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## Legion Conducts Flag Retirement Ceremony

American Legion Riders Cheryl and Ivan Whitlow, pictured left, with American Legion Post 75 Commander Rod Moore, were among approximately 25 veterans, Legion Riders, Hwy. 18 Riders, and other West Valley community members who gathered last Sunday for a flag retirement ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Park in Sheridan. Legion representatives lowered the tattered flag, which was folded and placed in a protective case to be displayed at Post 75. A prayer of dedication was recited as the new flag was being raised into position. The Veteran's Memorial Park, dedicated on June 25, 2016, honors all veterans. The park was a joint effort of the Oregon Veterans' Motorcycle Association (OVMA), the City of Sheridan, and many generous donors.

## WVCC Welcomes New Director

The West Valley Community Campus (WVCC) board hired Amanda Widemark as its new executive director. Amanda's first day on the job was July 18. WVCC serves as a community center for the West Valley. Amanda said she has roots in the Pacific Northwest. So, she and her husband Zachary, their two dogs, and a cat were excited to relocate from Arizona to Willamina. Amanda said she was searching for a place away from the heat with a sense of community and greenery. She found what she was looking for when she saw the advertisement for the position in Willamina. Amanda brings more than ten years of experience working with nonprofits to the campus. She earned a bachelor's degree in nonprofit leadership and management and a master's degree in global affairs and administration. "We are so excited to welcome Amanda to our campus and look forward to introducing her to everyone," a WVCC board member said. Amanda said she is excited to be part of WVCC, "Being chosen to lead the West Valley Community Campus as executive director is an honor. I look forward to meeting



**Amanda Widemark** everyone and working alongside the West Valley community, volunteers, and the board to help create a hub of resources and a place where we can all come together. Please stop and say hello if you see me around the commu- nity."

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Persons interested in applying should submit a cover letter, completed MWVCOG application form, and resume to MWVCOG Willamina City Manager Recruitment, 100 High Street SE, Suite 200, Salem, OR 97301 or e-mail to [dvandyke@mwvcog.org](mailto:dvandyke@mwvcog.org). You can download the application at [www.mwvcog.org/jobs](http://www.mwvcog.org/jobs). The application form includes the Veteran's Preference form. MWVCOG provides qualifying and disabled veterans with employment preferences per Oregon law. To claim a veteran's preference, you must submit a Veteran's Preference Form and the required documentation with your application material. Position open until filled. Review of applications will begin on or after August 26, 2022.

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## Memories:

Souvenirs our hearts collect throughout the years.

Contributed by a

### Bulletin Board Guest Writer

My grandmother would make pies every Friday for weekend company.

My boy cousins were living with my grandmother and would come to visit on Sundays.

Our grandmother told the boys to be ready. They were leaving soon. So the boys ran down to the country store, grabbed packs of gum, and ran back home.

Our grandmother always told them not to chew gum, and as they passed the cemetery leaving, she said it would make their mouths crooked.

They got into the car, each stuffed the gum in their mouths, and started chewing like mad. Sitting in the back seat, our grandmother couldn't see them. As they passed the cemetery, she said, "You boys aren't chewing gum, are you?"

They both replied, "No, grandma." They arrived at our home, and all of us children were sitting in our little chairs when they whispered to me, "Are our mouths crooked?" I said no and asked why. The boys told us the story of grandma. After that, it became a standing thing we would always check to see if they developed crooked mouths. Maybe she meant that what came out of their mouths would be crooked when they became adults—just kidding. They became great people.

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Willamina School Board members develop district goals during the regular August board meeting every year. To develop our district goals, we review several key indicators of student success; attendance rates, math and reading scores, ninth grade on-track for graduation, and our graduation rate. These indicators are also used by the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to determine a district's need for improvement. For the past seven years, we have focused on improving outcomes for students in these areas and improving our mental and behavioral health services. We are proud of the work done in each area; although the past two years have created barriers to implementing many of our strategies and activities related to our goals, we persist. We are excited to continue this work and get back to the positive trajectory we were on.

Over the past years, we saw gains of up to 20% in regular student attendance. ODE requires students to attend more than 90% of the school year to be regular attenders. This means missing fewer than 17 school days, excused or unexcused, over the year (less than 2 per month). We had set a path to reach 90% regular attendance for all students, and before the pandemic, our k-2 students were at 88%. This will be a top priority in the coming school year.

In math and reading, the state has set short-term goals of 80% of all students scoring proficient on the Smarter Balance State Assessment. This test is administered one time during the spring of each school year. The test was temporarily suspended for the 19-20 and the 20-21 school years. Initial results are in, and we are pleasantly surprised with many of our scores, particularly given the inexperience of our younger students taking this test.

Ninth grade on-track to graduate is a percentage of students who earn six or more credits their first year in high school. Six credits represent 25% of the needed credits to graduate. A successful freshman year is a strong indicator of graduating on time. In 2017 only 54 percent of our ninth-grade students were on track to graduate. We have prioritized this over the past five years and are happy to report that 85% of last year's freshmen earned six or more credits.

Finally, and most importantly, our graduation rate. In 2017 we had a graduation rate of 65%. Today we are proud to say that we have sustained a rate of 83% for the past three years and have a goal to reach 90% in the next three years.

We are excited to get back to work and focus on improving outcomes for all students; this is the heart of what education is all about!

With great Bulldog pride,  
 Carrie Zimbrick, Superintendent

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## Coastal Hills Art Tour Seeks Interested Artists

The 30th annual Willamina Coastal Hills Art Tour is scheduled for Nov. 11 and 12, 2022. The annual "Call to Artists" is underway and will continue through Aug. 31. The show is open to all professional artisans, artists, and crafters from the West Valley area.

The Coastal Hill Art Tour sponsorship has changed from the Willamina Economic Improvement District (EID) to the West Valley Community Campus (WVCC).

All art must be the artist's original work and be for sale. Entry fees vary depending on individual or group participation.

Those interested can find further information and guidelines in the application and prospectus available at Willamina City Hall, Sheridan City Hall, and the WVCC.

Information is also available by calling or emailing Cris Darr at 503-876-3843 (crisdarr06@gmail.com) or Charlyn Pranger at 503-348-8428 (charlynpranger@gmail.com).

The deadline to submit applications is Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2022.

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## Mayor and Council Seats Open on November Ballot

The mayor's seat and two Willamina City Council positions will be up for grabs in this year's November election.

The newly elected officials will be sworn in at the first council meeting held in January of 2023. Potential candidates may wish to attend Council meetings throughout the year to be well-informed about the issues facing the city.

According to Willamina's City Charter, to be considered for mayor or council positions, candidates must have resided within Willamina's city limits for at least one year preceding the election and must be qualified voters in the state of Oregon.

## Grand Ronde Art Guild Extends Invitation to Join

Moms and grandmas: Do you have extra time on your hands? Are the kids off at school? Want to explore your artistic side? The Grand Ronde Art Guild is looking for new members. The current members would be glad to help new members learn new ways to paint. Call Alice at 503-879-5927 for more information. The guild meets from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Grand Ronde Methodist Church.

## Sheridan City Council Will Meet on August 1

The Sheridan City Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 1, at Sheridan City Hall, 120 SW Mill Street. Sheridan Council meetings are open to the public.

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## Obituary



**Dorothy (Mackie) Wyss**  
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Dorothy changed her address to Heaven on July 2, 2022, with her family near.

She was the 10th of 14 children born in Sheridan to William Mackie and Iva Lucha Mackie. She was the last surviving sibling.

Dorothy attended school in Ballston and Sheridan, graduating from Willamina High School.

She married Jack Wyss in 1948. They raised three daughters, Diana, Jackie, and Denise.

Dorothy, a homemaker who kept a clean clutter-free home, made folding clothes an art form. She liked to sew, garden and read.

Following Jack's passing in January of 1979, Dorothy focused on her children and grandchildren.

She also traveled to Switzerland with her sisters-in-law and enjoyed trips to the Grand Canyon, Disneyland, Yellowstone, Alaska, Hawaii, and the Oregon Trail.

A Trinity Lutheran Church member in Sheridan, she quilted with Trinity Quilters and crocheted many angels and stars to decorate the church at Christmastime.

Dorothy is survived by Dianna (Jim) Worledge, Jackie (Steve) Krupicka, and Denise (Willie) Pelzer, eight grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 1, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sheridan.



The City of Sheridan's enthusiastic Parks and Recreation Committee met at the Sheridan City Park a couple of weeks ago to discuss ideas for improvements, additions, and possible changes to make this beautiful park more fun and more useful to community members and visitors. Originally, the Parks and Recreation Committee was limited to six people. With so many more community members wishing to get involved, the Sheridan City Council voted to allow the mayor to appoint as many members to the committee as he chooses. Pictured around the table from left to right: Zeke Linn, Lecia Myers, Donna Hill, City Manager Heidi Bell, Liz Hodgins, Omega Rodela Garces, Kira Sandoval, Ernie Hebert, Lucy Hebert, Ashton Sanders, Kay Buckles, and Sarah Hillyard.

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# Collin Gyenes New Rotary President; Club Thanks Past President Brad Myers

Collin Gyenes officially became Sheridan Rotary Club's new president last week at a party held at the home of fellow Rotarian Matt Huegli.

"We think Collin will do a great job. He has demonstrated his commitment through his involvement in all Rotary projects. Collin is always willing to pitch in and help and has presented many great ideas that have benefited the Club and the community," a board member said.

Collin said he enjoys helping people and giving back to the community. He added that he is grateful for his lifetime friendships through Rotary.

Collin has been with Techtonics Tuning since 1982, moving to the area with the company in 1991. The late Darrell Vittone, also a Rotarian, launched the company in 1981. The company manufactures high-performance VW/Audi parts and exhaust systems in Sheridan and ships them worldwide.

The gavel was passed to Collin from 2021-2022 President Brad Myer, a longtime Rotarian finishing his third term as president.

Rotarian officers serve one-year terms to allow all members an opportunity to serve in leadership positions if they choose. The Rotary Club president is supported by the Rotary Board, which includes past president Brad Myers; president-elect for 2023-2024, Eean Coker; and treasurer Marianne Thomson.

At last week's Rotary meeting, former president Brad Myers received a plaque, complete with a golden gavel, in appreciation of his service and generosity to the Club and community and for being an all-around good guy with a great sense of humor.

Brad thanked members for their support, commitment to the Club, generosity, and hours of volunteer work during his reign. Sheridan Rotary members have a great time making many positive contributions to the West Valley. Rotary Club shows free recent-release family movies every month during the summer and fall and offers snacks and drinks through its mobile concession stand at family-friendly prices.

Rotary gives scholarships to West Valley graduates every year.

Sheridan Rotary is working with the City of Sheridan to make the Hebert Plaza a beautiful focal point for Sheridan's downtown. Rotary participates in Hometown Days, Saturday Market, Mog Fest, Halloween activities, Fourth of July and Christmas parades in Willamina, Sheridan, and Grand Ronde.

Rotarians assist West Valley kids with their calls to Santa every year and offer a community Christmas party with toys and goodies for kids. And this year, they beat the wonderful Kiwanis



**Collin Gyenes**



**Brad Myers**

in the annual coat drive competition. (Rotarians thank Kiwanians for all the tasty pies!)

One of Rotary's international goals, eradicating Polio from the world, is very close to completion.

Rotary meetings begin at noon every Wednesday at the Monroe Event Center. The Club welcomes all interested who feel they can uphold the Club's motto, "Service before Self."

## Willamina Council Work Session Planned

The Willamina City Council will hold a work session at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 28, at the West Valley Fire Hall, 825 NE Main Street, Willamina.

Those wishing to attend via Zoom will find the zoom link posted on the website, [www.willaminaoregon.gov/important-notices](http://www.willaminaoregon.gov/important-notices).

## School Supply Giveaway Set August 13 at City Park

Churches United for West Valley will distribute free school supplies at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 13, at Sheridan City Park, 601 NE Yamhill Street.

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|------------------|---------------|--|-----------------------|
| <b>Monday</b>    |               |  |                       |
| August 1         | 6pm           | Astronomy Club meeting                     | Willamina Library     |
| August 1         | 7pm           | Sheridan City Council                      | City Hall, 120 SW F   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   |               |  |                       |
| August 2         | noon          | Kiwanis                                    | Coyote                |
| August 2         | 2-4pm         | Nonnie's Daycare open house                | 433 S Br              |
| August 2         | 2-4pm         | Free pet food distribution (Ruff Life)     | 421 N M               |
| August 2         | 6pm           | Toastmasters                               |                       |
| August 2         | 6-8pm         | National Night Out - Willamina             | Between C             |
| <b>Wednesday</b> |               |  |                       |
| August 3         | 8am           | Willamina EID                              | Coyote                |
| <b>Thursday</b>  |               |  |                       |
| August 4         | 5-8pm         | Joe Justin and Janet Kay - Free live music |                       |
| August 4         | 6pm           | Sheridan Revitalization                    | MEC, 121 SW M         |
| <b>Monday</b>    |               |  |                       |
| August 8         | 1-2pm         | Sheridan Library crafts: Three Little Pigs |                       |
| August 8         | 6pm           | Willamina School Board                     |                       |
| August 8         | 7pm           | American Legion meeting                    | 125 N. Br             |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   |               |  |                       |
| August 9         | 11am          | Performance: Coventry and Kaluza           | Tina Miller           |
| August 9         | 2-4pm         | Free pet food distribution (Ruff Life)     | 201 E M               |
| August 9         | 6pm           | Willamina City Council                     | WVFS, 825 NE M        |
| August 9         | 6:30pm        | Sheridan Fire District Board               | Fire Hall, 230 SW     |
| August 9         | 6:30pm        | Sheridan Booster Club                      | SHS, 433 S. Br        |
| <b>Thursday</b>  |               |  |                       |
| August 11        | 5-8pm         | Joe Justin and Janet Kay - Free live music |                       |
| <b>Friday</b>    |               |  |                       |
| August 12        | 8am           | Sheridan Chamber breakfast                 | School District       |
| <b>Saturday</b>  |               |  |                       |
| August 13        | 9am           | Rock of Ages Fun Festival                  | 15600 SW Rock of Ages |
| August 13        | 10am          | School supplies giveaway                   | S                     |
| <b>Monday</b>    |               |  |                       |
| August 15        | 1-2pm         | Sheridan Library crafts: Survival          |                       |
| August 15        | 7pm           | Sheridan City Council                      | City Hall, 120 SW F   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   |               |  |                       |
| August 16        | 2-4pm         | Free pet food distribution                 | 29795 Salm            |
| August 16        | 6pm           | Toastmasters                               | Coyote                |
| August 16        | 7pm           | VFW meeting                                | VFW Hall, 771 NE M    |
| <b>Wednesday</b> |               |  |                       |
| August 17        | 2pm           | Willamina Library: Monsters of the week    |                       |
| August 17        | 6-8pm         | Sheridan School District Board             | District Office       |
| <b>Thursday</b>  |               |  |                       |
| August 18        | 5-8pm         | Joe Justin and Janet Kay - Free live music |                       |
| August 18        | 6pm           | West Valley Fire District Board            | WVFS, 825 NE M        |
| <b>Friday</b>    |               |  |                       |
| August 19        | TBD           | Willamina city-wide garage sale            |                       |
| <b>Saturday</b>  |               |  |                       |
| August 20        | TBD           | Willamina city-wide garage sale            |                       |
| August 20        | 8:30am-1:30pm | WVCC volunteer work day                    |                       |
| August 20        | 9am-3pm       | Parks and Recreation's Carnival            | S                     |
| August 20        | 10am-3pm      | Saturday Market                            | Mercantile, 342 S. Br |
| August 20        | dusk          | Free movie: Shang-Chi (Rotary)             | SHS School g          |
| <b>Thursday</b>  |               |  |                       |
| August 25        | 5-8pm         | Joe Justin and Janet Kay - Free live music |                       |
| <b>Saturday</b>  |               |  |                       |
| August 27        | sunset        | Astronomy Club stargazing                  |                       |
| <b>Wednesday</b> |               |  |                       |
| August 31        | noon          | Joint Rotary and Chamber                   | MEC, 121 SW M         |

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 Narcotics Anonymous  
 339 NW Sherman St, Sheridan .....7pm

### Tuesday

Grand Sheramina Food Bank,  
 Bridge Street, Sheridan ..... 2-4pm

### Wednesday

Willamina Chamber of Commerce  
 Coyote Joe's, Willamina .....8am  
 Sheridan Rotary Meeting  
 Monroe Event Center, Sheridan ..... Noon  
 Willamina Library, Story Time with Ms. Pam  
 382 NE C St., Willamina.....2pm  
 Willamina Food Pantry, Civic Club,  
 340 B Street, Willamina ..... 4-6pm  
 Celebrate Recovery, Sheridan  
 Sheridan Nazarene Church ..... 6:30pm  
 Alcoholics Anonymous,  
 339 NW Sherman, Sheridan..... 7pm

### Thursday

Sheridan Nazarene Kids Story Time via Zoom  
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 Bingo  
 VFW Hall, Willamina ..... 5:30pm

### Friday

Grand Ronde Food Bank Distribution  
 9765 Grand Ronde Rd, Grand Ronde ..... 10am-2pm  
 Grand Ronde Community Clothes Closet  
 9765 Grand Ronde Rd, Grand Ronde .....9am-Noon  
 American Legion Bingo  
 125 N Bridge St., Sheridan ..... 5:30pm  
 Celebrate Recovery, Willamina  
 Willamina Free Methodist Church .....6pm

### Saturday

Sheridan Museum of History,  
 142 S. Bridge St, Sheridan ..... 10am-3pm  
 Willamina Museum of History,  
 188 D St, Willamina..... 1-4pm  
 Tina Miller Youth Center  
 172 NW 4th Street, Willamina ..... 3:30-6:30pm  
 Odd Fellows Bingo  
 172 NW 4th Street, Willamina ..... 3:30-6:30pm

### Sunday

Tina Miller Youth Center  
 143 SW Monroe St., Sheridan ..... 5:30pm  
 Narcotics Anonymous  
 Crossroads Church .....4pm  
 Open Mic Night  
 Wildwood Hotel and Lounge .....6pm

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# Sheridan City Council Addresses Hebert Plaza Uses; Upholds Abate

## J.A. Hebert Memorial Plaza

Considerable ground was covered during the July 18 Sheridan City Council meeting, but a discussion regarding the new Riverside Cafe's use of the Hebert Plaza was relatively brief.

Copies of the original deed were provided to the Council which clearly state that the premises may only be used as a park, gathering place, or pavillion. The deed further sets out that if the premises are ever used for any other purpose, ownership of the property would revert to its original owners or their heirs.

According to the deed, conducting a commercial business is not an allowable use of this park. If pursued, it could cause the park to be removed from the City of Sheridan's park system, which would not benefit the cafe or the people of Sheridan.

The deed welcomes everyone to enjoy food on the plaza, whether from the cafe or any other deli, restaurant, etc., as this is a permitted activity in all city parks. However, the cafe would not be permitted to offer any kind of customer service outside in this park. Customers would place and pick up their orders inside the cafe. This would continue to make the park available for cafe customers while keeping the park usage in line with deed requirements.

The majority who commented had high praise for the new tables, chairs, umbrellas, and plants that cafe owner Barb Hofenbredl had placed next to her restaurant in the City's park. However, Council members and Parks committee members felt that these personal items should be removed in the interest of keeping the park compliant with the deed restrictions.

A few months ago, the Sheridan City Council gave a thumbs up to coordinating an Art Deco theme for the three riverfront parks to tie in with Sheridan's Art Deco style bridge. With this theme in mind, committee members suggested placing a number of picnic tables in the plaza painted with colors that coordinate with plaza's newly renovated clock kiosk, and with the bridge color. The committee is currently working with the City and Rotary to provide these tables.

The committee is also considering Art Deco style park signs to help bring the theme together and make it easier to see that the park is public and open to everyone.

## 106 S. Bridge Street Abatement Process

In the early morning hours of Jan. 31, 2021, the old Masonic Lodge building at 106 S. Bridge Street in Sheridan collapsed.

Curt Edmondson and John Barger of Sheridan Bridge Investment Co., LLC, purchased the property from Rich Mathis less than two full days earlier. John said the property was not insured.

Now, 18 months later, photos presented at the July 18 Council meeting show the sidewalk next to the property has not been reopened for public use. The deck damage caused by the building's collapse has not been repaired and remains fenced off from the neighboring park, with planks still hanging out into the open area where the building once stood. Bricks and construction debris lay scattered under the building, on the riverbank, and in the river. Junk and garbage continue to accumulate. Pilings and foundation elements are crumbling, with pieces falling into the river and littering the grounds around them.

A Consor engineering report dated March 2, 2022, recommends demolishing the existing concrete structure and removing the debris during approved in-water work periods.

City Manager Heidi Bell noted that in the 18 months since the building collapsed, the owners of Sheridan Bridge Investment Co., LLC, have allowed asbestos to spread in the air, land, and water; left unwanted debris at the site; created an unsightly mess; reduced civic pride; and created a visible blight to Sheridan's downtown, affecting the town's economy.

The city manager said the owners received ample opportunity to bring the property into compliance with Sheridan's municipal codes.

In a letter dated March 30, the city manager sent the owners a letter listing violations to be corrected, along with a copy of a "Notice and Order to Abate" that the City planned to execute on May 1 if the owners failed to correct the violations.

At the July 18 Council meeting, Curt challenged the Declaration of Nuisance and Notice and Order to Abate Nuisances issued by the city manager on May 11, 2022.

Curt said the building collapsed on Jan. 27, 2020. (It collapsed on Jan. 31, 2021.) He said that because of the weather, they

moved expeditiously to clean up the project.

"We cleaned it up. We had DEQ oversee it. They were fully satisfied with the job that was done. We paid for that cleanup at our expense," said Curt.

He said that homeless camps in the area had created the trash, and they are not responsible for that.

He also said they reached out to the County to work out the fencing situation but didn't get any response or cooperation from the City or the County.

"We have worked at great speed to solve this problem that we inherited," said Curt.

He said during the ten years before they purchased the property, the City Council did not move at any great speed to address any of the abatement issues with the prior owners.

*(Note: Council and community members worked diligently for a couple of years before Curt and John purchased the property to have the building and foundation inspected and code violations addressed. Heidi was not the city manager during this period. This Council information was published continuously.)*

"So, from our view, we are being treated extremely unfairly as per the prior owner," stated Curt.

"I've outlined the procedural defects in the Notice of Abatement dealing with the City codes. But, we're here to work with the City to try to resolve this problem. Certainly, the solution of removal of the foundational structure is not feasible since it's in a salmon enhancement zone. I don't think you'll get any cooperation from the State in that regard.

"The Consor report is not definitive on whether the structure lacks integrity," said Curt.

Curt addressed the fencing issue, "We have jurisdictional issues there. There's a real question of whether we're even obligated to have fencing at all. One solution to the fencing problem is simply for us to remove the fencing we've been paying for. That would leave the City with exposure and liability for anybody who would fall from City property or County property into that location.

"We haven't had any issues until this May notice. From our view, everything is in good shape to the extent that you want the I-beams removed. We will call Cherry City Metals and see if they want them and will come out and remove them.

"It (106 S. Bridge) isn't any worse image to the city than a lot of other structures are in the city," he said.

Councilor Dennis McElroy asked if they intended to clean the fallen bricks and concrete in and around the river.

Curt answered, "We can't go into the river to clean anything because that's under the State of water."

Dennis, "I'm sure there's a way because it happened several years ago when the Huntley Building fell into the river. Permits were granted to go into the river to clean all of that up. The whole back of that building fell into the river."

Curt, "The feedback we've gotten from the people we've talked to is that the State prefers that type of brick debris remain in the river because going in and removing it will create sediment and problems. We're in between a rock and a hard place. It is a protected water."

Curt said they could remove up to one cubic meter of materials from the water. "That's the salmon enhancement zone restriction," he said.

Councilor Jim Buckles asked Curt if he was trying to postpone while waiting to finish up his court case against Rich Mathis before the Council takes action on the abatement.

Curt said, "No, I don't think the two are linked. The court case against Mr. Mathis deals with the issue of damages, not for any sort of equitable relief against him."

Curt said if the Council specifically identifies the things they want, such as brick removal, they could remove them.

He said, "If the abatement requires removal of the foundation, I think we'll end up with bigger issues.

"If you can narrow the abatement, we can probably live with that. The current request for abatement is for removal of an entire structure that's been there for 80 or 90 years and supported the building very well for that time."

City Attorney Walt Gowell reminded the Council that the issue before them was whether or not to uphold the abatement declaration made by the city manager. "If that is upheld by the Council, a new notice would go out to the property owners specifying a time period approved by the Council for the property owner to take action before the City's ability to seek

# Abatement Order for 106 South Bridge

City abatement.”  
In her final remarks, Heidi said she ensured the removal of homeless camps and garbage near this property and that any remaining trash is from other outside influences.

She said the Council needs to analyze the property’s existing condition and what it looks like today.

She requested that the City Council gets any reports Curt has obtained from the State giving direction about the cleanup or about being unable to get into the river. She thinks the Council needs to see this information.

Heidi wanted to be clear that, via email with Curt discussing fencing, he was proposing to install fencing into the foundation, where the sidewalk was, stating that he would go out there and do the work himself.

However, a City review of his request found it deficient in meeting the liability. The City wanted to see adequate plans and traffic ratings for the fence. Heidi said that was where the subject left off.

The City attorney added that the abatement notice and order do not require the removal of the foundation. Instead, it requires either the removal or significant repair to eliminate any safety issues or crumbling that would bring it into compliance with the City’s ordinances.

Curt said the engineer’s report on the property, purchased by the City, would be biased in the City’s favor.

When asked if he would obtain his own engineer’s report, he said it would depend on what the Council decides.

“If it becomes a basis for abatement and we have to take it uphill to the next round, then I would order that report, and the money would go toward the adversarial process, as opposed to, if I didn’t have to order the report, then the money could go to a productive process,” said

Curt. Following further discussion and statements by the Council, Councilor Roxie Acuff made a motion that the Council uphold the determinations of the city manager contained in the May 11, 2022, nuisance notice issued to Mr. Edmondson with a 30-day deadline to complete abatement on all violations noted.

The city attorney said that if the abatement is not complete within 30 days, that will trigger the City’s ability to request a warrant from the municipal court to enter and complete the job.

Curt said, “If it’s going to result in going up to McMinnville and going to court for a warrant, then that can be challenged there; that just delays the whole process.

“If it becomes economically disadvantageous for us, the remedy for the corporation is to go to federal court and bankruptcy. That would put a stay on everything, probably for many years, as your council may advise you. Then you won’t have any solution to the problem for a long time. So, yeah, that’s how these things go,” concluded Curt.

The Council voted to uphold the 30-day abatement order, allowing for the possibility of extending the 30 days based on timely progress and efforts made in complying with the order.

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Joseph with C-2 Utility Contractors, LLC, of Coburg, Ore., said the pole on the corner of South Bridge and Monroe (next to U.S. Bank) needed to be replaced. The old pole was removed, a new pole installed, and the old wiring was moved to the new pole. C-2 is a utility contractor for Century Link, who owns this pole.



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# First Federal's Sheridan Branch Celebrates the Bank's 100th Birthday



First Federal McMinnville employees join the fun: (left to right) Lindsay Liddell, Carol Riley, and Tara Quincy.



The bank treated customers to an outdoor lunch in the sun last Tuesday, complete with giant birthday cakes.



Sheridan Branch Manager Sara Meyer, left, with Tabitha, center, and SVP Chief Banking Officer Ron Wolfe.



Jill Faughender, First Federal's SVP Human Resources Director, takes a few minutes to enjoy lunch with a customer and a couple of young potential customers.



Luis Maciel, left, Jill Faughender, center, and EVP CFO Matt Baker, handled hot dog distribution.

## Grand Sheramina Collects Cans and Bottles

Grand Sheramina Food Bank collects recyclable cans and bottles to raise funds to help feed neighbors in need. They also collect heavy-duty plastic bags to use for distributing food.

Food Bank Manager Judy Adams also asks people to consider selecting Grand Sheramina Community Services, Inc., as their charity of choice on Amazon Smiles. Amazon will give the food bank 5% of the shopper's total Amazon order at no cost to the shopper.

Here's how: open the Amazon app on your phone and select Main Menu (=) and tap Amazon Smile within programs and features. Select Grand Sheramina Community Services, Inc., as your charity. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate Amazon Smile in your mobile app.

## Toastmasters to Meet

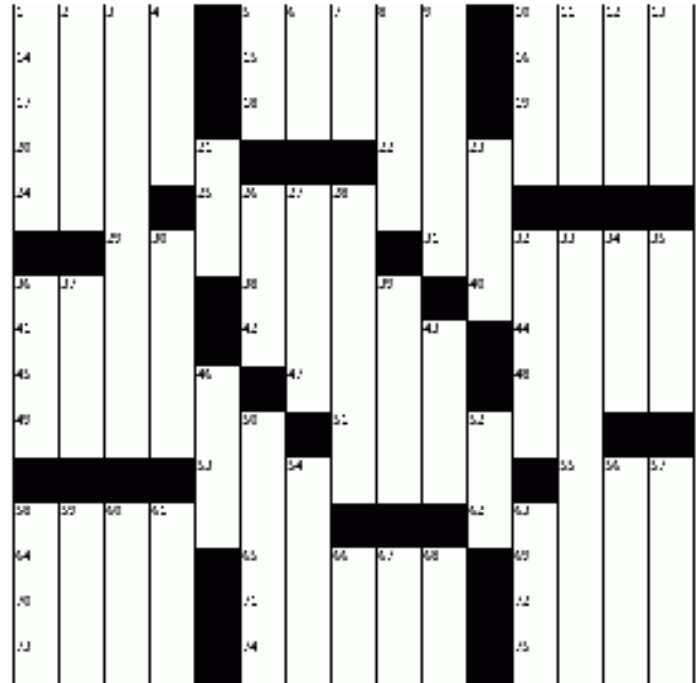
Toastmasters meet at 6 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at Coyote Joe's.

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### Across

1. Favorites
8. Category
10. Baseball's \_\_\_\_ Ruth
14. Burn reliever
18. Flat cap
19. Like the Sahara
17. Astonish
18. As yet (2 wds.)
18. Wedding band
20. Rich dessert
23. Almost grown
24. "Tagged" doll
25. More thinly distributed
26. Promise
31. Camera support
36. Cowardly person
38. Sad drop
40. Night sound
41. Not ashore
42. Hawk's weapon
44. So be it!
46. Tears apart
47. Faction
48. Robin's residence
49. Shooting star
51. Sower
53. Renovate
55. Frazier's rival
56. Actress Jennifer \_\_\_\_
62. Dressed to the \_\_\_\_
64. Pub inside
66. Old-fashioned
66. Radio tuner
70. China's continent
71. Clear the blackboard
72. Softer
73. Self holder
74. Not as old
76. Picnic nuisances



### Down

1. Spaghetti, e.g.
2. Rock star \_\_\_\_ John
3. Competition
4. Transmitted
5. TV network
6. Author \_\_\_\_ Tolstoy
7. Carive comment
8. Thrones
9. Avenue
10. Hayloft locale
11. Diver's forte
12. Singer \_\_\_\_ Crosby
13. Margia
21. 19th letter
23. Messes up
26. Golf stroke
27. Locales
28. Unidealistic one
29. Gardener's tool
32. Ridiculous
33. Small, yappy dog
34. Native metals
35. Fender dimple
36. Toasty
37. Got it! (2 wds.)
38. Cowboys' contact
43. At no time, in verse
44. Arrange
50. Unlock again
52. TV room
54. Kind of drum
56. Slightest
57. The British \_\_\_\_
58. Eden resident
59. Space agency (abbr.)
60. Spring flower
61. Doctor's "at once!"
63. Suggestion
64. Lumberjack's tool
67. CNN's opposite
68. Always, in poems



### YAMHILL COUNTY CULTURAL COALITION

The Yamhill County Cultural Coalition is composing a comprehensive list of all cultural resources and assets in Yamhill County.

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## WHAT'S UP IN WILLAMINA

by mary jane

Our beautiful "Stars and Stripes" means military and pride to me. How about you?

I almost cry when I see someone abusing our gorgeous flag. On the Fourth of July, I saw it being worn as a Superman cape. Wrong. Part of the time it was dragging on the ground. The flag is never to touch the ground. I even saw someone who had cut holes in it and was wearing it as a jacket/blouse. Very wrong. It's not to be flown at night without a light directly on it. Street lights do not count as the flag being lit.

If you see someone raising or lowering a flag as you are walking by, you are to stop until the procedure is done. It'll only take a minute for you to honor the country, our country, that the flag represents, not to mention the thousands of lives our people have given so that it may continue to fly.

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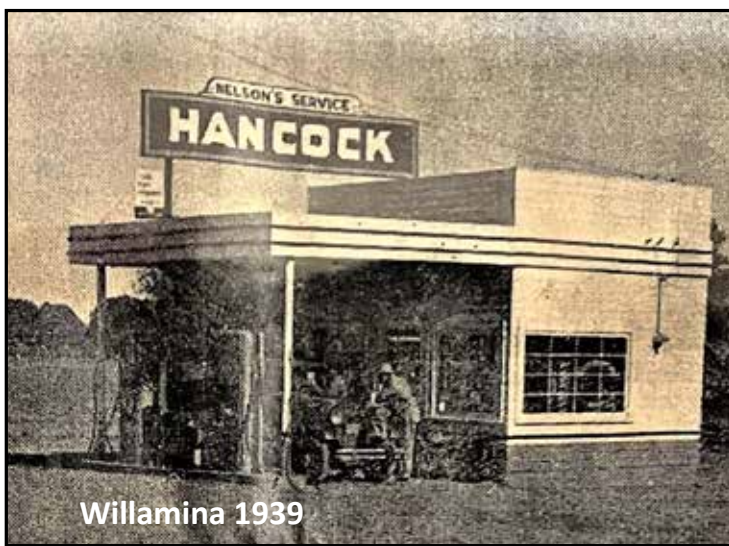
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| Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education (WESD) | Preschool Promise           |
| A Family Place Relief Nursery                               | McMinnville School District |
| Head Start of Yamhill County                                | Newberg School District     |
| Head Start of Grand Ronde                                   | Dayton School District      |
| Oregon Child Development Coalition (OCDC)                   | Sheridan School District    |

*Photos from the Willamina Museum • Open Saturdays 1-4 p.m.*

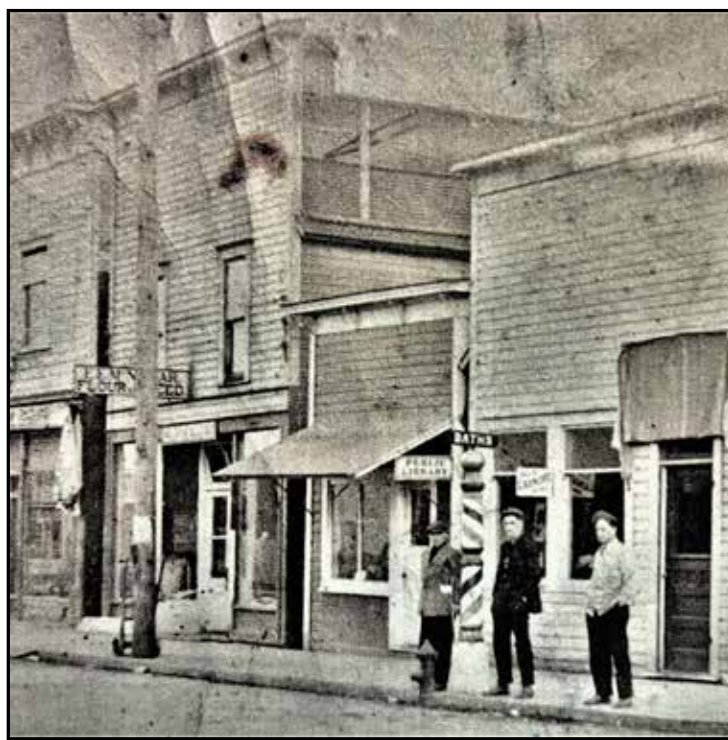


Willamina 1910



Willamina 1939

**NEW HANCOCK OIL SERVICE STATION IS CONSTRUCTED HERE**  
 Another new business establishment that has been built within the past few months is Nelson service station which is located at the east end of Main Street on the highway. G.A. Nelson is the owner and operator of the station that handles a complete line of Hancock products, tires, and other automotive accessories. Mr. Nelson also operates a service station in McMinnville. (Photo taken in 1939)



Willamina 1939

**WILLAMINA CAFE IS RENOVATED BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE**

One of the most attractive renovations in older buildings in Willamina is noted in the accompanying picture of the Willamina Cafe which is owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Jarvis and a courteous and efficient staff of employees. This building is one of the oldest in the city and until recently was known as the Willamina Cafe and Hotel. About a year ago, Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis added the glass-enclosed Siberian room where all kinds of ice cream are served and fountain service is maintained. A few months ago the entire exterior of the building was finished in white asbestos cement shingles which added greatly to the appearance of the building. In the past few weeks, the proprietors have redecorated the interior and added new equipment and fixtures. (Photo taken in 1939)



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**Sheridan Fire District to Host Chamber Breakfast**

Sheridan's Fire Chief Les Thomas and staff will host the Sheridan Chamber of Commerce Breakfast scheduled from 8 to 9:15 a.m. on Friday, July 29, at the Sheridan Fire Hall, 230 SW Mills St. Chamber members and guests will have the opportunity to see the recent renovations to the fire hall and hear from Chief Thomas about the district plans. Chamber hosts have additional time to present and showcase their business or organizations. Anyone interested in attending and learning more about Chamber is welcome. Chamber meets every other Friday at 8 a.m. for breakfast, networking, and laughs.

**High Temps May Cause Grand Sheramina Closure**

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