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Presidents Day Monday, Feb. 21

Schools, banks, the post office, The Bulletin Board office, and other local businesses will be closed on Monday in honor of Presidents Day.

Additionally, the Sheridan City Council meeting, normally held on the third Monday of each month, will be moved to the following day, Tuesday, Feb. 22.

The public is welcome to attend the council meeting at 7 p.m. on Feb. 22 at the Monroe Event Center, 111 SW Monroe St. Masks are required to attend in person. Others may attend via Zoom by contacting the City for information.

The Bulletin Board Summarizes Survey Results; Begins 8th Year

This week's Bulletin Board is the first issue of its eighth year. In preparation to begin this next year, The Bulletin Board has tallied the results of the annual anniversary survey which asked readers to rate their favorite features in The Bulletin Board.

Each year a winner is drawn from all entries, and the winner receives \$50. This year's winner is Wilma Angelford.

In the survey, circling the number 1 gave that feature the top rating; circling number 2 indicated "just okay"; and number 3 registered the reader's least favorites.

With this method, the lower the number, the higher the rating. Obituaries came in number one this year. Stories about local people and local photographs, tied for second place.

Local business and news tied for fourth place with information about food and services for those in need. The Community Calendar came in fifth.

And, again, the word search puzzle outranked the crossword puzzle by a bigger gap than in years past.

"Corky," the little clown who's hidden in the paper each week, did not fare well in the scoring. In fact, he came in last place. But, many readers have told us they really enjoy trying to find him each week and hope he sticks around. (He will.)

City council reports, random facts and humor, activity notices, and classified ads all ranked in the top ten.

We'd like to thank our survey participants for their kind words of encouragement noted on their entry coupons, including Lucille C., Amber D., Wilma A., Joan K., Carmen E., Debbie M., Carmen W., Bev M., and Alison H.

We will use the survey results and reader's comments as a guide to help us fill The Bulletin Board with the stories, photos, and features community members tell us they enjoy the most. We thank Bulletin Board advertisers for making it possible to publish the paper. If you enjoy the paper, please thank these businesses and individuals. Better yet, patronize their businesses so they can afford to keep advertising.

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WILLAMINA LIBRARY REPORT



FROM THE DESK OF
WILLAMINA LIBRARY
DIRECTOR SARA FROST

Expand your Imagination with the Willamina Library:

We are excited to share that, beginning Feb. 22, all library services will be available again. We would

like to invite and welcome our community to visit and experience the changes we've made.

Library services are available Monday and Tuesday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; and Wednesday and Thursday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Project-STEAM (Science.Technology.Engineering.Art.Math) is new to the library this year. From storytime to our new Creation Station, we are working on getting visitors engaged in everything from technology to art. The Creation Station features a digital art station, a 3D resin printer, and a Cricut machine.

We encourage collaborative and family gaming by offering board games and a collection of video games. However, if virtual gaming is more interesting to our gamers, then we provide Discord servers and programs for Dungeons and Dragons, Mine-craft Bedrock, Pokémon Go, and more.

South Yamhill River Astronomy Club is lending Citizen Science: Measuring Light in the Night kits for individuals or groups. With the Library Telescope Lending Program starting soon, the library hopes to encourage youth and families to look up at the night sky.

The Astronomy Club is returning to in-person/Zoom hybrid meetings in March. The club will meet on the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. and is open to interested astronomers of all ages. Join us on March 7 as we reenergize and look forward to upcoming events and opportunities.

Book Bike Outreach is coming soon. Our goal is to visit local neighborhoods, events, schools, parks, and more. Equipped with a laptop, printer, and Wi-Fi, we will be able to offer library services to those who may not be able to come to us. Our library hopes to partner with local organizations to provide resources and information to our community members. Watch for the Book Bike or become a Book Bike Outreach volunteer.

Events/Programs:

STEAM Event: Fae Day, Saturday, Feb. 26, noon-2 p.m., with Richard Guscott, Youth Services Coordinator, and our Library Programming Adventurers Club (LPAC).

Project-STEAM: Teens only, first Sundays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Project-STEAM: Youth, second Sundays, noon-2 p.m.

StoryTime: Wizard Richy and the Readers of the Roundtable: First Wednesdays at 2 p.m.

Timbervale Academy: a youth adventure with Wizard Richy, third Wednesdays at 4 p.m.

Love Our Library opportunities are available. We will have an informational meeting on Sunday, Apr. 24, at 2 p.m., to share ways individuals can volunteer, help with STEAM programs, be a part of fundraising efforts, or adopt a Library Program.

If you would be interested in learning more about what is happening at the Willamina Public Library, you can reach out to Sarah Frost, library director, at frosts@ci.willamina.or.us.

The public is also welcome to attend the Willamina Library Board meetings on the third Tuesday at 6 p.m. via Zoom.

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Announcement

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NOTICE OF PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCY

The Planning Commission is appointed by the Mayor of the City of Willamina to three year terms. If the vacancy is caused by anything but the expiration of term, the appointee shall serve the remainder of the expired term. The role of the Planning Commission is to administer the subdivision and zoning ordinances and make recommendations to the City Council concerning land use issues.

Applicants for this position must be available to attend at least one regular meeting generally scheduled in the evening, as well as other meetings and work sessions which are held during the day.

At the discretion of City Council, appointees to the Commission may reside outside the city limits, but must own a business or property within city limits, or have demonstrated through other means, such as civic or volunteer activity, that they have a sincere interest in the future of the City. At no time shall a quorum of the Commission reside outside city limits.

Other restrictions apply based upon occupation and family relationships.

To apply, please complete a Government Office Application which can be found on the City of Willamina website or at City Hall. Applicants can submit the applications via email to meneleyb@ci.willamina.or.us or drop the application off at City Hall. Applications must be submitted by end of day February 28, 2022.

Please call Bridget Meneley, Deputy City Recorder, at 503-876-2242 with any questions. You may also email Bridget at the email address above with questions.



Obituary

Pedro M. Duarte

Oct. 22, 1943 - Jan. 30, 2022

Pedro M. Duarte was born on Oct. 22, 1943, in Tepic Nayarit, Mexico. Pedro's mother was Maria Mercedes Montoya and his father Jesus Vera Duarte.

Pedro was from Nayarit and moved to Tijuana Baja, Calif., at a young age.

Pedro was part of a large family of ten: four sisters, Ana Maria Duarte, Aurora Duarte, Sandra Duarte and Yolanda Duarte; and five brothers, Jose Duarte, Manuel Duarte, Enrique Duarte, Jesus Duarte, and Jorge Duarte.

Pedro met his wife, Maria R. Duarte, in December of 1975. They were married nine months later, on Aug. 28, 1976. Pedro and Maria enjoyed 46 happy years of marriage.

In June of 1977, they welcomed their first-born child Blanca E. Garibay. After that, the family expanded with three more children, Felipe A. Duarte, Pedro E. Duarte, and Uriel Duarte.

Their children added a son-in-law; Cecilia Garibay's three



daughters-in-law, Alexis Alvarado, Elizabeth Kulpa, and Stacey Runningbird.

Pedro had 11 grandkids, Joseph A. Duarte, Jayden N. Duarte, Jordes N. Duarte, Makilha S. Duarte, Keylie Runningbird, Kaiya Runningbird, Jamisen M. Duarte, Genesis A. Duarte, Annalise Garibay, Kamila Duarte, Lorenzo J. Duarte.

Pedro worked for many years as a supervisor for RG and Slone in Bakersfield, Calif., before moving to Oregon and continuing his supervisory work at PSP in McMinnville.

Pedro moved with the company when it relocated to Centralia, Wash., staying with the company until he retired.

Pedro loved to go fishing and camping. In addition, he enjoyed live music and adventures with his family.

Pedro had a wonderful life loving his wife, children, grandkids, nieces, nephews, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, and many friends.

Services were held on Feb. 12 at St. James Church with Mariachi Music at the Chapel of Macy and Son the same day. To leave online condolences, visit www.macyandson.com.

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WHAT'S UP IN WILLAMINA

by mary jane

I've had people ask me, "Why don't they tear down the "old high school"? It seems that they think nothing is going on there. I usually ask them, "Have you been inside lately?" 99.9% of them reply, "No."

So I inform them that it is no longer the "old high school" but is now the West Valley Community Center. It is no longer a property of the school system or the city. It belongs to all of us. A lot has happened inside that building in the past few years. Most of it has been done by the volunteers who work on the third Saturday of each month.

There's a lot of new paint. The halls are now carpeted. A handicap ramp has been installed between the two buildings. There's a new heating system and some air conditioning, too. They've put in new lights in many of the rooms and hallways. The auditorium/cafeteria has been revamped for better use.

True, it doesn't look like anything is happening there, but it really and truly is. You have to go inside and look. Come on over and "work" the third Saturday of every month and take a look-see. A free lunch is offered to the folks who come and work.

Watching the "old high school" turn into a very nice facility is "What's Up In Willamina."



Committee Seeks 2022 Hometown Days Theme

Why should Hometown Days have a theme? A good theme can help bring Hometown Days to life. Themes are often associated with town celebrations, bring everything together, and give each year's event a special cohesiveness. It can set a tone and provide parade participants, vendors, and community members ideas to start planning floats, outfits, and activities that may be theme-related. A theme creates consistency and sets the tone for a town celebration. It gives everyone a chance to tailor their messages and create artwork and outfits that may leave a lasting impression, making the 2022 Hometown Days event a memorable time.

A good theme can create excitement and have participants looking forward to next year's event.

It's time to let your creative side ponder the possibilities and submit your ideas via email to bulletin@wavecable.com or mail your entries to The Bulletin Board, 136 E. Main Street, Sheridan 97378.

All theme ideas are welcome, but just for fun, here are a few ideas: Dreams Can Come True, It's a Magical Day, Havin' Fun in the West, Fantastic Adventures, A Time for Remembering, or Pages from the Ages.

Deadline for entries is Friday, Feb. 25. The winner will be selected by the Hometown Days Committee and will be announced in the March 2 issue of The Bulletin Board.

The contest is open to all ages. Creator of the winning theme will receive a \$50 prize.

Hofenbredl Realty Welcomes New Real Estate Broker Sarha Bacon

Real estate broker Sarha Bacon began working at Hofenbredl Realty at the end of September 2021. Barb Hofenbredl is the principal broker.

She attended school in Salem to earn her real estate license.

She has sold two houses so far, one in McMinnville and one in Sheridan. She currently has a listing for Camas Valley, sale pending, thanks to a referral from her first clients.

Sarha is a long-time Yamhill County resident who graduated from McMinnville High School in 2009. She and her family have lived in Willamina for the past two years.

Sarha met Barb Hofenbredl a couple of years ago when the family bought their first home in Willamina. Sarha said she and Barb just hit it off. They later determined that Barb and Sarha's fiancé are distant cousins.

Sara, long interested in real estate, said a horrible experience with a realtor when buying her first home led her to pursue the profession herself.

Sarah considers herself a detail-oriented person who is an excellent negotiator. Knowing that buying or selling a home can be a stressful experience, she added that she stands by her client's side throughout the entire process. Likewise, Sarha plans to work hard to carefully achieve the lowest stress possible to make the experience as enjoyable as she can.

Sarha was a beautician in McMinnville, Dallas, and Salem before she ventured into real estate. She's worked at Great Clips, Super Cuts, and had a shop of her own. Her shop, "Shear Happiness," served Life Care in McMinnville for about a month and a senior living facility in Dallas for about eight months. In the process, she hurt her shoulder and decided to look into a less strenuous career.

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Hofenbredl's is bringing her two kids, ages 7 and 11, to work with her when needed. For example, when the kids are distance learning, they can work at the office. She also has the option to work from home. Both kids attend Falconer Chapman School in Sheridan.

She enjoys spending her free time with her fiancé and their children when not assisting clients. The couple is now expecting their third child. Two golden retrievers, a wiener mix, a cat, and close to 40 chickens round out the rest of the family.

Sarah's hobbies include taking care of the farm and kids. In addition, she loves to craft, scrapbook, sew, embroider, cook, and take photographs.

In her spare time, Sarha may be found cooking something delicious or crafting her next project.

Sarha concluded, "Come all! Everybody's welcome. Give me a call! I'd be happy to chat, have lunch, coffee, just come in and say hi, introduce yourself."

Sarah is generally in the office from 9 a.m. until noon. If she's out and about, she welcomes calls or emails. Sarah's office phone number is 503-876-9004. Her email address is sarha.bacon695@gmail.com. Hofenbredl Realty is located at 322 NE Main Street in Willamina.

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Council Meeting Topics: New Judge, Storm Water Systems, Clean-up

Sheridan Council members discussed a request for proposals (RFP) to hire a new municipal judge who would serve Sheridan, Carlton, Dayton, and Amity. Current Judge Clifford Ross will retire at the end of the fiscal year.

The City of Carlton, who's traditionally employed the judge, issued the RFP. Then, Carlton makes arrangements with other cities to utilize this judge in their municipal courts.

Carlton's city manager will coordinate with the city managers of Sheridan, Dayton, and Amity, to create an interview committee whose mission is to make a joint recommendation to all councils involved. Carlton will then have information from all of the cities before making an employment decision. The other cities will each have the opportunity to decide whether or not they like Carlton's choice and decide whether or not to sign on. It's not a joint RFP, but the cities typically cooperate in the review and selection process.

Mayors from all of the cities involved were invited to serve on the interview and selection committee. Unfortunately, Sheridan Mayor Aaron Baer is unavailable to serve on the committee because of his work schedule.

City Manager Heidi Bell added that the candidate interviews are a good way for Sheridan to weigh in with their thoughts. For example, expressing that code enforcement is very important to Sheridan and asking the candidates about their position on this topic.

Councilor Jim Buckles said he would be interested in participating. He would like to look into how this system works. He said he is not happy with the current procedures within the Sheridan court system. Jim will participate and represent Sheridan.

The Council devoted the following 30 minutes to reading through proposed council meeting rules and procedures.

Councilor Dennis McElroy expressed his appreciation for the trailer load of garbage removed from the City's property at 245 Morgan but suggested arranging for the expedited removal of an additional truckload. Dennis said he hears from folks receiving notices about cleaning up their property who are wondering why the City hasn't cleaned up its property. Denny feels the people need to see additional progress



City of Sheridan Public Works Director Kie Cottam made a presentation about the City's storm water system at the Feb. 7 City Council Meeting.

at this property.

Heidi said the Public Works crew would remove sandbags from the front of the house, piles of wood-type debris, and containers of what looks to be used oil, and then evaluate whether to arrange for another trailer.

Heidi also said someone cleaned up the community garden space over the weekend. She said, "I don't know who did it. It looks fantastic. All the beds are cleared out."

Heidi also wanted to remind Sheridan City residents about the yard debris station on Cherry Hill Road that is available from dawn until dusk, seven days a week.

Council members requested additional information regarding Sheridan's storm water system at a recent council meeting. Public Works Director Kie Cottam offered a presentation at the Jan. 7 meeting.

Kie explained that storm water begins during precipitation as rain, hail, or snow. Storm water not absorbed into the ground becomes surface runoff. This water flows to surface waterways channeled into storm water systems that eventually discharge it into the river. Storm water concerns include two main issues: volume and time of the runoff water; and potential contaminants, for

example, water pollution. Known in Oregon as the TMDL (The Total Maximum Daily Load), or clean water plan, is a science-based approach to cleaning up polluted water to meet state water quality standards. A TMDL is a numerical value that represents the highest amount of a pollutant a surface water body can receive and still meet the criteria.

The City must plan, design, and build systems to convey storm water to surface waterways. These systems use a combination of open ditches, underground pipes, catch basins, storm drains, manholes, and detention areas, to control water flow.

The storm water department receives funds through storm wa-

ter fees collected by the City to plan, design, build and maintain these storm systems. The City currently has one employee who works part-time in the storm water department. Sheridan's proximity to the South Yamhill places 75% of the town in the FEMA 100-year floodplain.

Kie pointed out that most rivers are susceptible to flooding, and the Yamhill is no exception. Since all waters that drain from the City's storm water systems enter the river, it can and will be affected by floodwaters. Simply put, explained Kie, if the river gets high enough, the storm water slows down. He said three of the drain systems have backed up. When the river rise is high enough, it won't allow the drain to flow into the river, which can cause additional flooding issues. Sheridan has a 20-year flood plan created in 2009, but Kie explained that regulations change regularly. Sheridan's plan is good until 2028.

Kie continued with an overview of projects in the works that will improve Sheridan's water systems, particularly the Elm Street basin, (EL1) which was the subject of a presentation to the council by Marie Scott at a recent council meeting.

At the end of the meeting, following an executive meeting, the council voted four-to-one to issue 90 day eviction notices to the final two tenants living in the City's rental properties. The basis for the eviction is that the City intends to change the use of these properties to other than residential within a reasonable period of time.

Monday, Feb. 21, is Presidents Day, so the next council meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 22, at the Monroe Event Center.

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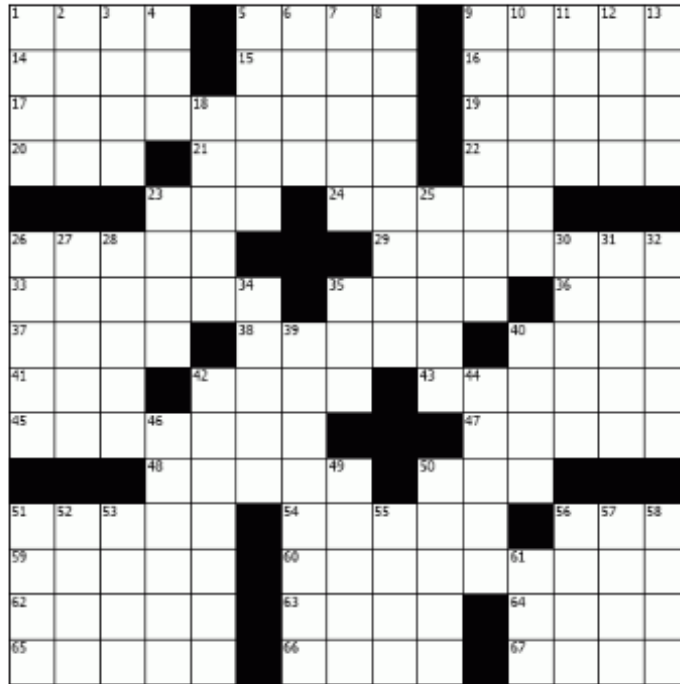
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35. Teen skin problem



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37. Pork cut

38. Some curves
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42. Ravens' calls
43. Phonograph inventor
45. Make like new
47. Occasion
48. Artist's tripod
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| 5. Massachusetts city | 27. Wed secretly | 50. Stationed |
| 6. Makes do | 28. Revises copy | 51. Amtrak depots (abbr.) |
| 7. Tightwad | 30. Rent contract | 52. Canvas cover |
| 8. Case | 31. Rock star ____ John | 53. Burn balm |
| 9. Radiate | 32. Slope | 55. Humorist ____ Barry |
| 10. Witty reply | 34. Singes | 56. Diva's forte |
| 11. Smell | 35. Mule's father | 57. ____ Moore of "Indecent Proposal" |
| 12. Beaver projects | 39. Climbing flower (2 wds.) | 58. Genesis garden |
| 13. Or ____! | 40. Opera singer | 61. Shade tree |



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NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE VACANCY

The Budget Committee is appointed annually by the Mayor of the City of Willamina. The role of this committee is to meet annually to approve the City's budget for the following fiscal year. Applicants for this position must be available to attend one or more meetings during the months of April, May and / or June.

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Sheridan Chamber's Well-Attended Breakfast Brings Community Together

The goal of last Friday's complimentary continental breakfast was to reinvigorate Sheridan's Chamber of Commerce, said Chamber President Staci Coker. Therefore, the Chamber Board invited all Chamber members and potential members to attend last Friday morning's get-together at the Monroe Event Center. Organizers were happy to bring out extra tables as attendance happily outnumbered expectations.

After everyone had the chance to chat over coffee and pastries, Chamber Board member Matt Huegli called the group together for a lively round of trivia about Sheridan businesses. Congratulations to prize winner Tami Doryland, for being the fastest at coming up with the correct answers. Then everyone had the opportunity to introduce themselves and tell a little about their business, nonprofits, schools projects, or civic group activities.

Superintendent Dorie Vickery talked about the district's \$6 million career development project to strengthen students' ability to find work at a living wage after graduation. She also spoke about making much-needed certified

child care available.

City Manager Heidi Bell represented the City; Brian and Tami, Hagan Hamilton Insurance; Pastor Bill Herring, Trinity Lutheran; Marilyn, Marge, and Donna, Sheridan Museum of History; Susan Chamberlain, Monroe Event Center; Sara Meyer, First Federal; Shaun Wagler, self-employed handyman; Andrea, Adventist Health, who mentioned the clinic's free sports physicals for students; Liz Hodgins, Parks and Rec and Tree of Giving committees.

Jesse Watson, executive director of Sheridan's All-Prep Academy charter school, explained that after ten years of renting in their current location, they are in the process of purchasing the building from Open Door Church.

Debra Middleton, executive director of the Sheridan Japanese School, noted many great things happening this year at SJS; Collin Gyenes, represented Tech-Tonics Tuning; and Russ, with Sheridan Building Materials since 2011, offered to assist anyone needing a hand developing a materials list; Sandy Walker, Sheridan City Council; and Marianne Thomson, The Bulletin Board.

The meeting concluded with a

business card drawing for two additional prizes. Congratulations to Russ and Shaun.

The breakfast meetings will continue every two weeks. First Federal will host the next event set for 8 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 25, at the Monroe Event Center.

Many at breakfast expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to meet and communicate with others in the community.

Not all Chamber members are business owners or managers. Others represent civic groups, such as Rotary and Kiwanis, and community organizations like Hometown Days.

"All willing to work together to strengthen Sheridan's economy for the benefit of all residents are welcome," said Staci.



Rotary President and Chamber member Brad Myer, Myer's Woodline, West Valley Mercantile, Sheridan Building Material, generously donated the delicious fruit and pastries for the breakfast.

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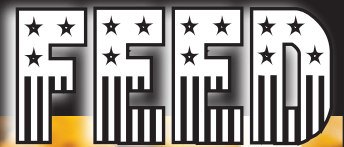
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Willamina Council Topics: Drugs, EID, Parks, Unhoused, More

April Carothers

The Feb. 8 meeting started with a couple of heartfelt letters of thanks, one from Barbara Morely, the lucky winner of the holiday ham. She wanted to express her appreciation for the hard work of city staff and volunteers. Another individual, from Hampton Lumber, expressed appreciation for the City's efforts to ensure employees, neighbors, and families continue to have access to critical fire and medical services. On the job for ten years, Yamhill County Sheriff's Sergeant Herr said he is happy to be back in the area. However, he added his con-

cern regarding the drug Fentanyl. They recently recovered 270 Fentanyl pills, possibly preventing 270 deaths since each pill could be lethal. These drugs have overtaken most others in terms of what's circulating in the streets. Sergeant Herr said black market drugs are on the rise and that Measure 110, despite the intent behind its passage, has tied their hands, making it more challenging to prevent overdoses or the spread of illegal drugs. As a result, officers cannot be proactive in mitigating drug-related issues. Voters passed the measure in hopes of helping drug addicts

instead of simply jailing them, but without enough treatment centers available, it just isn't working. Officers see more drug possession, more drugs on the streets, more drug use. People are not getting help, and the problem is worsening. Local officers are using a new database to track drug arrests in the area, providing a better picture of what's happening and allowing the City to better cope with the issue.

The meeting turned to a discussion of Willamina's Economic Improvement District (EID), which in its 32nd year, continues to provide such things as welcome signs, banners, flags, flower baskets, Christmas lights, the digital sign at the school, and much more.

EID is active in the community, working with funds provided by a small tax which amounts to about \$9,000 a year.

The EID's projects include business development, parking, community promotion, and beautification. In addition, some new projects are underway.

Next up was Resolution 21-22-013. If passed, it would authorize the city manager to go after a Local Government Grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department to help pay for critical improvements to Oaken Hills Parks.

David Hampton and Hampton Lumber have donated \$150,000 for the pump track, which will help pay for restrooms, advanced and beginner tracks, walkways, solar lighting, and a three-sided shelter on the old skate park pad. Benches and bike racks are included in the plans. The bike racks will be built by Girls Build, who will work with the City to make them from old bikes. The grant, hopefully, will provide matching funds for the project. The homeless crisis was next up for discussion. The Council used the term "unhoused," which may carry less stigma.

The intention of Ordinance 690 is to help balance the housed and the unhoused needs. For example, a complaint was made about dirty diapers thrown into someone's yard from a tent encampment. Upon investigation, the City found young children living in a bad situation. The State was called in and found no sanitation at the tent site. Another example would be that if unhoused people are camping in city parks, housed people cannot use those parks.

A new municipal code will help protect both groups. Permits will be required for tent camping, and sanitation must be available. The permits will allow regulation and prevent squalor from developing and spreading disease as it has in other states. The City remains committed to helping everyone and reminds the public that code enforcement can and will drive individuals to local shelters.

Camping is not permitted in parks, but as per state law, the unhoused can camp in streets and parking lots between certain hours. The City must stay in strict compliance with Oregon State laws. The Council will hold a work session to consider these issues in late March; this session is open to all.

The meeting moved on to reports from members: Mayor Burr reports that things are going well with the fire district administration and with assistance from the Grand Ronde Tribe. He also stated that July Fourth fundraising is underway. In addition, the annual bark sale will take place April 22-23.

Mayor Burr congratulated and thanked Marianne Thomson for her community service with the Bulletin Board.

Councilor Skyberg reported that the Library book bike had arrived. The book bike program will launch in June. The library is not yet "in-person," but hopefully soon.

Councilor Johnson said a program is available to help those who can't pay for public transit, an essential service, particularly in rural areas. Appreciation was expressed for how well Code Enforcement and the Sheriff's department work together and for city staff, working hard as always. Finally, the city manager described Girl's Build, a non-profit based in Portland that inspires girls to be curious, confident, and creative. She explained that they would build bike racks for the Pump Track Park.

A Planning Commission Grant and a Pathways Grant will fund a city-wide path between parks. In addition, an eroding bank at Hampton Park has closed a parking area (so cars won't end up in the river), and the City is looking into funding to repair that bank. Folks are also working on a year-round indoor farmers market for local farms to sell goods to the community. And the city manager mentioned the low-income water grant to help those who can't pay their water bills.



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Contributed by a Bulletin Board Guest Writer

My dad wanted my little brother to be tough, boxing, etc. He was already great at pushing, pushing me off my stool as I did my chores, dishes, baking tins, etc.

So Dad bought him a punching bag, and I was supposed to join him at this. I hate getting hit in the face; after all, I'm not that much taller than he is. We were probably four and five years old. I suppose my lesson is to defend myself. I hate this, of course. I see my opportunity one day when everyone is out of the house -- I believe doing farm chores, as we were never left alone.

I got a stool and climbed up to the woodstove and lengthened the punching bag to where, as he hits it, it connects with the stove poker, knowing that he likes to walk through the house and hit his punching bag.

You see, I only have to be his sparring partner when my dad is in charge. Of course, one day, it collapsed. Tears, oh my gosh! I lucked out because no one figured out I could climb up on the stove and do what I did. Of course, dad just went out and purchased him a new one.

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The information on this page is from a book published in 1903 by Chapman Publishing Company in Chicago. The book contains information and sketches of some well-known Willamette Valley pioneers. This book is available to look through at the Sheridan Museum of History, which is open from 10:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. on Saturdays at 142 S. Bridge Street.

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He was born in DeKalb County, Mo., July 17, 1844, the son of Isaac and Cordelia (Thornton) Agee. In the spring of 1852, the father gathered together his worldly wealth, and with his wife and eleven children, he crossed the plains with two wagons drawn by ox teams and several head of cattle and oxen, with which to begin the work of farming in their new home. The journey was ended safely, and the first location decided upon was in Yamhill County, between Sheridan and McMinnville, where Mr. Agee took up a claim of 320 acres. This was the last home of the head of the family, for there he remained until his

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Potential candidates may wish to attend Council meetings throughout the year to be well-informed about all of the issues facing the city.

Mayor Bob Burr's seat will be on the ballot, along with council seats currently held by April Wooden, and a seat that is currently open.

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