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**10am-4pm** 



Neighbors and property owners are extremely grateful to the Sheridan Fire District for their quick response last Sunday when an explosion in an older model RV resulted in the destruction of two RVs parked on private property near the highway on Rock Creek Road. The fire's cause has not been officially determined, but neighbors said the owner, who lived in one of the RVs, claimed a quad he was working on backfired igniting the fire. A neighbor also pointed out that an unusual change in wind pattern likely kept the fire from spreading east to surrounding fields, homes, and businesses.

## HARVEST FEST 2022

#### August 20 and 21, 2022 Saturday 10am-4pm, and Sunday 12pm-4pm

Yamhill Valley Heritage Center, 11275 SW Durham Ln, McMinnville, Oregon

Harvesting crops using antique farm equipment, horses & mules Pioneer Kids' Activities, Pedal Tractors, & Petting Animals Stagecoach Rides & Historical Displays Tours of Museum & Demos Old-Time Music, Food, Vendors & MORE!

\$8 General Admission Kids under 12 FREE

Please, no pets. Service animals are always welcome. For information visit www.YamhillCountyHistory.org or call 503-472-2842

#### Hwy. 18 Riders Club To Host Benefit Concert

The Highway 18 Riders Club and Johnny Ketchup will host a free benefit concert and barbecue beginning at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 27, at 22150 SW Rock Creek Road in Sheridan.

Donations will be accepted for the domestic violence rescue team, Citizens and Bikers for a Brighter Future, the Oregon Chapter and the Wolf Pac.

Bands will include The Quits, Harrah's Void, and Roger Decarlo. Karaoke will finish out the night's events. The event is free and open to the public.

#### FCS Kindergarten Transition Camp Set

A kindergarten transition camp for registered kindergarten students is scheduled for 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Aug. 22-25, at Faulconer Chapman School in Sheridan. Lunches will be provided.

The new students will have the opportunity to visit classrooms, meet school staff and classmates, and participate in four days of fun learning about school routines and expectations.

Contact the school for registration information.



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#### Employment

The new Riverside Cafe, 128 S. Bridge St. in Sheridan, is now hiring for all positions. Applications are available at Hofenbredl Realty's office in Willamina. Call Barb Hofenbredl, 503-910-9261, to make other arrangements to pick up an application. (c)

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#### NOTICE OF WEST VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD VACANCY

The West Valley Fire District Board has an open seat. Applicants for this position must be able to attend at least one evening meeting every month.

To apply, please complete an application which can be found on the West Valley Fire District website or at the Willamina City Hall office.

Interested individuals may submit the applications via email to meneleyb@ci.willamina.or.us or deliver them to the office at Willamina City Hall.

Please call Bridget Meneley, Deputy City Recorder, at 503.876.2242, with questions. Email may also be sent to the email address above with questions.



#### **Garage Sales**

Sheridan Senior Estates will host a park-wide garage sale next weekend, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 27, 503 SE Sheridan Road. Treasures will abound in this multi-home sale. Don't miss it!

#### **Storage Sale**

**Storage sale:** Miscellaneous furniture, antiques, outdoor gear (fishing, kayak, bike, etc.), tools, beautiful antique wood stove. Call for information/appointment, 503-383-6967. (17)

#### Luncheon

**Spread the word.** Former workers of Boise Cascade's Willamina plant are invited to a luncheon at 1 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month at Coyote Joe's beginning Sept. 1. (31)

#### **Puppies for Sale**

Puppies for sale. 3/4 Beagle, 1/4 Dachshund. One male, one female, 16 weeks. Fully vaccinated. \$200. Call 503-843-9972. (24)

#### Firewood

**Firewood for sale:** five or six cords of mixed fir and maple trees. Would like to sell the truckload of logs all at once. \$400 for the works. You cut, you haul. 503-876-7356. (17)

#### Parakeet

**Sweet Parakeet** needs a good home. Call 971-241-8908 and leave a message.

Friday at 6 p.m. is the deadline for placing classified ads in The Bulletin Board.



Interested? Contact Katie in our office. 503-843-4455 • katie.mwlinc@gmail.com

#### **Physical Therapy**

**Bridge Street Physical Therapy:** If you need physical therapy and you have an insurance we can't take, we can evaluate and treat you for \$40 per treatment. Please inquire for details, 503-843-7617. (c)

Memories:

Souvenirs our hearts collect throughout the years. Contributed by a Bulletin Board Guest Writer

When I was 14 and living with my parents, my mother spent a Saturday making me a red quilted poodle skirt. At the time, I was all bones. Try to picture yards of red quilted material wrapped around a stick figure with a starched white short-sleeved collared blouse with socks rolled to my ankles and white bucks.

I told my mother I would walk to my grandparent's farm and milk the cows. My mother replied, "Not in those clothes, young lady; the barn is full of cow dung and straw!"

"Please, please, please," I begged. "I won't get anything on me." But, notice, I did eventually learn to say please.

She relented, and I left to stroll down the lane, hoping to see a 39' black Ford drive by; I thought the senior boys in it were pretty cute.

I thought my mom was on to me, why I wanted to wear that new outfit, but I hoped she was too occupied to do anything about it. Sure enough, about halfway there, the car pulled up and over, and we visited for a few minutes. When I did get to my grandmother's farm, sure enough, I hadn't dilly-dallied long enough and still had to milk the cow, and much to my dismay, the stool was very low, and the cow was filthy.

I wrapped the red quilted material around me, kept my feet out of the cow dung, and began to milk the cow. While working away, the cow's tail, full of dirt and other things, swung and hit me right in the face and covered the front of my skirt.

As I stood up, I spilled what small amount of milk I had in the pail on my white buck shoes. I was indeed a mess, and my mother was right.

I had to walk back on the same road in hopes this time I wouldn't see the '39 black Ford.

#### **Public Notice**

#### City of Willamina

The City of Willamina seeks to place a two year moratorium on the November 8, 2022, general election ballot. In accordance with State requirements, the City of Willamina is publishing the ballot title, question, and summary for a challenge by any voter. Challenges may be filed in the Circuit Court.

#### BALLOT TITLE:

**Caption:** Prohibits psilocybin businesses within Willamina. Prohibition sunsets after two years.

**Question:** Shall the City of Willamina declare a temporary ban prohibiting Psilocybin-related businesses and manufacture of Psilocybin products within Willamina.

**Summary:** State law allows for the manufacturing, transportation, delivery, sale, and purchase of psilocybin, the psychedelic drug found in certain mushrooms. State law provides that a local government may adopt an ordinance to be referred to the voters to prohibit the establishment of licensed psilocybin product manufacturers and/or psilocybin service centers.

The Willamina City Council adopted an ordinance prohibiting the establishment of psilocybin product manufacturers and psilocybin service center operators within the City for a period of two years, which was referred to the voters per state law.

The two-year prohibition is intended to provide additional time for the City to enact reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions on licensed facilities. Approval of this measure would prohibit the establishment of psilocybin product manufacturers and psilocybin service center operators within the City of Willamina until December 31, 2024.



# **Welcome Back to School**



Education is the gateway to a world of dreams. Motivation is the key. All your hard work will pay off. May this school year be your best.

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Sheridan Museum of History 142 S Bridge Street · Sheridan

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135 S Bridge Street · Sheridan 503-843-3374 112 NW Main Street · Willamina 503-876-9082

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> Green Crest Memorial Park office@greencrest memorialpark.net 503-379-1969

**Techtonics Tuning** 21805 SW Rock Creek Rd. Sheridan • 503-843-2700

West Valley Veterinary Hospital 711 W Main Street · Sheridan 503-843-4011

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Grand Ronde 503-879-5003

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## WILLAMINA CITY MANAGER'S REPORT



#### From the desk of Willamina Interim City Manager Sarah Frost

"Living in a rural setting exposes you to so many marvelous things."

-- Susan Orlean

#### City Manager's Office:

Did you know that we have several Infrastructure projects underway or in planning for the City?

- Water Intake Relocation & Improvement Project: we are wrapping up the design of this large-scale project and will start the construction phase later this year.

- Lift Stations Capacity Improvement: we are currently applying for funding opportunities to begin the necessary steps involved in increasing the capacity capabilities of our lift stations while our city continues to grow.

- **Oaken Hills Pump Track:** more information will be coming soon as we begin looking at our timeline and await notification of a grant from the Oregon Parks & Recreation Department.

Other projects include our Wastewater Master Plan Update and the bank erosion at Huddleston Pond.

#### Willamina City Council:

At the August City Council meeting the primary focus was to decide what local action to take and put before the voters regarding regulations for Measure 109. Measure 109, known as the Oregon Psilocybin Service Act, allows for the manufacture, delivery and administration of psilocybin at licensed facilities.

Additional information about Oregon psilocybin services can be found on the Oregon Health Authority website at www.oregon.gov/oha. You will see additional information posted soon in Public Notices and in the Voters' Pamphlet.

The next regular City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 6 p.m., at West Valley Fire District and via Zoom.

#### Willamina Public Library:

We are adjusting our library schedule on the first Thursday of the month starting in September. We will only offer window service this day to accommodate hosting the West Valley Service Integration Team meeting through June 2023. What is service integration? The purpose of the program is to facilitate collaboration among community partners to provide coordinated resources and information for individuals and families. It is a partnership between Polk County Family and Community Outreach, six school districts, 200-plus partnering organizations, agencies, and individuals throughout the county. Make sure to watch for additional information soon for our fall storytime schedule.

#### **National Night Out:**

We would like to thank our partners and our community for a fun and successful National Night Out. We estimated to have seen more than 800 people. We raised \$430 for the YCSO K-9 program. Special thanks to our emergency service partners who joined us from the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Sheridan Fire, and Yamhill County Sheriff's Office. We had so much fun and look forward to next year's event.



CITY OF WILLAMINA 411 NE C STREET • WILLAMINA (503) 876-2242 Hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Friday

### **Obituaries**

#### Gordon W. (Tim) Linton Nov. 3, 1933- July 27, 2022

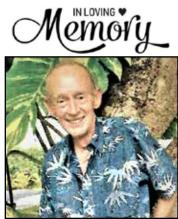
Gordon (Tim) Linton was born in Willamina to George (Dewey) and Geraldine ("Toots" Mercier) Linton. He grew up in Grand Ronde with his sister Diane and brother Tommy. He was best friends with his many cousins, forming life-long relationships. In the late 1950s, Tim moved his growing family to Brookings, Ore., seeking work, which he found at the local plywood mill as a logger and truck driver. Always a hardworker, Tim found his calling as a truck driver, excelling as a truck boss, his family said. During this time, he received many awards for safe driving and taught his skills to others.

He enjoyed hunting and camping with his boys, family, and friends.

After he retired, he and his wife, Caroline, relocated to McMinnville. His family said these were the happiest years for them, socializing with family and friends. Tim was preceded in death by his wife, Caroline, and sons, Mike and Gregg.

He is survived by his brother, Tom, son, Les, and daughter, Christine, as well as numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

The placement of his ashes was held on Aug. 12 at the Grand Ronde Cemetery. His life was celebrated at Tom Linton's home in Grand Ronde on Aug. 13.



Joe Carl Berglund June 16, 1940-June 21, 2022 Aloha

Aloha means farewell to thee Aloha means goodbye; It means until we meet again Beneath a tropic sky Aloha means good morning, And always to be true. But the best thing that Aloha means, Is I love you.

## Brenda Sue Johnson

July 4, 1967-Aug. 10, 2022 Brenda Sue Johnson passed away on Aug. 10, 2022. She was born in Stayton, Ore., on July 4, 1967, and has been living in Dallas, Ore., for the last 23 years. Brenda was an amazing friend and mother figure to many. After 21 years at Spirit Mountain Casino, she was able to enjoy her remaining time with her close family and friends. She enjoyed spending time with her family as often as she could. She loved adventure, travel, camping, fishing, and playing Words With Friends online. One of Brenda's favorite things to do was go to Lincoln City. She enjoyed getting clam chowder at Mo's before going to the casino. She is survived by her mother,

Nelda McMillan; sister, Gayle (Gary) Page; daughter, Amanda Johnson; grandson, Zander Loura; son-in-law, Joshua Loura; nephew, Matt (Cassandra) Hembree; niece, Michelle Hembree; step-mother, Dottie Johnson; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and great-nephews.

A celebration of her life will be held from 1-4 p.m. on Aug. 27, 2022, at the Aumsville Community Center in Aumsville, Ore.





## SHERIDAN ALLPREP ACADEMY SHERIDAN ALLPREP CHILDREN'S CENTER OPEN HOUSE Join us on August 29, 5:30-7:30 PM 339 NW Sherman Street Sheridan, OR 97378

Sheridan AllPrep Academy, a virtual school in the Sheridan, OR, school district, serves students in Oregon in grades K-12. In September, we are excited to open the Sheridan AllPrep Children's Center! Our Children's Center will open three care rooms and serve children ages 6 weeks – 5 years. SHAPA students can earn credit while learning in the Children's Center. Come visit our new Center!

## SHAPA Students:

- Meet your teachers
- Pick up your computer
   & curriculum
- Take a photo for your student ID



## All Visitors:

- Tour our new Children's Center
- Enjoy some treats!
- Peruse tables of free surplus curriculum, toys, and other items
- Meet SHAPA and SHACC staff

We hope to see you there!





sheridanallprep.org 503-843-9330

## **SHERIDAN FIRE DISTRICT**



### Ballston/Buell/Sheridan

230 SW Mill Street • Sheridan 97378 www.sheridanfd.org (503)843-2467

Proudly serving our communities since 1886

Hello!

I want to share with our communities some information that's been shared with me; it's hot and dry out there!

After record-breaking temperatures in our area, the forecast shows cooler weather is coming. However, even with a cool down, our region will still be experiencing dry conditions.

Please remember that there is a burn ban in our area. Do not burn anything, please. Unfortunately, a cooler trend historically leads people to believe it is okay to light fires for burning or to celebrate occasions by using fire in some capacity. An example of an event that occurred in 2017, a gender reveal party in Arizona sparked a wildfire that burned nearly 47,000 acres and caused more than \$8 million in damage. The people responsible for the starting the fire were held liable for the damages.

A concerned citizen called me this week and told me he had found a sky lantern on his property. A sky lantern is a small hot air balloon made of paper with an open bottom and suspended fuel cell. They shared these pictures with me:



You can see how dry the grass is where the flaming lantern landed. The obvious potential for disaster is clearly seen by the height of the grass and the adjacent timber area that leads to other homes and properties. Please know that your fire district supports your right to celebrate or memorialize as you deem appropriate. However, please do not do this. We ask that you wait for the right conditions. Please wait until there isn't a burn ban in effect and we have experienced some rain. And, of course, always be as safe as possible. We also request that fire be left out of the equation when possible.

As for the example we shared about the gender reveal fire, the people responsible for that fire were held liable for damages. So would a person in our area who causes a fire damages to property. It does not matter if the perpetrator has insurance; they are considered liable for the damages. To be clear, I am not a lawyer nor give anyone legal advice. I am merely sharing with you past events that led to individuals being held liable by our court systems for fire damages. Please consider this information as you plan your next event.

On Sept. 25, we will host our annual pancake feed and grand-reopening ceremony at the Sheridan Fire Station. Again, we thank you for the opportunity to serve you and our communities. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions regarding your fire safety needs.

Respectfully, Fire Chief Les Thomas Sheridan Fire District

#### Opioid Treatment Van Available in Sheridan

The Great Circle Recovery mobile unit is parked in front of the American Legion from 11 a.m. until noon Monday through Friday. The Legion is located on North Bridge Street in Sheridan. The mobile unit provides help for those addicted to opioids, such as a heroin or fentanyl who have active Oregon Health Plan (OHP) or tribal insurance. Great Circle Recovery staff is available to assist the uninsured with the OHP application process.

Great Circle staff work with individuals to determine the best course of treatment which could include Methadone, Suboxone, or Buprenorphine (which is said to be safer for pregnant women).

While the mobile unit cannot offer every treatment option, the team is ready to guide those in need in the right direction.

"Individuals can walk in without fear of judgment and begin the process of recovery," said Aaron, a licensed nurse who works in the mobile van.

For more information, stop by the van or call 503-983-9900. Peer support and case managers are available to help.





According to the calendar, August is about gone. You know what that means, don't you? Besides summer being a season of the past, the kids will be going back to school pretty soon.

That means WATCH OUT for the school buses and kids. The buses stop at necessary places along the roads/streets to let the students on or off, depending on the time of day.

Please be very careful when you see a stopped bus. It could be the students are getting off. Some of them run to tell mom what they did today or show them their work. At that time, they're not paying attention to the traffic. Or, if it's "pick up" time, they're running to get a seat next to their best friend, and again, they're not paying attention to the traffic.

As a responsible driver, please be aware of the bus riders.

The bus shows flashing yellow lights when slowing down before stopping. When stopped, those lights will flash red.

Taking care while driving around school buses is "What's Up in Willamina."

#### 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 Chamber Seeks Votes for **Business and Volunteers of the Year**

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### Til Valhalla Project to Honor Local Man

The community is invited to a plaque presentation honoring SPC Mason Storm Webber at 10 a.m. this Saturday, Aug. 20, at American Legion Post 75, 125 N. Bridge Street in Sheridan.

SPC Mason Webber died Sept. 5, 2019, in Fort Hood, Texas.

The Til Valhalla Project will present the plaque to SPC Webber's wife Kayle in his honor.

Kayle was born and raised in the Sheridan and Willamina area. She joined the Army at age 17 and was also stationed at Fort Hood when her husband died.

The Til Valhalla Project was started in 2017 when founder Korey Shaffer, a former U.S. Marine, made a plaque to honor a close friend who committed suicide. According to the website, Korey made the plaque and gave it to his friend's mother, who then shared it on Facebook. He said that making the memorial plaque helped him through the grieving process.

The company sells t-shirts, hats, steel art, and more. Proceeds from sales are used to purchase materials to make the plaques that are given to the families of fallen heroes.

Twenty percent of net proceeds are donated to #Mission22, who work to prevent veteran suicides. The Til Valhalla Project has contributed more than \$1 million to #mission22, and presented more than 1,500 plaques.

More information about Til Valhalla is available at their website: https://tilvalhallaproject.com/.

# A Message from the Sheridan Superintendent

#### Sheridan Families,

Fall brings the start of school and the start of the fall sports season. A difference from last year, SHS is now classified as 3A, joining the PacWest Conference with Amity, Dayton, Jefferson, Santiam Christian, Scio, and Taft.

Last school year, during the window of opportunity to petition the move from 2A to 3A, the District submitted letters to OSAA and sent representatives to the OSAA determination board meeting. The outcome was that we would be designated 3A except for Spartan Football. Therefore, our football team will be 2A, allowing us to create a JV football team and begin to grow the program.

Spartan Football will be in Special District 1, competing against Clatskanie, Gaston, Knappa, Neah-Kah-Nie (3A), Nestucca, and Vernonia. Our first home Spartan Varsity Football league game will be at 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 23, against Vernonia HS.

Spartan Cross Country will open their season with a meet in Ultimook (Tillamook, Hydrangea Ranch) against ten other high schools (time to be determined).

Spartan Varsity Volleyball will have their first home league match at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 6, against Amity HS.

The 3A designation creates a new challenge for our athletes, and our coaches have been working hard to prepare students for the fall season. We have fantastic student-athletes who will no doubt rise to the challenge of the 3A competition. So please come out and support our Spartans!

> Dorie Vikery Ed. D, Superintendent Sheridan School District School District Office: 971-261-6959 Sheridan High School: 971-261-6970 Faulconer Chapman School: 971-261-6960



### The Dogs Ate Their Lottery Tickets

Officials at the Oregon Lottery have seen Lottery tickets in many different states. Washed in a pair of jeans, dropped in a mud puddle, and even run over by cars. But earlier this week was a first. The Oregon Lottery received a letter with a torn-up ticket and a picture of two dogs. That's right, the dogs ate the Lottery ticket. Nathan and Rachael Lamet of Salem sent the damaged ticket to the Lottery with a note and a picture of their two Alaskan Klee Kias, "Apple" and "Jack." The Lamets have owned the dogs since they were puppies, "Apple" is 11 months old and "Jack" is two years old.

"For some reason we left the ticket on the ottoman and they decided it was delicious," said Rachel Lamet. "I went to bed and when I woke up it was eaten to the point that I thought it was unable to be checked. But my husband thought it was hilarious and someone might get a good laugh at the very least. He said it's for sure a winner."

Oregon Lottery personnel didn't roll over, and fetched all the pieces of the ticket and were able to put the ticket back together, and soon realized Nathan was right. The "delicious" \$3 Pharaoh's Gold Crossword was an \$8 winner.

When the Lamets found out they had won, and the check was being mailed to them, they couldn't believe it was actually a winning ticket.

"That's too funny," Rachael said. "We are definitely getting more chew toys, they go through a lot. We love them, but they are crazy sometimes."

The Oregon Lottery does mailin claims so players can send in their winning tickets through the mail. Usually these claims are processed and paid within 10 business days.

Lottery officials recommend that you always sign the back of your tickets with each Oregon Lottery game you play, to ensure you can claim any prize you may win. In the event of winning a jackpot, players should consult with a trusted financial planner or similar professional to develop a plan for their winnings. And above all, make sure the ticket is out of reach of any furry friends!

Since the Oregon Lottery began selling tickets on April 25, 1985, it has earned nearly \$14 billion for economic development, public education, Outdoor School, state parks, Veteran Services, and watershed enhancements. For more information on the Oregon Lottery visit www.oregonlottery. org



## **Thoughtful Son and Wife Create Perfect Gift for Quilt-Loving Mom**

Donna Hulett's home dons this 4-foot by 4-foot quilt block given as a gift from her son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Fauna Hulett.

Donna has been quilting for more than 50 years. Her five children, Debbie, Ken, Pat, Geri, and Mike, all grew up watching their mother quilt. They saw the hard work and dedication required. All five of her children graduated from Sheridan High School.

Mike, the youngest of the five, started working on charter fishing boats and eventually returned to school to become an accountant. Mike has worked at Spirit Mountain Casino for the past 20 years. Fauna worked as the store manager for Rodda Paint in McMinnville and is now retired. They live in Sheridan.

On Christmas 2020, Mike and Fauna surprised Donna with a large sheet of plywood, telling her "half of it is yours."

Donna said, "I had no idea what they were doing. I knew I hadn't ordered any plywood."

Over the next year, Mike and Fauna designed and painted the quilt block, occasionally allowing Donna a sneak peek. Mike and Fauna chose colors to compliment Donna's home; some of the paint used was the same on the house.

Donna said, "Mike has spent years coming to quilt shows and was very good at examining the craftsmanship.

Donna is one of the original members of the Coastal Hills Quilters and has been for more than 20 years. Her love for quilts





talk to her.

When asked about the inspiration for the quilt block, Donna talked about the tours she would take with her sister in Tillamook to look at guilt blocks. Donna and her sister Dorothy have taken the tour several times. She said they would rent a cabin at the coast and enjoy the many guilt blocks seen on the houses and barns. Donna said lots of shops would have them inside as well.

None of Donna's children have taken up quilting, but Donna said there wasn't much need since she has made so many over the years.

Donna said her favorite part of this quilt block was the thought put into it by her son and daughter-in-law. "They picked the colors, the pattern, and made it from scratch," said Donna.

The quilt block is hung on the east side of Donna's home and can be seen by those driving past on Blair Loop.



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## **Sheridan School District Hosts Chamber Breakfast Meeting**

Sheridan School District Superintendent Dorie Vickery hosted the Aug. 12 Sheridan Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting held in the old gym at Sheridan High School. Dorie is about to begin her third year on the job in Sheridan.

Dorie talked about the Barbara Roberts Career Technical Education Center project, to be constructed in the old CEC building purchased by the Sheridan School District in October 2021. The CTEC school will focus on agriculture, manufacturing, firefighting/EMT training, and auto tech, including heavy equipment operation and truck driving.

The career technical education (CTE) program is for high school juniors and seniors who will be able to earn certifications. Class work will be aligned with industry standards using high-end equipment, helping to ensure students will be qualified for good jobs when they graduate. The project, which is in the planning and construction phase,

was awarded \$1.9 million from the state to purchase the property. In addition, Willamette Valley United Way contributed \$74,000 to start the building design, and the Yamhill County Commissioners approved \$1.4 million in ARPA funds for the project.

The district is currently on a list for federal funding, and applications for other large grants are in the works.

Dorie said the district is also making plans to renovate existing schools. After more than a year of committee work and planning, the Sheridan School District landed on three key areas that need significant financial support: student safety, renovating two old gymnasiums, and CTE expansion.

The renovation of the Faulconer Chapman School's old gym building would provide an emergency shelter for the community in case of extreme heat, power outages, or flooding.

Additionally, having four functioning gymnasiums would al-



**Superintendent Dorie Vickery** 

low the district to host large tournaments and events, generating economic growth for local businesses.

The school district is working on a bond measure to present to voters on the upcoming Nov. 8 ballot that would enable these projects to go forward. More volunteers are needed to help get the word out to the community. The plans include signs, flyers, videos, and a town hall meeting. The community will soon be hearing more about plans for a secured welcome area in both schools, increased cameras, and improved communication within the buildings.

Dorie pointed out several large posts in the gym installed in the 1990s due to an earthquake that shifted the roof. She said the gym was condemned after the earthquake. An architect advised adding the posts, but she said it has been deteriorating ever since. The renovation cost is \$6 million and will be a part of the work funded by the Nov. 8 bond measure.

Following Dorie's presentation, and so fitting for a meeting held at the school, Chamber members all took a quiz about Sheridan schools. Congratulations on an A+ went to Chamber member John Stanislaw.

As is customary at Sheridan Chamber meetings, time is set

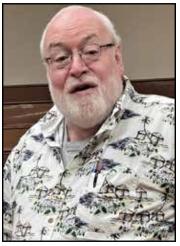


aside for everyone who wishes to make announcements or talk about their businesses.



#### Jessie Watson, Director Sheridan AllPrep Academy

Jessie Watson, executive director at Sheridan AllPrep Academy, was excited to talk about all the work they've been doing at their new building. She said they're on track to open their children's center on Sept. 1. They will host an open house for the school and child care center at 339 NW Sherman Street from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Aug. 29. The open house is open to the community. Applications are now available for those seeking quality child care.



**City Councilor Jim Buckles** 



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## **Mother And Daughter Train Two Wild Mustangs Together**

Dallas Merkel, mother of 12-year-old Lexi Merkel, have been working together in the Teens and Oregon Mustangs competition. The goal is to train and tame a wild mustang for 100 days and find the horse a new home. The program is intended to educate the public about BLM mustangs and find new homes for them.

Lexi Merkel is training a wild mustang as her summer project this year. Last year she participated in the program with her mustang, Lindy. Later that year, when she took this horse to auction to find it a new home, her parents surprised her by allowing her to keep the horse she worked so hard to train. Lindy is now two-years-old.

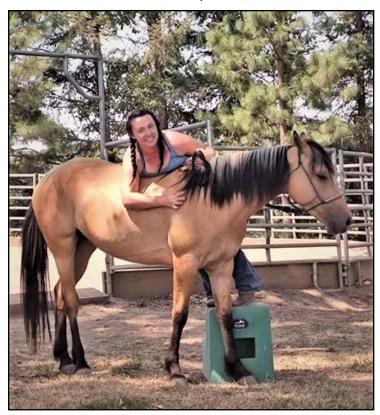
Lexi is training a yearling pinto filly named Bella this year. "They have grown in so many ways together," Lexi's mother, Dallas, said. Lexi said she loves participating in this program and has learned so much about feeding the horses and the responsibilities of cleaning up after them. She's also enjoyed teaching and learning with the horses and increasing her skills.

Dallas is also competing this year with a 3-year old buckskin named Honey. They will compete in the adult in-hand division.

"Honey is an extraordinary horse and will make a great riding prospect. Honey has a great personality and is well-mannered, and why don't we top that off with how gorgeous she is," said Dallas.

Honey and Bella will be available for adoption at the Linn County Fairgrounds Sept. 2-4. A live auction and online bidding will be available. The public is invited to come and see these two compete.









## **Grand Sheramina Sees Increased Need at Weekly Food Distribution**

The number of people relying on Grand Sheramina Food Bank continues to increase, said Food Bank Manager Judy Adams.

"Thanks to our loyal supporters we have been able to meet this increased demand, so far," she said.

"We are distributing food boxes to a record number of families, more each week. It seems that hunger doesn't take a vacation. "As everyone knows, prices are rising. The cost of maintenance and repair of the buildings, equipment, and vehicles, has also increased substantially.

#### **Community Invited** To Town Hall Meeting

The Sheridan City Council will host a town hall meeting on homelessness at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 30, in the Sheridan High School gym.

The Sheridan City Council is considering options for making regulations and policies regarding homelessness in Sheridan. The Council would like to hear from the city's residents so that they can better develop local rules and regulations.

At the town hall meeting, there will be a panel of speakers to give information, but the focus of the meeting is for the Council to listen to the communities concerns, ideas, and proposed solutions.

Each person who wishes to speak will have two minutes to address the council.





"Food prices go up each time you visit the grocery store. The community's generosity allows this food bank to feed hungry people who come to us for assistance," Judy concluded.

In addition to much needed cash donations, Grand Sheramina accepts donations of returnable cans and bottles. The food bank manager redeems them to help cover the cost of operating the food bank.

These donations may be dropped off at the food bank on Mondays, from 10 a.m. until noon, or Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., or by calling 503-843-3133 to make other arrangements.

Amazon shoppers are asked to support Grand Sheramina through Amazon Smile, a program in which Amazon donates a percentage of every purchase to Grand Sheramina at no cost to the shopper. To participate, shoppers must register Grand Sheramina as their charity of choice at the Amazon site.

"This food bank is crucial to the well-being of so many people in our community. We are seeking donations that will enable us to continue service," food bank volunteers said.

Donations may be mailed to Grand Sheramina, P.O. Box 536, Sheridan, OR 97378.

#### Legion Outreach **Ready to Help Veterans**

Many veterans have tangled with government forms attempting to figure out what they need to do to access their benefits. The process can be complex, time-consuming, and often lead to an unhealthy dose of frustration.

But now, all West Valley veterans and their spouses can breathe a big sigh of relief thanks to American Legion Post 75 West Valley Veterans Outreach. Help is offered every Tuesday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at American Legion Post 75 at 125 N. Bridge Street in Sheridan. The new service hours may increase to two days per week if additional hours are needed.

The outreach hopes to serve the people of Sheridan, Willamina, Grand Ronde, Buell, Ballston, everyone in the West Valley.

#### Toastmasters to Meet

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



Recycled crayons are given new life with new colors. This week's word search is filled with some of these new color's names.

Crayon Collection Month

Weekly Meetings:

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### Willamina Council Addresses Psilocybin Regulations

April Carothers

Psilocybin became the first topic for discussion at the last Willamina City Council meeting after moving items around a bit.

The Council discussed Resolution 22-23-002, Psilocybin Regulations, and Ordinance 692, a temporary ban on the manufacture or sale of psilocybin within Willamina City Limits. No companies or individuals are seeking to do either, but the City sees the possibilities for such activities on the horizon with the 2020 passage of Oregon Ballot Measure 109.

Psilocybin is a psychedelic drug that occurs naturally in psilocybin mushrooms. It was banned in 1970 and is federally classified as a Schedule I controlled substance, defined as having no apparent use in medicine and having the potential for abuse.

However, according to the National Library of Medicine, it has been used successfully for treating addictions and psychological disorders, PTSD, and depression. Although psilocybin has been used for thousands of years and is considered by some to be the safest of all psychedelic drugs, if misused, it can be dangerous. Mushroom toxicity is a concern as is the risk of physical or mental distress (known as a "bad trip"). Denver, Colo., was the first U.S. city to decriminalize psilocybin, with many other cities following suit. In November of 2020, Oregon voted to both decriminalize it as well as legalize its therapeutic use.

Willamina is trying to get ahead of the coming wave by referring the issue to city residents, who will vote on whether to prohibit psilocybin manufacturing and sales for two years within city limits. This issue will be on the November 2022 ballot for the City of Willamina.

Affordable Housing and Housing Assistance: Next up was Resolution 22-23-001, a 2022 Community Development Block Grant resolution to support assisted housing programs. According to Data USA, 20.8% of the population of Willamina live below the poverty line. Therefore, affordable housing is a critical issue here (and all over Oregon). For a rental unit to be considered affordable, rent and utilities must cost the renter no more than 30% of their gross household income. For example, a family of four that earns \$65.100 or less



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is considered low income. For them, affordable housing would cost only 30% of their income, about \$1625 per month. The Community Development Block Grant seeks to provide funds to qualifying cities. Funds can be used to help people find affordable rental housing as well as help them find appropriate housing assistance programs.

**City Code and the TSP:** Next up was Ordinance 691, which provides amendments to the Willamina Development Code to ensure consistency with the 2022 Willamina Transportation System Plan. This topic has been under discussion and action for some time now.

**IGA between Willamina and the WVFD:** Resolution 22-23-003 is the Intergovernmental Agreement or IGA between the City of Willamina and the West Valley Fire District. The City resolved to approve the "execution and contents of the intergovernmental agreement for the administration of services."

League of Oregon Cities: The last item on the regular agenda was an upcoming vote for which ballots are due by Aug. 19.

Background: each even-numbered year, the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) appoints people to serve on seven different committees examining specific issues in the state to develop appropriate policies for addressing these issues. Each city is asked to review the recommendations provided by these seven committees and to provide one vote indicating which five issues are the top priorities they would like to see the LOC address in their upcoming 2023 legislative session.

The committees include Community Development, General Government, Energy and Environment, Finance and Taxation, Telecommunications and Broadband, Transportation, and Water and Wastewater.

The City of Willamina will decide which issues are priorities for Willamina residents based on Willamina's specific needs. Each city is expected to have different priorities.

**Coming Up:** Willamina's Citywide Garage Sale will take place this weekend, August 19-20, at various homes throughout town between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. For more information, contact ginnywymore@gmail.com.

The City has many volunteer opportunities for those who want to get involved and help make Willamina an even better place to live.



#### **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 origi-

nal 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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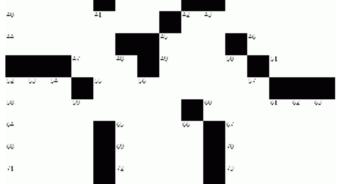
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Thanks to the kind-hearted and generous people who make up Churches United for West Valley, many local children will be well-prepared to start the new school year. Churches United gave away hundreds of backpacks filled with school supplies last Saturday at Sheridan City Park.

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## **Rock of Ages Valley View Re**

Rock of Ages Retirement Village, located at 15600 S.W. Rock of Ages Road, invited everyone in the West Valley community to enjoy a day of music, entertainment, and food last Saturday. The event was welcoming to all ages with entertainment ranging from Gospel music to a puppet show, water slides and bounce houses. The kids village was filled with a variety of activities. Much to the delight of all of the kids, the McMinnville Aircraft Modelers model airplane show featured the annual "candy bomber." The car show featured a collection of lovingly restored classics polished and gleaming in the sun. Thank you, Rock of Ages for this wonderful gift!



A crowd gathered to hear more than 30 members of the Second Winds Community Band play many familiar old-time favorites.

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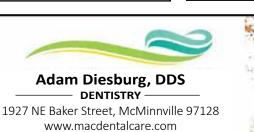
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## 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline **Offers Behavioral Health Help**

People in Oregon and nationwide who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis can call, text or chat 988 to get compassionate care and support from trained crisis counselors. The three-digit 988 number is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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The 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline was established to improve access to crisis services in a way that meets our country's growing suicide and mental health-related crisis care needs. The 988 number is easy to remember, like 911. 988 will be available to help people who are experiencing a range of behavioral health crises, including thoughts of suicide or self-harm, substance use, or any other kind of behavioral health crisis.

People can also dial 988 if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.

The 988 dialing code connects callers to the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline; a network of local crisis call centers throughout the country. In Oregon, 988 call centers are operated by Lines for Life statewide, and Northwest Human Services in Marion and Polk counties.

988 call services will be available in English and Spanish, along with interpretation services in more than 150 languages. Texting 988 and online chat (available at http://988lifeline.org/) are currently available only in English.

In 2020, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline received nearly 2.4 million calls, and call volume is anticipated to significantly increase with the launch of 988.

The Oregon Legislature, through House Bill 2417 (2021) and other transformative investments, is strengthening and expanding the state's behavioral health crisis system. This includes approximately \$7 million for staffing Oregon's two 988 call centers and approximately \$39 million allocated to Community Mental Health Programs to enhance and expand community-based mobile crisis intervention services.

In Oregon, Lines for Life has staff who can provide culturally and linguistically specific services around the clock and Northwest Human Services has expanded its staff to do the same. As the 988 crisis response system expands, additional funding will be required to sustain the call centers, response units and other services.

With community partnerships and insights, OHA hopes that 988 can provide an empowering, culturally responsive experience for individuals in crisis and that the system will meet the unique needs of groups disproportionately impacted by health inequities.





## Kids These Days... August 1967

## "You Can't Mean My Child!"

We have always prided ourselves that the children of Sheridan were a group of whom to be proud and that they look like ladies and gentlemen and act like ladies and gentlemen. We still maintain that the majority of the kids in our area fall into that category. But, we do have an element apparently composed of hooligans and vandals, regardless of family background. It is of this particular element that we write.

We were asked to look at the local theater last weekend after the regular Saturday evening show. What met our eyes was something to disgust any parent, including the ones who would say, "My child wouldn't do that."

Theater seats had been slashed, holes had been kicked in the walls, toilet seats had been ripped off the hinges, gum and candy were ground into the carpeting and all kinds of debris thrown indiscriminately about the floors. This, after constant and continuous repairs for such actions.

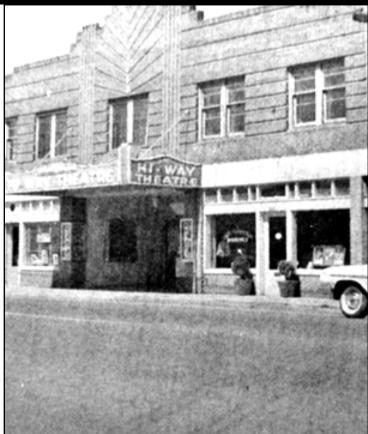
Are our children allowed to do these things at home and in their friend's homes? We think not. Then, why must they present the picture of the "Ugly American" to the Canadians who bought the theater, made Sheridan their home, and tried to give our community a decent place for entertainment? Why should our children think they are entitled to go into any man's place of business and run rampant?

We feel part of the blame must lie with the parent in lack of proper upbringing and instilling of values. Part of the blame must go to the community for giving the young people so few places for recreation to let off youthful steam. The rest of the blame falls squarely on the back of the child involved.

Somewhere, in spite of all else, that child must have an underlying sense of decency and common sense. If he (or she) expects to get along in what we still like to think of as a civilized world, those underlying senses had better rise to the fore.

If the theater is to be used as little more than a public babysitter, then the going rate for babysitters should be charged, and nursemaids hired to keep things under control. If it is to be used as a place of entertainment for adults and children alike, as it was originally intended, then perhaps children should not be allowed in the show unless accompanied by an adult.

We can't expect others to take over our responsibilities of train-



ing our children. We have too long expected our school teachers to pick up our slack in this field, and now we are turning the outof-school hours over to others, too. We can't buy our children respect for authority - we have to earn it. It is too bad that the innocent must suffer with the guilty, but it has been ever thus. Don't be too sure that your child isn't among the guilty ones. Give serious thought to the "open letter" to be found in sun static this week. Give serious thought to your child's future E. P.

## Sun Static ....

### An open letter to the parents of Sheridan and District:

It is with deep regret that we write this letter to you. Due to the increased willful vandalism in our theater, we find it necessary to raise our admission prices. The wanton destruction that has continued in the theater has made it impossible for us to pay for the upkeep and repairs. What little adult patronage we have has been lost due to the unnecessary havoc and noise created by your children. If we are to continue as a public babysitting service, we feel that at least you should know that we are no longer going to tolerate this impudence from your children. They will be put out of the theater permanently!

We regret that the good must suffer along with the bad, but as no one seems to see the destruction going on or report it to us, then all must suffer.

We have tried our best to create

a place where the young folks can come and see the best movies we can provide for them. We have catered to their wishes and brought in the movies they have asked for, but even this has been to no avail.

Seats have been slashed beyond repair, new paint has been deliberately scratched and written on, toilet facility seems to be unnecessary as the walls or floors provide a better substitute, holes have been kicked in the walls, soap dispensers have been pulled off the walls, and children bicycles have been damaged beyond repair and even stolen during an evening's show. Toilet tank tops have been thrown on the floor and smashed, pop has been thrown all over the walls and seats, and candy has been deliberately ground into the rugs, damage has been done to the screen by the throwing of gum, candy, and other articles at it, to just mention a few of the things that go on.

Rather than coming to see a movie, our place is used as a public meeting house where fun and games and fighting are thought to be the thing that should be done. We have repeatedly sent out some offenders during a movie, which I am sure that you parents have not been told about by the offenders. You may wonder why we can't catch them. It would take at least 20 adults patrolling the auditorium constantly and then weed out if they would catch anyone, as the theater is dark and the children are constantly in motion moving from one seat to another.

We only wish that you parents would attend a movie just to see what goes on in here on a weekend. I am sure you would be shocked to see the way your children carry on!

We might also add that if this destruction continues we will be forced to close the theater,

as Mr. Stone is now working in Portland to support this theater here and help pay for its upkeep, as our admission prices as they stand now will not defray the cost of the damages. As of August 31, our new prices will go into effect. All students will be charged 95¢ regardless of age, as children under 12 are some of the worst offenders. Hard to believe, isn't it? Adults over 21 will be admitted for 50¢ in the hopes that you will come out with your children to help cut out this destruction and keep them quiet during a movie.

We hope that this letter will be taken seriously and that you as parents will take it to heart because there is very little else for your children to do in Sheridan on a weekend for recreation, other than the theater. We are sincerely sorry, but this is the way it must be if we are to continue operating. Sincerely,

Hi-Way Theater, Sheridan

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