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**HAPPY**  
**2023**  
**WEST VALLEY**

**It's time for The Bulletin Board's semi-annual week off.**  
We will not publish a Jan. 4 issue.  
The office will be closed until Thursday, Jan. 5.  
On Jan. 5, we will return, under new ownership,  
to prepare for the Jan. 11 issue.

## The Bulletin Board Now Under New Ownership; Original Owner Extends Gratitude for Past Years

### Marianne Thomson

The past eight years have been incredible. From The Bulletin Board's first issue, published on Feb. 11, 2015, to these final days before retiring and moving on to new adventures. Community support has been heart-warming and encouraging from the very beginning. I will never forget the woman who stopped by the office in the very early days and put \$10 on the counter. She didn't want anything except to help ensure the paper would be successful. This happened more than once. Now, as I wrap up my 394th and final issue of The Bulletin Board, I think about how lucky I've been to meet so many West Valley folks from just about all walks of life. I'm grateful that so many people have been willing to share their stories with us. Always, our aim was simple: Tell the West Valley's story in a positive way, celebrating successes. Other stories were more difficult to write but essential to tell. In these cases, we believed that us-

ing an ample number of quotes, allowed individuals to speak for themselves.

The Bulletin Board couldn't exist without the support of our advertisers. We thank them for keeping our lights on and the presses rolling.

We thank everyone who shared information about events and news in the West Valley and, of course, our readers, without whom there'd be no reason for a community paper.

My new adventure as Sheridan's first woman mayor will begin Jan. 1. I thank Sheridan voters for this honor and look forward to working with everyone in Sheridan over the next four years.

We wish The Bulletin Board's new owners, Staci Coker and Nicole Pugh, continued success. Staci has worked at The Bulletin Board for more than three years. She appreciates the paper, understands how to operate it, and is an intelligent person capable of developing its future potential. Staci and business partner Nicole Pugh will take ownership of The Bulletin Board on Jan. 1, 2023.

**Marianne's**  
**2023 New Year's Resolutions:**

- Sell The Bulletin Board and retire
- Wish the new owners, Staci and Nicole, the best!
- Be the mayor of Sheridan

## The Bulletin Board Looks Back at 2022: Generosity Abundant in the West Valley

Jacob Jennings stepped up on a snowy day in early January to shovel the Adventist Health parking lot, so Andrea and the staff could continue clinic operations. Stella Curl delivered warm, yeasty, homemade bread to the appreciative ladies at The Bulletin Board; and Dennis Werth brightened up offices all over the West Valley with his towering bouquets of multi-colored gladiolus.

Meanwhile, other good-hearted West Valley citizens donated blood to the American Red Cross and signed kids up for Little League. Collectively, we donated socks, blankets, coats, food, cash, and more to benefit our neighbors needing a helping hand. With fundraising, donations, and hard work, Churches United filled backpacks with school supplies to get children off to a good start in school.

Sheridan First Baptist Church dedicated its new Children's Education Center on Jan. 9. They also hosted a well-attended community Easter egg hunt, taught vacation Bible school, and produced a very creative Halloween haunted house for the community.

The old TJ's Market and gas station underwent a complete overhaul resulting in the beautiful new American Market and Marathon Gas Station now gracing the corner of W. Main and N. Bridge in Sheridan.

With broken hearts, we learned to live without family, friends, and long-time community members who passed on in 2022. But, with loving hearts, we happily welcomed new little humans into the world.

Willamina Chamber hosted another successful bark dust sale, and Willamina Economic Improvement District (EID) saw that beautiful flower baskets were up in time for Mother's Day. EID also sponsored the annual city-wide garage sale in August. In September, Chamber and EID hosted "Bridge the Gap," an event allowing kids to interact with first responders in a positive setting.

Within her first couple of months on the job, Sheridan City Manager Heidi Bell landed two grants totaling \$1,185,000. One million will pay for a water loop project underneath Sheridan Road; the other, a \$185,000 grant, will be used to create a 20-year water master plan.

Last February, Birpal Johal (Paul) purchased the existing Willamina car wash and storage units at the corner of Main and E Street and remodeled the buildings into a laundromat, dog wash station, and new and improved car wash. The grand opening was held in April.

The Sheridan Chamber, which had dwindled to five or six members meeting sporadically, transformed into a vibrant group of about 20-25 community members who meet for a fun, lively breakfast every other week under the leadership of Chamber President Staci Coker.

American Legion leaders launched a veterans outreach program to help veterans navigate government paperwork, transportation issues, and more. In addition, commander Dave Hamilton and his family offered a homemade Thanksgiving dinner at the hall to ensure no one would go without or spend the holiday alone.

Bob and Beth Fanucchi celebrated 64 years of marriage; Lois Neal Gibson turned 95 in March, and Ernestine Huntley Watson turned 98 in March.

Willamina High School students traveled to the Grand National Roadster Show in Los Angeles with their custom-built display for the "Seaburst," a teal-blue 1957 custom-built Ford.

Marilyn Levy's entry "It's a magical day" won the Hometown Days theme contest.

Three new 12-unit apartment buildings opened on Sheridan Road for individuals recovering from drug addiction. Eligibility includes six months of sobriety and the ability to qualify for housing vouchers.

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# The Bulletin Board Looks Back at 2022 ...

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Grand Sheramina, under the guidance of manager Judy Adams, earned an excellent rating from Oregon Food Bank officials in March for the cleanliness of the facilities, having their paperwork in order, and the commitment of its outstanding volunteers.

Voters approved the Sheridan Fire District's levy to fund additional personnel and services, replace expired protective equipment, and general fund operations.

Student groups earned money by washing cars and selling donuts, and Wildwood hosted open mic nights on Sunday evenings. The Bonanza Antique Mall in Grand Ronde closed its doors.

The Sheridan School District, under the guidance of Superintendent Dorie Vickery, worked diligently to develop the Barbara Roberts Career Technical Center throughout the year. In March, the center was formally dedicated to former Gov. Barbara Roberts in a well-attended ceremony at the center. (The district purchased the former Construction Equipment Company (CEC) property in October 2021.)

Willamina Library Director Sarah Frost announced the arrival of the new "book bike," a bicycle that serves as a mobile library. First Federal hosted a community party to celebrate the bank's 100th birthday in April. First Federal also provided several grants and donations for area nonprofits that serve the West Valley. We attended Tai Chi and meditation classes and received quilting advice at West Valley Community Campus.

Rotary offered free "walk-in" movies featuring new release movies at Sheridan High School from May through October.

Sheridan Japanese School, a free charter school serving students since 1994, closed its doors, citing a lack of enrollment and Covid as contributing factors.

Sheridan's monthly Saturday market opened on May 7, and Ronnie O'Reilly turned eight years old.

The City of Sheridan held an extraordinary and unprecedented "no excuses" citywide cleanup in May, offering help to get rid of all kinds of difficult-to-dispose-of materials, from soggy couches to tires, computers, medical waste, and so much more. Two hundred volunteers rolled up their sleeves to benefit the community for the most successful cleanup Sheridan has ever experienced.

Former Mayor Aaron Baer resigned effective May 2. The Council appointed Rich Cox to fill the remainder of Aaron's term. Rose Hauck was appointed to fill the council seat vacated by Rich. At the same meeting, City Manager Heidi Bell announced that ODOT has \$1.2 million earmarked for Sheridan, which could help with Sheridan Road improvements.

Sheridan Public Works pressure washed the clock kiosk in Hebert Plaza in preparation for the new paint job compliments of Terry Chrisman. Terry also painted the Sheridan Library, Sheridan City Hall, West Valley Mercantile, and more, helping to create a fresher, cleaner look for the town.

On Feb. 17, the Sheridan Planning Commission approved a request to subdivide 22 acres into 112 lots located west of Viola Street. The Delphian School broke ground on its early learning center, which they plan to open in 2023.

The Lunch Bunch delivered free brown paper bag lunches containing a hot dish, fruit, and homemade cookies, around Sheridan and to those waiting in line at the food bank.

In May, legendary custom car builder, painter, and designer Gene Winfield offered a two-day workshop at Willamina High School. Gene is known to many for his Star Trek creation, Galileo. His work also appeared on television shows such as Bewitched, Get Smart, Batman, Bonanza, and the Flintstones, and in movies such as Bonnie and Clyde, American Graffiti, Blade Runner, and Back to the Future II.

Former Willamina City Manager Kenna West resigned effective June 27 after five years on the job. The City of Independence hired her as their city manager. While working in Willamina, Kenna obtained several million dollars in grants and funding for Willamina projects.

Sarah Frost, Willamina's library director, stepped in as interim city manager for about six months while city officials searched for a permanent replacement. In November, Bridget Meneley was promoted from city recorder to city manager.

In June, Willamina High School hosted the Art Conspiracy's summer program for kids ages 9 through high school; Kiwanis held its annual kids fishing derby; and the Grand Ronde Arts and Crafts Guild had an open house.

Sheridan High School held a "Future Fair" where students could

try their hand at running heavy equipment simulators.

Thanks to John and Jennifer Stanislav of Air Safety NW, 22 more West Valley folks are certified to "Stop the Bleed." Air Safety sponsored a Sheridan Chamber meeting to offer hands-on training, which was both hilarious and informative.

Faulconer-Chapman first graders learned the difference between then and now at the Sheridan Museum of History in May. Marge Gutbrod demonstrated churning cream into butter the old-fashioned way; Donna Hewlett displayed quilts from long ago; Chuck Rogers showed the kids how farmers used to plow and seed by hand. The kids also played with old-time toys and visited the museum's 1800s school room.

The Grand Ronde Honor Guard, VFW, and American Legion came together on Memorial Day to honor U.S. military personnel who died while serving our country.

Oregon Main Street awarded a \$200,000 grant to rehabilitate the Heider Building. The Sheridan Revitalization Movement handled the grant application with assistance from the City of Sheridan.

Post 75 American Legion Riders and Highway 18 Riders partnered in June for the annual bike show to benefit veterans.

First Federal and Adventist Health each donated AEDs; one for Sheridan City Hall and one for the Sheridan Library.

Talented artist Natalie Fletcher painted a colorful mural on the south side of Figaro's Pizza.

Susan Chamberlain was named Hometown Days parade grand marshal. Unfortunately, later in the year, Susan was in a severe car accident which she is still recuperating from several months later.

Willamina geared up for a fabulous Fourth of July, complete with live music, incredible fireworks, and 101-year-old Berniece Newbill serving as the parade grand marshal.

Eighty-two mud-throwing trucks competed in Willamina's Mud Drags and Bogs in June.

Sheridan and Grand Ronde firefighters worked together on a "burn to learn" at the City of Sheridan property at 125 Morgan Street on July 2.

The Buell Grange launched a membership drive; Paradise of Samoa Dancers performed in Sheridan City Park; musicians

Joe and Janet played weekly at the Buell Grange; and SHS Class of 1962 reunited at a reunion at Charlotte (Remington) Maroney's house.

WVCC hired new executive director Amanda Widemark in July. Former Rotary President Brad Myers passed the gavel to incoming president Collin Gyenes.

In August, City Manager Heidi Bell announced that the City of Sheridan received approval for a \$558,047 grant for the City's South Side Park. The City's match requirement is \$378,421, which can be met with volunteer labor and by supplying asphalt shavings the City has in its inventory. The total value of improvements to this park will be \$936,498.

We played bingo at the VFW, the American Legion, and the Odd-fellows Lodge; donated cans and bottles to Grand Sheramina; and rode the Yamhill County transit for free.

On Aug. 19, we celebrated the grand opening of the brand-new Valley Market and Chevron gas station next to the Dairy Queen. The party included free lunch, drawings, and prizes.

Willamina doubled its turnout in 2022 for National Night Out attendance; 4-H and FFA youths held their livestock auction on Aug. 12 at the Polk County Fairgrounds; and a Salem couple's dogs ate their winning lottery ticket, which they later learned was worth a total of \$8.

The Valley's Edge RV Park, 985 Sheridan Road, opened for business a few months ago, but work at the park continues.

The Class of 1977 celebrated its 45th reunion on Aug. 13 at J Wrigley Vineyards in Sheridan; Friends of Sheridan Parks hosted a carnival in the park with games and goodies for all.

Rotary subcommittee work crews cleared the way for summer fun at Morgan Street park by brushing all the way across the park and down to the river. It took several volunteers and a couple of work sessions to get the job done. The group is making plans to add a small boat launch next season.

PGE shut down the power on Sept. 9 and 10 in a preventative measure in response to extreme fire conditions and hot, strong, wind gusts.

Hampton Lumber held hiring events and many other business said they were short-handed and unable to find people willing to work.

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# WISHING EVERYONE A FUN AND FESTIVE NEW YEAR'S EVE



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### **If you will be drinking, plan on not driving.**

Plan your safe ride home before you start the party.  
Designate a sober driver ahead of time.

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE WILLAMINA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Long-Range Planning

In May 2014, the Willamina School District proposed a \$2 million dollar bond to the community. It was the first successful bond passed since the construction of the brick building on Oaken Hills Drive in 1980.

The bond cost our property owners 64 cents per \$1,000 assessed home value. The 2014 bond allowed the district to replace two outdated modular units at the elementary school with a large five-classroom modular.

The bond also allowed the district to build a 12,000 sq. ft. Career Technical Education (CTE) Center. This facility has grown to include many computer numerical control (CNC) machines over the past eight years. CNC machines are industry standard in many trades: welding, automotive, manufacturing, and woodworking.

As a result, many of our students obtain the necessary skills in these classes to go directly into the trade professions. Even more exciting, 100 percent of our students taking a concentration of CTE courses graduate on time!

While the 2014 bond provided the district with much-needed classroom space and programming funds, we still need more space to provide the well-rounded education experience we wish to offer our students.

The district has been fiscally conservative; enough to use general operating funds, grants, and emergency relief funds to continue to improve and expand our facility.

Multiple CTE-revitalization grants have allowed us to purchase state-of-the-art equipment for our students. Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds (ESSER) were allocated to capital projects; a total track renovation, middle school expansion (6 classrooms and offices), and upgraded HVAC systems. Even with these additions, we need more space.

Our hope is to propose a "Bond Renewal" to our community in the near future, on the May or November ballot. This is a wonderful opportunity for the community to continue to improve the campus and provide our students with added programs.

In addition, this would not cost our taxpayers more! We intend to stay with the current tax rate or potentially lower it. Our hope is to qualify for a matching grant from the Oregon Department of Education as well, doubling the community contribution. Proposed projects with a successful bond renewal would include additional high school classrooms and upgrading safety and security systems throughout the campus. I will continue to update the community with detailed plans as they develop.

We will be putting together a bond committee. If interested, please contact me directly. [carrie.zimbrick@willamina.k12.or.us](mailto:carrie.zimbrick@willamina.k12.or.us)

**With great Bulldog pride,  
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School District Office 503.876.1500**

## The Bulletin Board Looks Back at 2022 ...

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Sheridan Fire District's main station held a traditional grand re-opening ceremony on Sept. 25, along with the annual volunteer's pancake breakfast.

The Sheridan Chamber Gala was held outside under tents at the Sheridan Country Inn on Sept. 24. Joe and Janet provided live music. The 2022 business of the year went to The Bulletin Board; Sheridan Rotary, organization of the year; and Susan Chamberlain, volunteer of the year. Matt Huegli received an "all-around greatness" award for his dedication to civic groups and the community. Fourth grader John Buchholz was named junior volunteer of the year. Chamber President Staci Coker presented the President's Award to Sara Meyer.

Dede Perkins, a long-time Willamina resident who moved to California, visited in September and attended a Willamina Chamber meeting.

Roy and Margaret Ellis marked their 73rd wedding anniversary on Sept. 4.

Calvary Chapel Church Food Ministry volunteers distributed quality groceries to all in need at 121 NE Yamhill Street in Sheridan.

With help from community partners, Ruff Life Rescue distributed free pet food for those in need.

The New Iberians Zydeco Band kicked off Wet Season Music Series on Oct. 15 at West Valley Community Campus.

CTGR firefighters tackled cleaning things up around the VFW hall in Willamina. Five volunteers cleared brush and weeds and trimmed shrubs and trees.

Trinity Lutheran claimed the top position in the Churches United chili cook-off fundraiser.

The annual Willamina Coastal Hills Art Tour took place on Nov. 11-12 at WVCC and a couple of other locations around town.

Sheridan Museum members presented the Willamina Murder Quilt Story on Oct. 29 at the Sheridan museum.

The West Valley was the place for Halloween in 2022, with parties and goodies galore. Willamina's Trunk or Treat was a huge success, as was "Hall 'O Treats" at Sheridan High School, treats and activities at Sheridan's Nazarene and Baptist Churches, and treats delivered through a tube at Sheridan United Methodist.

Jason Floose and Jennifer Eckels were appointed to open positions on the Willamina Planning Commission.

CTGR Emergency Services and West Valley Fire District signed a

five-year contract agreement for CTGR Emergency Services to provide services for the WVFD service areas effective Jan. 1, 2023. Willamina and Sheridan school districts joined more than 1,000 districts nationally in a lawsuit against manufacturers and purveyors of e-cigarettes marketing to teens.

Land and Sea Gallery featured Sheridan artist Sandy Walker's work at their McMinnville gallery. The November election resulted in three new faces at Sheridan Council meetings: Marianne Thomson, mayor; Cale George and Liz Hodgins, councilors.

Willamina elected Ila Skyberg to her fourth term as mayor.

Sheridan narrowly rejected Sheridan School District's bond measure.

Sheridan and Willamina voted to prohibit psilocybin-related businesses for the next two years.

FCI inmates pressure-washed the Hebert Plaza and railings in the Veterans Memorial area on West Main. They also painted, picked up debris, and raked leaves.

Sheridan Revitalization Movement sponsored a citywide clean-up on Nov. 19 with help from Rotary and the City of Sheridan.

Sheridan Parks and Recreation Committee conducted a community survey to determine which recreational activities are most wanted by the community.

Sheridan firefighters joined with Rotary to put up the town's Christmas tree and decorate the Hebert Plaza. The firefighters treated Rotary to a round of hot cocoa from the Riverside Cafe.

Sheridan, Willamina, and Grand Ronde enjoyed Christmas parades and community parties. Christmas lights decorating contests for homes and businesses were a hit in Sheridan and Willamina.

Robert Toepel personally donated 36 new blankets, several boxes of granola bars, and cases of water to the Sheriff's substation in Sheridan for deputies to give to the people in need they encounter while on patrol in the West Valley.

We enjoyed a Christmas Cantata, a winter festival at the Delphian School, several bazaars and craft sales, and many other festive family activities.

As we look back over 2022 with the warmest of memories, we want to thank our readers, advertisers, information contributors, and all others who have shared the most treasured gift of friendship with us. We wish you all the very best in the new year.

# Local Chambers Hold Blanket Drive

The Sheridan and Willamina Chambers of Commerce are working together on a blanket drive. Sheriff's deputies will distribute the donated blankets to those they see who need them while on patrol in the West Valley. The Chambers seek donations of new or gently used and freshly laundered blankets. The drive will continue through Jan. 31, 2023.

Drop-off locations in Sheridan include The Bulletin Board, 136 E. Main St.; City Hall, 120 SW Mill St.; Sheridan Library, 142 NW Yamhill St.; and First Federal, 246 S. Bridge St. The designated drop-off location in Willamina is City Hall, 411 NE C Street.

**My stomach is flat,  
the "L" is just silent.**

# Forest Grove Outlaws Will Play at Wildwood

The Forest Grove Outlaws band will play at 9 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14, at the Wildwood Lounge, 150 NE Main Street, Willamina. For more information call the Wildwood at 503-876-7100.

# Dance Classes Offered

Country-style dance classes will be offered from 7-8:30 p.m. on Mondays, beginning Jan. 9, at the McMinnville Grange, 1700 SW Old Sheridan Road, in McMinnville. Cost is \$40 per person. For more information, call 503-877-6898.

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# Six Strategies to Help Organize Your Home and Office

When the new year arrives, many people focus on changes that can be implemented in the months of come. This time of year is a popular one to make resolutions to clean and organize homes and offices.

There are plenty of things that can use a little organizational attention. There's no ideal way to get organized. Whatever works

is a good approach, but the following are six strategies to help individuals clear the clutter.

## 1. Utilize to-do lists

People tend to be less productive when they're storing all of their tasks in their brains. The first step to getting organized is to remove those plans from the head and put them down on paper or in some other tracking tool. A digital to-do list manager, for example, enables you to see all of your tasks, deadlines and due dates in one place so you can get things done more efficiently. Carry around a notepad or use the digital notes app on a phone to jot down thoughts and needs as they come up.

## 2. Corral your "smalls"

Smalls are keys, phones, chargers, wallets, headphones, and other accessories. When these items are grouped together,



they're easier to find so you can stay on track. Invest in an organizer and install it by the front door or another high-traffic area. You'll cut down on trying to find those smaller items when running errands.

## 3. Conquer clutter regularly

It's easy to be put off by cleaning and organizing when clutter has gotten out of control. Instead, by cleaning up items on a daily or weekly basis, it's much easier to keep ahead of clutter. Treat it like a daily job, including sorting mail and tossing unnecessary items; emptying waste pails; dusting the desk; deleting emails; and putting items back where they belong.

## 4. Categorize emails

Utilize the folder creation option from popular email providers to sort your messages. Drop messages that need attention into categories of your choosing, such as school, health and receipts. Then you'll know which folder to go into when searching for what you need, eliminating the time-consuming task of scrolling through a full inbox.

## 5. Give one; toss one

When bringing new items into the home, follow the procedure of giving away or throwing out one item for each new item that is received or purchased. This can help to tame clutter.

## 6. Mise en place your life

"Mise en place" is French for "put in place." It is used in the kitchen to refer to preparing and setting out all ingredients needed in a recipe. The same concept can be used elsewhere. Lay out clothing on the dresser for the next day at work or school. Prep the foyer of a home with items you need, like an umbrella, shoes and paperwork. Organize backpacks so they're ready for the school day. Establish a to-go bag at work for items that need to be brought home. Getting organized can be as simple as taking small steps that have lasting impact.

## All Church Community Sing-Along Planned Jan. 8

An all-church community sing-along will begin at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 8, at the Willamina Free Methodist Church, 253 NE D Street in Willamina.

The sing-along is open to all churches and community members who enjoy singing.

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# Letters to Santa from West Valley Kids



Dear Santa,  
I am writing because I really want a dog, and a elf on the shelf. Please Santa, let me have enough to buy my dad steak, my mom pants, sister nintendo switch. I want to make all of my parents, and sisters wish come true. ~Ellie

Dear Santa,  
I am writing to you because I would like to please have an elf on the shelf. I have been getting llots of detentions but I don't do it on purpose I promise. Any-way I would also ask for a girl elf on the shelf. May I please have a switch. Thanks for all that you do. ~Sophia

Dear Santa,  
My name is Molly. This year I have been very nice. A few nice things I did are, ev-erything. This year I would like a toy for Christmas. ~Molly

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jayce. This year I have been naughty and nice. A few things that I did that were nice are: being a good big boy at my aunty Jae's house and gentle with baby guinea pigs of cousin Ronny. For Christmas this year I would like di-nosaurs and trucks. ~Jayce

Dear Santa,  
My name is Lillah and I am 12 years old. This year I have been naughty.  
A few things that I did that were nice are: fed my cats, cleand the house. Played with siblings. Made food for myself...massaged dads feet. Loved my cats.  
For Christmas this year I would like a tv to watch on, spy family posters, anime manga, new bike tire thingy. Pixi blush stick, second player, records, sudoku book. ~Lillah

Dear Santa,  
My name is TK and I am 300 years old. This year I have been very nice, naughty and naughty and nice.  
A few things that I did that were nice are: played with my lepered Gecko, make food.  
For Christmas this year I would like 3000 mnms, x box 360, video games, candy, demon slayer poster. ~TK

Dear Santa,  
My name is Roxy and I am 9 years old. This year I have been very nice, and also naughty and nice.  
A few things that I did that were nice are: I played with are cat. I red a book to my littl sister. I did the dishis.  
For Christmas this year I would like OMG doll, acrillic nail kit, snake stuff and a snake. Magix mixies. ~Roxy

Dear Santa,  
My name is Ronny and I am 8 years old. This year I have been very nice.  
A few things that I did that were nice are: I helpt trey mak a fort. I am nise too mi frends.  
For Christmas this year I would like ol of the eeveoloton stufeas. ~Ronny

Dear Santa,  
My name is Carsyn and I am 3 years old. This year I have been very nice.  
A few things that I did that were nice are: go to church.  
For Christmas this year I would like clothes, and a tablet. ~Carsyn

Dear Santa,  
My name is Ady. This year I have been naughty and nice. A few things that I did that were nice are: Love my family especially aunty Jaz! Being gentle with baby guinea pigs of cousin Ronny.  
For Christmas this year I would like dolls and stuffed animals. ~Ady

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kimura and I am 6 years old. This year I have been very nice.  
A few things that I did that were nice are: Did my chores. School with Lillah (sister) helped mom take care of baby Maverick. For Christmas this year I would like ice skates, fuzzy journal. OMG doll, Elsa car. Snuggle buddy, magic mixies. ~Kimura

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jessica and I am 36 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. A few things that I did that were nice are: started a job, church and new friendships!  
For Christmas this year I would like my family to get along and have a relaxing warm, fulfilled holiday. ~Katy  
P.S. Santa please remember my friend Marty.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Allias and I am 13 years old. This year I have been very nice.  
A few things that I did that were nice are: made sure evrey ones ok.  
For Christmas this year I would like evreying. ~Allias

Dear Santa,  
My name is D'yontrey. This year I have been very nice. A few things that I did that were nice are: i helpt ronny bild a fort. i kleend the room with ronny.  
For Christmas this year I would like a pretitpr acton fegerer. A toy dragon. A keng kong akten fegeeer. Thanos gontlet toy. 2 nerf tanks one for me one for cousin ronny. ~trey

Dear Santa,  
My name is Willow Rain. I have been a very good girl. I help my family take care of my baby brother, zeppelin.  
I wish I can get a crib with storage underneath for my baby dolls. Also a mobile to hang over the crib. Pink is my favorite color.  
Have a safe trip while your delivering toys to all the good girls and boys.  
Thank you, ~Willow Rain

Dear Santa,  
My name is nikki and I am 10 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. A few things that I did that were nice are: I bot my mom stuff and I made her stuff. For Christmas this year I would like a really big stuffed animal and a tablet and electric scoot-er. ~Nikki

Dear Santa,  
My name is Katy and I am 14 years old. This year I have been very nice. A few things that I did that were nice are: lovd people, helped 80 yr old cross road. For Christmas this year I would like money. ~Katy





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The Willamina School District 30j (District), Willamina, Oregon, seeks proposals from qualified firms to provide the District with a facility assessment on all school buildings and assist in developing a five and ten-year long-range facility master plan to include all the District's buildings.

Proposals will be accepted until 2 p.m. on Jan. 5, 2023. Accepted bids may begin work on Jan. 16, 2023, and should be completed by Mar. 1, 2023.

A detailed copy of this Request for Proposal (RFP) may be obtained by contacting April Johnson at 503-876-1500 or by email: april.johnson@willamina.k12.or.us.

The District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive irregularities and informalities in the submittal and evaluation process. This RFP does not obligate the District to pay any costs incurred by respondents in the preparation and submission of a proposal. Furthermore, the RFP does not obligate the District to accept or contract for any expressed or implied services. The successful vendor must comply with the District's equal opportunity requirements.

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The Willamina School District is seeking a candidate to fill Position 4 on the Willamina School District Board of Directors. The Position 4 term will end June 30, 2023, and the selected candidate would have to seek re-election to remain on the board after June 30, 2023. Applications are available online or may be picked up at the District office. For more information contact April Johnson, board secretary, at 503-876-1500. The deadline to submit applications is Jan. 3, 2023, and the candidate will be chosen at the Jan. 9, 2023, board meeting. (28)

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This position requires possession of, or the ability to secure within six months, a valid Oregon Commercial Driver's License-A, First Aid, and CPR certification. Starting wage for this position is \$17.85/hour and is a union represented position.

This position will close January 13, 2023. Applicants are asked to submit a resume and a completed City of Willamina employment application form to City Hall, ATTN: Sarah Frost, 411 NE C Street, Willamina, OR 97396 or via email to frosts@ci.willamina.or.us. An application form and full job posting can be found on the City of Willamina website at www.willaminaoregon.gov.

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I've figured out a couple that I can't break. I will not climb Mt. Whitney or K-2. That takes care of that, and I can move on to one I will keep - trying to be a better person to family and friends. Facing the new year with resolve and humor is "What's Up in Willamina."

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## Garden Club to Meet

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# Sheridan Council Meets New City Engineer and Associates

Civil West Engineering's Keven Shreeve, Shawna Meyer, and SolidsDude Solutions, LLC, Andrew Grant, a consultant for Civil West, attended the Dec. 19 meeting of the Sheridan City Council. The City of Sheridan recently contracted with Civil West to provide engineering services for the City. Keven Shreeve is Sheridan's new City Engineer.

Keven introduced the company to council members, saying, "We are a civil engineering company. Our specialty is water, wastewater, transportation, stormwater, public works... you name it; we do it."

"We can't just wait and pray for a miracle. We've got to make the miracle happen. We've got to get the funding, get the projects, get the public's support; we've got to do what we need to do to make things happen.

"We understand that Sheridan Road is a considerable concern to you. So we have submitted to Heidi the first step of that, to do some surveying work to identify everything and create a base map, and then we can get into the design mode and start working that out. So these are the first steps in a fairly big project."

Civil West is currently under contract for Sheridan's water master plan, which will include an analysis and study of Stoney Mountain Reservoir.

"We have diversity and a lot of energy. We appreciate being selected as your engineer for the City of Sheridan," Keven concluded.

Civil West Engineering has existed for about 15 years, with offices in Newport, Albany, Coos Bay, and Medford. The staff representing Sheridan is from the Newport office.

According to information from Civil West Engineering's website, Keven has been with the company since 1994. However, he has worked in the profession for more than 25 years.

He provides professional engi-



**Keven Shreeve, PE**  
Civil West Engineering Services  
North Coast Regional Manager

neering services, including project management, comprehensive facilities, master planning, public relations, and grant writing. Most of his work experience has been with municipalities and water/sewer districts and assisting with public works improvements, such as water, sewer, and road projects.

Keven develops project financing strategies, including working with funding agencies and acquiring grant funds to help offset costs. His public outreach skills have been essential in assisting public entities in moving forward with necessary improvement projects.

Keven obtained a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Brigham Young University.

The City of Sheridan and Civil West Engineering hired consultant Andrew Grant, owner of SolidsDude Solutions LLC, to develop a TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) plan to meet water quality standards required by DEQ within their deadlines.

Water quality standards are in place to protect people from high levels of mercury exposure when eating fish and shellfish.

The Willamette River and many of its tributaries do not meet water quality standards for mercury and are on Oregon's list of



**Shauna Meyer**  
Civil West Engineering Services  
Engineering Technician

impaired waters under the Clean Water Act. As a result, mercury fish consumption advisories are in place throughout the Willamette Basin.

Andrew noted that to be concerned about the risk of mercury exposure, a person would need to eat 26 servings of fish from the South Yamhill River each month.

"The most significant source of mercury in the basin is from atmospheric deposition, mercury, mainly originating from Asia, that falls onto the land or into the water. Once mercury is deposited on the landscape, the primary pathways to streams are erosion of sediment-bound mercury and surface runoff.

The TMDL identified sources of mercury and how much these levels need to be reduced to meet water quality standards.

Andrew explained, "The federal government handed down a requirement to the state that was handed down to the City of Sheridan. We don't have an option here. Broadly speaking, we are trying to keep sediment and mercury out of the river. The way we are going to do that is by picking it up, street sweeping, and catching it in storm basins. As we get more time, we are going to have to change design standards within the City. We will be using Salem standards. It's a basin-wide



**Andrew Grant**  
SolidsDude Solutions LLC  
Consultant for Civil West

project. We are going to have to treat stormwater on-site or capture it on-site. This will have a suite of environmental benefits, such as cleaner water, groundwater recharge, and more.

"The plan that we delivered to the City today sets a timeline for us to meet these standards. Our timeline with the City of Sheridan is 9 1/2 years to complete that final standard.

"It's complicated, it's technical, but it's happening across the whole Willamette Valley.

"In the meantime, we're going to do some public outreach, public education, and some housekeeping for the City.

Management actions on these lands influence the amount of mercury from sources that reach streams and rivers in the basin. Discharges such as sewage treatment plants or industries contribute significantly less mercury to streams than nonpoint sources, such as runoff from logging roads and agricultural fields.

The City of Sheridan was named a DMA (Designated Management Agency) in a letter to the City dated March 3, 2021. The City was named because it has legal authority over land within city limits and is a direct discharger of water to the Yamhill River via its storm and wastewater systems. DMAs are required to submit a plan to address these issues.



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## January 2023

<b>Tuesday</b>			
Jan. 3	noon	Kiwanis	Coyote
Jan. 3	6pm	Toastmasters	Coyote
<b>Wednesday</b>			
Jan. 4	8am	Willamina EID	Coyote
<b>Thursday</b>			
Jan. 5	5:30pm	Bingo: VFW	771 NE M
Jan. 5	6pm	Sheridan Revitalization	Sheridan Museum
<b>Friday</b>			
Jan. 6	5:30pm	Bingo: American Legion	125 N. Br
<b>Saturday</b>			
Jan. 7	2-4pm	Ruff Life Rescue Food Donations	421 N.
Jan. 7	4pm	Fendall Community Meeting	37515 Tindle Cre
Jan. 7	5:30pm	Bingo: Odd Fellows	143 SW Mor
<b>Sunday</b>			
Jan. 8	6pm	All Churches Sing-Along	Free Methodist, 253 N
<b>Monday</b>			
Jan. 9	7pm	American Legion	125 N. Br
Jan. 9	7pm	Willamina School Board	
<b>Tuesday</b>			
Jan. 10	10am	Sheridan Municipal Court	120 SW
Jan. 10	6pm	Willamina City Council	WVFS, 825 NE
Jan. 10	6:30pm	Sheridan Fire Board	SFD, 230 SW
Jan. 10	6-7:45pm	Sheridan Boosters	
<b>Thursday</b>			
Jan. 12	9am-2pm	American Red Cross Blood Drive	
Jan. 12	5:30pm	Bingo: VFW	771 NE M
<b>Friday</b>			
Jan. 13	5:30pm	Bingo: American Legion	125 N. Br
<b>Saturday</b>			
Jan. 14	9pm	Live Music, Forest Grove Outlaws	Wildwoo
Jan. 14	2-4pm	Ruff Life Rescue Food Donations	201
Jan. 14	4-6pm	Open Sing-Along Music Group	WVCC Band R
Jan. 14	5:30pm	Bingo: Odd Fellows	143 SW Mor
<b>Monday</b>			
Jan. 16	7pm	VFW Hall	VFW Hall, 771 NE
<b>Tuesday</b>			
Jan. 17	6pm	Toastmasters	Coyote
Jan. 17	7pm	Sheridan City Council	City Hall, 120 SW
<b>Wednesday</b>			
Jan. 18	6pm	Willamina 4th of July Committee	Coyote
Jan. 18	6-8pm	Sheridan School Board	District
<b>Thursday</b>			
Jan. 19	9-10am	Willamina Library Board	Willamina Lib
Jan. 19	5:30pm	Bingo: VFW	771 NE M
Jan. 19	6pm	West Valley Fire Board	WVFS, 825 NE
<b>Saturday</b>			
Jan. 21	9am-noon	West Valley Fiber Enthusiasts	Tina Miller c
Jan. 21	9am-1pm	WVCC Campus Clean-up Day	
Jan. 21	2-4pm	Ruff Life Rescue Food Donations	29795 Sal
Jan. 21	7-9pm	Wet Season Music: Robert Sarazin Blake	
<b>Tuesday</b>			
Jan. 24	10:30am-3:30pm	American Red Cross Blood Drive	VFW, 4211
<b>Wednesday</b>			
Jan. 25	noon	Joint Rotary and Chamber	SFD, 230 SW
<b>Saturday</b>			
Jan. 28	10am-noon	Parks and Recreation open house	125 N. Br
Jan. 28	11am-3pm	Willamina Library Program Day	382 N



# CALENDAR

## Weekly

### Monday:

- Scout's Meetings  
 Sheridan All Prep, Sheridan .....7pm
- Narcotics Anonymous  
 339 NW Sherman St, Sheridan .....7pm

### Tuesday

- Willamina Library, Story Time  
 382 NE C St., Willamina.....11am
- Grand Sheramina Food Bank,  
 Bridge Street, Sheridan ..... 2-4pm

### Wednesday

- Willamina Chamber of Commerce  
 Coyote Joe's, Willamina .....8am
- Sheridan Rotary Meeting  
 SFD, 230 SW Mill St., Sheridan ..... Noon
- 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  
 Email for link: sheridannazarene1@gmail.com .....5pm
- 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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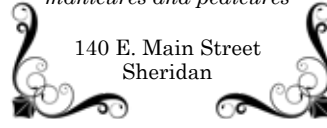
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- Charge a mobile phone and other electronic devices to a full battery before the storm in case power goes out.

- Stock the home with extra batteries for flashlights and battery-powered devices, such as a portable radio.

- Invest in a car charger to charge devices if the power is out for some time.

- Keep a supply of canned or boxed nonperishable and convenience foods that do not need to be cooked, such as granola bars.

- Periodically check to ensure

that the first aid kit is stocked with items that have not expired.

- Refill medications so that they are on hand in the event weather makes it challenging to get to the store.

- Keep emergency supplies of bottled water. If you forget this, fill the bathtub with fresh water. Extra water will be needed for toilet flushing if yours is a septic system.

- Have warm blankets on hand and sleeping bags for each person in the home.

- Unplug all electronic devices if the power goes out to protect against a surge and damage when the power is restored.

- Exercise caution when burning candles, opting for flashlights and lanterns instead.

- If frigid cold outside, move refrigerated and frozen items outdoors, so they do not spoil in an unpowered refrigerator.

- Do not use gas stoves, charcoal grills, or other open-flame heat sources for warmth indoors. Carbon monoxide gas can build up inside and prove deadly.

- Follow the manufacturer's instructions when using a backup generator for power.

- Stock up on gasoline for vehicles to power gas-driven generators.

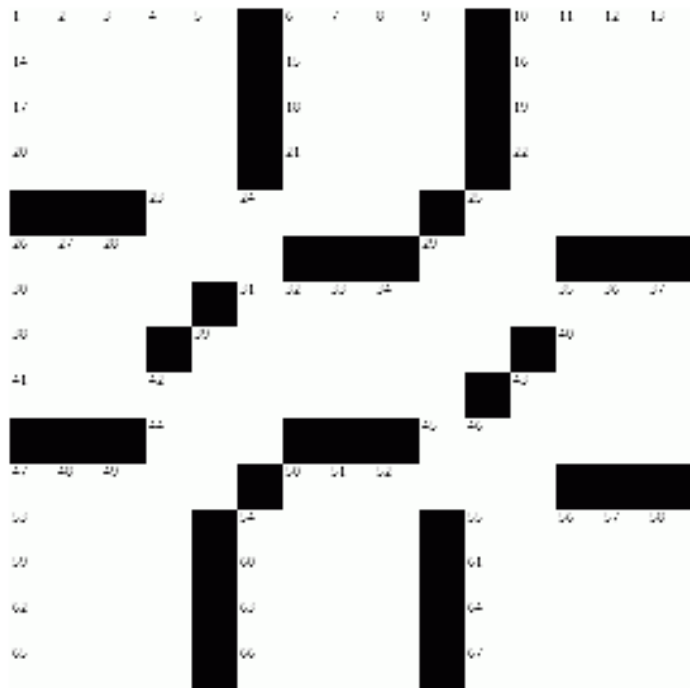
- Use power company websites and apps to report outages and stay apprised of restoration status.

- Be cautious of downed power lines in the area when driving or walking.

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33. Point winners
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43. Gyrate
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55. Oldhome city
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12. Actress \_\_\_\_ Keaton
13. Devourer
14. Draw out
15. Matures
16. Dress for Caesar
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Willamina friends and families filled their hot travel mugs with cocoa, hopped in their cars, cranked on the high-spirited Christmas tunes, and ventured out and around the community to enjoy a dazzling light tour of sparkling homes. Turn-by-turn families were greeted by the magical display of very-merry houses and businesses. Many Willamina homes, decorated by all kinds of folks blessed with the spirit, made the holidays brighter. The Willamina Lights tour is a welcome tradition that brings people closer together and wrapped up in the joy of the season. Pictured here are just a few of the beautifully decorated homes in Willamina, not necessarily winners of the Willamina Lights Tour. Information regarding the names and addresses of the contest winners were not available by press time this week. The Bulletin Board will be closed this coming week for our semi-annual week off, so we will not publish a Jan. 4 issue. If we receive the contest information by Jan. 6, we would be happy to list the winners in the Jan. 11 issue.





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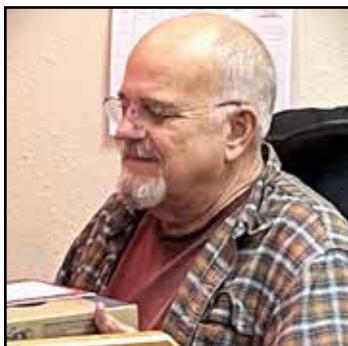
Nothing says thank you like a couple of Blue Raven pies! Above, left to right, City Recorder Yvonne Hamilton, Public Works Director Kie Cottam, Library Director Gwen Gorham, and City Manager Heidi Bell presented all Sheridan Councilors with dinner and dessert - a Blue Raven chicken pot pie for dinner and a pie for dessert. Heidi said the City wanted to thank the councilors for their support, kindness, leadership, and all of their volunteer hours and efforts over the year.



Mayor Rich Cox hugs his Mom after expressing his heartfelt thanks and appreciation to her at the end of his final Council meeting as mayor.



Councilor Roxy Acuff



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Mayor Rich Cox presented his final Starfish Award to Library Director Gwen Gorham, noting that her hard work and contributions to Sheridan often goes unnoticed but makes a significant difference to many.



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# The Iconic New Year's Eve Ball Drop

Times Square first hosted a New Year's Eve celebration in 1904 with a giant fireworks show but when city leaders banned fireworks a few years later, the ball drop tradition was born in 1907.

The idea of a ball "dropping" to signal the passage of time dates back to 1833 when a ball was installed on top of England's Royal Observatory at Greenwich, allowing the captains of nearby ships to precisely set a vital navigation instrument.

The current ball is a 12-foot sphere that weighs 11,875 pounds and is covered with 2,688 Waterford Crystals. The ball is illuminated by 32,256 LEDs and can display a palette of more than 16 million vibrant colors and billions of patterns that create a spectacular kaleidoscope effect.

This is the seventh version of the ball. The first New Year's

Eve Ball, made of iron and wood and adorned with one hundred 25-watt light bulbs, was 5 feet in diameter and weighed 700 pounds.

In 1920, a 400-pound ball made of wrought iron replaced the original. In 1955, that was replaced with an aluminum ball that weighed just 150 pounds. It stayed the same until the 1980s, when red light bulbs and the addition of a green stem turned the ball into an apple for the "I Love New York" marketing campaign. After seven years, the traditional glowing white ball returned.

The ball has been lowered every year since 1907, with the exceptions of 1942 and 1943, when the ceremony was suspended due to the wartime "dimout" of lights in New York City.

Typically, a million people crowd into Times Square to watch the ball drop.

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### Dance Lesson Line Up:

- Jan. 6: Boot Scootin' Boogie
- Jan. 13: Watermelon Crawl
- Jan. 20: Canadian Stomp (music is Any Man of Mine by Shania Twain)
- Jan. 27: Footloose

Dancers can show off their new skills on Feb. 4 when the winery will host an end of series party with live music. For information: <https://coelhowinery.com/shop/shop-events/>

## Wortman Park Art Gallery Features Local Artists

Located within the McMinnville Senior Center, the Wortman Park Art Gallery is a space created to showcase the work of local artists, to encourage local artists with recognition and community support, and to provide an aesthetically pleasing and artistic environment for center users and the general public.

Interested artists should contact Erin Guinn at the McMinnville Senior Center, 503-474-4965.

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# Starting a Seniors' Social Club Can be Fun and Provide Several Health Benefits

Various changes are associated with aging, and these can be physical, mental and emotional. Though each person manages these changes in their own way, there's no denying that social interaction can benefit people

from all walks of life as they navigate their golden years. The Foundation for Senior Care says socializing can give seniors a sense of purpose, stimulate the mind, relieve boredom, potentially prevent feelings of depres-



**Advertise your new group**  
Meeting details can be posted in The Bulletin Board, on message boards at churches, and bulletin boards around town. Facebook postings may also be helpful.

**Check for competition**  
Conduct a search of groups already meeting in the West Valley to see if an existing group already meets your criteria. If not, proceed full speed ahead as you establish your own club.

**Establish consistent meetings**  
Most people prefer a schedule so they can plan their days accordingly. Choose a regular meeting time and place to hold the social club; otherwise, it can be confusing to accommodate everyone. Inconsistency also can make it hard to get the club off the ground.

**Start small and then build**  
For those new to hosting social clubs, it may be better to begin with only a few members as everyone gets into a groove. As the group becomes more established, it can be opened up to more members. Although it may be wise to cap membership so that things are more easily managed.

Social clubs are a great way for seniors to stay connected and active. When there isn't one that meets a person's interests, it's relatively easy start one from scratch.

sion, and give individuals something to look forward to. The senior living center Aston Gardens says socialization provides a significant boost to the cognitive health of older adults, helping to prevent or delay conditions that can affect memory.

Individuals looking to cultivate healthy social interactions may turn to clubs and other groups. When these opportunities are lacking in an area, individuals can start and promote their own social club using this useful guideline.

**Decide on the group's purpose**  
Social clubs can meet and be organized around any number of themes or interests. Social clubs may meet to discuss gardening, crocheting, reading, or other shared hobbies. Friends also may be interested in doing food and beverage sampling. In such instances, a luncheon social club makes perfect sense.

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## Gopher Valley Resident Jack Casey Recalls When a Sheridan Trip was an Arduous Task

GOPHER VALLEY - Probably there's no more familiar figure in Gopher Valley than Jack Casey, a "young man" of 86, who came to the valley about 60 years ago. His parents moved to what is now the Gwynne Rogers ranch. He was

one of a large family of five boys and four girls, ranging from 6 feet to six feet and a half. He is the last remaining living member of his family now.

Mr. Casey can tell many tales about the "wagon, bottle, and

gun" days when in the winter time it took a whole day to make a trip to Sheridan and back, and in the summertime, well, it just depends on how long a young fellow wanted to stay, Mr. Casey said. The only store in Sheridan

then was Potter's store, which was owned by a relative of M.W. Potter of Sheridan.

Mr. Casey still does his own chores and his cooking. His cooking probably doesn't account for his long years of life, however, he laughed. He still enjoys good vision and has fair hearing. His parents came from Ireland.

## Western Auto Expands Store



Sheridan's Western Auto Store expanded their floor space last spring and added a furniture department to their business. In the picture above are Jim Stoeckel, Kathleen Kelsven and Cliff Kelsven of Western Auto.

## Play at Meeting

Carl Blanchard, Jimmy Blanchard, Bob Blair, Floyd Rosenbaum, Donald Stuck, Anita Eckman, and Emma Jean Rosenbalm, all music students of Melvin Ashwill, band director for grade and high schools, performed at the Ballston Farmers Union meeting in Ballston Friday evening.

## 'Get-Together' Club Formed; Elect Heads

The get-together club was organized Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Dot Ball. Ten women joined and the election and installation of officers were completed. Chairman is Mrs. Vivian Kunzler and the reporter is Mrs. Neoma Chrisman.

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