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# MERRY CHRISTMAS WEST VALLEY

The Bulletin Board will deliver next week's New Year's issue as usual. We will not publish a January 5 Issue.

The office will be closed Dec. 29-Jan. 6 • We will also close Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

#### Kind, Generous, Thoughtful Neighbors Make the West Valley Shine

We are all fortunate to be a part of this generous, warm-hearted West Valley community. It would be impossible to list every wonderful

thing every wonderful person did this past year. But every contribution, large and small, every volunteer hour, every act of kindness,

person did every time folks get together to help others, life is improved for every volunery.

For example, a generous donation from employees at Walsh Trucking meant Thanksgiving boxes filled with delicious holiday foods for families who may have otherwise gone hungry.

Food bank and food pantry volunteers also work year-round to ensure those who struggle financially do not go without food.

Hampton Lumber and employees have made countless donations of cash, supplies, food, and labor for many community projects throughout the year.

Hampton Lumber and Walsh trucking got together to provide and deliver wood chips for the preschool playground in Sheridan.

The incredible women of the Sheridan Lunch Bunch make free brown bag lunches for anyone who wants one about once a month. In addition, these same church members, Trinity Lutheran and Sheridan United Methodist, will provide free togo Christmas dinners on Christmas Day. They also provide backpacks and school supplies for children every fall, and so much more.

Many churches advertise and print flyers to invite folks to join their churches or attend events so that everyone in the West Valley knows the doors are open to them for fellowship and friendship.

Good Shepherd Catholic Church will send a spiritual care team to pray with homebound folks.

West Valley citizens overwhelmingly supported the efforts of the Trees of Giving to ensure every child in the West Valley would receive Christmas gifts. Cash donations from Rotary Club members totaled \$545.

First Federal is exceptionally generous to many West Valley causes,

donating thousands of dollars every year.

Due to Covid issues, Coyote Joe's could not host its annual free Christmas dinner this year, yet they still distributed free toys via a Christmas drive-through in their parking lot.

Kiwanis and Rotary held a coat drive for all ages. Members provided approximately 125 coats to keep their neighbors a little warmer.

Several groups gave us the wonderful gift of holiday music.

Stuck Electric coordinated Christmas lights and decorations for Sheridan and hung the lights in Willamina. Several generous folks donated \$12,065 for these lights and decorations for Sheridan.

The Chambers of Willamina and Sheridan sponsored Christmas parades. Rotary provided toys and hot cocoa in Sheridan and participated in all three West Valley parades.

In addition, the Sheridan Christmas Committee organized the parade, raised funds for events, and coordinated decorating contests.

West Valley volunteers care for animals in need and help find good homes for them.

Volunteers turn out for city and highways cleanups to restore community pride and set a good example for our youths.

Where would we be without those who give up their free time to volunteer for our fire boards, city councils, school boards, and museums? Naming all of the kind and generous souls who make life so much better would be impossible, but we know the West Valley is better because of them and say thank you.

This issue of The Bulletin Board is filled with businesses and individuals who want to send warm holiday wishes and express their gratitude to the remarkable people who live in the West Valley.











We want to thank everyone who listed and purchased homes with us in 2021.

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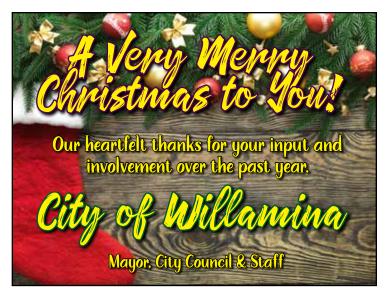
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#### from the Sheridan Fire District

The Sheridan Fire District would like to thank the community for supporting us this past year. Your kindness makes our jobs easier and more fulfilling.



#### Wishing You a Warm and Cheerful Merry Christmas!

Many thanks for your support of our students and staff.

**Sheridan** School District

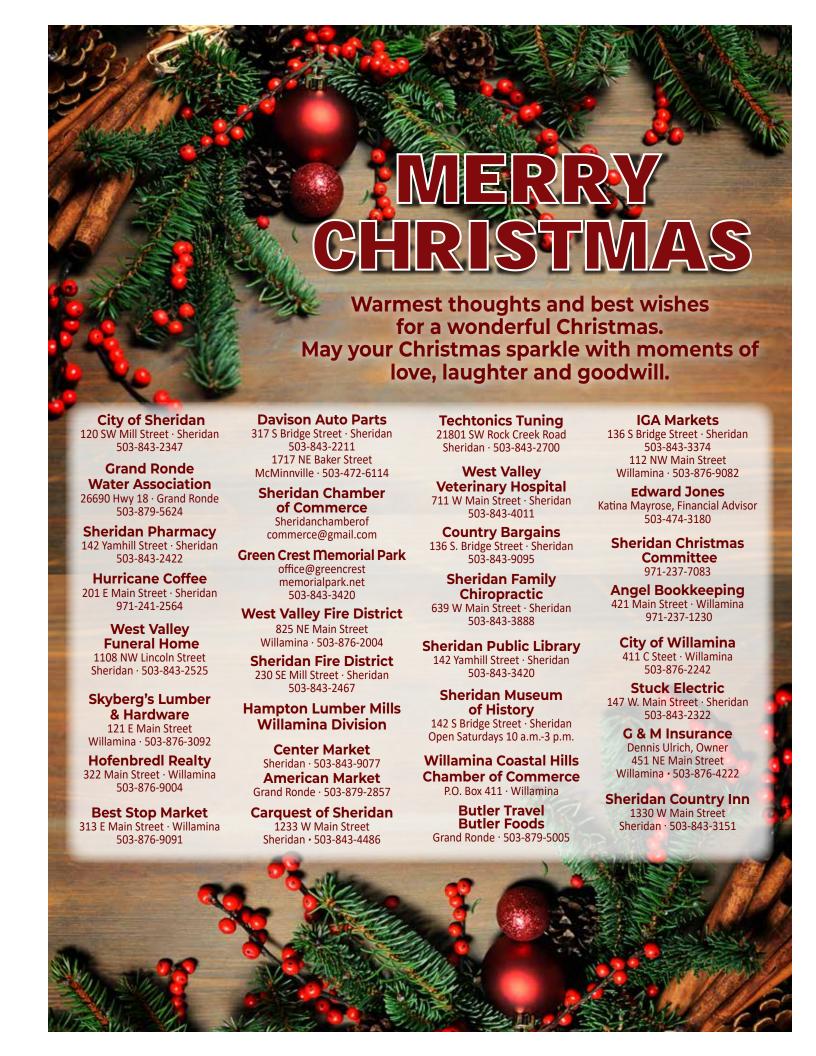
#### Merry Christmas & Many Thanks

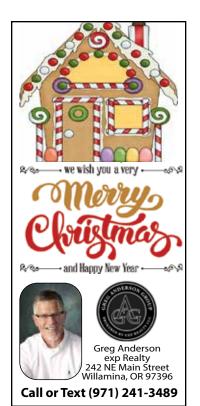
We'd like to wish everyone in the community a Merry Christmas and add our thanks for your support throughout the year.

#### West Vallev Fire District

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#### Tickle Me Elmo Top Gift 25 Years Ago

It's easy for adults to experience a little nostalgia when holiday shopping for their children. The holiday season has long been considered a special time of year, and much of that magic can be traced to the joy kids feel when unwrapping gifts from mom, dad, and, of course, Santa Claus.

Many parents who now have youngsters at home grew up in the 1990s. When such moms and dads are shopping for holiday gifts this season, they might wonder what was the must-have item for them back when they anxiously awaited the arrival of Christmas morning? According to Insider.com, who worked in conjunction with the Strong National Museum of Play in Rochester, New York, 1996 was the year of "Tickle Me Elmo." This ticklish toy was the most sought-after item of the 1996 holiday season, and it was

so popular that retailers experienced shortages. Those shortages led to some surprising sales on the secondary market, with figures that will undoubtedly drop some jaws even now, a quarter century after the Tickle Me Elmo craze erupted. Though the Tickle Me Elmo doll retailed for around \$30 in 1996, some parents intent on getting their youngsters the most in-demand gift that year reportedly spent more than \$1,000 on a single doll. To put that latter figure into perspective, data from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis indicates that the average price of a new car in 1996 was \$18,525. And according to Yahoo! Finance, drivers in the market for a used car in 1996 could have purchased a 1986 four-door Oldsmobile for just over \$2,600.

**Question:** How many ghosts show up in A Christmas Carol?

Answer: Four

#### The Christmas Song Was Written in 1945

This Christmas classic became one of the defining performances of Nat King Cole's career, as he is one of the most popular artists to perform the song and recorded it on at least three separate occasions.

"The Christmas Song," perhaps better known as "Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire," is a beloved tune co-written in 1945 by Mel Tormé and Robert Wells. The song was reportedly penned on a hot July day and the writers had to think cool thoughts to evoke a feeling of the holiday season.

**Question:** In the classic Christmas movie, How The Grinch Stole Christmas, the Grinch was described with three words. What are they?

Answer: Stink, stank, stunk

Question: Which country did

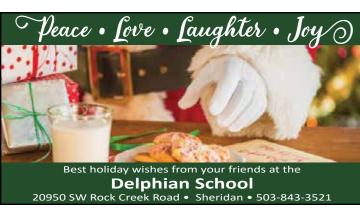
eggnog come from? **Answer:** England















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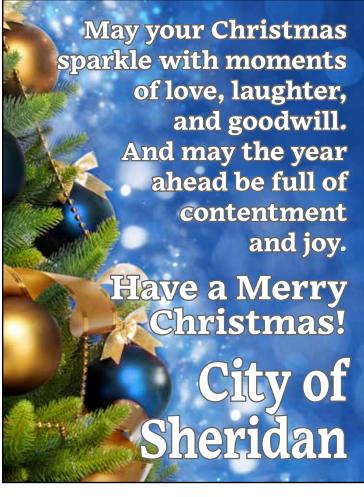


 $ec{I}$ d like to thank the community for their support this year.

> I know it's been a rough year and I want to wish all of you a safe and happy holiday season.

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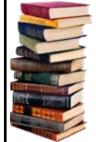
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Please email information to bulletin@wavecable.com by Friday. Community Calendar event listings are FREE.

Last Minute

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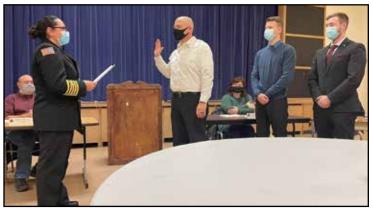
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#### **Sheridan Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief** Officially Sworn in Dec. 13 at High School



Sheridan Fire Chief Les Thomas and Deputy Fire Chief Larry Wooldridge were sworn in Dec. 13 by Oregon State Fire Marshal Chief Mariana Ruiz-Temple.



Deputy Fire Chief Larry Wooldridge is sworn in as his sons Nick and Keegan look on.



Fire Chief Les Thomas with his wife Lisa at the swearing in.



#### Willamina Council Working to Keep Essential Services Affordable

**April Carothers** 

The main focus of the December meeting was to discuss ways to balance the need for services with keeping those services affordable.

The first item on the regular agenda was Resolution 21-22-008, which amends the way charges are calculated for water use, wastewater, storm water, transportation, and parks services. Current funds are not sufficient to keep pace with new growth. This is an area where balance is needed: the more people reside in the City, the better the cost of services can be spread across more households- and the more businesses there are. However, as new structures are built and more services are needed, costs also rise. It takes work to juggle the changes in a way that is fair

The second item on the agenda was Resolution 21-22-009, which authorizes the city manager to pursue funding to replace two public works vehicles, two Ford Rangers, both purchased used. At least one of which has already had the engine and transmission rebuilt. The USDA Rural Development Community Facility Grant the City is applying for will help pay for replacement vehicles.

Also on the agenda: a need for new City Council members. They are hoping for multiple applicants in order to find the best people for the job. Anyone who applied previously should reapply if they wish to do so.

Resolution 21-22-010 addresses reducing the Construction Application Fee. Developers had expressed concerns over the fee, feeling that it is not a typical fee that cities charge, which is only partly true. All cities have methods for making sure new construction does not create unfair costs to existing residents. Discussion covered temporarily reducing the fees in order to entice developers yet still cover costs. These fees help cover many costs

for the city, but too high a fee and growth stalls. Growth may not sound beneficial to those who prefer small towns, but it is inevitable, and it doesn't just mean more people: it also means access to more and better services. The solution, for now, was to temporarily reduce the construction fee for two years.

Another item on the regular agenda: a Transportation System Plan to be added to the adopted Comprehensive Plan. When the City applies for grants, it has to provide a clear, legally adopted plan for how the grant money will be spent, and what projects it will cover. Some grants have very strict guidelines as to how money can be spent. There will be at least three meetings to shape this Transportation Plan, keeping in mind the needs of residents.

In good news, Federal Funding is coming to the City and can be used to help pay for the work being done to provide necessary water and waste water services such as the new radio meters, which are already being installed. This federal money can also be used to replace revenues lost due to the pandemic. A lot of work is involved in calculating how much money was lost, typical government hoops to jump through, from fewer people being able to pay for services and fewer people using services specifically because of the pandemic. Some of the money will go to the General Fund, which helps pay for library and museum grants to help citizens with food boxes, social events for homeschoolers, and other aid; it also helps pay for overtime when city workers have emergencies to cover, like ice storms.

Speaking of city workers, at the beginning of the pandemic, these workers were dangerously exposed to the virus because no one knew much about how it spread. No one was wearing masks in the early days; no one

understood the risks not just to workers but to anyone they come in contact with such as vulnerable family members. These people had to continue to do their jobs because the rest of us rely on such things as water, electricity, emergency services, etc. The Federal Government recognizes that these workers had no choice but to be at risk, so all employees who worked in person from March of 2020 through the end of the Emergency Declaration of the City of Willamina will be eligible for certain compensation.

Then came reports from all areas: Mayor Burr, Councilor Skyberg, and Councilor Johnson, as well as Kenna West, City Manager. Councilor Johnson particularly wanted to be sure that residents are aware that the City wants, to the best of its ability, to help those in need. Because it can be difficult to know where the need is greatest, the City will install a box, similar to a suggestion box, but that will be a receptacle for requests for help.

Among items of particular interest: the West Valley Fire District (WVFD) is continuing to move forward with beneficial restructuring. An Emergency Stakeholders Committee, which was originally temporary, has been established to help guide this process and make sure that emergency services are available where and when needed. The Barber and Walnut Street projects are on track to begin. Polk County received a grant for a pilot program to address rural homelessness and provide resources for solutions. Water agencies in Polk County are moving into a collaborative phase to provide better service. And Kenna West has landed a position on the board for the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) which, according to their website, "provides advocacy, training and information to empower Oregon cities to build vibrant, resilient communities." Now Willamina has a

voice on their board.

The City continues to educate itself on how best to help all members of the community and still maintain economic security. There is a new spirit of hope by members of the Council as more and more citizens get vaccinated. They feel that perhaps Willamina will see an end soon to fear of Covid-19 and see a resumption of the social activities that keep our spirits up and our community bonded together.



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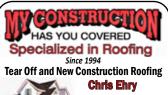


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#### **Obituaries**

#### Roberta Mae Stutzman June 28, 1934-Dec. 13, 2021

Roberta Mae Stutzman was born June 28, 1934, the second of eight children of Lawrence and Fannie (Smith) Berkey in Sheridan. She died Dec. 13, 2021, in McMinnville, from complications of COVID-19.

She married Cecil V. Stutzman Oct. 19, 1952. They had five children. Cecil left this life on Jun. 23, 1998, and has been graciously waiting for Roberta to join him.

Roberta is survived by one sister, Joyce McMillan of Salem; brothers Noah Berkey of Whiteson, Arlen Berkey of McMinnville, and Elmer Berkey of Amity; all five of her children, Cecilia Diane Stutzman and Donna C. (Alton) Butler, both of Sheridan, Peggy L. (Jay) Talmadge-Daiker of McMinnville, Donald D. (Teri) Stutzman of Ohio, and Veronica R. Hiatt of Sheridan; 13 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren, all of whom she loved dearly.

During the earlier years of her life, she worked as an accountant in the lumber industry for Fort Hill Lumber Company for many years and later for Hampton Lumber Company. In her mid-fifties, she went to full-time gardening, teaching her grandchildren about gardening, including flowers, fruits, and vegetables. She won several Grand Champion awards at the Oregon State Fair. She was also known as the "Tomato Lady of Yamhill County," who sold her produce to various restaurants and stores in the greater McMinnville area. She retired almost completely when the pandemic began.

Her hobbies were gardening, sewing and quilting, trips to the beach, traveling, and visiting her dearly loved grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In addition, Roberta enjoyed playing





Pinochle with her siblings twice a month for years.

She worked and lived briefly in Kenai, Alaska, and worked in real estate and taxes.

Roberta loved the Lord with all her being and was willing and ready to do whatever was asked of her to spread His word.

A viewing will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 26, at the Chapel of Macy and Son, 135 NE Evans in McMinnville. After the first of the year, a celebration of life will be held. The date will be announced later.



Doyle Butler Nov. 13, 1937-Dec. 13, 2021

Doyle Duane Butler was born on Nov. 16, 1937, to Ralph and Katherine Butler in Yelm, Wash. He spent his childhood in many Oregon cities including Lake-view, Tillamook, Ashland, and Portland before finally settling in Amity, where he met the love of his life in high school. He married LaVerda Yvonne Irwin on Oct. 5, 1957. Their early years were spent between Willamina and Burnt Ranch, Calif., before moving back to Willamina where they've lived for the past 47 years.

Doyle worked at Willamina Clay Products for nine years and Willamina Lumber for 31 years before retiring in 2006.

He enjoyed fishing on the Nestucca River and 101 Bridge, taking Sunday drives, and playing slots at Spirit Mountain Casino. He would go to the casino four times a week and had a ritual of putting on his lucky ring, gold chain, and stuffing his pockets full of his good luck charms and candy.

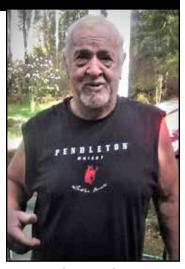
Doyle was known as "Candy Man" and enjoyed greeting everyone with an offering of candy from his pocket - sometimes lint covered.

Doyle had a large family and relished being surrounded by all his girls.

He is survived by his wife of sixty-four years, LaVerda Butler, six daughters, Cindy (Jim) Houk, Tina Meyerhoffer, Sandy Pond, Tammy (John) Gould-Helms, LeAnn (David) Keyser and Candy Scranton; 16 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

"His infectious laughter filled a room and he left a vacancy in our hearts," his family said.

Doyle passed away Dec. 13 surrounded by family. He will be buried at Hopewell Cemetery.



John M. Flory June 29, 1934-Dec. 12, 2021

John M. Flory passed away Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Salem hospital. He leaves behind his loving wife Alice of 59 years.

John had seven children, five of whom survive him: Karol Richard, John Flory Jr., Peggy Teague, Kelli Neal, and Suzi Ouimette. In addition, John has 17 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson.

He was a logger, a business owner in maintenance, and worked at Black Butte Ranch and Eagle Crest Resort.

John's family is very proud of the big beautiful log home he built in the 1980s. In addition, John had a cabin in Canada which was his and his wife's summer get-away for 25 years.

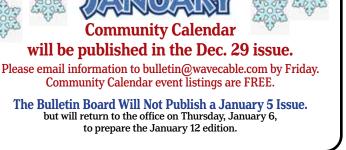
John loved his moose hunting and fishing adventures. He loved the outdoors and traveling to Alaska. Just about anywhere the road would take him.

He was a remarkable man adored by many. He was a funny, kind, loving, strong, stubborn, smart, hardworking man who shared his knowledge with his kids and grandkids.

He never turned down a challenge, and his inspiring self-discipline served him well. He loved to show off his arm-wrestling skills to anyone who dared to take him on.

His cut-off sleeves and massive hands may have been a bit intimidating, but John was a teddy bear in disguise.

He will be missed.





#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**



#### FROM THE DESK OF WILLAMINA CITY MANAGER KENNA WEST

There's no greater challenge and there is no greater honor than to be in public service ~ Condoleezza Rice

On December 14, 2021, your City Council completed the following business at their monthly City Council meeting:

- Held two public hearings. One hearing regarding the updated SDC rates paid by developers and homebuilders and one hearing regarding an opportunity to apply for a USDA grant to help pay for two public works vehicles.
- Adopted a Resolution to update the SDC rates paid by developers and homebuilders. SDC fees can only be used for very specific types of infrastructure projects in water, wastewater, parks, streets, and stormwater.
- Adopted a Resolution to authorize the City Manager to apply for a USDA grant to purchase two public works vehicles. As has been reported many times before, the City's equipment (including vehicles) is old and failing, and for many of our vehicles, it would cost more to try to repair them than they are worth.
- Adopted a Resolution to reduce the Construction Fee charged to developers and homebuilders. This is a complementary Resolution put in place to help offset the increased SDC fees.
- Authorized the City Manager to utilize federal funding for a number of different purposes throughout the City.
- Declared a vacancy on City Council that came open due to the resignation of our beloved Councilor McKnight.

If you are interested in applying for the open City Council position, please contact Deputy City Recorder Bridget Meneley at meneleyb@ci.willamina.or.us. Or you can go to the City website, download the application, fill it out, and drop it off at City Hall.

Have you noticed the GORGEOUS new kiosks and wayfinding signage going up in town? These beautiful new fixtures were designed and manufactured by Sea Reach (a Sheridan company!); installed by Willamina Public Works, Sea Reach staff, and the wonderful employees at Hampton Lumber; and they were paid for by a generous nearly \$57,000 grant from Travel Oregon! As you know from prior articles and the notice in your water bills, new water meters are being installed right now! These water meters are being paid for by federal funds and are free to our citizens. As with much of the City's infrastructure, the existing water meters are old and failing. The new meters will provide a more accurate read and will send out a notice to the City when a leak is detected so we can accurately reduce your water bills when you have a leak! We have had many complaints regarding failing meters, so we are very happy to get these new meters installed for our community! You'll see the contractor working in your area. There may be air or small amounts of sediment in your lines - just run the water until there is no longer air or sediment. They will be replacing approximately 150 meters per day

City Hall will have reduced hours for the week of December 20, 2021. Our staff will be available to help you on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (closed 12:30-1:30 for lunch), and Thursday from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm. We will be closed Thursday afternoon and all day Friday.

and hope to finish up around the end of the month!

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#### Contributed by a Bulletin Board Guest Writer

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#### John J. Plowman ("Jack") 1949 - 2021

Jack Plowman of Newberg passed away suddenly on Dec. 16, 2021, with his wife and children by his side. He was 72.

John Jacob Plowman was born Jan. 7, 1949, in McMinnville to John and Aileen Plowman, who nicknamed him "Jack" at an early age. He graduated from McMinnville High School in 1967 and Oregon State University in 1971. He was a member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. While attending OSU, he met and married Connie Bride of Sheridan.

Jack spent his career working in technology with Multnomah County, Evans Products, and IBM. In retirement, Jack nurtured his love for woodworking, sharing it with others by making personal wooden gifts and mementos, toys for children, and flag cases for veterans. Most recently, Jack volunteered at George Fox University's Maker's Hub, helping students with their woodworking projects and sharing his love for the craft.

He is survived by Connie, his wife of 50 years, his daughter Katie and her wife Ashlee, his son Derek and his wife Angelena, and his sister Judy Payne. His parents preceded him in death. Private interment will be held at

#### West Valley Fire District Board Position Open

West Valley Fire District is currently accepting applications for an open board member position. Those who wish to be considered must complete a volunteer application, found online at westvalleyfd.org.

Applications must be submitted no later than Monday, Jan. 7. Applications can be submitted by mail to 825 NE Main Street, Willamina OR, 97396 or to ctalley@swpolkfd.org. For further information, call 503-876-2004.

#### Winter Solstice Marks Shortest Day of the Year

The shortest day of 2021 was yesterday, Tuesday, December 21 — otherwise known as the winter solstice, marking the day of the year with the fewest sunlight hours. The word solstice literally means, in Latin, that the sun is standing still. That's because it marks the point when one of the Earth's poles has its maximum tilt away from the Sun.



Evergreen Cemetery in McMinnville. A celebration of life will follow at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the charity of your choice or the Sheridan Museum of History, PO Box 652, Sheridan, Oregon 97378. Jack made several displays and picture frames for the museum's artifacts.

To leave online condolences, visit www.macyandson.com



'Tis the season of wishing everyone joy and happiness through the holidays and into the coming new year, 2022.

It's the season for making lists for gifts and cards. Those cards will probably wish your family and friends joy and happiness.

I think this is also the season of kindness. When someone lets you go by in a crowded aisle, say a simple "Thank you" or "Excuse me." "You're welcome" and "Not a problem" are welcome comments in those situations. When someone holds a door for you, that's another good time to say "Thank you." Don't go racing past the person for whom the door was held. Maybe you can hold the door for someone who has trouble walking or is loaded down with packages and/or children. Something simple like this passes on a bunch of good feelings and usually garners a bunch of smiles.

That's what this season is all about... being kind. I think everyone likes people who are kind and considerate.

Being kind during the holiday season is "What's Up in Willamina."

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# ECORATING CONTEST WINNERS





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Sheridan's second Christmas "Deck the House" contest enjoyed another great turnout last Saturday night. Once again, Hurricane Coffee stayed open late to serve hot cocoa to everyone taking the tour of decorated homes. Those who stopped by the coffee drive-thru were greeted by a festive crew, including Cindy-Lou-Who (Katie Bach, pictured right). A new feature this year, thanks to Ashton Sanders, was an online map for voting. The five houses that received the greatest number of votes were awarded valuable prizes donated by the local organizations and businesses.

Staci Coker, Sheridan Christmas Committee, worked closely this year with local merchants who donated or created the gifts for this year's prizes.

"It is important to me that this community event, stays in this community. All prizes are from local business including several handmade items," said Staci. "I am grateful to the residents of this community for their participation. The time decorating can take is imeasurable, the impact on the community however is priceless. More people participaed this year than last and once again we are so thankful to our sponsors, participants and those who voted."

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water & low taxes. Roof and siding seem to be in good shape, vinyl windows, newer cadet wall heaters and on a cinder-block foundation. Appliances & mower included. Cash or rehab loan. \$249,900.

# Winners: Sheridan Business Decorating Contest



Susan Jones Aethetics takes first place with her "Frosty" windows.



Country Bargains, decked out from top to bottom, placed second.



Sheridan City Hall's lights, trees, and decorations takes third place.



Davsion Auto's windows feature a variety of wintery scenes.



Olaf makes a quick stop at Center Market on Monroe Street.



Sheridan Pharmacy at the corner of North Bridge and East Main

#### Gifts Tailor-Made For Tweens and Teens

Children often marvel at the world around them. They're delighted to receive just about any toy, and play with items that others may not see as fun including everything from mixing bowls to cardboard boxes. Slowly that cherubic toddler turns into a school-aged wonder, and later into a young adult trying to find his or her place in the world. With each passing year, the task of finding gifts for tweens and teenagers becomes that much more challenging.

While most parents and other relatives may never seem "cool" in the eyes of their teens, they can gift the tweens and teens they love with presents that will earn them a few extra brownie points. The following are five gift ideas that are tailor-made for tweens and teens.

#### 1. LED strip lights

Both girls and boys may enjoy customizing their rooms as they see fit. Teens can utilize LED strip lights to create a unique ambiance that reflects their style. These often self-sticking ribbons of lights adhere right to walls. They come in a variety of lengths so they can be used to frame the perimeter of the room, if desired. Complete with multicolored options and a remote control, teens can set their room colors as their mood dictates.

#### 2. Gift cards

Teens try to keep up with the latest styles. A gift card or clothing gift from one of their favorite retailers can help them build their ensembles that much quicker. Aeropostale. Abercrombie & Fitch, Hollister, Forever 21, Zumiez, American Eagle, and Tilly's are just some of the stores popular among today's tweens and teens.

#### 3. Wireless earbuds or headphones

Wireless headphones are used on a daily basis by tweens and teens. They rely on them for listening to music, watching movies on their devices and even during remote learning sessions. There are many brands to choose from, and Beats by Dre and Apple AirPods are among the most popular.

#### 4. Sneakers and shoes

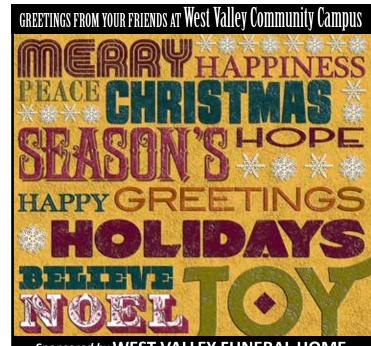
Sneakers have long been popular gifts for teenagers, but they tend to be costly, especially for trending styles and brands. Vans Slip-On® Core Classics, Converse Chuck Taylor All Star High Top Sneakers, Reebok Club

C 85 Vintage, Nike Air Force One, and Adidas Sobakov are popular among today's tweens and teens. In addition, thanks to the resurgence of 1990s style, Dr. Martens boots are once again in demand.

#### 5. Video game consoles

Each gamer has his or her preferred platform for gaming. From the Nintendo Switch to the Xbox Series X to the Sony PlayStation 5, these systems are in high demand. Due to that demand, these products may be harder to find the closer you get to Christmas Day. Grab them while you can and soak in the smile on your favorite tween's or teen's face.

Teens and tweens are notoriously challenging to shop for. However, with some knowledge, loved ones can find gifts tweens and teens are more likely to use and enjoy.



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#### Across

- 1. Slow mover
- 6. Office note
- 10. Speak indistinctly
- 14. Hair dye
- 15. Raring to go
- **16**. \_\_\_\_ Cod
- 17. Sworn statements
- 18. Seabiscuit, e.g.
- 20. Squirrels' homes
- 21. '50s monogram
- 22. Encouraged
- 23. O'Donnell of TV
- 25. Rains ice
- 26. Fight back
- 29. Big Dipper component
- 30. Censor
- 31. Make joyous
- 34. Glance over
- 38. Hen's creation
- 39. Arctic
- 40. Tavern order
- 41. Give temporarily
- 43. Grudge
- 44. Gradual
- 45. Greek mythology figure
- 47. Wall socket
- 49. Taken illegally
- 52. Scrapbook need
- **54**. Laid bathroom flooring
- **55**. Director \_\_\_\_ Brooks
- 56. Cantaloupe, e.g.
- 60. Opinion piece
- 62. Verdi work
- 63. Roof projection
- 64. At one time
- 65. Slumber
- 66. Begged
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- Tuesday)
- 7. Elude
- 8. Small rodents
- 9. Shelley work
- 10. Point winners
- 11. Shirt size
- 12. Troubled
- 13. Marsh grasses

- 19. Maui dance
- 24. New spouse's boy
- **25**. Sound systems
- 26. Stagger
- 27. Outer limit
- 28. Endorse
- 29. Medical "at once!"
- 32. Trims (off)
- 33. Famous boxer
- 35. Phone
- **36**. Balm
- 37. Salamander
- 42. Removed

- 44. Church spire
- 46. Remodel 48. Ultimate
- 49. Make tea
- 50. Wave type
- 51. Green shade
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#### **SJS Seeking School Board Members**

**April Carothers** 

The Sheridan Japanese School (SJS) is actively searching for new members to serve on the school board. These positions are unpaid, served by people who care about the community and particularly the success of the school. Currently serving are Amanda Mehlhoff, Daniel Rinke, Ann Schultz, and Eli Justman.

A passion for education is absolutely essential for board members. SJS is hoping to find someone with experience serving on a school board, although they would also be excited to have someone who truly cares about the school and the kids. Treasury experience would be a big plus as well as any experience with or ties to Japanese culture. Anyone with experience in education should apply, as well as anyone with experience in finance.

SJS has benefited enormously from the passion of its volunteers and from the generosity of the community, and it is hoping to find new board members who also want to see the kids succeed. The school offers smaller class sizes as well as a unique, rich experience for families who

may be looking for an alternative to mainstream public schools.

Please spread the word: anyone who cares about kids and education should contact the SJS board and apply. Remember: volunteer work looks good on a resume too, especially work that focuses on improving the lives of kids and families.

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#### Dear Santa,

My name is Adilynn, but everyone calls me Addy. I am 6 years old and in kindergarten.

My favorite colors are blue and pink and Christmas is my favorite holiday.

I have made a list of the things I would love to have for Christmas. Also according to my elf Ellie and my mom and dad, Iam on the nice list. I am doing really good in school and I help out a lot at home.

Here is my list!

- Mermaid high doll
- Rainbow high doll
- •My life doll stuff from walmart.
- Shoes
- •Mermaid decorations for my room.
- Night light

Thank you for reading my letter, Santa.

Love, Addy

#### Dear Santa,

I iphone wata a iPHonecat. LOL. Leah

#### Dear Santa,

My name is Isa. I am 4 years old. I live in Sheridan. This year I have been mostly good, but a little naughty. For Christmas I want Baby Doll & baby pajamas for doll, new slippers, coloring book (101 doll), more art supplies, bigger bike.

Your friend, Isa





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- •My life doll stuff from Wal-mart
- Bunny stuffed animal
- Barbie shopping store
- •LoL's
- •German shepard stuffed animal
- •Build a bear gift card
- Puppy decorations or disney for my room
- •mermaid high dolls

Thank you for eading my letter tell Rudolf I Love him and he is my favorite.

Love, Harmony

#### Dear Santa.

I would like a Phone and Jewelry and mag inkit and Dop it and Barbie's and more and make-up and hair ties and a Ked BoarD and Clothes.

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#### Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is good health and happiness for my family. And what I want for Christmas is some barbies. Love, Bella

#### Dear Santa Claus,

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Love, RonnY

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# A Message from the Sheridan Superintendent

#### Dear Sheridan Families,

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On Dec. 16 there was a nationwide post being shared on the social media platform TikTok.

The post insinuated a threat to school safety on Friday, Dec. 17. It did not target a specific school district and there were no known threats to Sheridan School District.

Non-credible threats can cause stress for our students, families, and staff. Please use this as an opportunity to have a conversation with your student about the nature of viral posts on social media. Sharing these types of posts spreads unfounded rumors and increases anxiety. It is also important to realize these false reports may be intended as a joke, but students should understand that they could be charged with a crime for posting or perpetuating threats or rumors of violence online.

It is never a joke to talk about committing a violent act at a school or encouraging others to do so. If you see or hear any threat to school safety we encourage students, parents, and our staff to report the threat immediately. Reports may be relayed to the Yamhill County Sheriff's office by calling their non-emergency line at 503-434-6500. Additionally, reports may be called into the Safe Oregon Hotline at (844) 472-3367 (call or text) or by email at tip@ safeoregon.com. This hotline also has an online reporting form which may be found at https://app.safeoregon.com. School safety is our highest priority. It is unfortunate that these types of social media posts gain so much traction in so little time. We also believe this will not be the last and only post of this type. Our best defense is to work together, up the communication and be diligent in factual reporting.

Thank you for trusting us with your child's safety. It is not something we take for granted. As a learning organization, our highest priority is a safe and welcoming school! Please continue to partner with us on this endeavor. In the midst of this incident, we wish you a safe and enjoyable time with family. Take the time to spread some joy with random acts of kindness and may there be peace on earth.

Nicole Mirabito, OSEA President Tim Hart, STA President Dorie Vickery, Superintendent

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#### Tasty Handmade Treats are Perfect for Christmas Gift Giving

Gifts from the heart are among the most coveted and appreciated come the holiday season. Hobbyists from all walks of life



can turn their passions into handmade gifts, but few gifts may be as welcomed as those that can be eaten.

Cooking and baking ramps up during the holiday season. People can turn extra time in the kitchen into opportunities to create festive treats that are ideal for gifting. But which items are the best of the best? Even though tastes are singular, these items will appeal to most foodies and others on your gift list.

•Jams and preserves: Fruit jams and preserves are versatile foods. They are as at home on toast and biscuits as they are as fillings in cookies and tarts. Jams and preserves can be made with relatively few ingredients and work well with seasonal fruits.

•Cinnamon rolls: Warm, sticky and full of aromatic spice, cinnamon rolls are the perfect comfort foods. These rolls do not typically have a long shelf life, so be sure to present them promptly before they get stale.

Pancakes (or cookies) in a jar: If you have a fantastic recipe that you can't resist sharing, try turning it into a gift. Measure and package the ingredients into mason jars, tie with ribbons and include directions for preparation and cooking.

•Mini bundt cakes: Fruit cakes may be a holiday standard, but bundt cakes make for great and traditional offerings as well. Miniature bundts filled with chocolate chips, dried fruits or even those soaked in a favorite boozy-butter glaze can be moist and delicious.

Chocolate barks or fudges: Seasonal flavors can come to life in chocolate treats. White chocolate filled with peppermint pieces or dark chocolate and cherry chunks are tasty pairings. Break apart portions of the bark or cut the fudge with cookie cutters and gift inside cello bags tied with ribbons or in cardboard candy boxes.

 Cocktail syrups: Create spicy or sweet syrups that are tailor-made for enhancing cocktails. Anyone on your gift list can then become a master mixologist.

•Shortbread cookie ornaments: Circular shortbread cookies can be decorated with royal icing to look like Christmas ornaments. They can be eaten or even placed on trees to complete holiday decor.

•Festive cookie pops: Cookie pops can be made by mixing homemade or prepurchased crumbled cake with frosting



or softened cream cheese and formed into balls. Insert a lollipop stick and dip the balls into melted chocolate or candy melts. Sprinkles, nonpareils or luster dust can be used to enhance the covered pops.

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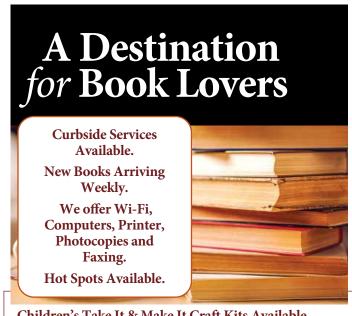
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Firefighters and medics spread Christmas cheer throughout the town last Saturday with their special delivery of candy canes. In the top photo, Bryce Bagby, is joined by his son Sam (in the back seat) and Brandon Stroud. In the lower photo, Chris Hoopingarner, Steven Brown and Steven Cooley join in on the holiday fun.



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