriff's to Grand Ronde Fire, and others.



The Grinch (aka Kathy the librarian) is stylin' in her mustang.



Grand Ronde Fire displayed equipment and community spirit.



Lit with candy canes and lots of lights, this beautiful truck represented Veteran Royalty.



Tom and Kim enjoy a cruise through the parade in their "ready for adventure" CF Moto side-by-side.



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Charming 1930 4BR, 2 bath, living room open concept, dining room with gas fireplace, large windows to let in natural light, wood floors. Nice size kitchen w/ lots of cupboard space. Gas SS stove, dishwasher, large utility room, covered patio, and detached garage/shop, storage shed, green house. Just under 1 acre w/Yamhill river frontage w/sandy beach area great for swimming. Lots of upgrades, plumbing, electrical, windows, roof, insulation and 3 RV hookup. Beautifully landscaped. \$425,000. Sheridan.



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Who Do Litterers Think Should Clean Up After Them on Country Roads?

When you see a large fountain drink cup lying on the sidewalk or in the gutter, do you wonder who the person who threw it there thinks should pick it up? I seriously doubt their moms run along behind them, picking up their improperly discarded trash. Several garbage cans are available along the streets in town for their use.

However, littering on country roads has increasingly become a cause for concern in many areas

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around the West Valley, where it would be challenging to place garbage cans. So this dirty job often ends up being taken care of by residents. A Red Prairie Road resident said he picks up everything from dirty diapers to fast food containers strewn along the road where he lives. He said his neighbors are continuously cleaning up around their mailbox stand area and beyond.

Unfortunately, it's not uncommon to see people throwing wrappers, cigarette butts, and other trash along roadsides. Many people believe there are "others" who will clean up after them, and consequently, the responsibility usually falls on property owners and taxpayers. In addition, when people see litter accumulated in one place, it sometimes gives people the impression that it is acceptable to litter there, compounding the problem.

Cigarette butts can take years to decompose because of cellulose acetate, contrary to the common perception that cigarette butts decompose very quickly - in a

matter of days. In reality, cigarette butts are a severe threat to the environment, as they contain toxic substances like arsenic, which can contaminate soil and water.

Plastic litter is another threat to the environment and animals. When consumed by animals, it cannot be digested. The long-term effect will usually kill them. Marine wildlife and birds have been found dead with plastic and cigarettes found in their stomachs.

Taxpayers' money spent to clean up after litterers could be used for more productive purposes. In addition, littered places are not only visually disgusting, but they also depreciate the aesthetic and actual value of the West Valley's beautiful surroundings.

Ideally, the best way to handle our littering problem would be for each person to take responsibility and properly dispose of their garbage.

However, the state of Oregon does have laws against offensive littering. In Oregon, littering is a Class A misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$6,250, imprisonment up to one year, or both. The law states that a person commits the crime of offensive littering if they discard or deposit any rubbish, trash, garbage, debris, or other refuse, upon the land of another without permission of the owner, or upon any public way, or in or upon any public transportation facility. The law also prohibits throwing any rubbish, trash, garbage, debris, or other refuse, from a vehicle that the person is operating. The law includes, but

is not limited to, roads, streets, alleys, lanes, trails, beaches, parks, and all recreational facilities operated by the state, a county, or a local municipality for use by the general public.

Across the country, courts typically impose fines and order litter cleanup or community service. Penalties range from \$25 in Massachusetts to \$30,000 in Maryland. In more severe cases, offenders may be subject to imprisonment, with sentences ranging from 10 days in Idaho to six years in Tennessee. In some instances, laws in Maryland, Massachusetts, and Louisiana also provide for suspending a violator's driver's license. Penalties in all states typically increase for subsequent convictions.

Penalties may affect littering behavior, but education and awareness may be crucial for long-term results.

West Valley's community cleanup events are an important way to spread anti-littering messages, but these cleanups rarely extend to rural country roads.

For the most part, residents in these areas must clean up after those who can't figure out how to tie down their truckloads of garbage - or how to show respect or compassion for other people, animals, or our beautiful country roads.

Maybe next time you're out for a walk in the country, you can take along some gloves and a trash bag. Whether or not you live in the outlying areas, your help will benefit everyone.

Wouldn't it be great if the people who get caught breaking this law would have to make up for it by cleaning up after others who've done the same?

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The facility was built during President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's presidency as part of the New Deal economic recovery plan. The Willamina School District used it as the Willamina High School until the school district built the new school at Oaken Hills.

The last class to graduate from this old school was in 2003. The building sat empty for several years before a private party purchased it in 2011.

In 2013, the West Valley Community Campus nonprofit organization was formed, and the board obtained a 501c3. Community work parties were held to save the building from further disrepair by patching the roof, cleaning, painting, installing heating systems, and more.

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Sheridan Museum Celebrates Successes and Give Thanks for Past Year



Anne Ballantyne introduces City Manager Heidi Bell



Ray Palmer leads the group in a prayer of thanks.



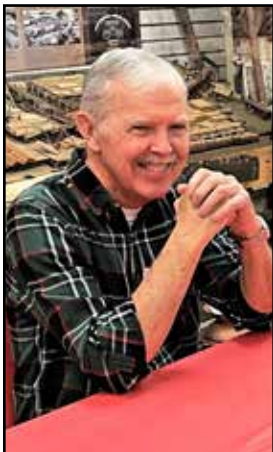
Donna Hulett makes sure Superintendent Dorie Vickery has information about museum membership.



June Palmer lent a hand with hosting the event.



Joan and Gary Remington have been generous supporters of the Sheridan Museum for many years.



Board Member Bill Hubble



Betty Graves, facing front, and her family, have a long history in Sheridan.

Sheridan Museum of History President John Hebert introduced a few special guests, including Sheridan School District Superintendent Dorie Vickery and new potential museum volunteer Alyssa Green. He also thanked the museum's "computer guru guy," Danny West, and Staci Coker for her help with the electronic sign board and other projects. Anne Ballantyne later introduced City Manager Heidi Bell.



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Willamina Ag Mechanic Shop Class Takes to the Road

April Carothers

This story could be about a beautiful turquoise custom car, featured in an upcoming road-show in Los Angeles, but it isn't: this story is about the kids who will build and install a display worthy to showcase this piece of history, among other fascinating projects these Willamina High School students are working on. The Willamina Ag Mechanic Shop teacher T.J. Wilson and his class were invited by Mark Stewart of Denton, Texas, to create a custom display for the Seaburst and go to Pomona, Calif., for the Grand National Roadster Show. Note that Mr. Wilson has a video up on YouTube under "Willamina Workshop: We've been invited to GRAND NATIONAL ROADSTER SHOW (LA)." Below the video is a link for anyone wishing to help with funding so these kids can make it to their event. The video also introduces us to the kids involved in the project. A little about the car: in the early '60s, the trend was to alter old sedans to make them worthy of admiration – or a magazine cover. Some were souped-up for racing, while others were carefully shaped to shine. The Seaburst is a '57 Ford that was custom built by Von Hunter in 1962 and shortly began winning car shows in Portland and was featured as one of the top 10 best custom cars in a 1964 issue of Car Craft magazine. The car makes its home in Texas now but still does car shows, including, by special invitation, a show in its 72nd year: the Grand National Roadster Show, which will take place Jan. y 28-30 at the Fairplex in Pomona, Calif. It's the world's longest-running indoor car show, and more than 500 cars will compete for the grand prize inside the Fairplex. Hundreds more cars will participate in the 15th Annual Grand Daddy Drive-In over that weekend. But as beautiful and fascinating as the Seaburst is, this story is about the kids. Willamina's shop classes currently feature several projects meant to help kids find their passions and perhaps lead to solid careers in the future. Some skills shop kids get to learn are construction, welding, fabrication, sheet metal, manufacturing, including the use of a CNC Plasma Cutter, a CNC Press-break, and more industry-specific tools. In addition, there's a full automotive section, agriculture mechanics projects for shows and the community, and

design technology. Students learn design from imagining it to fabricating it, marketing their designs, communicating with customers– all aspects of running a business from build to billing. The car show is one project that everyone is excited about. Students will build a display to showcase the Seaburst then travel to California to install the display and observe the car show. Leanna and Lauren are working on graphic design and laser engraving; Alex is working on the construction of metal-work like the podium and other structures built with the press brake he runs; Noah is doing the electrical work; Mason is on welding and assembly; Allison and Alyson are doing CAD design and utilizing the CNC Plasma Cutter; and Gaetan, an exchange student, is doing all the video work and documenting the entire experience by vlogging it (video blogging). The display for the car will feature neon lights, a vintage-style sign, and other graphic designs to tell the Seaburst's story. The Mid-Willamette Education Consortium (MWEC) Director Ed Woods and Regional Coordinator Debbie Johnson were on hand for a tour and were very enthusiastic about the entire shop program at Willamina. The MWEC works to bring educators together and provide support for Career Technical Education or CTE. They make sure that funding is available and distributed fairly so that all students have better opportunities and access. The goal is to provide improved career pathways for students with a particular goal of getting more females involved in an industry that has been unwelcoming to women in the past. Time has proven that women can be highly successful in the sciences, and the two MWEC representatives were encouraged by the number of girls participating in shop classes this year. That doesn't mean that boys get edged out, only that ALL students matter. We will follow up later this year to see how it all turned out! Again, the shop still needs donations of any size. For example, right now, students have to learn multiple languages in order to use each of the machines in the shop, and the goal is to raise money to purchase new software and drivers so that all the machines use the same lan-

guage. Obviously, we want the kids to be as up-to-date as possible in an ever-changing industry so that they can transition into careers when they graduate. Be sure to check out the video mentioned above for information about donating to this spectacular program.

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Sheridan Council Meeting: Public Comment Periods, Property Manag

Sheridan City Council President Sandy Walker stood in for Mayor Aaron Baer at the Dec. 6 Council meeting held in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Before the meeting, the mayor requested to postpone the agenda item regarding changing the Council's meeting location to one that allows greater access to the public until the next meeting when he will be there to join the discussion. The Council granted his request. However, two council members voiced concerns about removing agenda items at the last minute. One said she was aware of citizens who planned to attend and comment on the subject removed from the agenda. Another felt these last-minute changes threw the public off their plans to attend and offer opinions and information on specific topics.

The Council also discussed public comment periods during council meetings. Three councilors

spoke out in favor of having a public comment period at both the beginning and the end of each meeting, including workshops. All three favor encouraging public participation and feel it is important for residents to communicate their ideas, opinions, and information. They felt that removing the final comment period may prevent citizens from commenting on council discussions during the meeting.

City Manager Heidi Bell said a new public comment log would be added to the councilor's regular meeting packets, along with the new action log for tracking projects in progress.

She noted that she and the mayor are working on establishing more in-depth council rules and procedures that will cover many topics, from the decorum of council meetings to different types of meetings, such as regular meetings, executive sessions, workshops, and emergency meetings. She said it will also help establish a uniform agenda. Heidi advised the Council that Rose Hauck, a citizen interested in changing city ordinances to allow raising chickens within the city limits, will present at the Dec. 20 council meeting. All interested may wish to attend this meeting.

The Rotary and the Council decided to install security cameras at the Sheridan City Park. However, PGE will not allow security cameras on their poles. A solution may be to install the cameras at the top of the covered basketball structure.

Ryan Pasquarella, an auditor with Grove, Muller, and Swank, P.C., presented information about the city audit process with time allowed for the councilor's questions.

With the considerable confusion surrounding property management of City rental houses and City-owned land over the past year, City staff worked diligently to create a city-owned land report. Staff gave the Council 20 area maps with city-owned properties highlighted. Councilor Denny McElroy, noting a few errors on one of the maps, was met with thanks and enthusiasm by the city manager, who said, "Let's get this 100 percent right." Denny also asked about the garbage-laden city-owned rental house at the corner of Mill and Morgan, across from City Hall. He asked Heidi if the City employs a property manager. Heidi said there is, or was, a property



The City of Sheridan rental house at the corner of Mill and Morgan has been allowed to remain in this condition for the past few years. New City Manager Heidi Bell (who inherited this issue) said she will make this situation one of her priorities.

manager. She added that, right after she completes a proposal for an ARPA grant for Sheridan Road this week, her next priority will be to contact this property manager. She said it is her understanding that they have quit or are planning to quit in the near future, possibly at the beginning of the year. She will look into Sheridan's process for hiring a new property manager. She has not seen a copy of the property manager's contract, but she will ask staff members Yvonne or Omega to find this document. Heidi will consult with the city attorney about this new contract moving forward. The new property manager will understand the requirement to provide pertinent information to the City and follow specific guidelines regarding the properties. Denny asked how the tenants paid rent to the City and how the City paid the property manager. He also questioned whether new rental income from City-owned farm property (land that the City has owned for years with rental payments going to a private party until recently) would be a part

of the City's managed property. Councilor Lucy Hebert considered remediation of the City's rental at the corner of Mill and Morgan (shown above). Lucy called the condition of this house an embarrassment to the City and a poor example for other property owners. She had suggested, many months ago, that the property manager be fired for allowing this property to fall into such squalor and disrepair. Councilor Jim Buckles recommended a council discussion about whether or not the City should be in the rental business. Denny recommended contacting the regional water master to explain Sheridan's water rights at Stoney Mountain Springs and Stoney Mountain Reservoir. He provided contact information and noted that the water master has been beneficial to area farmers. Heidi said the city attorney is also looking into this matter and will likely have a report at the Council's Dec. 20 meeting. Opening the City's yard debris and cardboard collection areas on Saturdays to accommodate residents who work Monday

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ement, Councilor Classes, and More

through Friday was discussed. Volunteers would watch over the facilities to avoid the cost of overtime for City employees. Heidi said there is money in the budget for code enforcement. She would like to use some of these funds to place large open dropbox dumpsters in a few locations around Sheridan for citizens to dispose of junk items that violate municipal codes. She suggested councilors might watch over the dropboxes to be sure banned items don't end up in the dumpsters.

Heidi said residents would receive notice ahead of time when the dumpster would be in their area so they could prepare to get rid of offending materials at their property. She said, in her experience, the dumpsters fill up quickly, usually within a day. They would then be emptied and moved to other locations around the town.

Heidi has designed training sessions for Council members to include:

- Basics of the City Budget.**

- Land Use 101** will provide a basic summary of understanding planning, such as different land use applications (pre-app, site design, land divisions, etc.). City Planner Jim Jacks will summarize the City's Land Use Code and explain when the Planning Commission or the City Council gets involved.

Youth Outreach Extends Helping Hand

YCAP's Youth outreach offers support for teens ages 11-17, who are at risk, kicked out of their homes, runaways, or homeless. The **Safe Shelter** program provides prevention and shelter services.

Prevention services include case management to identify a safe, stable living plan, mental health services, and professional family mediation to resolve conflicts. In addition, shelter services offer state-licensed host homes that can house youths for up to 21 days. They operate around the clock, 365 days a year.

For more information regarding the Safe Shelter program, email James Olsen at JamesO@yamhillcap.org or call 971-237-4511.

The **Transitional Living Program** (TLP) offers live-in group apartment housing for runaways or homeless youths ages 16 to 24. Youths can receive support, shelter, and work toward self-sufficiency for up to 18 months. For more information, email Erin Butters at ErinB@yamhillcap.org or call 971-237-7059.

- Oregon Ethics** Commission staff will provide information about the laws and responsibilities of elected officials regarding ethics.

- Visioning and Goal Setting** will comprise several mini sessions to prepare for a more extended goal-setting meeting in the spring. The city manager advised councilors to gather their thoughts, hopes, ideas, goals, and visions for Sheridan.

Information gathered during these sessions will help produce several survey topics for community members to give feedback. Councilor Rich Cox offered the following words of appreciation to Sheridan's new city manager, "I have some observations. I really appreciate, Lucy, your demeanor since Heidi has come on-board. I know mine has changed. I really appreciate the energy that everybody here is bringing and sharing. We're not as tense. There's a lot that has changed. I was so excited about coming to night versus 'Ugh, I've got to go to City Council.' I mean, it's evolved, and, Heidi, you're at fault (laughing). It's just the energy and the presence. The dynamics and the environment has changed in a positive, great way. I see it in the staff. I see it in city workers, and I see it within the council members. The common denominator is you. I want to say thank you because it makes a difference to myself and my town."

The **Drop-In Youth Center** is a safe place to come hang out and offers a wide variety of activities in a structured environment. Youths can play pool, enjoy the computer lab, or kick back and game out.

Ages 11-21 can also access free mental health services, including individual and group counseling, in addition to drug and alcohol prevention.

Group activities include classes on safe dating, body image, anti-bullying, and suicide preventions.

Academic support offers a quiet place to attend online classes, complete school work, or get help with homework.

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For further information, call 503-538-8023. The center is located at 719 E 1st St in Newberg. Online, go to yamhillcap.org/youth.

A MESSAGE FROM THE WILLAMINA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pre-Pandemic "Not So Distant" Memories

Here's where we left off and where we are excited to be going ... again!

Excerpt from Oregon School Boards Association Newsletter:

Education prospects are looking up for Oregon students. Oregon's four-year graduation rate rose 1.3 percentage points to 80% for 2018-19, a state high. In human numbers, 600 additional students earned a diploma. At the same time, the gap between historically underserved students and the state average is narrowing,

Willamina School District in the Coast Range west of Salem is among the districts where hard work and concentrated efforts are showing results. The high school's graduation rate improved from 71.4% in 2014 to 85.3% in 2019.

ODE included Willamina in the 2017-18 pilot of its schools in need of improvement process, and Superintendent Carrie Zimbrick credits ODE with helping to clarify the work the district needed to do. The four-year school improvement process includes an ODE coach on campus.

Zimbrick said continued ODE support even after Willamina data has gotten stronger is key to continued success.

Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction Colt Gill told the Legislature last year he wants the agency to provide support and assistance rather than just enforce rules and collect reports. The Student Success Act has provided ODE with additional staff to assist schools. Zimbrick said ODE has helped the district build on its successes and improve areas where it was lacking.

With the help of the Willamette Education Service District, Willamina is digging into its data to find students at risk and figure out how to best support them. Zimbrick said they have learned how to focus on individual details and schedules instead of looking at just bulk numbers. Zimbrick is thrilled by the additional resources the act promises to focus on the students who haven't made the gains.

"In my 35 years of being an educator, I've never been more excited for something," Zimbrick said.

The superintendent also credits the community for passing a 2014 bond, much of which went to a career and technical education building. Willamina students who took CTE courses had a 90% graduation rate last year.

Statewide data bears out the success of schools' focusing resources on CTE programs. Oregon students who took a career and technical education class graduated at an 88.9% rate, and those in a CTE course of study had a 93.5% rate, according to the 2018-19 data.

Willamina is picking up where it left off and will continue to focus on improving student outcomes for every child in our district.

Happy Holidays to you all!

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WHAT'S UP IN WILLAMINA
by mary jane

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Origins of Sheridan Christian Church Written by Joyce Zimbrick's Grandmother, Rhoda Cobb

In 1866, a small group had gathered at the home of Absalom Faulkner in Sheridan. To the onlooker, it would have been apparent they were there for some reason of great importance, and they would have been correct in their surmise, for the assembled people were the pioneer disciples of Christ, and they had visioned a church in their new country.

A church where the gospel, in all its simplicity and purity, as they saw it, could be given to the people about them and as they talk and suggested plans and ways for carrying them out, we may well know that doubts and fears must have arisen as to the success of the undertaking for present-day conveniences were then totally lacking, making the work of building incomparably hard but inured to hardships as they were, and to overcoming difficulties under trying conditions they determined a Church of Christ should be planted in that place and under the efficient leadership of the three Faulconer brothers, Absalom, Marcellus, and Thomas and Kitty Davis, the nucleus of that church was planted in Sheridan.

The organization having been completed and there being no church building in which to worship, services were held in the home of Absalom Faulkner, who had become a member of the church in 1847.

It is impossible for us of the present day to appreciate the difficulties encountered by those early pioneers as they paved the way for us, and in times of discouragement, it would be well for us to go back in retrospect over the wearisome way they traveled and contrast with the present with their beginning. Their place of meeting, and as aged mother Simpson expressed, was not much of a church, but they gladly came. Some on horseback, some with horse and buggy, others in the old farm wagon with a faithful farm team to draw it, and still others coming long distances on foot over trails or muddy roads. Later, a small but neatly built church, was finished which was the place of worship until in 1912 when it was moved to the present site and the main part of the present building was added to it and the new church as it is today was dedicated on the last Sunday in May 1912, with brother VanWinkle in charge.

While it is impossible at this late date to call to mind all those who so nobly helped to carry on the work as the years passed from the calendar of time, a few outstanding characters are remembered by older people of the present time. Among them, as we have previously mentioned, the Faulconer brothers, Absalom and his wife Mary, Thomas and his wife Lucy, and Marcellus (who became a member of the church in 1854), and his wife Caroline, who was baptized in the Yamhill River in the winter of 1853 at which time ice was cut away in preparation for her baptism.

Children still living in Sheridan are Mrs. Ollie Waugaman, Mrs. Clara Rowell, and (?)T. Faulconer, all faithful workers in the cause of Christ, as were their parents before them. Also, Jesse Faulconer of Ancortes, Wash. Others remembered are Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Davis, Mr. and Mrs. James Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. John Stanfield, Mr. and Mrs. John Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. ASA Childers, Mrs. Helen Burgess, tip graves, Mrs. Laughin, Mrs. Stone, Mrs. Payne, and Mr. and Mrs. Geo Davis.

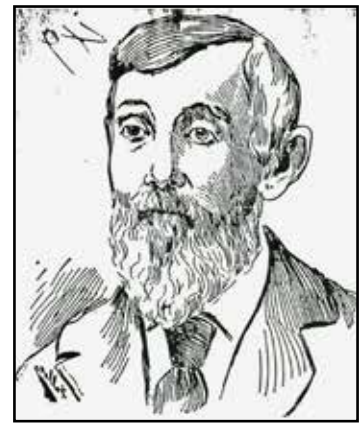
Memories of the oldest people interviewed go no farther back than to the pastorate of George W. Richardson, of whom no history of special interest is known, only that, quoting from CF Swanders, "He was in the forefront of the good fight of faith."

They mentioned Peter R. Burnett as among the first they remember, and the story of his early life and preparation for the ministry is very interesting.

He, as a boy of four years, came to Oregon in the caravan of 1846 and again, quoting from Swanders, "His education was achieved under truly pioneer conditions in the Academy at Lafayette, sessions were held in an upper room not unlike the one of Pentecostal days, but a room above a saloon. But even proximity of malt spirits could not quench the thirst for the divine spirit in young Peter. He afterward attended school at Bethel Institute near the present town of McCoy and later at Hesperian college at Woodland, Calif."

Peter Burnett baptized more than 2,000 converts during his ministry and established many new churches. On Nov. 9, 1922, while on his way home from a

prayer meeting in Eugene, he was struck by an automobile and so badly injured he died a few days later, and so passed from the scene of action, the last one of the pioneer preachers. We of today should be glad the Church of Christ in Sheridan has had some share in the lives of these truly great men and women of early church history who have silently passed from our sight but whose influence through the good they have accomplished will live on through countless years and with hearts overflowing with appreciation for their lives of sacrifice, move up to the place vacated by their going, let it be with the determination to press on as they did,



to higher planes of endeavor; not forgetting to give thanks to God for his goodness and mercy in leading us thus far.

-- Written by Rhoda D. Cobb

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